

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
215 North Second Street
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February 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.

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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.

Ash Wednesday "Soup, & Sandwiches"

Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. for hot soup, delicious sandwiches, delightful desserts, and fellowship at the church. Then join in person or online at 7:00 p.m. for the worship service for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

The Story of Jesus. The Story of Us.

Lenten Wednesdays Bible Study

In-person and online every Wednesday at St. Luke's, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 @

6:00pm-Soup, Sandwich, & Dessert Supper (in-person)

7:00pm- Bible Study in-person and online

Scout Sunday February 5

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

On February 5, let us celebrate with the scouts in our families, our community, and around the world. Let us join in prayer for all Scouts, especially those in this congregation and community. Let us pray that they may grow in their commitment to God; and that, by his strength, they may attain the goals of Scouting, the goals of physical, mental, social, psychological and spiritual maturity.



Bold Women's Day —

observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February (Feb 26 this

year) —celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home, or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Are you bold? Celebrate the BOLD women in your life!

of the
Women **ELCA**

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

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

MARCH requested donations include **canned fruits and vegetables**



Our donations were down for January, so let's step up and make February a banner month! 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.

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.

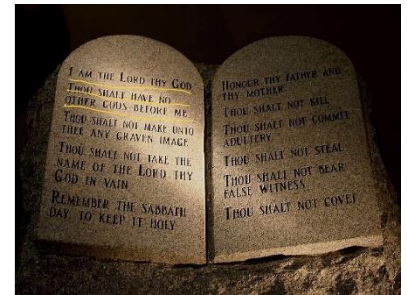


2022 Annual Reports are now available at the church. Call the office if you wish a copy mailed or emailed to you.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

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/>

Your Church Council extends a heartfelt, joyful, and loud



"Thank you, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU**" for balancing the 2022 budget. At the end of the year, we balanced the budget with an excess of about \$22,590.00, "in the black." Thank you for this outstanding and remarkable generosity, for sending a clear, positive, holy message about the importance of who we are as a congregation. Thankful that "there was enough" in 2022, we lift our thanks to God for making us St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Yes, THANKS BE TO GOD!

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, April 15, 2023, for the Women of the Central Conference of the NWOS Spring Gathering @ First Lutheran Church in Findlay. *I Love to tell the Story* is the theme for the day. Time is 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Keep watch for more details to come.

IT'S A KITCHEN SHOWER



As we are hosting more dinners here at St. Luke's, (since Covid-19 slowed things down) our kitchen is in need of some items to keep it stocked and ready.

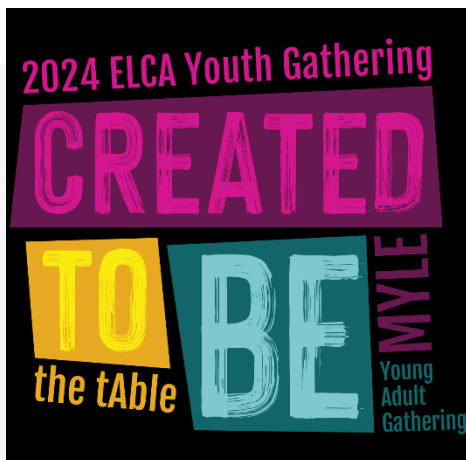
You are invited to “shower” the church kitchen with:

Coffee (hot) cups, paper towels, napkins, small and large trash can bags, dish soap, and carryout Styrofoam containers.

New dish rags and towels are always a blessing.

Any other disposable kitchen items you wish to donate are welcome.

Your generosity is very much appreciated!



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

See the January 2023 Newsletter for more details or go to <https://elca.org/gathering>



The 40 days of Lent are a season to reflect and remember, to look forward and ahead. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges our world faces. **Yet the season of Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world.** Amid our own dependence on God, we know by faith that God is even now at work, drawing us toward the resurrection and restoration of the world.

To prepare, visit ELCA.org/40Days and download or order resources today. You'll find free resources including: a daily devotional calendar, a weekly study guide, and an action guide. Dive even deeper into our inspiring 40 Days of Giving content by subscribing to our **weekly Lenten email series.**

[Subscribe](#)



Summer camps, retreats, and other events for children, youth, and families, have been scheduled for 2023. The church office has a packet full of information for sharing. Need a week away from the chaos of home and work? – check it out. Just a weekend will do? – check it out. There are even day camps!

CHECK IT OUT!

Check out the bulletin board at the church, visit the church office to look of the packet of materials or

[Find Out More //
www.hopewoodoutdoors.org](https://www.hopewoodoutdoors.org)

Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church

At the 2022 Churchwide Assembly last August, voting members adopted a memorial concerning restructuring the ELCA's governance. In November the ELCA Church Council responded to this by authorizing the establishment of a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC). Nominations for the commission are being accepted through **March 9**. More information about the commitment and expectation of serving on the CRLC, and instructions regarding the nomination form, can be found at [ELCA.org/CRLC](https://www.ELCA.org/CRLC).



Living Lutheran: Top Five Stories of 2022

As *Living Lutheran* wrapped up 2022, it took a look at some of its [top stories](#) from the year. Among them are articles about young people and the church, returning to worship in a post-pandemic world, the story of Martin Luther's September Testament, meditation and mindfulness practices, and a powerful "I'm a Lutheran" reflection. They're worth a [read or a reread!](#) Living Lutheran looks forward to bringing you more great stories in 2023!

Living Lutheran: "I'm a Lutheran: Norma Frances 'Tootsie' Tomanetz"

"It's God's hand that's leading us in this work that we're doing for him — to show our faith in God, that we can show it to someone else and maybe a little will rub off." In the December issue of *Living Lutheran*, "Tootsie" Tomanetz, pitmaster of Snow's BBQ in Lexington, Texas, talks about loss, barbecue and the many ways church brings her closer to others. Tomanetz is featured in an episode of *Chef's Table: BBQ* on Netflix.



[Read more](#) in this "I'm a Lutheran" column.

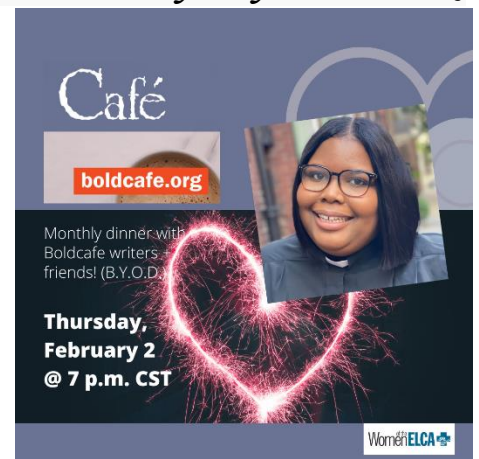
Go to [elca.org](https://www.elca.org) and search "Seeds Monthly" to sign up to receive the "Seeds Monthly" in your email box.

Join us for community via Zoom at our next Boldcafe Monthly Dinner, Thursday, February 2 at 7 pm (CST). The Rev. Ralen Robinson will host our time together and lead our discussion about what it means to have worth as people of faith. Join us!

Register for the Boldcafe dinner



<https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/>



LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



WE GIVE THANKS FOR: Pastor Rob as he continues to guide us through the process of searching for our new pastor; for all those who serve as Scripture Readers and Prayer Leaders for our worship services; for our Church Council members who work diligently, giving of their time and talents for the well-being of our congregation; for a new year of opportunities and possibilities. 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, 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.

MILITARY: 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.

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). Thank you for your assistance in keeping our Prayer List up-to-date.

World Day of Prayer March 3

<https://wdp-usa.org/materials/>

World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March every year. The theme of the WDP 2023 program is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

❖ Worship Ministries ❖

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

SUNDAY, February 19

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader: JoLynn Stewart
Prayer Leader: Beth Williams
Acolyte: Hannah Hagemyer
Ushers: Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes
Videographer: Beth Williams

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader: Rick Van Mooy
Prayer Leader: Pam Van Mooy
Acolyte: Avery Wymer
Ushers: Nancy & Jim Wymer
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, February 26 Lent 1

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader: Dwight Patterson
Prayer Leader: Janet Goldner
Acolyte: Easton Wymer
Ushers: Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, March 5 Lent 2

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

SUNDAY, March 12 Lent 3

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader: Tracey Pritts
Prayer Leader: Tracey Pritts
Acolyte: Hannah Hagemyer
Ushers: Jill Guy, Matt Wymer
Videographer: Beth Williams

Altar Guild

February - Emily Meyerson
March - Emily Meyerson

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

February 5 - [available for signup](#)
February 12 - [available for signup](#)
February 19 - [available for signup](#)
February 26 - [available for signup](#)
March 5 - Jen Carter
March 12 - [available for signup](#)

Altar Candles

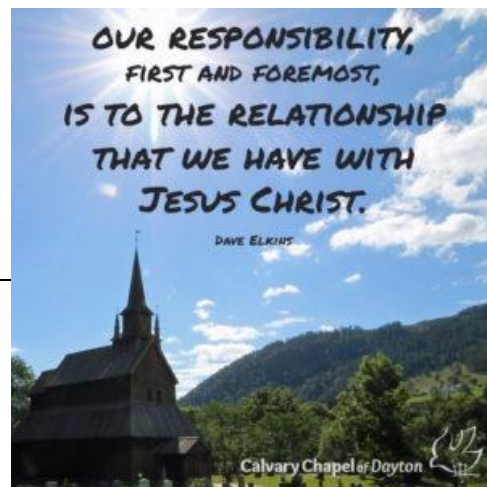
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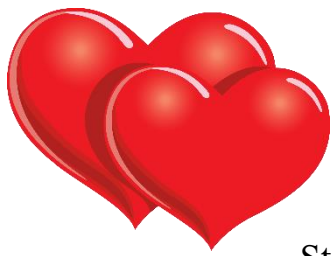
Sunday Bulletins

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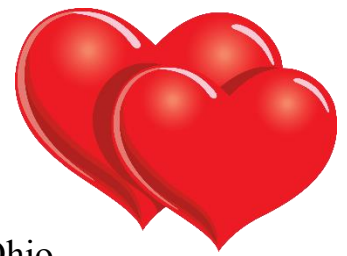
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February 2023



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our Sunday Worship Services are in person and on www.Facebook.com/stlukesnb/			1 Holy Communion St. John's 3-5	2	3	4
<i>Epiphany 5</i> 5 Scout Sunday Worship 10:15	6 Staff Meeting 9:30 ~~~~~ Holy Communion St. Luke's 3-5	7	8 Holy Communion St. John's 3-5	9	10	11
<i>Epiphany 6</i> 12 Worship 10:15 Church Council 11:30	13 Staff Meeting 9:30 ~~~~~ Holy Communion St. Luke's 3-5	14 NBACM IHOP @ Noon 	15 Holy Communion St. John's 3-5	16	17	18
<i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i> 19 Worship 10:15	20  Staff Meeting 9:30 ~~~~~ Holy Communion St. Luke's 3-5	21 	22  Soup & Sandwiches @ 6 Worship @ 7	23	24	25
<i>Lent 1</i> 26 Bold Women Sunday Worship 10:15	27	28	Planning ahead- Palm Sunday - April 2 Maundy Thursday - April 6 Good Friday - April 7 Easter Sunday - April 9			

