

# The GOOD NEWS Letter



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

## November 2023

Sunday Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

In-person and Facebook Live

Church Office Hours  
Mon-Fri 9-1

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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**



**GOD'S WORK.  
OUR HANDS.**

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



**Northwestern  
Ohio Synod**

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

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

## From the Church Councils

The Church Councils from both St. John's Church and St. Luke's Church have been meeting and the call process has begun. The Call Team has been selected and is working on the information from both churches about who we are and what our mission together is. Members of the Call Team are from St. John's - John Sharninghouse and Jerry McCullough; and from St. Luke's are Brittany Vanaman, Lois Heilman, Pat Wheeler, Karen Krauss, and Jack Sterling. In the meantime, a Methodist Pastor and a Synodically Approved Minister have stepped up to assist us with worship and other pastoral needs that arise. Thanks be to God!

After a mission trip to Brazil in 1992, **Pastor Elizabeth Hadler** realized her call to the ordained ministry. Pastor Elizabeth attended the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in St. Paul, Minnesota and was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1996. She has served churches and colleges in Minnesota, Missouri, and Ohio. Most recently, Pastor Elizabeth served as the interim pastor for 6 years at Living Word Lutheran church in Medina, Ohio.

Pastor Elizabeth has been married to Gary for 35 years, and they have six children; Danielle, Nicole, Joshua, Isaac, Emily, and Elijah. Their children live all over the country; San Diego, Alaska, South Dakota, Terra Haute, Columbus and Findlay. They are also blessed with two grandchildren; Nolan and Cali. Elizabeth and Gary recently moved to Findlay from Medina, Ohio. Elizabeth is the head tennis and pickle ball teaching pro at the Findlay YMCA and the assistant women's tennis coach for the University of Findlay.

"I am excited to lead worship and serve however God desires and leads at St. John's and St. Luke's and look forward to the journey God has in store for us as we move together in faith. We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength."

**SAM Robert (Bob) Fett** was born in 1951 and raised in Bluffton, Ohio where he is a member of English Lutheran Church. Married 46 years to his wife Sue, they have 4 daughters and five grandchildren. He attended Wittenburg University and graduated with a business degree. Bob went on to operate a residential building company

and has built many new homes in the Findlay market. He made many short mission trips into Haiti and Latin America. building churches and schools and drilling water wells.

In 2019 -2020 Bob took Diakonia classes and soon after was asked by Bishop Beaudoin to become a Synodically Approved Minister. In July 2021, following the departure of the pastor at English, he stepped in and served as a lay pastor and worship leader until Jan 2023 when a new pastor was called. Currently Bob and Sue are operating a Christian Foundation building homes where the profits go to various charities.



## NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

**NOVEMBER** requested donations include laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper

**DECEMBER** requested donations include mac n' cheese, pasta and pasta sauces

Donations for the local food pantry Christmas Boxes is due to the church by November 12. We are being asked to provide 25 cans of sweet potatoes/yams and 25 cans of cranberry sauce.



Please place your donations on the shelves above the coat racks in Luther Hall. Thank you.

A HUGE *Thank You* to Carol Williams for recruiting church members for donating the Christmas Gift Bags for Briar Hill Health Campus. Thank you to those who stepped up and said "YES!" Remember these are needed at the church no later than **December 15.**



## St. Luke's Lutheran Church Annual Fundraising Dinner

**Sunday,  
November 12  
@ 11:30 a.m.**

**Plan now to  
join us for  
good food  
and  
fellowship.**

## Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 19 following worship.

### On the agenda:

1. Election of 4 Council members for 2-year terms. Those completing their terms are: JoLynn Stewart, Vice President; Clay McCartney, Treasurer; and Suzanne Bucker, Secretary. There is also one vacant position to fill.
2. Presentation of the 2024 budget
3. Approval for new door



**Time change  
November 5  
Fall BACK  
one hour**

## From your Church Council

The Church Council has had many discussions about installing a new entry door to our church. We have decided on the style and design



that gives us the widest opening – 67½”. The new door will be a sliding automatic door which will open as you approach, very much like those at Walmart. We have decided to go with a local company – Toledo Mirror and Glass – that will provide us with quick service when needed. The total cost of the new door will be roughly \$21,000, which includes the door, installation, and power for the door. Funds will come from the Memorial Fund and the Improvement Fund. We have set aside time at the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 19, for discussion and a vote from the members. If the vote passes, the door will be installed in Spring 2024. Any questions can be directed to any Church Council Member, or brought up at the Annual Meeting. Stop by Luther Hall to see what the door will look like and for a bit more information.



### *November 19 is Thankoffering Sunday*



Thankofferings show gratitude for God’s blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say

thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Giving Thankofferings is grounded in scripture and in our constitution. “All income, whether received by the unit, cluster or conference, synodical or churchwide organizations, shall be viewed as being given to the total program of Women of the ELCA.

Go to [Women of the ELCA](#) to find out more. Envelopes will be available in the pews or send your check made payable to the church and marked Thankoffering.

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## “Topsy-turvy Advent,”

Tired of the commercialized rush toward



Christmas? Plan to join Women of the ELCA and Gather for a Sunday afternoon of sabbath rest and inspiration around

the Gather Advent devotional, “Topsy-turvy Advent.”

This fun, spirit-filled Advent devotional event will take place Sunday, December 3 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. CST. You’ll meet our Advent 2023 devotional writer and host, the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson, as she welcomes you to join us from wherever you are most comfortable—favorite armchairs, church fellowship rooms or together with family and friends. Pastor Hannah will help us understand the season of Advent and Mary’s song of praise (see Luke 1:46b-55) to God for turning the world upside-down—or perhaps, right-side-up! Participants will also have opportunities to discuss faith questions with others in online small groups. Closed captioning and Spanish language translation will be provided. You do not need to read the devotions ahead of time to

Registration is required. Click [here](#) to register.

# **St Luke's Lutheran Church**

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, October 15, 2023

### **Opening**

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 11:30am.

### **Attendance**

**Present** – JoLynn Stewart, Suzanne Bucher, Janet Goldner, Clay McCartney, Tracey Pritts, Bryant Matthes

**Absent** – None

### **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes/Secretary's Report**

- September 2023 minutes accepted – Motion by Tracey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clay. All approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Nothing to Report

### **Statistical Report**

- Went over the member count & attendance.

### **President/Vice-President's Report**

- SAM Bob Fett called JoLynn to get in touch about helping lead our churches. He would like to have a meeting with Council about assisting in leading our worship services at St Luke's and St John's. Pastor Elizabeth Hadler will also be assisting when needed.
- Clay advised the supply pastor should be paid \$200 per service. \$150 for the 1<sup>st</sup> service, and \$50 each service thereafter, plus mileage. He will confirm this with Bob Fett and Elizabeth Hadler.
- JoLynn will communicate with Pam VanMooy (Scribe) to get the Call Committee going on a meeting and completing the Ministry Site Profile form.

### **Good News Amen Report**

- Nothing to Report

### **Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report**

- Clay submitted his September report showing \$5,838.43 in the black.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Tracey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzanne. All approved.

### **Property Committee Report**

- Garrett Carles and Trumbull's will be plowing and clearing walks for us this Winter.

### **Other Committees/Announcements/Transitional Ministry**

- Nothing to Report

### **Mutual Ministry/Transition Team**

- Nothing to Report

## **Unfinished Business**

- Fundraising Dinner – Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - JoLynn will mail the letter out by Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Suzanne, Clay and JoLynn's terms are up, plus we need to find an additional council member for our vacant position to make 7 total.
- Janet has an EMT lined up to come to St Luke's for ADT training.
- Bryant is still looking into converting our lights to LED.
- Bryant is working on getting smoke detectors.

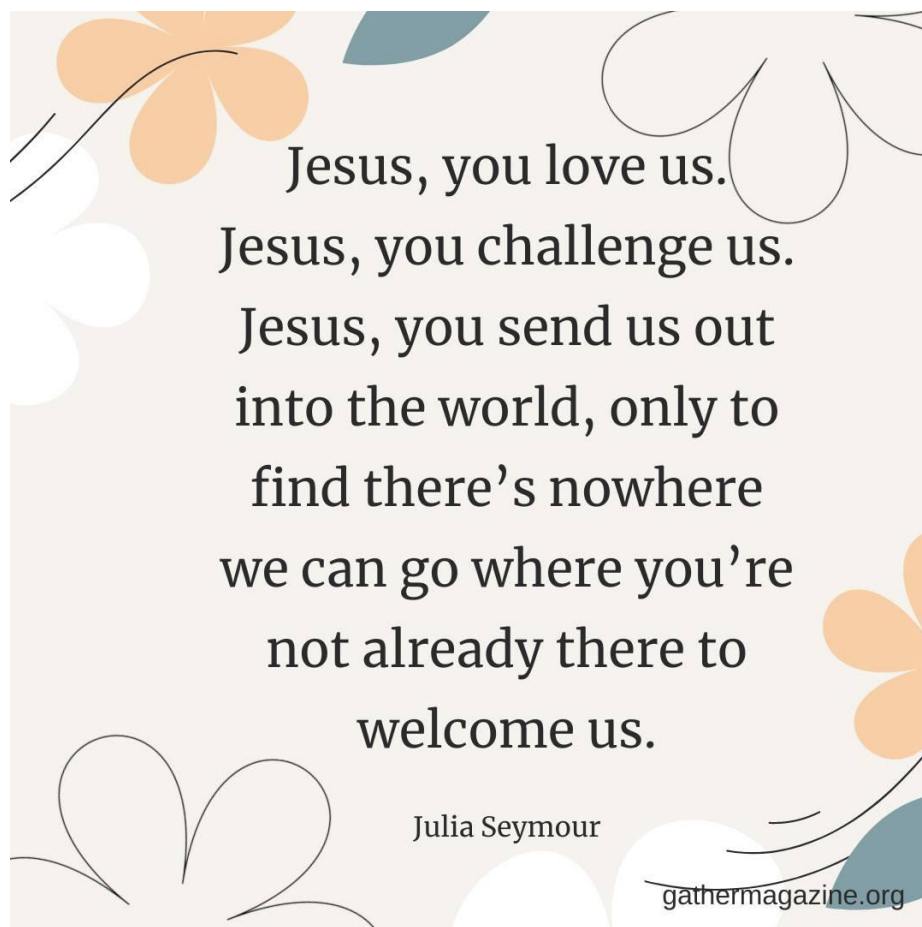
## **New Business**

- Clay presented 4 different scenarios for our 2024 proposed budget based on different ages of what our new pastor may be – health insurance prices vary by age and spouse/children involved. We selected which proposed budget that we believe would fit best to present to our congregation at the November Congregational Meeting.

## **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned @ 1:00pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, November 19, 2023 @ 11:30am

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher



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



**WE GIVE THANKS FOR:** Your ever reforming church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit through the changes: for the Lay Leadership of this congregation; for Pastor Rob and the guidance he has given us during our time of transition. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Jim Heize, Emelyn, Isabella, Keven Bickle, Shirley Hollowell, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**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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### **A Prayer for Veterans**

Lord of mercy, we give you thanks for those who have given their lives protecting our country and the world from tyranny and evil. We ask your blessing over those who are still serving today. Protect them and give them strength for the task at hand. Be with their families who fear for them daily and give them strength. God of peace, we are weary of the violence and fighting going on around us. Bring peace to our hearts and help us to create a vision of a world that affirms the life of every human being. Amen.

## ❖ Worship Ministries ❖

### SUNDAY, November 5 All Saints' Sunday

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Pastor Elizabeth Hadler*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Janet Goldner*  
Acolyte: *Easton Wymer*  
Ushers: *Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### SUNDAY, November 12 Annual Fundraising Dinner

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *SAM Bob Fett*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Carl Lieser*  
Acolyte: *Olivia Matthes*  
Ushers: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### SUNDAY, November 19 Congregational Meeting

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *SAM Bob Fett*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tracey Pritts*  
Acolyte: *Hanah Hagemyer*  
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Zach Stewart*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### SUNDAY, November 26

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Pastor Elizabeth Hadler*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*  
Acolyte: *Avery Wymer*  
Ushers: *JoLynn & Don Stewart*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### SUNDAY, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *SAM Bob Fett*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Pam VanMooy*  
Acolyte: *Easton Wymer*  
Ushers: *Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### SUNDAY, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Bishop Daniel Beaudoin*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Olivia Mathes*  
Acolyte: *Olivia Matthes*  
Ushers: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

#### Altar Guild

November - JoLynn Stewart, Jill Guy  
December - Karen Krauss, Pat  
Wheeler

#### ❖ Worship Gifts ❖

#### Altar Flowers

November 5 - *Arica & Matt Matthes*  
November 12 - *Bob Kelley*  
November 19 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
November 26 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
December 3 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
December 10 - [\*available for signup\*](#)

#### Altar Candles

November - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
December - *Carol Williams*

#### Sunday Bulletins

November - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
December - *Carol Williams*

#### Newsletter

November - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
December - [\*available for signup\*](#)

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL  
OF BOTH  
*Thanks*  
&  
*Giving*



# November 2023



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
<b>Watch for Advent devotionals and calendars to come.</b>			1	2	3	4							
<i>All Saints' Sunday</i> <b>5</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>			<b>6</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>				7	8	9	10	11		
							<b>Veterans' Day</b>						
<i>Pentecost 24</i> <b>12</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b> Fundraising Dinner 11:30			<b>13</b> Staff Meeting 10:00		<b>14</b> <b>15</b> <b>16</b> <b>17</b> <b>18</b>		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
							<b>19</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b> Congregational Meeting 11:30		<b>20</b> Staff Meeting 10:00		<b>21</b> <b>22</b> <b>23</b> <b>24</b> <b>25</b>		<b>Church Closed</b>
<i>Christ the King</i> <b>26</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>			<b>27</b> Staff Meeting 10:00		 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>								<b>28</b> <b>29</b> <b>30</b>