

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
215 North Second Street
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December 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.**



In her Christmas message, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton calls our attention to the word “joy” in the angel’s proclamation to the shepherds. “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11). Bishop Eaton reminds us that the message of Christmas is joy, not happiness. Happiness is transient and humanmade. But joy given by God is deep and strong and unshakable. “Joy is a sign of the reign of God...Perhaps that is why in the middle of the night, to terrified shepherds, outside of a small town, God chose to send the angels to announce the birth of Jesus. No distraction. No interference. Just the simple, deep, profound gift of true and lasting joy.”

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.5 million members in more than 9,100 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty



DECEMBER requested donations include peanut butter, jams, and jellies

JANUARY requested donations include canned fruits, vegies, and

soups.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Your Church Council members will be installed on Sunday, January 12, during worship. They are Pam Van Mooy, Suzanne Bucher, Carl Lieser, Clay McCartney, Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes, and Tracey Pritts. Please pray for God's guidance for these members as they lead our congregation into the future.



to Karen Krauss and the Altar Guild for the lovely and festive decorations in the Sanctuary and around the church for fall and Advent and Christmas.

Christmas at Briar Hill

JOB WELL DONE! to those who put together the 15+ Christmas Bags for the residents at Briar Hill Health Campus. Your generosity will brighten their Christmas and is greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas!

JOB WELL DONE! to those who donated the more than 20 cans of sweet potatoes/yams and cranberry sauce. These items will be added to the other items donated by area churches for the holiday boxes for 20 families in need in our community. What a blessing you are!



The Finance committee is looking for two volunteers to help with the Church audit in the first part of January. No experience is necessary. Interested folks can call or text Clay McCartney at 419-306-5681.

Written reports to be included in the annual reports for 2024 are due in the church office no later than **January 15, 2023**. Electronic



form is preferred, but not as important as getting the report in. Thank you.

Bulletins, Candles, and Newsletters

Thank you to all who helped to support the work of the church through gifts to our Special Fund. The sign-up sheets for your continued financial support of this Fund for 2025 are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Also, the opportunity to sign up to provide flowers to the glory of God for our worship services. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Dear St. Luke's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for the birthday bags filled with much needed supplies for our birthday parties. We had 5 birthday celebrations in November. Thanks again, with deep-down appreciation and heartfelt gratitude. Sometimes micacles are just good people with kind hearts, With love, Sherry Phillips.





COOKIES & COCOA

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Indulge in the warmth and sweetness of the season at our Cookie and Cocoa Party! Join us for an afternoon of festive treats, delightful cookies, and the joy of shared moments with friends.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

North Baltimore Area Senior Center @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church

215 N. 2nd Street, North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

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WOOD COUNTY
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LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



WE GIVE THANKS FOR: the blessings of family gatherings: for the faithful and generous contributions of members to the ministry of this congregation: for the members of our Church Council: and for all the saints. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Becky Bean, JoLynn Stewart, 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: Eli Swartz, Riley Guy, Kelli Sterling, Mr. Doherty, Kristen, Jennifer Dochod, 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.



❖ Worship Ministries ❖

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*

TUESDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
• Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Carl Lieser*
Ushers: *JoLynn & Don Stewart*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, December 29 1st Sunday of Christmas

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tracey Pritts*
Ushers: *Bryant Matthew, Matt Matthes*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, January 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*
Ushers: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, January 12 Epiphany/The Baptism of our Lord

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



Altar Guild

December - *Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler*
January - *Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler*

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

December 1 - [*available for signup*](#)
December 8 - [*available for signup*](#)
December 15 - [*available for signup*](#)
December 22 - *Peg & Bill Roberts*
December 29 - [*available for signup*](#)
January 5 - *Tiffany & Tom Mika*
January 12 - [*available for signup*](#)

Altar Candles

December - *Carol Williams*
January - *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*

Sunday Bulletins

December - *Laura & Tony Damon*
January - *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*

Newsletter

December - *Laura & Tony Damon*
January - *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*



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SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent 1 1 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15	2	3 Staff Meeting 10:00	4	5	6	7
Advent 2 8 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15	9	10 Staff Meeting 10:00	11	12	13	14
Advent 3 15 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15 Church Council 11:30	16	17 Staff Meeting 10:00 ----- Open House 12:30-2:00	18	19	 Newsletter Deadline	21
Advent 4 22 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15	23	24 Staff Meeting 10:00 ----- Christmas Eve Worship 9:30 pm	25 	26	27	28
Christmas 1 29 Worship 10:15	30	31 Staff Meeting 10:00	<p><i>Blessings for a Happy New Year!</i></p> <p>Rejoice evermore! Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.</p>			

