



The Acts of St. Lucas

NOVEMBER
2026



The seal of St. Luke

For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1: 37

The St. Lucas Rummage Sale had another successful run!

The sale was September 30th-October 3rd. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it successful.



People waiting to get in, a 1/2hr before opening!



The Outreach had a bake sale during the sale. This is Anna Ponce.



Hildegard Ruelke, and Sharon Olmstead working at the rummage sale.



Volunteers, Sue Demski, and Tonya Cason.



Susan Lang "hanging out" at the rummage sale!



Susan Lang, Theresa Johnson, and Anna Ponce.





PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Paul D. Myers III



¹ *I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you.*

² *Let my prayer be counted as incense before you and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.* ³ *Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips.*—Psalm 141:1-3

When our youth went to Montana to visit the Blackfeet people, we spent some time participating in the “Medicine Lodge.” It was a very spiritual time for them and for us. One of things I was most impressed by was the ritual of “smudging” ourselves before we entered the lodge. We used sage and other sacred plants as incense and brushed the smoke onto our bodies to drive away any unfriendly spirits that might hinder our full participation in the prayer vigil.

I don’t know if you believe in any of the Native American spiritual practices; but I do. But even if you don’t believe in their practices, the act of purifying ourselves in some way as we enter the sanctuary for worship, or even just our prayer time at home, is an intentional act which shows God that we are serious about coming before God.

In the Lutheran tradition, many people will bow in reverence, touch the baptismal waters, or make the sign of the cross to signify that this time is sacred in a way that going to the diner is not. Our worship, prayer time, and times of service to the community in the name of Jesus are sacred times, set apart as holy to the Lord. When we intentionally do these symbolic, spiritual acts beforehand, we are saying to God, “My intention is to bring my whole self into this act for the sake of my love for you.”

This past week, I took time to burn some sage incense around the entire campus of St. Lucas. I prayed over each space, asking for God’s Spirit to fill it and drive away any unwanted or unfriendly spirits that may have entered our sacred spaces. It was, for me, a time of refreshment and healing, and a time of holiness and worship.

I know that God is in the process of doing something new at St. Lucas. I can feel it. Whatever that ends up looking like, I know that God’s Spirit will be in it, and that we, as faithful people of God, will rejoice that God has guided us into the future that is of God’s making.

May God continue to richly bless us, and may we joyfully follow wherever God is leading us. Let the “good Spirit” of God flow in your hearts and through your hands and feet, so that all may know that there is a God who is active in the Old South End, bringing peace and wholeness into our lives.

Peace be with you on your journey.

Pastor Paul.



By Deb Reis

A Moment of Peace: Discovering God's Healing Presence

In the busyness of everyday life, we sometimes forget to pause, breathe, and reconnect with God's loving presence.

At St. Lucas, our Healing Ministry offers a sacred space for prayer, comfort, encouragement, and spiritual renewal. Through compassionate presence, laying on of hands, prayer, and anointing, we seek to support the whole person, body, mind, and spirit.

Healing does not always mean curing an illness. Sometimes healing feels like peace amid uncertainty, comfort in grief, renewed hope, or simply knowing we are not alone.

Our Healing Ministry is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment. Rather, it complements the care we receive by nurturing spiritual well-being and offering opportunities to experience God's love and compassion.

You do not need to be ill to receive healing ministry. Whether you are facing a difficult situation, feeling overwhelmed, caring for a loved one, or simply seeking a quiet moment with God, you are welcome. As Psalm 46:10 reminds us, **"Be still, and know that I am God."**

Our Healing Ministry Team is available at all three worship services, during our monthly Hour of Prayer and Reflection on the third Saturday before the 4:00 p.m. service, and at the Taize services.

Sometimes the greatest gift of healing is simply finding peace in God's presence.

We invite you to experience that gift.

Deb Reis

St. Lucas Healing Ministry Team



Cindy's Corner Café

At St. Lucas Lutheran Church –

News from the Café & Kitchen

Reminder about two big Café events coming up in November and a new “Featured Servant of the Month!” The Café continues to be a busy place!

WELCA Pork & Sauerkraut Supper Friday, November 6, 2026 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm (Carryout 5-6pm & Dine-In 6-8pm) in the St. Lucas Gym. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults/teens (13 and older), \$8.00 for 5-12 years old, and Free for children 4 and younger. All are invited!

Thanksgiving Feast 2026 at Cindy's Corner Café will take place on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 from Noon until 1:00pm in the St. Lucas Gym.

Approximate number of lunches served during October 2026 (18 days):

1,341

Dee Myers



Cindy's Corner Café is in need of the following:

***Willing volunteer hands & feet** on Wednesdays from 10am to 1:00pm to help prepare & serve food to our guests and to help with cleanup. If this is something that you would like to do, please contact the St. Lucas Office (419-243-8189) between 9am and 3pm Tuesday-Friday and let Annette know! Thank you!

***Cans of ground coffee!** As the weather gets colder, our neighbors and guests will be drinking more hot beverages. If you would like to donate, please leave the coffee in the narthex or drop it off at the main office 9:00am to 3:00pm Tuesday-Friday. Thank you for being a blessing to our kitchen and neighborhood!

Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas Lutheran Church

Featured Servant: **Dee Myers**

(Dee's picture is above on the left)

1. Name? **Dee Myers.**
2. What is your favorite part of serving in the Café? **I like meeting our church neighbors and eating desserts! The kitchen staff are a fun group of folks! J**
3. What is your primary job in the Café? **I am a guest register & greeter and also fill in when needed in the kitchen.**
4. How long have you served in the Café? **Two years.**
5. Please share some little known facts about yourself (family, hobbies, pets, favorite TV shows, favorite movies, favorite foods, favorite music, favorite place you have visited, etc.): **I love the beach and woods. I have three wonderful grandsons, two cats, and an amazing husband. I am an artist who sews and paints.**
6. How often do you serve in the Café? **At least two days per week.**
7. What are some of your favorite Café meals/meals that are served in the Café? **Swedish meatballs & mashed potatoes and meatloaf muffins.**
8. Anything else you would like to share? **We have an amazing group of volunteers and I'm so grateful for their help!**

Stewardship

Godliness with contentment is great gain ... If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. —1 Timothy 6:6-8

A devotion by Kent Van Til, missionary and author.

Do you ever sigh with contentment after a good meal? It's a great feeling. In some cultures people have a saying that goes like this: "Full stomach, happy heart." But how long are we content? Soon after the meal we become hungry again. And even if our stomach is full, our hungry eyes may desire more.

In 1 Timothy, Paul is showing amazing virtue when he declares he is content to have food and clothing only. In other words, he is content with enough to live on from day to day, trusting that God will provide for each day (our daily bread). Paul's contentment did not rely on gathering up possessions. He realized that stuff doesn't last, and it can be taken from us at any moment. Paul's relationship with God was the source of his contentment.

Some people seem to think godliness is a means to financial gain, and thus contentment. They think that if God loves you, God will always bless you physically. They say if you claim a financial blessing in the name of the Lord, it will be yours. That is wrong. God does not promise we will be full of anything but the Holy Spirit.

Being a Christian does not mean you deserve many fine things. It means Christ has called you out of darkness into the fullness of life. But fullness of life is not measured in goods; it is valued in immeasurable grace. Be content with that; it is life's greatest treasure.

We pray: With you, Lord, we have all things. May we give thanks and be content with the treasures of grace that you give us so freely. Amen.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Harold Petoskey

9:00 Kathy Carver

10:30 Patrick Codden, Faith Wolfram

Lector Tim Teague

Greeting Ushers Sally Ortiz, Kelly Curtin

Offering Ushers Fritz Bloedow, Pam Hoch

Acolyte Jill Hojnacki

Camera Steve Seaton, Sarah Sigurdson

Healing Station Annette Mason

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Kate Gladieux

9:00 Gary Stofan

10:30 Rick Charchol, Annette Mason

Lector Dee Myers

Greeting Ushers Russ Wells, Pat Bair

Offering Ushers Sally Ortiz, Kelly Curtin

Acolyte Faith Wolfram

Camera Steve Seaton, Sarah Sigurdson

Healing Station Su Opansky

THRIFT SHOP SERVANTS

Wed 11/04 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 11/05 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 11/06 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 11/11 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 11/12 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 11/13 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 11/18 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 11/19 Sally Ortiz, Amy Speelman

Fri 11/20 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 11/25 **CLOSED**

Thur 11/26 **CLOSED**

Fri 11/27 **CLOSED**

Subs Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Nov. 03 @ 1:30 Food Pantry

@ 7:00 Executive Committee

Nov. 05 @ 10:30 Christian Ed.

Nov. 10 @ 9:30 WELCA

@ 7:00 Council Meeting

Nov. 12 @ 6:30 Safety Meeting

Nov. 17 @ 11:00 Thrift Shop Board

@ 6:30 BUC Meeting

Nov. 24 @ 10:00 Café Board

@ 1:00 Outreach Board

@ 6:30 Evangelism

Nov. 25 @ 2:00 Healing Board

1st. WEDNESDAY GUIDED

MEDITATION November 4 @ 9:00 pm

Jeannie Dennler

The hour of healing and meditation will begin on November 21st at 3:00 pm. **Before** the 4:00 service, instead of during the service.

Come for quiet, personalized healing and prayer.



ST. LUCAS PRAYER LIST

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Hospitalized

Recovering from Surgery

GENERAL HEALTH

John & Christa Kern, Dave Jerman, Lorraine Willoughby, Phil Chambers, Kathy Jackowski, Pat Beaty, Seir Reis, Bob Alley, Joseph Kane, Joseph Hunter, Jeff, Bill & Jeannie Dennler, Kathy Kane, Theresa Johnson, Nona Gronau, Sandy Harden, Bonita Herrick, Elsie,

VISITATION LIST (RARELY OUT)

Cheryl Ivy,
Carole Mack, Joyce Mease

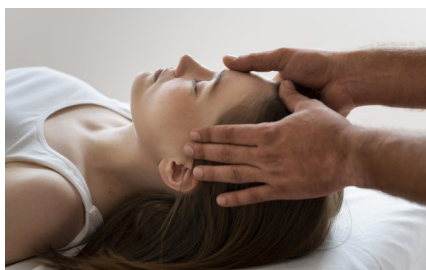


Healing Service Schedule

Every third Saturday of the month with personal healing from 3:00-4:00 in the main sanctuary.

The healing service will begin at 4:00 in the lower church.

Sat November 21



November Birthdays

Say a prayer for each of these on their special day.

Jack Gorney	1
Patrick Codden	6
Ken Sikorski	6
Carla Steele-Fey	7
Deb Hurley	15
Aidan Gage	23
Paul Schnapp	23
Keith Johnson	28



HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY!

Bob & Sue Alley 25

ARE WE MISSING YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IN THE ACTS?

**Please inform the church office or drop us
a note on your "I Worship Today" card.**



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Parish Staff

Paul D. Myers III, Pastor
Annette Mason, Office Manager
Jamie Dael, Organist
Ron Lang, Choirmaster
Steve Seaton, Custodian
Melissa Demski, Kitchen Manager



Since Oct. 1999

Church Council

Russ Wells, President; Jill Hojnacki, Vice-president; Brian Hoch, Treasurer;
Sharon Stofan, Secretary; Mike Biscay, Fritz Bloedow, Melissa Demski,
David Jerman, John Kern, Diane Porter, LaVonda Rodgers, Steve Seaton,
Emmitt Williams

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Worship & Sunday School Times

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. Sept. to May

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion and healing rite
are offered at all services.*

Mission and Vision

ST. LUCAS PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The people of St. Lucas Lutheran Church invite and welcome everyone to
enter and feel God's presence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. We believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior.
2. We embrace diversity and welcome all unconditionally.
3. We commit to live God's Word and share the Good News.
4. We strive for closer relationship with God and each other.
5. We demonstrate compassion and forgiveness through open hearts and open minds.

****Handicap Accessible Building****

Elevator Next to Handicap Parking on Walbridge Ave.

Please come dressed as you are...ALL ARE WELCOME

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME - 2025

In accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ, St. Lucas welcomes all. By this we mean we extend the radical welcome of Jesus Christ to people of every age, race, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic level, mental health diagnosis, recovery status, education level, or previous religious experience. We invite ALL to participate in the sacramental life and work of our congregation, and work toward racial equity.