



ST. LUCAS LANTERN
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in
Christ, and Equip People for Christ
JUNE 2024



A note from
the President

God does some new things in the summer. We should ask why.

1) He makes the daylight longer. Why? Some of it has to do with crops and birds and photosynthesis. But it also has to do with hanging out in the evening where you might be able to talk to people who in the winter are hidden in their homes. It is also a pointer toward heaven when "there shall no longer be *any* night" (**Revelation 22:5**). Long days show the glory of a God "who is light, and in whom there is no darkness at all" (**1 John 1:5**).

2) He makes the temperature warmer. Why? Well, this too has to do with flowers and trees and crops, because He loves us. But there are other reasons. He does it so that we will spend time outside and meet people in the neighborhood and at the park that we would not meet running for warmth in the winter. He also does it so that we will go outside after dark and look up where He has His glory on display in the stars. "The heavens are telling the glory of God...night unto night reveals knowledge" (**Psalm 19:1-2**).

3) In our culture God has ordained that kids don't go to school in the summer. Why? One reason is to reduce stress on kids and families. Kids (and moms) can have "Bible time" (as we call it) without rush. Getting enough sleep is possible. Another reason is to open opportunities to travel and see God's handiwork in another place (15 miles away or 1500 miles away). Mountains,

lakes, rivers, plains, oceans and even cities reveal the works of God. Another reason is to open ministry opportunities for kids and families. There can be lots of natural get-togethers with believers and unbelievers in the less-stress schedule of summer.

Summer is for seeing and showing God. Don't let the thought take over your mind that summer is a spiritual void. That is *not* God's view of things. He is displaying glories to be seen and worshiped. He is caressing the world with mercy (**Matthew 5:45**). His summer "kindness is meant to lead to repentance" (**Romans 2:4**). Let's join God in His love for people in the summer and make it a fresh meeting with Him in the light of His love.

And summer brings some changes for Saint Lucas as well. (Soon to be) Rev. Alex Bjoraker and his new bride Sydney will be heading to a dual parish, Immanuel and Zion Lutheran Churches, in Daykin and Tobias, Nebraska. Farewell and Godspeed to them. Vicar Biruk Chiksa and family will be joining the Saint Lucas family in July. Welcome! And we bid farewell (for now) to Seminarian Tyler Simmons and family. Tyler will be going on vicarage at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa. God's blessings to all these servants of Christ!

Yours in Christ, Phil Miksad, President
Saint Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church



SAVE THE DATE! VBS is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for June 3-7, from 9:00 a.m. until noon each day. **SCUBA * Diving Into Friendship with God** will take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

As always, we need lots of volunteers to make this wonderful ministry a success. The volunteers' availability changes each year as jobs/school/circumstances change, and we are especially looking for volunteers this year. Please contact Cindy Riley at (314) -249-6036 or at rileyvacation@hotmail.com if you would love to help kids dive below the surface to build a strong faith.

Ascension Lutheran Church VBS – June 10-14

Timothy Lutheran Church VB – July 14-19

Check their websites for more information.



BINGO: Come one and all (men too!) to Bingo on Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. The cost to play is \$5.00. Please let me know if you plan on attending. Some people bring snacks

to share. Our charity this month is Foster Care System - they are requesting gently used luggage so that kids in foster care have something to put their belongings in when they move from place to place (they now use trash bags). Having luggage to put their things in gives self-esteem to these young people.

If you are unable to attend and wish to donate, please put your donation in the narthex under the shelf by the black & white tote.

Thanks. Sharon Majoros, (314)-922-4678 or sharon.m3845@yahoo.com



LWML SELC Monthly Women's Bible Studies - 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 am CST

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The ever so popular LWML SELC Monthly Women's Bible Studies are back for 2024 on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Central Standard Time.

The Bible Studies are taken from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. You can find a copy of the latest Quarterly on the St. Lucas LWML table in the narthex. You are welcome to take a Quarterly, free of charge, even if you are unable to attend a morning Bible study.

This Bible study will be "Take My Life", by Anne Boerboom in the Spring 2024 Issue. Hope to see you Thursday.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746607019?pwd=V2t5a1BPQjFnUzJGRzRiS1ZVVVJsQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 4660 7019

Serve the Lord with gladness!

The LWML SELC District, at their 2024 Biennial Convention in Macungie, Pennsylvania, unanimously approved our Mission Grant application for our Outreach Ministry at Christmas and Easter in the amount of \$1,500. We give thanks and gratitude to our District Sisters in Christ for their Mite Donations and prayers that made this possible. Praise be to God!

ECC: The Children have been enjoying their time outdoors.





SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP:

The summer slump is real, and it brings a lot of challenges for St. Lucas as our members head out on vacation and aren't physically present in our services as often as normal.

But just because you are at the beach, lake or cabin doesn't mean that you can't stay connected. With powerful giving and engagement tools, donations and participation can stay strong without extra effort from you. Please consider one of the many ways of giving which St. Lucas offers through our many convenient methods.

God's blessings for a safe and healthy summer.

The Finance Committee



WOL IS HIRING: We are looking to add

several part-time aides to our amazing staff next year! If you know anyone who may be interested, please pass this information on to them. Contact Mrs. Bergholt for more information or to submit your resume.

5th Grade Aide: 20 hours/week

Preschool Aide: up to 20 hours/week at St. Lucas

Extended Care: up to 10 hours/week 3:15 - 5:15 at Timothy Lutheran with PreK 3 and 4 students



JUNE

Date	Early Service	Late Service
June 2	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Deb Rose (Greeter) Sharon Majoros (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Usher/Elder (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, (Video Tech)	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Robert McNeil (Elder) Dorothy Arbet (Greeter) Nancy Roach (Reader) Art Matia, Ken Ely (Usher) Dalton Costick (Acolyte) Norah Kramer, Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Dawn Schlesselman, Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
June 9	Laurie Ely, Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Reader) Jane Townsend- Solovic, Stan Shurmantine (Ushers) Usher/Elder (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Robert McNeil (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Ushers) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman, Dalton Costick (Video Techs) Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)
June 16	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Usher/Elder (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Jane Mihalevich (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Michael Schuster (Reader) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Zackary Aguado (Acolyte) Norah Kramer, Johnny Bewig (Video Techs) Liz Kurtz, Vivian Kramer (Shep Watch)
June 23	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Robert McNeil (Reader) Tom & Nicole Buffington (Ushers) Usher/Elder (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Laura Riley (Usher) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Rachel Larson, Johnny Bewig (Video Techs) Taylor McCallister (Shep Watch)

<p>June 30</p>	<p>Bill Bartlow (Elder) Joyce Kolnik (Greeter) Rita Zipay (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Usher/Elder (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Techs)</p>	<p>Robert McNeil (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeters) Don Howell (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Ushers) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Norah Kramer, Dalton Costick (Video Techs) Dawn Schlesselman, Vivian Kramer (Shep Watch)</p>
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 – Wyatt Bewig | 17 – Tristan Arbet |
| 4 – Tracy Johnny | Jeffrey Pritchett |
| Gertrude Kedro | 18 – Soniel Kediru |
| 5 – Randall Schlesselman | 19 – Biruk Chiksa |
| 7 – Issac Bierman | 21 – Megan Meyer |
| Deborah Bretz | 22 – Brinley Willenbrock |
| Simon Grodeon | 25 – Madelyn Arbet |
| 8 – Raphael Miller | Thomas Buffington |
| 9 – Margaret Grothe | Stephanie McKinney |
| 11 – Walker Powell | 26 – Amelia Eding |
| 12 – Sheryl Luxen | Sara Schuster |
| Barbara Morrison | 27 – Teresa Schuster |
| 14 – Kevin Rogers | 28 – Joan Shebik |
| | 29 – Summer Grodeon |

JUNE ANNIVERSIERS

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| 2 – Earl & Judy Willenbrock | 51 years |
| 4 – Steve & Deb Carter | 47 years |
| 9 – Robert & Jane Mihalevich | 51 years |
| 11 – James & Melissa Miller | 13 years |
| 16 – Bill & Joyce Kolnik | 62 years |
| 17 – Douglas & Cathy Wooldridge | 29 years |
| 18 – Loyd & Kevin Rogers | 44 years |



GREETING CARDS: Greeting cards are available. They are located on a table outside of the church office in the main entrance. There are birthday, thank you, sympathy, get well cards, gift card holders and more. Personalized cards can be made. Proceeds go to the Approved Special Projects. For more information contact Kathy Christopher (314) 351-2628 or officeofstlucas@yahoo.com. THANK YOU for all the cards that are bought.



St. Lucas helps Feed My People with donations from our members. In the month of June, we are asking for any kind of donation, canned goods, personal products, etc. Feed My People provides these items to their clients, as needed.

Volunteers are needed at the High Ridge Location. Contact Mary Hettenhausen at (636) 677-9885 if you would like to volunteer.

Reading Through the Word

JUNE

- 1... Proverbs 19 & 20 & 21; Romans 13
- 2... Proverbs 22 & 23 & 24; Romans 14
- 3... Proverbs 25 & 26 & 27; Romans 15
- 4... Proverbs 28 & 29; Psalm 60; Romans 16
- 5... Proverbs 30 & 31; Psalm 33; Ephesians 1
- 6... Ecclesiastes 1 & 2 & 3; Psalm 45; Ephesians 2
- 7... Ecclesiastes 4 & 5 & 6; Psalm 18; Ephesians 3
- 8... Ecclesiastes 7 & 8 & 9; Ephesians 4
- 9... Ecclesiastes 10 & 11 & 12; Psalm 94; Ephesians 5
- 10... Song of Solomon 1 & 2 & 3 & 4; Ephesians 6
- 11... Song of Solomon 5 & 6 & 7 & 8; Philippians 1
- 12... 1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 10 & 11; Philippians 2
- 13... 1 Kings 13 & 14; 2 Chronicles 12; Philippians 3
- 14... 1 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 13 & 14; Philippians 4
- 15... 1 Kings 16; 2 Chronicles 15 & 16; Colossians 1
- 16... 1 Kings 17 & 18 & 19; Colossians 2
- 17... 1 Kings 20 & 21; 2 Chronicles 17; Colossians 3
- 18... 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18 & 19; Colossians 4
- 19... 2 Kings 1 & 2 & 3; Psalm 82; 1 Timothy 1
- 20... 2 Kings 4 & 5; Psalm 83; 1 Timothy 2
- 21... 2 Kings 6 & 7; 2 Chronicles 20; 1 Timothy 3
- 22... 2 Kings 8 & 9; 2 Chronicles 21; 1 Timothy 4
- 23... 2 Kings 10; 2 Chronicles 22 & 23; 1 Timothy 5
- 24... 2 Kings 11 & 12; 2 Chronicles 24; 1 Timothy 6
- 25... Joel 1 & 2 & 3; 2 Timothy 1
- 26... Jonah 1 & 2 & 3 & 4; 2 Timothy 2
- 27... 2 Kings 13 & 14; 2 Chronicles 25; 2 Timothy 3
- 28... Amos 1 & 2 & 3; Psalm 80; 2 Timothy 4
- 29... Amos 4 & 5 & 6; Psalm 86; Titus 1
- 30... Amos 7 & 8 & 9; Psalm 104; Titus 2

HAVE
A GREAT
SUMMER

