

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter

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



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.

Café

boldcafe.org

Monthly dinner
with Boldcafe
writers + friends
(B.Y.O.D.)

Thursday,
May 4,
@ 7 pm (CDT)



Join us for community via Zoom at our next Boldcafe Monthly Dinner, Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm (CDT). The Rev. Susan Schneider will host our time together and lead our discussion of art as prayer. Join us!

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

Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023

Come at 10:15 a.m. and be

*Filled with the
Holy Spirit*

Scriptures for the day:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 20:19-23

WEAR RED!!

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

MAY requested donations include laundry detergent, dish soap, & toilet paper.

JUNE requested donations include peanut butter, jams, jellies and preserves.



Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.

We Celebrate Our Graduate - May 7



Garrett Ziegler, son of Lindsay Ziegler, will be graduating from Elmwood High School on May 21. He plans to attend The Ohio State University ATI in Wooster to study agribusiness. Congratulations Garrett!

Thank you to all who gave extra time and effort to make Lent, Holy Week and Easter a time of spiritual growth and renewal. Especially those who provided the meals and desserts for the Wednesday Bible study; Altar Guild and helpers who changed the parament colors and assisted with Maundy Thursday stripping of the church; those who participated in the Good Friday Taize service; and those who provided the spring flowers for Easter morning. Oh, and all those who participated in the study and all the worship services. Thanks be to God.



MORE VBS OPPORTUNITIES

St. John's Lutheran Adult VBS July 16-20

McComb Community VBS will be 5 Sunday evenings July 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20, from 5:30 (dinner) - 8:00



The Ascension of Our Lord

Ascension Day is always celebrated the 40th day after Easter (always on a Thursday, this year – May 18).

Jesus' saving work had been completed in joyful victory. He ascended to the Father, soon to send the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, the 50th day (always on a Sunday)

This year, we will observe the Ascension of Our Lord, on Sunday, May 21.

Pentecost Sunday: May 28



On the 50th day after Easter, we celebrate the wondrous day the Holy Spirit came down to the apostles in a mighty wind and tongues of fire.

Women of the ELCA

The Central Conference of the NWOS Women will host their Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in North Baltimore. Mark your calendar NOW and plan to join in on the fellowship, good food, Bible Study, mission, and fun. Sherry Krieger, Director of Leadership Development for Congregational Care, from the Synod office will be our guest speaker.

St. Luke's "Stellar" VBS coming soon! July 23-27, 2023. Beth Williams will



lead us again and is seeking people to serve on the planning committee. Please call or email Beth if you wish to take part in this community event. The sign-up sheets will be up soon for

opportunities to help with this adventure. Watch the bulletin board at the church or call the office.

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Truth & Healing Movement

The ELCA's [Truth & Healing Movement](#) is an opportunity for this church to increase our understanding of our colonizing impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us.

More information will be shared in the coming days and weeks. Stay tuned to our ELCA and Living Lutheran social media channels and this page to learn about ways to get involved and share with others. <https://elca.org/indigenous>

“Stories of Faith in Action”

Across the ELCA we are connected through the stories we tell, the stories we hear and the stories we experience in ministry among one another. “Stories of Faith in Action” features vital ministries made possible by the generous Mission Support shared by ELCA congregations.

A Ministry Sprung to Life - **COVID-19 has meant many changes for many people: online school and worship, families balancing work with child care and, in too many instances, saying goodbye to loved ones.**

For one ELCA community in Baltimore, though, there has been growth—and hope—during uncertain times. In early 2020, after being called by the Delaware-Maryland Synod to be a street minister in Baltimore's Station North neighborhood, Elazar Atticus Schoch Zavaletta began spending time and engaging with people on and around North Avenue. That street ministry, with the help of your Mission support shared with the Delaware-Maryland Synod and the churchwide office, evolved into North Ave Mission (NAM). The NAM community gathers each week at Ynot Lot, an outdoor event space, for “Family Life” (part worship service, part resource connection) and the Farm-to-Stoop Free Market, where anyone can stop by, pick up a hot meal, leave with clothes and groceries, and visit a mobile community health clinic.

NAM has also launched Red Shed Village, an intentional community based on harm reduction that combats houselessness through a healing environment. Because NAM is composed mainly of currently and formerly unhoused people, people of color and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, its ministries naturally center the experiences and leadership of those who are marginalized. Zavaletta, now pastor of NAM, credits the ministry's successes to those in the area who founded the ministry with them, and to the support of the synod and its congregations.

Go to elca.org and search “Seeds Monthly” to sign up to receive the “Seeds Monthly” in your email box.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



WE GIVE THANKS FOR: for the joint Church Councils and the Mutual Ministry Team who are working diligently together as we continue to discern the direction God is leading us for the future; for the Altar Guild for their preparations of the Sanctuary for the Holy Week and Easter Services; for all who provided Easter flowers to brighten our worship on Easter Sunday, and for all who participated in our Holy Week and Easter Worship services; for the resurrection of Christ Jesus; for the life and death of Jesus; for the celebration of Maundy Thursday and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; for the celebration of Palm Sunday and the saving grace of Jesus. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Janet Holloway, Brittany Vanaman, Jim Wymer, Harry & Julie Friess, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams, Rex McCarty.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Cindy Meyers, Susan Miller, Daryl Miller, Aunt Mary, Brianne Gott, Beth Johnson, Gerald Leitch, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy, 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** (**E**vangelical **L**utheran **C**hurch in **A**merica), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, leaders, and 75,000 members in the 162 congregations of the **NWOS** (**N**orth**w**estern **O**hio **S**ynod), **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.

❖ Worship Ministries ❖

SUNDAY, May 7

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*
Acolyte: *Avery Wymer*
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Hank Matthes, Zach Stewart, Don Stewart*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, MAY 14 *Happy Mothers' Day!*

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Janet Goldner*
Acolyte: *Easton Wymer*
Ushers: *Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes, Nancy & Jim Wymer*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, May 21 Ascension Sunday

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Pam Van Mooy*
Acolyte: *Hannah Hagemyer*
Ushers: *Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, May 28 Pentecost

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

SUNDAY, June 4 The Holy Trinity

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader: *JoLynn Stewart*
Prayer Leader: *Beth Williams*
Acolyte: *Avery Wymer*
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Don Stewart*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, June 11

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Carl Lieser*
Acolyte: *Easton Wymer*
Ushers: *Hank Matthes, Zach Stewart*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

Altar Guild

May - Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler
June - Karen Krauss, Loraine Ferguson, Tiffany Mika

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

May 7 - [available for signup](#)
May 14 - [available for signup](#)
May 21 - Arica & Matt Matthes
May 28 - Carol Williams
June 4 - [available for signup](#)
June 11 - [available for signup](#)

Altar Candles

May - Carol Williams
June - [available for signup](#)

Sunday Bulletins

May - [available for signup](#)
June - [available for signup](#)

Newsletter

May - [available for signup](#)
June - [available for signup](#)

Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God. – Rick Warren

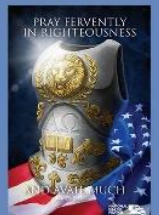
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2023



JOIN HOST, KATHY BRANZELL AND CO-HOST, REV. SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ, ALONG WITH OTHER LEADERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA!

NATIONAL PRAYER GATHERING
MAY 4TH AT 8 PM ET

JOIN US ON YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTIAN TELEVISION AND RADIO NETWORKS, LIVESTREAM AND MORE!



<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>



May 2023



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Staff Meeting 9:30	2	3	4  National Day of Prayer	5	6
<i>Easter 5</i> 7 Graduation Recognition Worship 10:15	8 Staff Meeting 9:30	9 NBACM Noon IHOP	10	11	12	13
<i>Easter 6</i> 14 Happy Mothers' Day Worship 10:15 Church Council 11:15 NB Baccalaureate 6:00	15 Staff Meeting 9:30	16	17	18	19	20
<i>Easter 7</i> 21 Worship 10:15 NB Graduation	22 Staff Meeting 9:30	23	24  Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27
<i>Pentecost</i> 28 Wear something Red Worship 10:15	29  Office Closed	30	31	Looking ahead – Dana will be on vacation from June 9 – June 16		