

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter

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

March 2024

Godspeed and Safe Travels

Olivia Matthes, daughter of Arica & Matt Matthes, will be departing at the end of February and returning home in June of this year, 2024. She will be taking classes that correlate with her major of exercise science (the study of human movement to maintain or improve physical fitness) and cultural classes at Paris Lodron University of Salzburg in Austria. She plans to visit many new and exciting places, but especially places that relate to her heritage and the Lutheran Church's history. She plans to stay in touch with the church while away and can't wait to share her stories and experiences upon return. She wants to thank everybody for their prayers and well wishes as she embarks on this journey.



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

Church Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9-1

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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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**Northwestern
Ohio Synod**

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

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



The Good News + Amen Team has accepted the opportunity to reach out and share the love of Jesus through the Kairos Prison Ministry. You are invited to join us to bake cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry at the Allen/Oakwood Correctional Institution in Lima, Ohio. We will gather on Saturday, March 16, at 10 a.m.

to bake and package cookies. We will purchase the ingredients and the packaging supplies. If you are unable to come and help bake, financial donations are welcome. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and service on March 16.

Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays
St. Luke's Lutheran Church

North Baltimore

Encountering
God

February 21 - March 20, 2024

6:00 p.m. - soup and sandwich supper

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

(in person only)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty



MARCH requested donations include hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste.

APRIL requested donations include laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper.

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

Easter flowers –

The greenhouse that handled the Christmas poinsettias last year will not be offering spring flowers for Easter. We have been able to order 20 Easter Lilies from Hoen's Garden Center in Holland. The cost is \$13.00 if you would like to purchase one. Please drop your check in the offering plate with a note for your bulletin designation. Or you may send it in the mail. Thank you.



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Holy Week Schedule



Join with your church family as we continue the journey we began on Ash Wednesday.

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 we will prepare for the holiest of weeks. As we journey on with praise as Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem, we remember, with sadness, the suffering and death of Jesus, but with hope in our hearts.

8:00 a.m. in person @ St. John's, McComb
10:15 a.m. in person and on Facebook @ St. Luke's, North Baltimore

Maundy Thursday, March 28, – on this night we begin the solemn journey of the 3 days that changed the world and our own lives.

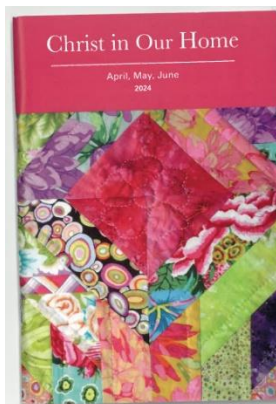
7:00 p.m. @ St. Luke's, North Baltimore – St. John's will be joining us.

Good Friday – there will be NO Worship Services

Easter Sunday, March 31, – on this day we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and the enduring hope of life forever!

8:00 a.m. Worship @ St. John's McComb
9:00 a.m. **Breakfast @ St. John's**
9:00 a.m. **Breakfast @ St. Luke's**
10:15 a.m. Worship @ St. Luke's, North Baltimore

Christ in Our Home



The April – June issue of the *Christ in Our Home* devotional is here and can be found on the information table at the church. Pick up a copy when you are in the church or call the church office and Dana will send one to you. Blessings.





The Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly is Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9am-6pm, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. St. Luke's Church member allows us 2 lay voting members and 1 youth or young adult voting member. Registration has begun. The cost is \$100.00 until April 30 and \$200.00 from May 1–May 31. If you are interested in attending but might need some financial assistance, please call the church office. For

more information go to <https://nwosassembly.org/>

The **Spring Gathering** of the Central Conference Lutheran Women will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Findlay. The theme is “Everyday Should be Earth Day.” Jane McCleary will be our guest speaker. In-kind donations for non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry will be received. Mark your calendar NOW.



St Luke's Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 11, 2024

Opening

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 11:34am.

Attendance

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

Absent – Bryant Matthes

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

- January 2023 minutes accepted – Motion by Clay, 2nd by Matt. All approved.

Pastor's Report

- Nothing to Report

Statistical Report

- Went over the member count & attendance.

President/Vice-President's Report

- Met with Wood County Committee on Aging and they looked over the building, took some pictures, and will get back to us.
- It was suggested to hire Pastor Elizabeth as an interim pastor. Pastor Elizabeth is trying to get a hold of the Synod and they are not returning calls.

Good News Amen Report

- We will be baking cookies in March.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report

- Clay submitted his January report showing \$3, 921.32 in the red.
- Janet submitted her report.
- Clay & Janet's reports were accepted - Motion by Matt, 2nd by Suzanne. All approved.

Property Committee Report

- Boiler was inspected and passed inspection.

Other Committees/Announcements

- Nothing to Report

Mutual Ministry/Transition Team/Call Committee Team

- Pam and the Call Committee Team are trying to meet with Deacon Sherry of the Synod this Thursday, but is having difficulty with anyone from the Synod responding.

Unfinished Business

- The electric has been installed for the new front door. The door has come in, and Clay is working on the next steps.
- Lock Box – on hold.
- Rick Van Mooy completed a survey of interest for the touchless water system and submitted it to the Wood County Health Dept.
- The heating filters have been changed.
- We will check out the eaves spouting to see if they need cleaned – we may have covers over them.
- Dana would like council members to submit their biographies soon.
- Janet has an EMT lined up to come to St Luke's for ADT training.
- Bryant is working on getting smoke detectors.

New Business

- Janet needs suggestions on what to do for Maundy Thursday (March 28) and Good Friday (March 29). It was decided to choose one or the other for a service (probably Maundy Thursday).
- Cease scheduling of Acolytes – fine with council.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

March '24

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
Matthew 11:29

"Be still and know that I am God."
Psalm 46:10a

"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress. I will never be shaken."
Psalm 62:1-2

"Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy."
Psalm 130:1-2

"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him."
Habakkuk 2:20

"You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar."
Psalm 139:1-2

	Mental	Sensory	Emotional	Social	Creative	Spiritual	Physical
SUNDAY	3 Spend 5 minutes de-cluttering your home	4 Take a different route to work today	5 Write down 3 things you are good at	6 Pray for the people of peace in your life	7 Schedule "self-care time" for this upcoming week	8 Ask someone how you can pray for them	9 Add 1 new thing to your sleep routine for the next month
MONDAY	10 Stay off social media today	11 Open your blinds or go outside & spend 10 minutes in the sunlight	12 Take some time to be alone today	13 Schedule dinner or coffee with a friend	14 Take a walk on your lunch break or after work	15 Spend 1 minute looking at the clouds or the stars	16 Spend 3 minutes being still
TUESDAY	17 Write down 3 things you're grateful for	18 Find a flower and smell it	19 Go for a walk outside	20 Give someone a compliment	21 Unfollow social media accounts that you compare yourself to	22 Write down 3 places you saw God today	23 Spend 1 minute deep breathing
WEDNESDAY	24 Pray for 3 people in your life	25 Close your eyes, breathe deeply for 1 minute	26 Check in: How are you really feeling today?	27 Take 1 thing off your calendar	28 Find God in nature today	29 Ask a loved one about their faith journey	30 Spend 5 minutes stretching
THURSDAY	31 Spend 1 hour technology free						
FRIDAY							
SATURDAY							

NWOS 2024 The Year of Rest

So what does it mean for God's people to engage in rest?

Throughout 2024 we will explore this question, not just through sleep or vacation time, but through little moments each day that nourish and renew us.

Instead of our traditional daily Bible reading guide we invite you to engage in daily rest practices, using the seven types of active rest. By grounding these practices in a weekly Bible verse, we pray this guide will help you discover moments of rest and peace.

Time and time again God calls us into rest through scripture. We read stories of Jesus retreating into the hills, journeys being paused, and creation being celebrated with rest. How will YOU find rest?

<https://nwos-elca.church/year-of-rest/>

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



WE GIVE THANKS FOR: the opportunities to encounter God in our daily lives; for the season of Lent. A time of reflection and renewal; for our church family with whom we can travel the Journey through Lent; for the opportunities to participate in Bible studies and for those who create them for our use; for all those who participate in our worship by reading scriptures, leading the prayers, serving as Acolytes, and serving as ushers. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Pat Wheeler, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Cali, Howard Till, Emelyn, Isabella, Keven Bickle, Shirley Hollowell, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

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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.

New Member received – at its meeting last November, the Church Council voted to receive Tiffany Mika into membership in St. Luke's Church. Tiffany is the daughter of Dwight and the late Martha Patterson and lives in Rural North Baltimore with her husband, Tom.

❖ Worship Ministries ❖

SUNDAY, March 3 3rd Sunday in Lent

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Worship Leader: *Pastor Elizabeth Hadler*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tracey Pritts*
Ushers: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, March 10 4th Sunday in Lent

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Worship Leader: *Pastor Elizabeth Hadler*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Zach Stewart*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, March 17 5th Sunday in Lent

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Worship Leader: *SAM Bob Fett*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Pam Van Mooy*
Ushers: *JoLynn & Don Stewart*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Worship Leader: *Pastor Elizabeth Hadler*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tiffany Mika*
Ushers: *Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Worship Leader: *SAM Bob Fett*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Dwight Patterson*
Ushers: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

SUNDAY, March 31 Easter Sunday

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

SUNDAY, April 7

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

SUNDAY, April 14

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

Altar Guild

March - *Karen Krauss, Lorraine Ferguson*
April - *Karen Krauss, Lorraine Ferguson*

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

March 3 - *Jen Carter*
March 10 - [available for signup](#)
March 17 - [available for signup](#)
March 24 - [available for signup](#)
March 31 - [available for signup](#)
April 7 - [available for signup](#)
April 14 - *Bertha Carter*

Altar Candles

March - *Tracey & Steve Pritts*
April - *Ruth McKee*

Sunday Bulletins

March - *Tracey & Steve Pritts*
April - [available for signup](#)

Newsletter

March - *Tracey & Steve Pritts*
April - [available for signup](#)





March 2024



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Lent 3 3 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship 10:15	4	5 Staff Meeting 10:00	6	7	8	9 Spring clocks ahead before you go to bed
Lent 4 10 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship 10:15	11	12 Staff Meeting 10:00	13	14	15	16 Kairos Cookie Baking 10 a.m.
Lent 5 17 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship 10:15 Church Council 11:30	18 	19 Staff Meeting 10:00 	20	21	22	23
Palm Sunday 24 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship 10:15	25 April Newsletter Deadline	26 Staff Meeting 10:00	27	28 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 p.m.	29 Good Friday (NO worship)	30
Easter Sunday 31 Breakfast 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship 10:15						Vacation Bible School July 21-25, 2024 Mark your calendar and come dive deeper into the Word of God and experience the ever-flowing never-ending love of God.