

June 2023



A Reflection from Pastor Rob

Pastoral Call Survey: A New Kind of Church

During the month of March 2023, both congregations took a survey to help congregational leadership better understand your views on needs we have for a pastor and the future.

The first question asked you to choose one of three descriptions of the future of the church. As you see below, the vast majority of respondents feel that the future looks brighter than the last three years have looked. One third of respondents feel that the changes in our congregations and in the world will be too much.

Congregation	Future is bright	Getting back to normal	Our congregation may not survive	A new kind of church
St. Luke's	5	16	7	
St. John's	1	6	3	1
TOTAL	6	22	10	1

Notice, though, the section in red. One of the respondents wrote in their answer. In answer to the question, "What are your feelings about the future of your congregation", this respondent said, **"We are learning to become a new kind of church."**

We are learning to become a new kind of church.

To be honest, I think **this is the most hopeful answer**. St. John's is learning to be a new kind of church. St. Luke's is learning to be a new kind of church. **We aren't trying to get back to something we can no longer be; our future is brighter because we are something new.**

Because the surveys were anonymous, I do not know who wrote this response in. I'd love to find out more.

However, I did an internet search recently of the phrase "a new kind of church." I discovered that, waaaaay back in 2007, a church consultant wrote a book called "A New Kind of Church."

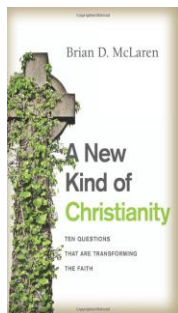
A few years later, in 2010, another church consultant wrote a book called "A New Kind of Christianity."

I don't know what "a new kind of church" means to these consultants. You may be wondering yourself.

Aubrey Malphurs



a **New Kind of**
Church
Understanding
Models of Ministry for
the 21st Century



But I think there are 2 takeaways:

1. The idea of “new kind of church” has been around for decades, even if we have not been talking about it.

2. Now, in post-lockdown Ohio, it’s time for us to talk about what “a new kind of church” might be.

What do you think “a new kind of church” means?

What might “a new kind of church” look like?

In God’s Peace,

Pastor Rob

Sunday Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.

In-person and Facebook Live

Church Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9-1

StLukesNB@gmail.com
419-257-3253

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 to make Christ known.



NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

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

JULY requested donations include canned soups, fruits, & veggies.



We Love to Tell the Story

The Central Conference WELCA Spring Gathering was held on April 15 at First Lutheran Church in Findlay.

The Business meeting was brought to order by Carol Williams. She greeted everyone and then introduced Sharon Moenter, the president of the Northwest Ohio WELCA. Sharon talked about how we need these gatherings to share our griefs, joys, and what is happening in our lives. She invited all to the Northwest Ohio 2023 gathering at the Findlay Inn on October 27 and 28.

Kaitlyn Kriss from the Women’s Resource Center of Hancock County presented the program. She explained what the Center does, a brief history of the center, who works there, and their job responsibilities, and who is able to take advantage of their services. They serve people from both inside and outside of Hancock County. It is a Christian based organization.

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.

Here I Am, Lord

NWOS Women's Gathering will be held on October 27-28, 2023, at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center in Findlay, Ohio. Plan now to join us for food, fellowship, workshops, speakers, Bible Study, a silent auction and fun. Keep watch for future details.



This year marks the 10th anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday!

On **Sunday, Sept. 10**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Great Scot Community Markets



We ask that you continue to save your duplicate receipts (the one that says YOUR ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY CASH PURCHASES) and bring them to the church when you are able.

The funds received will be directed to the Good News†Amen Ministry. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry and mission of St. Luke’s. So far this year we have received \$106.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran Disaster

Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Luther Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ’s joy. - Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity

SEE PAGE 6 FOR A VBS REGISTRATION!

St Luke’s Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 14, 2023

Opening

Vice-President JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St Luke’s Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 11:43am.

Attendance

Present – JoLynn Stewart, Suzanne Bucher, Clay McCartney, Janet Goldner, Tracey Pritts, Bryant Matthes, Pastor Rob **Absent** – Emily Meyerson

Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes/Secretary’s Report

- March 2023 minutes accepted – Motion by Bryant, 2nd by Janet. All approved.

- There was no meeting in April.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor passed out the survey results from St Luke's and St John's.
 - The biggest discrepancy is that St Luke's would like a full-time pastor and St John's would like a part-time pastor.
- Pastor handed out his January-March activities and May upcoming activities.

Statistical Report

- Went over the member count & attendance.

President's Report

- Nothing to Report

Vice-President's Report

- Nothing to Report

Good News Amen Report

- Tracey reported that Carol Williams (St Luke's) is hosting the Fall Gathering for the Central Conference of the NWOS (Women of the ELA) on October 7, 2023. Motion by Clay for financial support as requested by Carol Williams, 2nd by JoLynn. All approved.
- A Summer Bible study will begin this Summer on Wednesday's. Bryant will check with Shawn Benjamin if the movie theater can be used for this and coordinate a movie along with the study.
- Vacation Bible School meeting was recently held and looking for volunteers.
 - VBS is low/out of funds. It was suggested that a special offering envelope to be handed out in the bulletin specifically for VBS contributions.
 - The supplies on the 2nd floor need to be gone through so that additional VBS supplies are not purchased if we already have supplies on hand in the building.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report

- Clay submitted his March & April reports.
- Clay's April report showed \$2,721.83 in black.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Tracey, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.

Property Committee Report

- There is a small leak from the roof. Bryant will have this looked into.
- Bryant will work on getting the trees trimmed and eaves spouts cleaned out.
- Landscaping area around corner sign needs to be redesigned/reconfigured & cleaned up. Bryant will talk to Chad Wright about getting an estimate and getting this done.

Other Committees/Announcements/Transitional Ministry

- Nothing to Report

Mutual Ministry Team

- Nothing to Report

Unfinished Business

- Clay will work on getting estimates for new automatic sliding front doors.

New Business

- It was proposed that St Luke's council meeting minutes be published in the monthly Newsletter – Motion by Tracey, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.
- Bryant suggested a Knox Box be installed at St Luke's. A Knox Box is a small, wall-mounted safe that holds building keys for fire departments, emergency medical services, and sometimes police to retrieve in case of emergency.
- Suzanne proposed we change the monthly church council meeting to the THIRD Sunday of each month starting in June. Everyone was fine with this.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned @ 1:20pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, June 18, 2023 @ 11:30am

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



MEMBERS: Janet Holloway, 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: Susan Miller, Daryl Miller, Beth Johnson, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy, Catherine Pritts.

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.

Jesus is the Light
of the World!



St. Luke's Church Vacation Bible School July 23-27, 2023

(note new
"blast-off"
time) **5:30-8:00 p.m.**

Dinner will be served each night.

Registration for 5-year-olds through those just completing 6th Grade has begun online @ www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb, or call the church and leave a message.

Early bird deadline for registration is July 12 for a chance to win a prize.

Parents, grandparents, and guests are invited on Thursday @ 7:45 for our "Stellar" VBS closing program.



ONE STUDENT PER FORM, PLEASE

Vacation Bible School July 23-27, 2023 Registration Form

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 215 N Second St., North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

419-257-3253

Student Name: _____ Male Female
Date of Birth: _____ Grade COMPLETED: _____ Age: _____
5-year-old and above
Parent Name(s): _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____
e-mail: _____
Name of your Church: _____
Special Needs/Allergies: _____
Person Responsible for Pickup after VBS: _____
Their Phone Number: _____ Relationship to child: _____

❖ Worship Ministries ❖



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

SUNDAY, June 18 Happy Fathers' Day

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Tracey Pritts
Acolyte: Olivia Matthes
Ushers: JoLynn & Don Stewart
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, June 25

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Karen Krauss
Acolyte: Hannah Hagemyer
Ushers: Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, July 2

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

SUNDAY, July 9

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Olivia Matthes
Acolyte: Olivia Matthes
Ushers: Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney
Videographer: Beth Williams

Altar Guild

June - Karen Krauss, Loraine Ferguson, Tiffany Mika
July - Karen Krauss, Loraine Ferguson, Tiffany Mika

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

June 4 - Bob Kelley
June 11 - [available for signup](#)
June 18 - [available for signup](#)
June 25 - [available for signup](#)
July 2 - [available for signup](#)
July 9 - [available for signup](#)

Altar Candles

June - [available for signup](#)
July - Beth & Clay McCartney

Sunday Bulletins

June - [available for signup](#)
July - Beth & Clay McCartney

Newsletter

June - [available for signup](#)
July - Beth & Clay McCartney





June 2023



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<i>The Holy Trinity</i> 4 Worship 10:15	5 Staff Meeting 9:30	6	7	8	9	10
					PASTOR ROB VACATION	
<i>Proper 2</i> 11 Worship 10:15	12	13 NBACM Noon @ IHOP	14	15	16	17
PASTOR ROB - VACATION AND DANA - VACATION						
<i>Proper 3</i> 18 Happy Fathers' Day ~~~~~ Worship 10:15 ~~~~~ Church Council 11:30	19 Staff Meeting 9:30	20	25	26	27	28
					JULY Newsletter Deadline	
<i>Proper 4</i> 25 Worship 10:15	26 Staff Meeting 9:30	27	28	29	30	

