

The  
**GOOD NEWS**  
Letter

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

July 2024

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

Church Office Hours  
Mon-Fri 9-1

StLukesNB@gmail.com  
419-257-3253

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.**

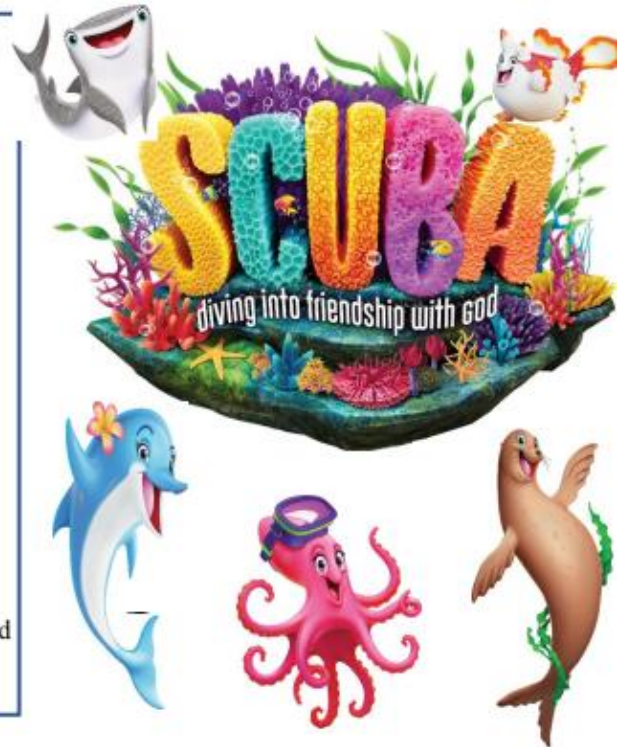
**St. Luke's Church  
Vacation Bible School  
July 21-25, 2024  
5:30-8:00 p.m.**

Dinner will be served each night.

Registration for 5-year-olds through those just completing 6<sup>th</sup> Grade has begun online @ [www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb](http://www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb), or call the church and leave a message.

Early bird deadline for registration is July 12 for a chance to win a prize.

Parents, grandparents, and guests are invited on Thursday @ 7:45 for our VBS closing program.



ONE STUDENT PER FORM, PLEASE

**Vacation Bible School July 21-25, 2024, Registration Form**

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 215 N Second St., North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

419-257-3253

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
5-year-old and above

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Responsible for Pickup after VBS: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES are available for those 14-114 to assist with VBS. We are seeking a storyteller; Imagination Station Leader and helper, Activities Leader and helpers, and 3 Group Leaders and helpers. Please prayerfully consider helping and call the church office.

## VBS DECORATING DAY

Would you like something FUN to do on Saturday, July 13? Come to the church at 10 a.m. and help decorate for Vacation Bible School. Lunch will be provided. The more the merrier and the faster things get done. Youth and adults are invited. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship.



**Thank you to those who have already signed up to help at VBS. You are greatly appreciated!**

## NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

**JULY** requested donations include cereal and pork & beans.

**AUGUST** requested donations include canned fruits, veggies, and soups.



Served the second quarter of 2024:

Apr: 16 families/33 people

May: 16 families/33 people

Jun: 14 families/30 people

The food pantry has moved to its new location in the brick building behind their current location, adjacent to the Bridge Fellowship Church. Entrance will be from the alley side of the building.



## GOOD NEWS†AMEN

Teams summer mission project to gather items for "Birthday Bags" is well under way. We received 35 boxes of cake mix in May, and 25 containers for frosting in June. For July we are requesting sprinkles, Birthday candles, packages of 8-10 Birthday dessert plates and packages of 8-10 napkins (matching the plates if possible).

August's ask is generic Birthday Cards. These bags will be distributed through our local food pantry. Please don't forget to continue giving to the monthly food pantry needs. Thank you.

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

Hopefully, Rally Day information will be coming soon.

## Women of the ELCA

The Central Conference Women will have their Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jenera, Ohio. Keep watch for more details.

The next Triennial Gathering is scheduled for July 16-19, 2026, in Des Moines, Iowa.

## Bishop Eaton Issues Message on the War in Gaza

Dear church,

For eight horrific months war has raged in Gaza. Thousands of people have died, and thousands more are suffering. In recent days we have seen unspeakable images of violence in Rafah and escalating violence in the West Bank. Like the prophet Isaiah, we lament, "How long, O Lord?" (Isaiah 6:11).

At times a just peace for Palestinians and Israelis doesn't seem possible, yet as Christians we believe that it is. The psalmist assures us that God "makes wars cease to the end of the earth" (Psalm 46:9). At times it seems that there is nothing we can do, yet

through baptism God calls us to be peacemakers. We live out this calling in many ways, including through prayer, advocacy and accompaniment.

As a church, we continue to:

- **Pray** for all people who are suffering and grieving, and for this war to end diplomatically in a lasting peace, rooted in justice and human rights for Palestinians and Israelis.
- **Advocate** for an immediate, bilateral cease-fire and a halt in U.S. arms transfers to Israel, to prevent further loss of life; the release of all hostages and uncharged prisoners; and unimpeded humanitarian aid for all in need. We will continue to advocate for these priorities with the Biden administration and the U.S. Congress.
- **Walk with** all who long for a just peace, including especially our Palestinian siblings in the ELCA, as well as Christian, Muslim and Jewish partners here in the U.S. and in the Holy Land.

As Christ taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Let us continue to hope and to live our faith.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, ELCA

6/5/2024

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## **Golf Anyone????**

The Luther Home of Mercy invites you to their Annual Golf Outing on Friday, August 23 at Maumee Bay State Park.



There are numerous ways to get involved with the outing and support their ministry to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year the proceeds from the golf outing will support their ongoing transportation needs. For more information go to [www.lutherhome.org](http://www.lutherhome.org). You may also call Melissa Gregg at 419-972-4338, or [mgregg@lutherhome.org](mailto:mgregg@lutherhome.org).

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## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 9, 2024

### **Opening**

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 11:30am.

### **Attendance**

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

**Absent** – Tracey Pritts, Bryant Matthes

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

- May 2024 minutes accepted – Motion by Matt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet. All approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Nothing to Report

## **Statistical Report**

- Went over the member count & attendance.

## **President/Vice-President's Report**

- JoLynn has been trying to find Pastors to help us out. June and August are covered, but we need coverage on two Sundays in July.
- The Health Dept is coming on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, to look over the kitchen.

## **Good News Amen Report**

- Nothing to Report

## **Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report**

- Clay submitted his May report showing \$2,974.83 in the black.
- Janet did not submit her report.
- Clay's report was accepted - Motion by Matt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet. All approved.

## **Property Committee Report**

- Nothing to Report

## **Other Committees/Announcements**

- Nothing to Report

## **Mutual Ministry/Transition Team/Call Committee Team**

- Nothing to Report

## **Unfinished Business**

- Clay advised that this is a slow process with the installation of our new front door. This is not a communication issue with the door company as stated in last month's minutes. Things are just taking a while getting all the necessary things approved by the County.
- Dana would like council members to submit their biographies soon.
- Janet has an EMT lined up to come to St Luke's for AED training.
- Matt & Bryant will be installing smoke detectors soon.
- The new drinking fountain should be installed soon per Rick Van Mooy.

## **New Business**

- VBS – July 21-25, 2024. Beth is looking for volunteers and will also be in contact with St. James United Methodist Church to see if they want to help with our VBS.

## **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned @ 12:00pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, July 14, 2024 @ 11:30am.

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

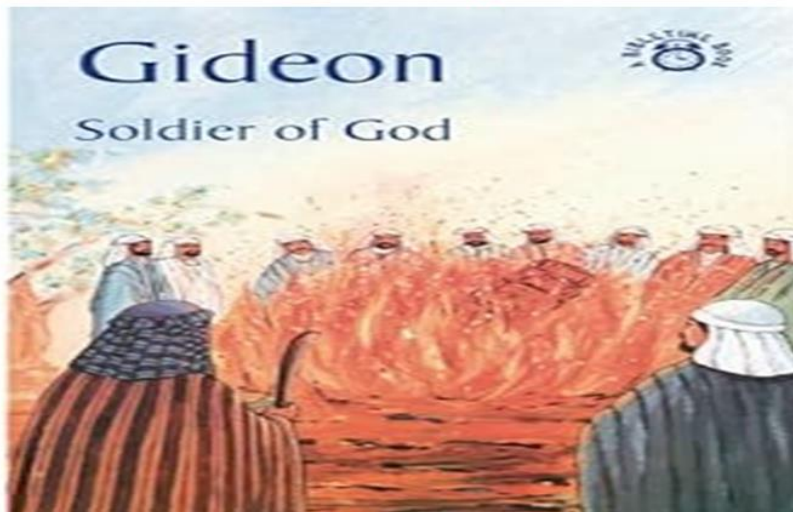
# "Outreach"

Adult Vacation Bible School

St. John's Lutheran Church

203 W. South St.

Mc Comb, Ohio



Tuesday - Wednesday & Thursday

July 16-18 6-8 p.m.

Music & Singing & Snacks

Our Outreach Program this year will include

Speakers from The Gideons.

The third night may include information regarding

Kairos Prison Ministry.

This is a non-denominational community gathering!

Come join us and enjoy the fellowship

Registration Not required

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



**WE GIVE THANKS FOR:** all of God's goodness and blessings "from sea to shining sea;" all of the voices raising praise to God; fathers; the faithful and generous gifts of time, talents, and tithes of the members of St. Luke's to the ministry of this congregation; and the Sacrament of Baptism and for Oakley and Kimber. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, 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:** Kristen, Cobie, 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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## **A Prayer for Independence Day**

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## ❖ Worship Ministries ❖

### SUNDAY, July 7

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

### SUNDAY, July 14

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

### SUNDAY, July 21 VBS Begins

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

### SUNDAY, July 28

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

### SUNDAY, August 4

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Karen Krauss*  
Ushers: *Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### SUNDAY, August 11

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

### SUNDAY, August 18

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

### SUNDAY, August 25

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

### Altar Guild

July - *Tiffany Mika & Beth Williams*  
August - *Nancy Wymer & Arica Matthes*

### ❖ Worship Gifts ❖

### Altar Flowers

July 7 - *available for signup*  
July 14 - *available for signup*  
July 21 - *Bob Kelley*  
July 28 - *Peg & Bill Roberts*  
August 4 - *Laura & Tony Damon*  
August 11 - *available for signup*

### Altar Candles

July - *Beth & Clay McCartney*  
August - *available for signup*

### Sunday Bulletins

July - *Beth & Clay McCartney*  
August - *Laura & Tony Damon*

### Newsletter

July - *Beth & Clay McCartney*  
August - *Laura & Tony Damon*



**Please make note of the office closure on July 4 and the change in office hours July 22-25 on the calendar.**





# July 2024



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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 20 days to 	2 Staff Meeting 10:00	3	4  +HAPPY+ Independence Day! Office Closed	5	6
Pentecost 7 7 <b>Worship 10:15</b>	8	9 Staff Meeting 10:00	10	11 10 days to 	12	13 VBS Decorating 10-2 Lunch included
Pentecost 8 14 <b>Worship 10:15</b> Church Council 11:30	15	16 Staff Meeting 10:00	17	18	19	20
<b>ST. JOHN'S ADULT VBS 6PM-8PM</b>						
Pentecost 9 21 <b>Worship 10:15</b> 	22 Office Hours 1-5	23 Office Hours 1-5	24 Office Hours 1-5  <b>August</b> Newsletter Deadline	25 Office Hours 1-5	26 Office Hours 9-1	27
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8</b>						
Pentecost 10 28 <b>Worship 10:15</b>	29	30 Staff Meeting 10:00	31	 <b>hello August</b>		