

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter

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

April 2024

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.

**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.**

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 
Central Conference

Spring Gathering 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church
935 West Bigelow Ave
Findlay OH 45840-2815
419-422-2641

A free-will offering will be received to be divided between the Synod Women, the Central Conference Women, and the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership.



Congregational Meeting Called

The Church Council has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, April 14, following worship.

The Wood County Committee on Aging (WCCA) would like to use our building for senior luncheons in the near future (Monday thru Friday, 10-2, except holidays and funerals), however some things would need to be changed/done before this can begin, which would be paid for by WCCA.

- St. Luke's would receive \$500/per month from WCCA for using our church.
- WCCA would need to install/provide the following: 3-compartment sink, grease trap, freezer, refrigerator and steam table.
- There will need to be a Health Department inspection.

Tables Available

The Church Council is offering the brown 8' tables for members of the congregation. If you are interested in them, please contact Bryant Matthes at 419-601-4350. Donations are welcome.

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

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



MAY requested donations include peanut butter, jellies, and jams.

Served the first quarter of 2024:

Jan: 15 families/39 people

Feb: 16 families/38 people

Mar: 16 families/34 people

Without your help some members of our community will go without. Please Help.



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/>



Graduation Day is coming (May 19) and we want to recognize our graduates on **May 12**. Please give the church office names of family members who **are graduating or have graduated from high school and institutions of higher learning** (since last May). Please submit information right away. Thank you.



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 8**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands."

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year we also celebrate 50 years of ELCA World Hunger. In commemoration of this milestone, consider including ministries focused on alleviating hunger and poverty in your plans for **"God's work. Our hands."** Or make it a season of service! Expand your volunteer opportunities, advocacy efforts or food drives until World Food Day on Oct. 16.

If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 8, you are encouraged to pick another date that fits your schedule. **ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day.** This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place.

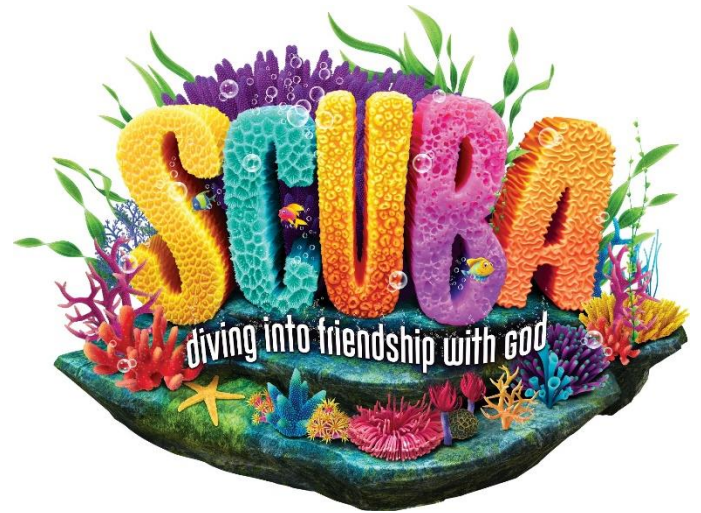
Be sure to save the date and check [ELCA.org/DayOfService](https://www.elca.org/DayOfService) for updated resources soon.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.



To All of You

Somehow, just saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. But we hope you know how much your kindness has meant to us. Thank you for the lovely meal and your kindness! The Family of Fred Husing



Vacation Bible School
July 21-25, 2024,
here at

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Keep watch for opportunities on how you can participate this summer. You can begin right now with prayers for those who are organizing the SCUBA Adventure, and prayerfully considering where you will fit in.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Opening

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 11:20am.

Attendance

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

Absent – None

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

- February 2024 minutes accepted – Motion by Tracey, 2nd by Clay. All approved.

Pastor's Report

- Nothing to Report

Statistical Report

- Went over the member count & attendance.

President/Vice-President's Report

- Hiring of Pastor Elizabeth as an interim pastor.
 - Another church in Findlay also wants Pastor Elizabeth for their interim pastor.
 - St. Luke's would like to offer her a package to persuade her to come to St. Luke's.
 - Elizabeth would work 20 hours per week.
 - Motion by Bryant for JoLynn to have the authority to offer Elizabeth a salary up to \$40,000 per year, 2nd by Matt. All approved.
 - JoLynn will meet with her again soon and make an offer.
- Paul from Wood County Committee on Aging (WCCA) did get back with JoLynn and they would like to use our building for senior luncheons in the near future (Monday thru Friday, 10-2, except holidays and funerals), however some things would need to be changed/done before this can begin, which would be paid for by WCCA.
 - St. Luke's would receive \$500/per month from WCCA for using our church.
 - WCCA would need to install/provide the following: 3-compartment sink, grease trap, freezer, refrigerator and steam table.
 - There will need to be a Health Department inspection.
 - JoLynn will call Paul and ask some additional questions the council had.
 - This will be voted on by our congregation on Sunday, April 14th, if the Wood County Committee on Aging can use our church weekdays 10-2.
- The pantry room needs cleaned out. Some things have not been used for years so we need to part with them. The choir room also needs cleaned out. It just needs done, plus we would need to make room for the WCCA to store some things. The old heavy brown long tables need to go. We will offer them to anyone in the congregation first, perhaps for a donation to our church in return.

Good News Amen Report

- The cookies were baked and great participation from both churches.

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report

- Clay submitted his January report showing \$1,170.49 in the black.
- Janet did not submit her report.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Tracey, 2nd by Matt. All approved.

Property Committee Report

- Continue with Carles' for mowing. They only mow and do not trim, spray round up or clean up leaves. Bryant said he/they will take care of the rest, but JoLynn advised Bryant to hire someone for the “extras” if necessary.

Other Committees/Announcements

- Nothing to Report

Mutual Ministry/Transition Team/Call Committee Team

- Approval of the Ministry Site Profile form created by the Call Committee Team.
 - Motion by Clay to accept the MSP form to submit to the Synod for final approval. 2nd by Bryant. All approved.

Unfinished Business

- Clay advised we are still in the process of getting some of the permits for the installation of our new front door.
- Lock Box – on hold.
- St. Luke's has been approved for the touchless water system, and no extra costs will be involved.
- 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.
- Matt & Bryant will be installing smoke detectors soon.

New Business

- There was a suggestion that Council Meetings be moved back to the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning in April. Motion by Clay, 2nd by Matt. All approved.
- 2024 Synod Assembly: June 1, 2024, at St. Mark's in Bowling Green. Janet has volunteered to attend so now we need to find a male and young adult to also attend.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned @ 12:30pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, April 14, 2024 @ 11:30am

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

April '24

"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

"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."
Psalms 33:3

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul."
Psalm 23:1-2.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10-12

"they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:29-31

Mental	Sensory	Emotional	Social	Creative	Spiritual	Physical
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Enjoy a favorite food	Write down a moment you tried something new	Pray for the people of peace in your life	Find local art in your community	Write a thank you note to someone	Spend 3 minutes being still	
8	9	10	11	12	13	
Close your eyes, breathe deeply for 1 minute	Take some time to be alone today	Give someone a compliment	Take a walk on your lunch break or after work	Ask someone how you can pray for them	Add 1 new thing to your sleep routine for the next month	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
Find a flower and smell it	Check in: How are you really feeling today?	Take 1 thing off your calendar	Schedule "self-care time" for this upcoming week	Spend 1 minute looking at the clouds or the stars	Unclench your jaw, release your shoulders, take a deep breath	
22	23	24	25	26	27	
Take a different route to work today	Go for a walk outside	Schedule dinner or coffee with a friend	Find God in nature today	Write down 3 places you saw God today	Spend 1 minute deep breathing	
29	30					
Open your blinds or go outside & spend 10 minutes in the sunlight	Write down 3 things you are good at					
28						
Pray for 3 people in your life						

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/>

❖ Worship Ministries ❖

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

SUNDAY, April 21

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

SUNDAY, April 28

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

SUNDAY, May 5

Organist: Janet Goldner
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: Pam Van Mooy
Ushers: Nancy & Jim Wymer
Videographer: Beth Williams

SUNDAY, May 12

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

Altar Guild

April - Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler
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❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

April 7 - [available for signup](#)
April 14 - Bertha Carter
April 21 - [available for signup](#)
April 28 - [available for signup](#)
May 5 - [available for signup](#)
May 12 - Bob Kelley

Altar Candles

April - Ruth McKee
May - Carol Williams

Sunday Bulletins

April - Laura & Tony Damon
May - Laura & Tony Damon

Newsletter

April - Laura & Tony Damon
May - Laura & Tony Damon



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

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**MEMBERS:** Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Pat Wheeler, 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:** Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Cali, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard

Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.



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

| SUNDAY                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                                   | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                 | Friday    | Saturday                                                |
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|                                                                                         | <b>1</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>2</b><br>Staff Meeting<br>10:00  | <b>3</b>                                                                                                             | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                                |
| <i>Easter 2</i> <b>7</b>                                                                | <b>8</b><br><br>Church Office<br>Closed | <b>9</b><br>Staff Meeting<br>10:00  | <b>10</b>                                                                                                            | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>                                               |
| <i>Easter 3</i> <b>14</b><br>Worship<br><b>10:15</b><br>Congregational Meeting<br>11:30 | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                | <b>16</b><br>Staff Meeting<br>10:00 | <b>17</b>                                                                                                            | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>Central Conference<br>Women's<br>Gathering |
| <i>Easter 4</i> <b>21</b><br>Worship<br><b>10:15</b>                                    | <b>22</b><br>                         | <b>23</b><br>Staff Meeting<br>10:00 | <b>24</b><br>Church Office Hours<br>8-10 and 1-3                                                                     | <b>25</b><br><br>Newsletter Deadline | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>                                               |
| <i>Easter 5</i> <b>28</b><br>Worship<br><b>10:15</b>                                    | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                | <b>30</b><br>Staff Meeting<br>10:00 | <b>Coming in May:</b><br>Mothers' Day – May 12<br>Pentecost – May 19<br>Graduation Day – May 19<br>Memorial Day - 27 |                                                                                                                          |           |                                                         |