

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter



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

October 2024

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

Church Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9-1

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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/>



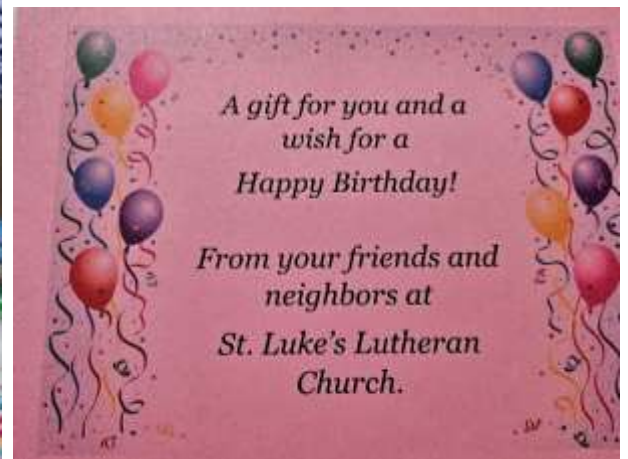
**Northwestern
Ohio Synod**

<https://nwos-elca.church/>

**Our Vision is to know Christ
and make Christ known.**

Happy Birthday!

The Birthday Bag Project, which began in May, can be called a success. Our goal was to make between 20-25 bags and we had enough to complete 30. All extra items will be given to the Food Pantry. An assembly line was in place and after church, members got in line and collected the items for the bags. A big Thank You to everyone who donated items and helped to assemble the bags. The assembly took 10 minutes!



See page 3 for poinsettia order form

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty



OCTOBER requested donations include bar or liquid soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste.

NOVEMBER requested donations include laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper.

Served the third quarter of 2024:

Jul: 15 families/30 people

Aug: 14 families/29 people

Sep: 16 families/31 people

5K Fun Run & Walk

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Swan Creek Metropark
4659 Airport Hwy, Toledo

Youth groups, families, congregations
and friends are welcome to join the
fun on a fully accessible, paved path!

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 9TH

https://bit.ly/WorldHunger_5K

10:00 AM Fun Walk Start

10:15 AM Fun Run Start

10:30 AM Timed Run Start

11:00 AM Celebration

Lunch and worship to follow
at Epiphany Lutheran Church

Join in the celebration of the 50-year anniversary of ELCA World Hunger!!

CHRISTMAS BOX DONATIONS

Our local food pantry is planning for the holiday season again this year with Christmas dinner boxes. They are requesting of St. Luke's Church 20 cans of sweet potatoes/yams AND 20 cans for cranberry sauce. Please bring your donations to the church and place them on the shelf above the coat rack nearest the monthly food pantry table. Please have your donations to the church by November 3. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with our neighbors.



Reformation Facts



Here are a few facts you may not know about the Reformation.

The word "Protestant" was first used formally around 1529. "Protestant" originates from the Latin word protestari, meaning "declare publicly, testify, protest."

The name "Lutheran" originated as a derogatory term used against Martin Luther by German scholastic theologian Johann Maier von Eck during the Leipzig Debate in 1519.

The Reformation created a demand for all kinds of religious writings. Readership was so great that the number of books printed in Germany increased from about 150 in 1518 to nearly 1,000 six years later.

An estimated 6,001,500,000 Bibles have been printed since the first one came off the press in the Middle Ages. The first Bible published in North America was printed in 1663.

Looking ahead

October 27 – Reformation Sunday

November 3 – All Saints' Sunday

November 10 – Fundraising Dinner

November 17 Annual Congregational

Meeting

November 24 – Christ the King Sunday

December 1 – advent begins

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day

October is

clergy
appreciation
month

Please take a moment to show appreciation for our worship leadership.

Dear friends,

At any given moment Lutheran Disaster Response is actively working in response to disasters and conflicts around the world — whether they occurred last month or years ago. In this edition of [“Thrive: Your Impact on Lutheran Disaster Response”](#) you can see snapshots of this ongoing work over the past year and learn about the hope, healing and renewal made possible by your gifts.

This vital ministry of the ELCA allows you to reach out to people during what might be the hardest moment of their life. I invite you to read the stories in “Thrive” and feel inspired by the relationships and connections across the globe that make this work possible. Whether you’re offering a safe and caring community for people with disabilities in the West Bank or supporting volunteers for wildfire relief through Maui’s only ELCA congregation, God is at work in the world through your support.

Thank you for your partnership in accompanying people impacted by disasters, whether it’s families in need of immediate relief or a community in need of long-term rebuilding. To help continue this crucial work, please consider [renewing your support for Lutheran Disaster Response](#). Your commitment truly makes a difference in the lives of others.

With gratitude,



The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA Service and Justice Giving
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response



Christmas Poinsettias

Yes – it is time to be thinking about Sanctuary decorations for Christmas. Hoens Garden Center in Holland, Ohio, will provide for our poinsettia needs. They will need to have our order by October 6, so please use the form below and place your order NOW. The cost this year is \$15.00 per 6-inch plant. Thank you!

Your Name

Designation for the church bulletin



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Opening

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 11:30am.

Attendance

Present – JoLynn Stewart, Matt Matthes, Suzanne Bucher, Janet Goldner, Bryant Matthes

Absent – Clay McCartney, Tracey Pritts

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

- August 2024 minutes accepted – Motion by Bryant, 2nd by Matt. All approved.

Pastor's Report

- Nothing to Report

Statistical Report

- Went over the member count & attendance.

President/Vice-President's Report

- Nothing to Report

Good News Amen Report

- Nothing to Report

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report

- Clay submitted his August report showing \$12,777.69 in the black.
- Janet did not submit her report.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Bryant, 2nd by JoLynn. All approved.

Property Committee Report

- Janet advised the roof is leaking over the first door of the choir loft again. Bryant will get a hold of Joe Busch.

Other Committees/Announcements

- Nothing to Report

Mutual Ministry/Transition Team/Call Committee Team

- Pam Van Mooy joined us today for an update on the most recent Call Committee meeting.
- Pam reported that the ministry site profile has now been uploaded 6 months, and usually after 6 months it's time to advertise for a pastor. There was a suggestion to wait another 6 months to see if we have any additional interests before taking the next step of advertising. Motion by Matt to wait 6 months, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.

Unfinished Business

- Bryant tried to install the new smoke detectors and realized they weren't the “stick-on” kind, so he will have to get a drill and try again soon.
- Everything is a go with the work to be done for the WCCA senior meals that will begin later this year.
- Carpet cleaning is on hold until after the work is done for the WCCA senior meals.
- Housekeeping is going great with Dana and her husband cleaning.
- Parking Lot – many pot holes at the West entrance/exit. Bryant will check with Josh Long at the Village about the curb.

New Business

- 2025 Church Budget is in progress.
- Fundraising Dinner – November 10, 2024
- Annual Congregational Meeting – November 17, 2024
 - JoLynn Stewart, Janet Goldner, Tracey Pritts & Bryant Matthes will be completing their 2-year terms and are up for reelection.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned @ 12:31pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ 11:30am.

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

WELCA Fall Gathering Saturday, October 12, 2024

9:00AM — 1:00PM

St. Paul Lutheran in Jenera

Registration and Coffee: 9:00AM — 9:30AM

Devotion — Prayers — Communion — 9:45AM

Devotion by Christine Kemerley — Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind and forgiving”

Program — 10:15AM —

**Information on “Bees” by Ken and Jessica Depuy
Cotton Candy ~ Bee Products ~ Maple Syrup can be purchased**

Free Lunch — NOON

Closing Hymn and Dismissal — 1:00PM

**Offering — ½ to Synodical Treasurer, ¼ to Conference Treasurer, and
¼ to the Good Hope Church Food Pantry**

**In-Kind Offering for Good Hope Food Pantry —
Mac and Cheese, Cereal, Laundry Soap, Laundry Softeners,
Body Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste**

**Registration: \$4.00 — Registration Deadline — Saturday, October 5th
To Register, please call St. Paul Lutheran Church — 419-326-3535**

Join us for FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP !!!

Spring Gathering will be at Good Hope Lutheran Church, Arlington

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



WE GIVE THANKS FOR: for fall and the changing and beauty of creations colors; for the farmers, the orchard growers, the vineyard growers, and all those who grow and raise the food that we eat; for the freedom to gather, the freedom to pray, and the freedom to worship; for the freedom to celebrate Rally Day today and for all of the celebrations that take place in this church; and for the gift of work and the gifts God has given each of us to contribute to God's world.

MEMBERS: Bryant Matthes, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Riley Guy, Kelli Sterling, Mr. Doherty (father of Caroline Lieser), Kristen, Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, 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.

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.

On this Reformation Sunday, we pray for harmony across denominations, knowing that unity is central to your being. We pray for our Roman Catholic siblings in Christ, alongside other ecclesial traditions, confessing that in many cases, it is mainly culture, political polarization, and familial customs that separate us more than differences in doctrine, practice, or the source of our common faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

❖ Worship Ministries ❖

SUNDAY, October 6 World Communion Sunday

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Pam Van Mooy
Ushers: JoLynn & Don Stewart
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, October 13

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Dwight Patterson
Ushers: Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, October 20

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: JoLynn Stewart
Ushers: Nancy & Jim Wymer
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, October 27 Reformation Sunday

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

SUNDAY, November 3 All Saints' Sunday

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

SUNDAY, November 10 Fundraising Dinner

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Tracey Pritts
Ushers: Jill Guy, Zach Stewart
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, November 17 Annual Congregational Meeting

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Karen Krauss
Ushers: JoLynn & Don Stewart
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, November 24 Christ the King Sunday

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Pam Van Mooy
Ushers: Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes
Videographer: Beth Williams

Altar Guild

October - JoLynn Stewart, Jill Guy
November - JoLynn Stewart, Jill Guy

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

October 6 - [available for signup](#)
October 13 - Nancy & Jim Wymer
October 20 - Ruth & Dwight Patterson
October 27 - Peg & Bill Roberts
November 3 - Arica & Matt Matthes
November 10 - [available for signup](#)
November 17 - [available for signup](#)
November 24 - [available for signup](#)

Altar Candles

October - Ruth McKee
November - Pat & Mike Wheeler

Sunday Bulletins

October - Nancy & Jim Wymer
November - Laura & Tony Damon

Newsletter

October - Nancy & Jim Wymer
November - Laura & Tony Damon





October 2024



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Staff Meeting 10:00	2	3	4	5
<i>Pentecost 20</i> 6 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15 World Communion Sunday	7	8 Staff Meeting 10:00	9	10	11 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	12 Central Conference Women's Gathering 9:00 Jenera
<i>Pentecost 21</i> 13 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15 Church Council 11:30	14	15 Staff Meeting 10:00 World Food Day	16	17	18	19 5K Fun Run & Walk for World Hunger 10:00 Toledo
<i>Pentecost 22</i> 20 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15	21	22 Staff Meeting 10:00	23 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS NOON - 4:00	24	25	26
<i>Reformation</i> 27 REFORMATION SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15	28 Newsletter  Deadline	29 Staff Meeting 10:00	30	31 	CLOCKS FALL BACK NOVEMBER 3.	