

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
215 North Second Street
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November 2024

Sunday Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.

In-person and Facebook Live

Church Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9-1

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



**St. Luke's Lutheran
Church
Annual Fundraising
Dinner**

**Sunday,
November 10 , 2024
@ 11:30 a.m.**

**Plan now to join us for
good food and
fellowship.**

**Annual Congregational Meeting,
Sunday, November 17 following worship.**

On the agenda:

1. Election of 4 Council members for 2-year terms. Those completing their terms are: JoLynn Stewart, President; Janet Goldner, Financial Secretary; Tracey Pritts, Good News†Amen Chairperson. Bryant Matthes; Property Manager.
2. Presentation of the 2025 budget



Quilts for



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

A note from our sister church, St. John's.....
We are thrilled to share the news that LWR Quilt and Kit of Care Ministry is expanding from just overseas to now reach out to our neighbors in need in the United States. On Saturday, October 12, we took 7 boxes containing 31 quilts to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pemberville to be shipped to LWR. Quilts were also taken to Hope House, CHOPIN Hall, and the City Mission all in Findlay. My grateful thanks to those who support this ministry by giving fabrics, money to help purchase addition supplies, and taking time to help make the quilts. – Sharon Kreh, St. John's Church

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

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

DECEMBER requested donations include peanut butter, jams and jellies



Preparing for Advent



The Alter Guild will be preparing the church for Advent and Christmas on Sunday, December 3, following worship. All are invited to stay and offer a hand or two as we prepare for this season of love, joy, hope, and peace.

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**

November 17 is Thankoffering Sunday



Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our

celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Giving Thankofferings is grounded in scripture and in our constitution. "All income, whether received by the unit, cluster or conference, synodical or churchwide organizations, shall be viewed as being given to the total program of Women of the ELCA.

Go to Women of the ELCA to find out more. Envelopes will be available in the pews or send your check made payable to the church and marked Thankoffering.



St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 27, 2024

Opening

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 11:22am.

Attendance

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

Absent – None

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

- September 2024 minutes accepted – Motion by Bryant, 2nd by Janet. 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 September report showing \$16,347.37 in the black.
- Janet did not submit her report.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Matt, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.

Property Committee Report

- Our dumpster that we now have will need to set on a concrete or blacktop pad since it will be used for licensed food. Plus, it is now somewhat in the mud, so this will need addressed. Bryant will check out how the Village's dumpster is set up and get ours taken care of in the near future.

Other Committees/Announcements

- Nothing to Report

Mutual Ministry/Transition Team/Call Committee Team

- Nothing to Report

Unfinished Business

- Fundraising Dinner - Sunday, November 10th
 - Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert
 - It was decided the main purpose of this year's fundraising dinner is to redo St Luke's parking lot.
- Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 17th
 - JoLynn, Janet, Bryant & Tracey are up for reelection. JoLynn, Janet & Tracey do not want to continue their council position.
 - Clay mentioned that due to the size of our congregation at this point we may not need 7 members on council now.
- 2025 Church Budget
 - Clay handed out and went over details of the proposed budget for 2025 for us to review.
 - The proposed budget showed what we would need for a full-time pastor versus a part-time (60%) pastor.
 - Clay's proposal to Council is the \$120,000 budget for the part-time pastor (60%), but to note that when the time comes and a permanent pastor does get hired, then there will need to be a congregational meeting to set the actual budget based upon the hiring of a new pastor.
 - Motion by Matt Matthes to accept the proposed 2025 budget, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.
- Wood County Committee on Aging meals should begin as soon as the final inspection is completed which should be real soon.

New Business

- No New Business

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned @ 12:00pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, November 17, 2024 @ 11:30am.

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher



LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



WE GIVE THANKS FOR: for the church always reforming; for all those who have assisted with our worship services, especially the pastors, SAMs, lay leaders, readers and prayers, organist and the choir; for the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response program and all those you serve and support the work that they do; and for the Reformed Church always reforming. Thanks be to God.

MEMBERS: JoLynn Stewart, 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 (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.

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.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, and the love we have for one another, our family and friends. In your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year. This we ask in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Brother. Amen

❖ Worship Ministries ❖

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*

SUNDAY, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tiffany Mika*
Acolyte: Ushers: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Dwight Patterson*
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Zach Stewart*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

Altar Guild

November - *JoLynn Stewart, Jill Guy*
December - *Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler*

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

November 3 - *Arica & Matt Matthes*
November 10 - [*available for signup*](#)
November 17 - [*available for signup*](#)
November 24 - *Bob Kelley*
December 1 - [*available for signup*](#)
December 8 - [*available for signup*](#)
December 15 - [*available for signup*](#)

Altar Candles

November - *Pat & Mike Wheeler*
December - *Carol Williams*

Sunday Bulletins

November - *Laura & Tony Damon*
December - *Laura & Tony Damon*

Newsletter

November - *Laura & Tony Damon*
December - *Laura & Tony Damon*



LET OUR LIVES BE FULL
OF BOTH
Thanks
&
Giving



November 2024



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Honoring our Veterans Thank you for your courage, dedication, and hard work. Thank you to the military families for their support, resilience, and sacrifice.					1	2
<i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 3 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15	4	5 Staff Meeting 10:00	6	7	8	9
<i>Pentecost 25</i> 10 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15 Fund Raising Dinner 11:30	 Staff Meeting 10:00		13	14	15	16
<i>Pentecost 26</i> 17 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15 Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30	 Newsletter Deadline Staff Meeting 10:00		20	21	22	23
<i>Christ the King</i> 24 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15	25	26 Staff Meeting 10:00	27	 Office Closed		30

November 2024

Year of Rest Calendar

	Mental	Sensory	Emotional	Social	Creative	Physical	Spiritual
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Do something playful.	2 Offer a prayer of gratitude today.
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. - Psalm 136:1						8 Exercise with someone else.	9 Donate your time or money to something you believe in.
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. - Proverbs 27:17	3 Set everything aside and play a game with someone.	4 Eat something that reminds you of someone who loves you.	5 Silence your devices for one hour. Breathe.	6 Have a conversation with someone you don't agree with. Focus on listening.	7 Write a thoughtful note that affirms someone's gifts.		
And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Heb. 10:24-25	10 Call to mind a compliment that affirmed your giftedness.	11 Listen to music that uplifts your spirit.	12 Seek advice from a trusted mentor.	13 Let someone teach you a new game.	14 Share a joke with someone. Ask the other if they have a joke for you.	15 Do something good for someone else that requires you to move your body.	16 Read a verse or story from the bible that strengthens your faith.
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10	17 Practice one of your gifts. (ex. music, running, gaming, art)	18 Bake something for someone else.	19 Call or write someone who lives far away.	20 Connect with someone who brings out the best in you.	21 Use one of your gifts to do something kind for another.	22 Play with your pet(s) or pets in your community.	23 Notice and give thanks for the change of seasons.
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Col. 3:17	24 Recount what you are thankful for this month.	25 Get your hands dirty doing something good.	26 Breathe deeply for 5 minutes.	27 Do something joyful with someone older/ younger than you.	28 Cook something that you will share with others.	29 Take a walk. Give thanks for God's abundance.	30 Give to those in need.