

The  
**GOOD NEWS**  
letter

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
215 North Second Street  
North Baltimore OH 45872-1105

January 2023

Sunday Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
In-person and Facebook Live

Church Office Hours  
Mon-Fri 9-1

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Interim Pastor Rob Johnson  
Church Secretary Dana Bourne

Home Page

<http://stlukesnb.org>



As Lutherans, we believe that we are part of God's unfolding plan. When we gather for worship, we connect with believers everywhere. When we study the Bible or hear God's word in worship, we are drawn more deeply into God's own saving story.

**EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN  
AMERICA**



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OUR HANDS.**

<http://www.elca.org/>



**Northwestern  
Ohio Synod**

<https://nwos-elca.church/>

**Our Vision is to know Christ  
and make Christ known.**



**A New Dawn A New Day A New Life**

Theme for 2023

“The story of Jesus.  
The story of us.”



## New Year's Day Worship

St. Luke's Church will celebrate a *Moravian Feast of Love* on January 1, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. Join us for a festival service celebrating God's unending love for us.



## NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

**JANUARY** requested donations include canned soups and dry & instant cereals.

**FEBRUARY** requested donations include instant potatoes and pork & beans.

Served the fourth quarter of 2022:

Oct: 24 families/52 people

Nov: 25 families/48 people

Dec: 27 families/60 people

**Thank you for sharing your blessings and your continued support of those in need in our community.**

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Your Church Council members will be installed on Sunday, January 8, during worship. They are Emily Meyerson, Tracey Pritts, Suzanne Bucher, Janet Goldner, Clay McCartney, Jo Lynn Stewart, and Bryant Matthes. Please pray for God's guidance for these members as they lead our congregation into the future.

The Finance committee is looking for two volunteers to help with the Church audit in the first part of January. No experience is necessary. Interested folks can call or text Clay McCartney at 419-306-5681.



*Thank you* to everyone who help in any way with dad's funeral. The service and meal were wonderful and very much appreciated. *The Jack Sterling Family*

## THE ALTAR GUILD

is seeking members to assist with the tasks of preparing for our worship experience. Altar Guild members serve for two

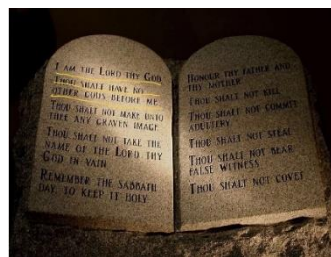


consecutive months preparing for communion, cleaning the linens, and changing the paraments, banners, and directing the decorating of the church for fall, Christmas, and Easter. No experience is necessary. Orientation and training are available. Please speak with Karen Krauss or notify the church office. Thank you.

## Bulletins, Candles, and Newsletters

Thank you to all who helped to support the work of the church through gifts to our Special Fund. The sign-up sheets for your continued financial support of this Fund for 2023 are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Also, the opportunity to sign up to provide flowers to the glory of God for our worship services. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Written reports to be included in the annual reports for 2022 are due in the church office no later than **January 15, 2023.** Electronic form is preferred, but not as important as getting the report in. Thank you.

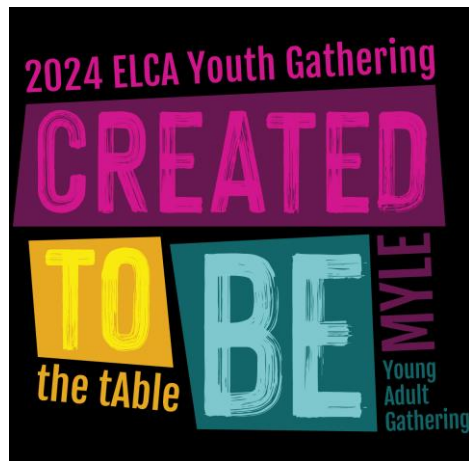


## Winter/Spring 2023 Bible Study

Join Gather magazine and revive your soul in 2023 with a four-session study of the 10 commandments. ELCA pastor and Bible study author Christa von Zychlin will help us see how these commandments are more than they may appear at first glance. For example, Martin

Luther taught that the commandment, “Do not kill,” means not only refraining from murder, but actively promoting the health and life of others. Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God’s laws, using Luther’s Small and Large Catechism and more!

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/winter-spring-2023-bible-study-the-ten-commandments-by-the-rev-christa-von-zychlin/>



New Orleans

### Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and the tAble (July 13-16, 2024) ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering (July 16-20, 2024)

We have been created to be ourselves. Created by the Holy One. Since the last time the ELCA came together for an ELCA Youth Gathering, our young people have experienced several major life events. Still today, we are experiencing an ongoing public health crisis mixed with an economic and political crisis. However, we can rest assured that we are created to be in relationship with one another.

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and

being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged and called to live out their faith in their daily lives. Additionally, young people will have opportunities to explore their vocation and discern where they are being called into this world.

An essential part of the ministry of the Gathering is the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble. MYLE is a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color or whose primary language is not English. The tAble brings together, blesses and empowers youth living with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

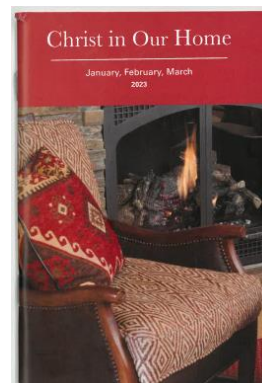
The ministry of the Gathering is dreamed, planned and executed by Gathering leadership, which consists of nearly 98% volunteers and a small full-time staff out of the ELCA churchwide organization. [See who is behind the scenes](#) planning the 2024 Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and the tAble.

In a world of constant distraction, it's important to remember who you are and whose you are, knowing that God created you to be, *just the way you are.*

**KENDYLL WARD (SHE/HER)**

### Christ in Our Home

The January – March issues of the devotional Christ in Our Home is available on the information table in the Narthex at the church. If you would like a copy but can't get over to pick one up, call the church office and we will mail one to you.



*God who makes all things new remind us this year and always of our identity in you.  
Amen*

Go to [elca.org](http://elca.org) and search "Seeds Monthly" to sign up to receive the "Seeds Monthly" in your email box.

## Introducing Journi

Looking for a place to lead but don't know where to start? Journi is a free tool to help you discern your call to leadership. Featuring dozens of articles, podcasts, videos, contacts, events and resources, Journi is the ELCA's one-stop shop for leadership content. For the full Journi experience, create an account to tell us about your interests and receive personalized content recommendations. Creating an account also unlocks the full content library. Get started today at [journi.faith](http://journi.faith)

## Living Lutheran: "When Your Advent Calendar is Broken"



In *Living Lutheran's* December lead feature, Tim Brown reflects on the human tendency to surround Christmastime with hope and sentimentality and let the holiday become less holy. "John the Baptizer stands up in the middle of our Advent calendars, breaking their silent night, He shares the story of his own family's broken advent calendar and how this small flaw reminds him that, even in the serenity of Christmas, there is still some brokenness. [Read more](#) and download the [study guide](#).

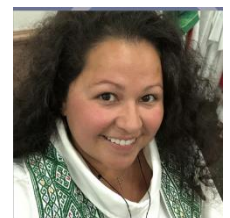
## Shop ELCA Good Gifts this Christmas and through-out the new year

Searching for the perfect gift? Shop ELCA Good Gifts and choose from more than 50 life-changing charitable gifts to give in lieu of traditional Christmas presents. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love. Announce your gift by generating an e-card or downloading cards to print at home. Each gift makes a real impact in the world, sharing the love of Christ — one goat, water well or school uniform at a time. [Browse gifts](#).



Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

[boldcafe.org](http://boldcafe.org)



## Join the Boldcafe Dinner (B.Y.O.D.) on the twelfth day of Christmas

Celebrate the twelfth day of Christmas with others in community, talking about the importance of sharing conversations. Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 7 pm. CT The Rev. Jen Collins, senior pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., is our host. You can prepare for the discussion by reading "[Waiting for conversation](#)" and "[Advent reflections on being overwhelmed](#)." Advance registration is required. [Register here](#).

# ***LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,***



**WE GIVE THANKS FOR:** the birth of Jesus and the message of peace on earth; Advent Love and the amazing and unending love of God; the Joy of Advent, and for the promise of Jesus' return; the words of the prophet Isaiah reminding us of the peace that the new dawn will bring. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Harry & Julie Friess, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Eloise Matthes, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams, Jack Sterling, Gloria Hoffsis, Rex McCarty.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Patty Webb, Cheryl, Ryan Bullock, Isabella Miller, A.J., Frank Strausbaugh, Bill Bankey, Mike Gorsline, Mavery Breece, Caroline, Mike Lerma, Ethan, Tom Szor, Beth Johnson, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy, Sally Eggleston, Catherine Pritts, Ja-nét Moske.

**CHERISH ALL CHILDREN:** All of God's children, that we seek to protect and cherish their lives and futures, always staying focused on what is best for God's children. [www.cherishallchildren.org](http://www.cherishallchildren.org).

**MILITARY:** for all those serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** 3.7 million baptized members, 9,320 congregations, all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, leaders, and 75,000 members in the 162 congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For everyone to seek You and share Your love, grace, and mercy.

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## **Prayer Requests**

If you wish to update a prayer request on our list or to add new requests, please use the "My Prayer" cards in the pews and/or call or email Dana Bourne, Church Secretary (419-257-3253 [StLukesNB@gmail.com](mailto:StLukesNB@gmail.com)). Thank you for your assistance in keeping our Prayer List up-to-date.

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## ❖ **Worship Ministries** ❖

### **SUNDAY, January 1, 2023**

**Christmas 1**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *Dwight Patterson*  
Prayer Leader: *Hank Matthes*  
Acolytes: *Hannah Hagemyer*  
Ushers: *Hank and Bryant Matthes*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, January 8 Epiphany/Baptism of our Lord**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *Carl Lieser*  
Prayer Leader: *Carl Lieser*  
Acolytes: *Avery Wymer*  
Ushers: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, January 15**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *Tracey Pritts*  
Prayer Leader: *Tracey Pritts*  
Acolytes: *Easton Wymer*  
Ushers: *Jace and Guy McCartney*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, January 22**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *Karen Krauss*  
Prayer Leader: *Karan Krauss*  
Acolytes: *Olivia Matthes*  
Ushers: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, January 29**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *Janet Goldner*  
Prayer Leader: *Janet Goldner*  
Acolytes: *Hannah Hagemyer*  
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Matt Wymer*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, February 5**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *Pam Van Mooy*  
Prayer Leader: *Pam Van Mooy*  
Acolytes: *Avery Wymer*  
Ushers: *Hank Matthes, Zach Stewart*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, February 12**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *Olivia Matthes*  
Prayer Leader: *Olivia Matthes*  
Acolytes: *Olivia Matthes*  
Ushers: *JoLynn & Don Stewart* Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **Altar Guild**

January - *Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler*  
February - *Emily Myerson, Arica Matthes*

### ❖ **Worship Gifts** ❖

### **Altar Flowers**

January 1 - *Tiffany Mika*  
January 8 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
January 15 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
January 22 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
January 29 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
February 5 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
February 12 - [\*available for signup\*](#)

### **Altar Candles**

January - *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
February - [\*available for signup\*](#)

### **Sunday Bulletins**

January - *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
February - [\*available for signup\*](#)

### **Newsletter**

January - *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
February - [\*available for signup\*](#)







# January 2023



St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Baltimore, Ohio

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Christmas 1</i> <b>1</b>  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Holy Communion St. John's 3-5	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b>
<i>Baptism of our Lord</i> <b>8</b>  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b> ~~~~~ Council Officers Installed	<b>9</b>  Staff Meeting 9:30 ~~~~~ Holy Communion St. Luke's 3-5	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Holy Communion St. John's 3-5	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>Epiphany 2</i> <b>15</b>  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b> ~~~~~ Church Council 11:30 ~~~~~ Written Annual Reports due ~~~~~ Mutual Ministry Team 5:30 (IHOP)	<b>16</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> ~~~~~ Staff Meeting 9:30 ~~~~~ Holy Communion St. Luke's 3-5	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Holy Communion St. John's 3-5	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Epiphany 3</i> <b>22</b>  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	<b>23</b>  Staff Meeting 9:30 ~~~~~ Holy Communion St. Luke's 3-5		<b>25</b>  Holy Communion St. John's 3-5	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<i>Epiphany 4</i> <b>29</b>  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	<b>30</b>  Staff Meeting 9:30 ~~~~~ Holy Communion St. Luke's 3-5	<b>31</b>				

February 22, 2023