



## A Reflection from Pastor Rob

### Pastoral Call Survey: How much time do we need from a pastor?

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.

Last month, I talked about **A NEW KIND OF CHURCH**. This month, I will reflect on **HOW MUCH TIME DO WE NEED FROM A PASTOR?**

The survey we completed around Easter time asked what role the next pastor should play in congregational life and how much time the pastor is needed.

Congregation	The pastor should be the <b>primary decision-maker</b>	The pastor should <b>share decision-making</b>	The pastor should only <b>support the decisions of leaders</b>		The pastor should serve <b>FULL</b> time	The pastor should serve <b>PART</b> time
St. Luke's	4	17	7		26	6
St. John's	1	9	1		1	9

In general, survey participants in both congregations understand that the pastor should share in decision-making with church councils, committees, and other leadership teams.

However, there is a distinct difference in attitudes about full time vs. part time work. St. Luke's overwhelmingly seeks a full time pastor. By contrast, St. John's seeks a part time pastor.

Under the arrangement with Pastor Ralph, St. John's is an additional mission to St. Luke's. During my work as a transitional pastor, I have approached the work as co-equal mission (St. Luke's handles the call paperwork and compensation).



As you think about the kind of support and time your congregation needs, here are some benefits to having a part time or a full time pastor.

### Benefits of a part time pastor:

- we, the members, take on greater ownership of the congregation's vision and mission
- we spend less money on administrative costs to run the church
- we give the pastor permission to focus on only 2 or 3 areas of ministry that will benefit our congregation the most



### Benefits of a full time pastor:

- we feel secure that our church is whole - pastor, building, and members
- we have a pastor who is present in all of our church and member activities
- the pastor can fill in or do tasks that members can't or won't volunteer for

**What are some benefits you think come with a part time pastor?**

**What are some benefits you think come with a full time pastor?**

In God's Peace,  
*Pastor Rob*

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In order to have a successful **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** we need 3 things:

**#1 - YOU!** There are still staffing positions that need your time and talents.



Needed are a registration assistant for Sunday & Monday: music leader: 1 puppeteer: story teller: Imagination Station assistant: activities/games helper: leader and helper for the 3&4 Grade group: helper for the 5&6 Grade group; and kitchen helpers. Youth having completed older are invited to help. will serve.



**#2 – CHILDREN** to participate. grandchildren, great-grandchildren, “Stellar” week of food, fun, much more.



seventh grade and Please prayerfully consider where you

Please encourage your children, neighbors and friends to join us for a sharing, crafts, learning, singing and so

**#3 – PRAYERS** for God's presence with us and for God's guidance as we share the Good News with the children and each other. Prayers for enough – enough energy for the leaders and the kitchen staff; enough materials and supplies for an absolutely “Stellar” week; enough patience and time, and just ENOUGH!



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.

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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.

## NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

JULY requested donations include canned soups, fruits and veggies.

AUGUST requested donations include canned meats.

Served the second quarter of 2023:

Apr: 17 families/38 people

May: 14 families/34 people

Jun: 17 families/ 39 people

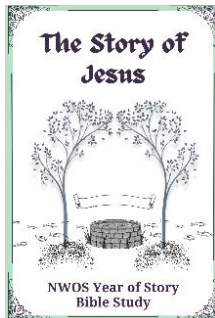


The Central Conference of the NWOS Women will host their Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in North Baltimore. Mark your calendar NOW and plan to join in on the fellowship, good food, Bible Study, mission, and fun. Sherry Krieger, Director of Leadership Development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

## Sharing Our Story



Join St. John's Lutheran Church in McComb from 6-8pm each evening July 16—20 for an Adult Vacation Bible School. Activities include group singing of favorite hymns; enjoying fellowship and snacks; Bible study; and community enrichment where community members share their stories of faith. They are using the NWOS Year of Story "The Story of Jesus" Bible Study.

All are welcome!



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Do you have any thoughts or ideas on how we might serve God and our neighbors this day in September? Submit your ideas to the church office @ 419-257-3253 or [StLukesNB@gmail.com](mailto:StLukesNB@gmail.com).

# **St Luke's Lutheran Church**

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, June 18, 2023

### **OPENING**

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at 11:35am.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Absent – Emily Meyerson, Pastor Rob

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES/SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- May 2023 minutes accepted – Motion by Tracey, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Nothing to Report

### **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**

- Bryant found out that it would be \$99 to rent the Virginia Theater. There was a suggestion that a Summer Bible study to begin this Summer on Wednesday's – looking for a location. Tracey will think more about this.
- Cleaning up the choir room has began, and the 2nd floor still needs attention.

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Janet suggested that she would like someone else to take over and help with counting the weekly offering. She will put this in the bulletin in hopes of finding someone.
- Clay submitted his May report.
- Clay's May report showed \$10,957.56 in the black.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Tracey, 2nd by Suzanne. All approved.

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Bryant reported Joe Busch will fix the roof for \$250.00.
- Bryant has talked to Chad Wright about redoing the area below our corner sign and he will be completing this job for us.
- Bryant will be trimming some of our trees.

## **OTHER COMMITTEES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY**

- Nothing to Report

## **MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM**

- JoLynn reminded everyone the importance of moving along the Call Process to the next phase and how slow this entire process is taking. Things are not progressing! We need to get the necessary form completed. We looked for the form online at the elca.org website and could not find it. If someone could assist us in finding this form so we can get it completed and sent in.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Clay handed out 2 estimates for new sliding doors.
  - Stanley Access Technologies - \$12,000 (sliding doors like you see at Walmart)
    - Bi-Part Sliding Door
    - 48” opening
  - Toledo Mirror & Glass - Automated Entrance Technology - \$17,620 (Toledo, Ohio)
    - 3-Panel Telescoping Door
    - 67-1/2” opening
  - Estimates do not include getting power to the door.
  - We all agreed that the door with the larger opening would be best.
  - If this project takes place, funding would come from the memorial fund and improvement fund.
  - Clay will talk to Toledo Mirror & Glass for additional information.
- Installing a Knox Box will be put on hold until after new doors would be installed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Beth Williams came to council prior to the meeting advising us that Laura Vitt, owner of NB Nutrition, is looking for a new place to hold her cardio drumming classes each week beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Laura will be soon working full-time so she doesn't want the continued expense to rent the building on Main St where her cardio drumming classes are currently held. Laura asked Beth if it would be possible to use St Luke's Lutheran Church for her weekly drumming classes (3-5 per week), so Beth told her she would ask St Luke's council. Council then discussed this matter during their meeting. There was a Motion by JoLynn to not allow Laura to hold her drumming classes at St Luke's, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clay, and after a majority vote, the Motion passed.
- Clay advised that it's been 7 years since Morlock has repaved our parking lot & patched potholes, etc., and it now needs some attention again. Bryant will contact Morlock to inquire.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned @ 12:30pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, July 16, 2023 @ 11:30am

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

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



**WE GIVE THANKS FOR:** our local food pantry and the service they offer to those in need in our community, and those who support the food pantry; for fathers everywhere; those volunteering and preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School; **and** for the freedom to celebrate the glory of God's creation. Thanks be to God!

**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.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Shirley Hollowell, Dolores Bucher, Susan Miller, Darrell Miller, Beth Johnson, 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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## **Prayer for Independence Day**

Lord of all, we recognize that true freedom comes through you and that our ultimate loyalty belongs to you. Every day is a gift, every breath a moment to give you praise, every hour one in which to live what you command. Loving God, we greet this Fourth of July with grateful hearts as we call to mind the vision of freedom and justice for all upon which our country was built. We give thanks for those who imagined this vision. We are grateful to those who continue advocating for and pursuing a land of peace, liberty, and equity for all. Amen

## ❖ Worship Ministries ❖

### **SUNDAY, July 2**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Janet Goldner*  
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*

### **SUNDAY, July 16**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader: *JoLynn Stewart*  
Prayer Leader: *Beth Williams*  
Acolyte: *Hannah Hagemyer*  
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Zach Stewart*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, July 23**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Janet Goldner*  
Acolyte: *Avery Wymer*  
Ushers: *JoLynn & Don Stewart*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, July 30**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Carl Lieser*  
Acolyte: *Easton Wymer*  
Ushers: *Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, August 6**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Tracey Pritts*  
Acolyte: *Olivia Matthes*  
Ushers: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, August 13**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*  
Acolyte: *Hannah Hagemyer*  
Ushers: *Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **Altar Guild**

July - *Beth Williams, Tiffany Mika*  
August - *Nancy Wymer, Arica Matthes*

## ❖ Worship Gifts ❖

### **Altar Flowers**

July 2 - *Tiffany Mika*  
July 9 - *available for signup*  
July 16 - *available for signup*  
July 23 - *available for signup*  
July 30 - *Peg & Bill Roberts*  
August 6 - *available for signup*  
August 13 - *available for signup*

### **Altar Candles**

July - *Beth & Clay McCartney*  
August - *available for signup*

### **Sunday Bulletins**

July - *Beth & Clay McCartney*  
August - *available for signup*

### **Newsletter**

July - *Beth & Clay McCartney*  
August - *available for signup*

Café

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

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

**Thursday,  
July 6,  
@ 7 pm (CDT)**



Join us for community via Zoom at our next Boldcafe Monthly Dinner, Thursday, July 6 at 7 pm (CDT). Ralen Robinson will host our time together and lead our discussion about taking time to retreat. Join us!

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



# July 2023



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Proper 5</i> 2  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>						No Staff Meeting
<i>Proper 6</i> 9  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	Staff Meeting 9:30	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Proper 7</i> 16  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b> Church Council 11:30	Staff Meeting 9:30	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Adult VBS – St. John's in McComb 6pm-8pm</b>					 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	
<i>Proper 8</i> 23  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	No Staff Meeting  Office Hours noon – 5 p.m.	Office Hours noon – 5 p.m.	Office Hours noon – 5 p.m.	Office Hours noon – 5 p.m.	28	29
<b>Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00</b>					<b>Dana-Vacation</b>	
<i>Proper 9</i> 30  <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	Staff Meeting 9:30	<b>Dana will be in the office on August 2 and 3, and at a Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Findlay on August 4.</b>				
<b>Dana-Vacation thru August 1</b>						