

May 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.

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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.

## Congratulations Graduates

**Jordan Bucher** will graduate on May 4 from Lourdes University in Sylvania with a BSN in Science & Nursing, and an RN upon passing the NCLEX. She plans to serve in an ICU and eventually serve with life flight. Jordan is the daughter of Suzanne & Bill Bucher.

**Hank Matthes** graduated on April 19, from the National University in Lombard, IL, with a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree. Hank is the son of Arica & Matt Matthes.

**Avery Lee Wymer** will graduate on June 2 from Van Buren High School and from the Millstream School of Cosmetology. She plans to work at Studio M in Findlay. Avery is the daughter of Keely Wymer and Adam Wymer.

## Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been meeting and has now completed the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which was approved by both church councils in late March. The document, along with several additional documents were uploaded to the ELCA website and approved by the Bishop. Now we wait.


The committee, along with the Church Council Presidents, met with Call Committee facilitators Paul Brooks and Tom Ritter on April 18<sup>th</sup> for an orientation about conducting an interview. We learned how this is a "call" not a typical hiring of an employee. The committee has set dates in May to meet to discuss the questions we will ask of a candidate as well as discuss possible questions a candidate may want to ask us.

The important part of this process is confidentiality with regard to possible candidates. Please know that the committee is bound to this confidentiality for a number of reasons so we will **not** be able to discuss who we may be meeting with or any particulars of the interview. When the committee finds a candidate that we feel will be a good fit for our congregations we will share that with the councils. They may also interview or meet the candidate and if everyone, including the candidate, agrees that this is a good match, a vote will be asked of the congregations. At that time we will be able to share the candidate with the congregations. (continued)

You have entrusted us with this task and we are taking our role in finding a new pastor seriously. The Holy Spirit is guiding us in our work.

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**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
Thursday, May 2, 2024



JOIN US TO PRAY  
FOR NEIGHBOR AND  
NATION

This year we will gather at the **Bridge Fellowship at 12 Noon** for a time of Prayer lifting up the Needs of our Nation.

123 East Broadway / North  
Baltimore / 419.857.8177 /  
thebridgeub@gmail.com

## **NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty**

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

**JUNE** requested donations include instant potatoes and canned meats.



## **Pentecost Sunday May 19**



On the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter, we celebrate the wondrous day the Holy Spirit came down to the apostles in a mighty wind and tongues of fire. **This year on Pentecost Sunday we will also celebrate the completion of our 2023-2024 Church Pictorial Directory. Come to church wearing something red and pick up a copy of the directory.**

**The Church and It's People  
In Honor of our 125 Anniversary  
July 25, 1897 - July 25, 2022**

## **Called to Rest**

Pastor Drew Tucker, Executive Director of HopeWood Outdoors, invites us to reflect deeper on the meaning of rest. Rest isn't just about sleep, but about accepting God's invitation to rest in our belovedness as children of God.

[Click here to Download](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Called to Rest Sermon Transcript](#)

Go to <https://nwos-elca.church/year-of-rest/> for so much more.

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## **May is Mental Health Awareness Month 2024**

Gather magazine spotlights Mental Health Awareness Month through a devotional by Elise Seyfried, "Compassionate companions." Together, let's learn more about an issue that impacts more than one in five adults living in the United States. Together, let's make a



difference!

[Download your free copy today!](#)  
[www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

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## **Central Conference**

### **Women's Gathering**

On Saturday, April 20, 30 women gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church in Findlay to celebrate women and Earth Day. Jane Cleary gave a wonderful presentation on "Waste in Our Waterways: The Pollution Problem." The food, fellowship, and worship were nourishing and enlightening. A portion of the free will offering will be donated to the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership. Mark your calendar NOW for the Fall Gathering on October 12, at St. Paul Church in Jenera.

You are invited to a special event.

# Stay Planted in God's Word

Women's night of fellowship and growth.

Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
North Baltimore

Decorating



Dinner and Devotions

## *SEPTEMBER DAY OF SERVICE*

This year our Congregational Service Day is in September. Lutheran Congregations are asked to find a project to help others in their community. An idea was made to collect items for "Birthday Bags" that will be given to our local Food Pantry for families. When food is limited often the extra things like a birthday cake are skipped. The Birthday Bags include all the items needed to prepare a birthday cake for someone in the family, usually a child. We would like to set a goal to make 25 bags. Each bag contains a cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, foil cake pan, 8-10 dessert plates, birthday napkins, and candles. A birthday card will also be provided. It will be like a party in a bag.

To make this an easier project we will be collecting different items for our project over the next few months. This will allow you to watch for sale items. A family can collect all the items for a complete bag or items suggested by month. In late August we will assemble the bags after church. We will be collecting as follows:

May	Cake Mix (Any flavor)
June	Frosting (Any flavor in round containers)
July	Sprinkles (Something suitable for anyone)
	Birthday Candles (one package per bag)
July	8-10 Birthday Dessert Plates (suitable for anyone)
	8-10 Napkins (matching or color matched)
August	Birthday Card (unsigned for anyone)

We have found that Dollar General, Aldi's, and Dollar Tree have many of these items very cheap but please check for expiration dates. A sample bag will be available for you to look at in May. Contact Pam Van Mooy or Tracy Pritts if you have questions. Monetary donations can also be made with the money being spent on items needed to complete our bags. This is a project that everyone can participate in! Please remember to still donate to the monthly Food Pantry needs.

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# ***LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,***



**WE GIVE THANKS FOR:** the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; the baptism of Bowen S. Miekstyn; springtime rains and warm sunshine; and our choir under the direction of Janet Goldner. 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, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, 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](http://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.

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## 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](mailto:StLukesNB@gmail.com)). Thank you for your assistance in keeping our Prayer List up-to-date.

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## ❖ Worship Ministries ❖

### SUNDAY, May 5

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Rick & 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*



### SUNDAY, May 19 Pentecost

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



### SUNDAY, May 26 The Holy Trinity

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



### SUNDAY, June 2

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

### SUNDAY, June 9

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

### SUNDAY, June 16

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



### SUNDAY, June 23

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

### SUNDAY, June 30

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

### Altar Guild

May - *Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler*  
June - *Tiffany Mika, Beth Williams*

## ❖ Worship Gifts ❖

### Altar Flowers

May 5 - [available for signup](#)  
May 12 - *Bob Kelley*  
May 19 - *Carol Williams*  
May 26 - *Arica & Matt Matthes*  
June 2 - [available for signup](#)  
June 9 - [available for signup](#)  
June 16 - *Bob Kelley*  
June 23 - [available for signup](#)  
June 30 - [available for signup](#)

### Altar Candles

May - *Carol Williams*  
June - [available for signup](#)

### Sunday Bulletins

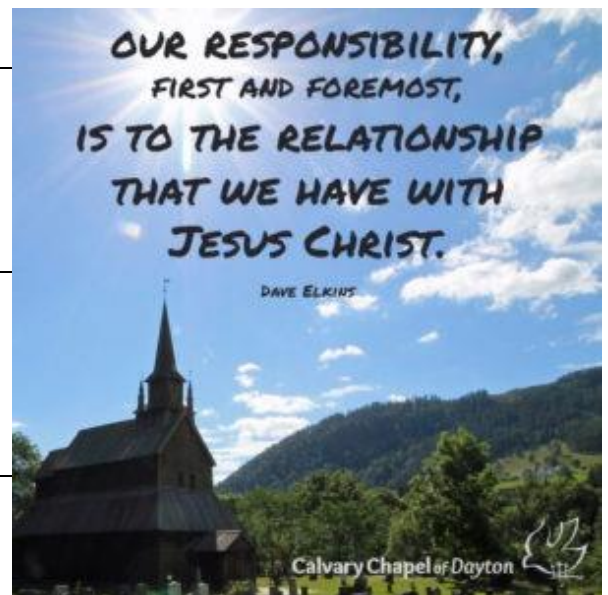
May - *Laura & Tony Damon*  
June - *Laura & Tony Damon*

### Newsletter

May - *Laura & Tony Damon*  
June - *Laura & Tony Damon*

OUR RESPONSIBILITY,  
FIRST AND FOREMOST,  
IS TO THE RELATIONSHIP  
THAT WE HAVE WITH  
JESUS CHRIST.

DAVE ELKINS









# May 2024



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Easter 6</i> 5 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	6	7 Staff Meeting 10:00	8	9	10	11
<i>Easter 7</i> 12 <b>Mothers' Day</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b> Church Council 11:30	13  ← <b>Graduation Recognition</b>	14 Staff Meeting 10:00	15	16	17	18
<i>Pentecost</i> 19 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	20	21 Staff Meeting 10:00	22	23 <b>Stay Planted in God's Word</b> <b>6:00</b>	24 	25
<i>The Holy Trinity</i> 26 <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15</b>	27  <b>Office Closed</b>	28 Staff Meeting 10:00	29	30		

