

The  
**GOOD NEWS**  
Letter

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

September 2023

Sunday Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
In-person and Facebook Live

Church Office Hours  
Mon-Fri 9-1

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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 make Christ known.

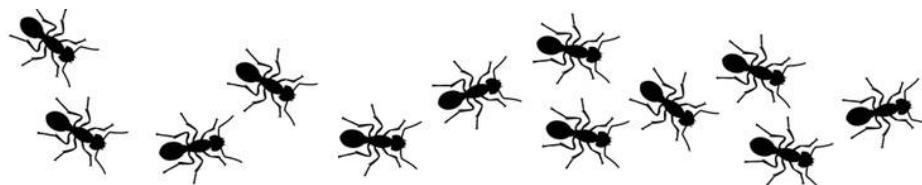
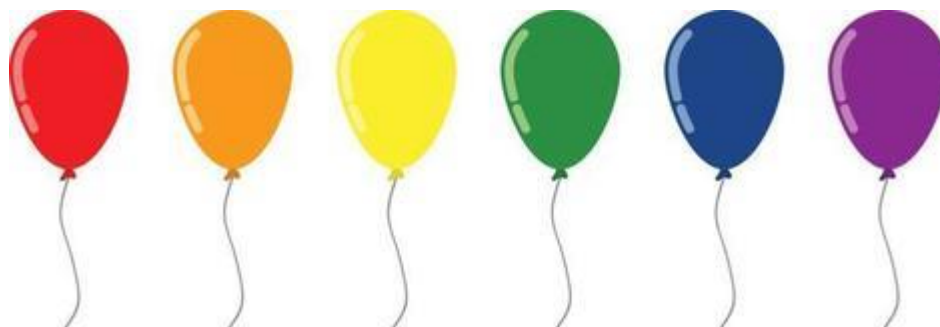


Join us on Sunday, September 10,  
for our annual  
Rally Day/Church Picnic.



Our menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, brats and other delicious surprises. Beverages, desserts, and table service will also be provided.

**COME ONE – COME ALL**  
enjoy worship, fellowship, food, and fun.  
Festivities begin at 10:15 a.m.



## NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty



**SEPTEMBER** requested donations include hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste.

**OCTOBER** requested donations include peanut butter, jams, jellies, and preserves.

Thank you for your continued support this the vital community mission and ministry.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for teaching me about God.  
Love, Lillian Fackler, VBS Participant

Dear Members of St. Luke's,

John and I want to thank you all for your payer support. It is a good feeling to have such a family group praying. We are both doing pretty well. We enjoy listening to St. Luke's worship services or Olivet Church here in Toledo. Thank you all! Cheryl & John Kruse

**Congratulations** to Macy (McCartney) and Joe Miekstyn on the birth of Bowen Skip, born August 2, in Toledo. Chasity & Guy are Bowen's grandparents, Jace is his uncle, Marly is his aunt, and Mary Jane is his great-grandmother.

**WANTED**

Singers to join our church choir. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 17, at 9:30 a.m. Men and women ages 16 and older are welcome. Can't make it on the 17<sup>th</sup>? All are welcome anytime. Come and lift your voice in praise to God with fellow singers.



## St. John's Lutheran Church Invites You

to their Annual Church Potluck/Picnic –  
Sunday, September 24 at 1:00  
at the home of Dave Sharninghouse,  
5421 Twp. Rd. 136, Findlay.

Please bring your favorite potluck dish (with serving utensil) to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. Come join in on some end of summer fun and good food!



### WE GIVE THANKS FOR:

for the bishops and pastors who guide us through our journeys of faith; for school teachers, administrators, bus drivers, coaches, nurses, aides, and others who are involved in the lives of our children. We ask for your care and guidance in the year ahead as they nurture our children; for new life in our congregation with the birth of Bowen Miekstyn; for all those who helped to make our Vacation Bible School a "stellar" success. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Mike Wheeler, Pam Van Mooy, 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:** Keven Bickle, Colton, Shirley Hollowell, Dolores Bucher, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

# **St Luke's Lutheran Church**

## Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 20, 2023

### **Opening**

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at 11:35am.

### **Attendance**

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

Absent – Pastor Rob

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

- June & July 2023 minutes accepted – Motion by Janet, 2nd by Tracey. All approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Meeting with Sherry Krieger – checked with St John's and Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7:00 at St Luke's will work for both councils.

### **Statistical Report**

- Went over the member count & attendance.

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

- Issues
  - Trash & Recycling – trash & recycling gets built up under the table in the kitchen. We need to find someone to help take care of getting trash out to our garbage bin and recycling to a recycling facility.
  - Church Directory – Janet & Pam put this together for the 126th anniversary – a booklet of photos – very informal – combine with Rally Day on September 10th.
  - The church needs cleaned out, organized, and picked up. Some items need thrown out, stored off premises, or donated to others. The carpet will be scheduled to be shampooed in late September. Items that are not needed and used anymore need to be removed from the building before the shampooing of the carpet. JoLynn will discuss this with Beth.

### **Good News Amen Report**

- Tracey spoke about the weekly Bible lessons she would like to begin in late September or October which includes a groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus. Location to yet be determined.
- Eloise asked Tracey to think about a women's Bible study to be evolved around recipes.

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

- Clay submitted his June & July report.
- Clay's July report showed \$8,682.26 in the black.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Bryant, 2nd by Tracey. All approved.

## **Property Committee Report**

- Bryant asked if anyone would be opposed to converting our lights to LED starting in Luther Hall. Bryant will start looking into this and get some prices.
- Bryant will also look into smoke detectors being added inside our building.

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

- Bible School – thank you to all the volunteers and to Kelley's for pizza night given in honor of the Klingensmith sisters. Average attendance was 50 this year.

## **Mutual Ministry Team**

- Nothing to Report

## **Unfinished Business**

- New Sliding Doors
  - Clay discussed how our new sliding doors would operate, locking/unlocking, set on automatic, being locked in, etc.
  - We will go with Toledo Mirror & Glass - Automated Entrance Technology - approximately \$17,620 (Toledo, Ohio)
    - 3-Panel Telescoping Door
    - 67-1/2" opening
  - Estimates do not include getting power to the door.
  - There will be a display set up so the congregation can see what the doors would look like.
- Installing a Knox Box will be put on hold until after new doors would be installed. Bryant will see about smoke alarms to be installed soon.

## **New Business**

- Carpet cleaning will be scheduled in late September or October.

## **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned @ 1:10pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, September 17, 2023 @ 11:30am

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

**WELCA Fall Gathering  
of the Central Conference**  
**Rest and Renewal**



Saturday, October 7, 2023  
St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
215 N Second St  
North Baltimore, OH 45872-1105

Lunch cost: \$7.00  
St. John's Lutheran Church of McComb  
will be co-hosting.



Please call St. Luke's Church by Friday, September 29, to register  
419-257-3253 weekdays between 9 – 1  
(after hours please leave a message)

Registration with coffee begins at 9:00 a.m. Closing prayer and safe travels home at 1:00 p.m.

**SHERRI KRIEGER**, NWOS Director of Leadership Development for Congregational Care, will be our guest speaker.

Our offerings will be divided as follows:  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the Synod Women;  $\frac{1}{4}$  for the Conference Women; and  $\frac{1}{4}$  for First Step Center for Domestic Violence Services in Fostoria.

An in-kind offering of kitchen utensils (soup ladles, servings spoons, spatulas, etc.), cookie cutters, and coloring books and crayons will also be received for the First Step Center for Domestic Violence Services in Fostoria. Thank you.

Please join us for fellowship, food, and fun!

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*Note: Our spring gathering will be held at Trinity Lutheran in Findlay.*

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**NORTHWEST OHIO WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
Invite you to the  
**2023 Gathering**  
**Friday, October 27th–Saturday, October 28th**  
**Findlay Inn, Findlay, Ohio**



**Watch for information in your church newsletter and the  
"Sonlight".**

**Featured Speaker–Friday  
Dr. Lisa Chavers**

**"Hearing God's Rhythm and Answering the Call"**



**We will be putting together a prayer book.  
Please send your favorite prayer or write  
a prayer to be included.**

*Please include credit if taken from another author/book.*

**Send to: Sonlight Editor, Elaine Conley  
canread78@yahoo.com**

**We will be collecting new underwear for men, women  
and children in all sizes. These will be given to the  
Orphan Grain Train–headquartered for NWO in Napoleon,  
Ohio**



**Guest Speaker on Saturday–Nancy Helmke with  
Ohio Grain Train**

**Silent Auction**

**There will be a silent auction of gift baskets, and other items  
donated.**

**If you wish to donate, just bring to the Gathering.  
Proceeds will help send our delegates to the 13th Triennial  
Convention**

Contact St. Luke's Church office for a registration form.



## ❖ Worship Ministries ❖

### **SUNDAY, September 3**

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

### **SUNDAY, September 10**

*Rally Day/Picnic*

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

### **SUNDAY, September 17**

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

### **SUNDAY, September 24**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Tracey Pritts*  
Acolyte: *Avery Wymer*  
Ushers: *Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, October 1**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*  
Acolyte: *Easton Wymer*  
Ushers: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **SUNDAY, October 8**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Pam Van Mooy*  
Acolyte: *Olivia Matthes*  
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Zach Stewart*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **Altar Guild**

September - *Nancy Wymer, Arica Matthes*  
October - *JoLynn Stewart, Jill Guy*

## ❖ Worship Gifts ❖

### **Altar Flowers**

September 3 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
September 10 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
September 17 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
September 24 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
October 1 - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
October 8 - [\*available for signup\*](#)

### **Altar Candles**

September - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
October - *Ruth McKee*

### **Sunday Bulletins**

September - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
October - *Nancy & Jim Wymer*

### **Newsletter**

September - [\*available for signup\*](#)  
October - *Nancy & Jim Wymer*






# September 2023



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>On Sept. 10 the ELCA will celebrate the 10th anniversary of <a href="#">"God's work. Our hands." Sunday</a>, an annual day of service in which congregations come together to lend a hand, help build a future and repair their communities.</p> <p><a href="https://www.livinglutheran.org/2023/08/ten-on-the-tenth/">https://www.livinglutheran.org/2023/08/ten-on-the-tenth/</a></p>					1	2
Pentecost 14 <b>3</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Pentecost 15 <b>10</b> <b>RALLY DAY</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	<b>11</b> Staff Meeting 9:30	<b>12</b> NBACM Noon @ IHOP	<b>13</b> Joint Church Councils meeting with Sherri Krieger 7:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Pentecost 16 <b>17</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b> Church Council 11:30	<b>18</b> Staff Meeting 9:30	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Women of the ELCA</b> <b>Conference</b>	<b>22</b> <b>in</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Phoenix</b>
Pentecost 17 <b>24</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	<b>25</b> Staff Meeting 9:30	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**October is Reformation and Pastor Appreciation Month!**