

The
GOOD NEWS
Letter

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
215 North Second Street
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February 2025

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/>

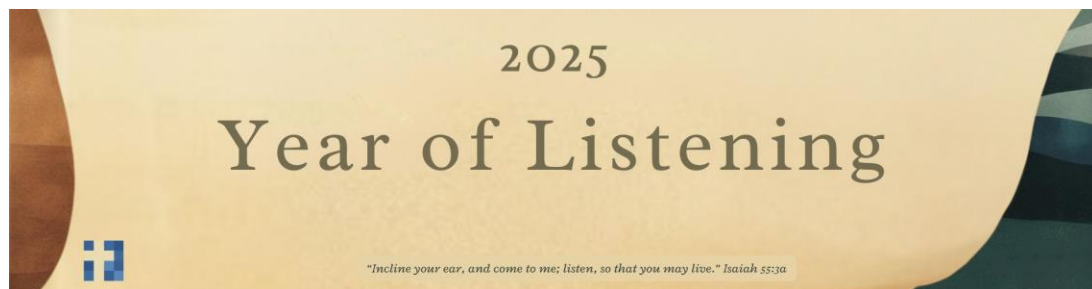
Northwestern



Ohio Synod

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

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



An Invitation

The focus of the NWOS churches for 2025 is to learn the sacred art of listening. Listening to God. Listening to Ourselves. Listening to Others. And Listening to the Community. How do you listen? You are invited to share, whether it be to God, yourself, others, or the community, a short story that will be published in the newsletter. Please send your story via email (if possible) at anytime. Questions, please call Dana in the church office or talk with Paul on Sunday mornings. We look forward to hearing your stories.

For further study on the "Year of Listening" there is a booklet of monthly devotions written by pastors and members of NWOS churches. There is also an eight-session Bible resource created by the NWOS staff. If you are interested in these materials call Dana in the church office. They have been downloaded on the church computer.

Change can be a good thing

We have made much-needed production changes to Gather Magazine for 2025 and we are excited to share this update with you.

The March/April/May issue will include the last two sessions of the "Faithfulness" Bible study by Denise Rector, as well as the May devotional, "Receiving the Spirit's flame: Spiritual gifts in the life of the church" by Cara Strickland.

The June/July/August issue will include all three sessions of the Summer 2025 Bible study, "Healthy Relationships" by the Rev. Brooke Petersen.

The September/October/November issue will feature all three sessions of the Fall 2025 Bible study, "Money, Stewardship and Generosity" by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin.

The December 2025 issue includes the Advent devotional, "Practicing Advent imagination: Matthew's dreamers and Isaiah's visions" by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. *This issue may include the January and February 2026 Bible study, as well.*

Making these changes provides us with the additional production and mailing time that has long been needed. Because of this, beginning with the June/July/August issue, you can anticipate your magazine arriving by the first week of the previous month.

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/>

A Change of Plans

The CHOSEN The planning team for the Lenten Wednesday Bible Studies has decided to use a study on "The Chosen," an historical drama about the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew him. We hope you will be able to join us beginning Wednesday, March 12, as we walk through this series together. Time is yet to be determined however a light meal of soup and sandwiches will be included. Keep watching and listening for the time to be announced.

NORTH BALTIMORE Food Panty

FEBRUARY requested donations include mac 'n cheese, pastas and pasta sauces

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

Please give generously so that no one goes without. Thank you for your continued support for our neighbors.

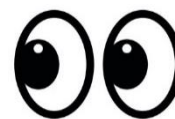


Kairos Cookies and Prison Ministry



Kairos prison ministry is an international interdenominational

Christian ministry that aims to address the spiritual needs of incarcerated people and their families. One area of their ministry is the Kairos Inside Prison Ministry Program. Kairos Inside is a ministry whose mission is to develop a Christian community inside prisons. The Kairos Inside program brings positive and negative leaders together, in both male and female institutions, for a 3 ½ day Weekend led by same gender Kairos volunteers. The Weekend is based on: A series of talks, discussions, chapel meditations, and creating a Christian community. For many participants, the Kairos Weekend creates the desire to become a Christian, and for others the desire to continue his/her spiritual growth. On these weekends we are invited to share home baked chocolate chip cookies with the participants. Our next opportunity to share the love of God through cookies will be for their weekend of March 27-30, 2025. The cookies will need to be ready for pick-up or delivery the weekend of March 22-23. Watch the March newsletter for more details and plans.



Looking Ahead

Ash Wednesday is March 5 worship is being planned

Lenten Bible Study begins on Wednesday, March 12.



Daylight Savings time is March 2.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

You are invited to help decorate the sanctuary for
Easter Sunday, April 20

Flower choices are: all plants are \$15.00 each

Easter Lilies _____ there are no color choices for tulips

Tulips _____ due to the weather conditions the
maturity of the blooms on the tulips
and daffodils cannot be guaranteed

Daffodils _____

Please note on this form the number of plants you wish to purchase, and return this form with
payment and your bulletin designations below to the church by

March 2.

Given by: _____

In loving memory of _____

In honor of _____

Other _____

Thank you for your order.
Blessings for a Happy Easter!



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Opening

JoLynn called the regular meeting of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council to order on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 11:35am.

Attendance

Present – JoLynn Stewart, Matt Matthes, Suzanne Bucher, Clay McCartney, Carl Lieser, Pam VanMooy, Bryant Matthes, SAM Paul Brooks

Absent – None

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

- December 2024 minutes accepted – Motion by Matt, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.

Pastor's Report

- Nothing to Report

President/Vice-President's Report

- Nothing to Report

Discipleship Committee Report

- Nothing to Report

Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report

- Clay submitted his December report showing \$52,024.94 in the black for 2024 year-end.
- Clay has checked into investing our excess cash into a money market to earn better interest income.
- Janet is working with Carl to learn how to prepare a monthly offering report to be presented to council each month.
- Clay's report was accepted – Motion by Suzanne, 2nd by Bryant. All approved.

Property Committee Report

- Rick VanMooy was our guest to inform council about a couple things.
 - Front Door
 - The inspection of our new front door failed. The orange extension cord running from the dedicated outlet needs to be visible to the bulk head of the door. Simple fix. After the emergency exit function was used (pushing the doors outward to exit), it wouldn't re-latch and close. Rick will take care of arranging the door getting fixed per the failed inspection.
 - Wood County Committee on Aging
 - Must receive the certificate of occupancy before the WCCA senior meals begin, and as long as the health department inspection takes place after our door issues are fixed, the senior meals will begin on Monday, February 3, 2025.

- Motion by Pam to appoint Rick VanMooy as the communication liaison between St. Luke's and Wood County Committee on Aging. 2nd by Bryant. All approved.
 - Pam will let WCCA know that they can use the bulletin board outside our meeting room and they can use our TV when needed.
 - A mailbox will need to be made for the Wood County Committee on Aging (replace the Lost & Found mailbox).
 - We need to make sure there is good communication with WCCA as far as letting them know ASAP if there is a funeral and/or funeral dinner scheduled so they know not to come that day.
- Rick and Bryant discussed the parking bumpers for our new trash dumpster. Bryant will send Clay what he needs to get the necessary supplies ordered. Does a pad still need to be poured under the new trash dumpster, as previously discussed, since it will soon be used for licensed food?
 - It was discussed that we need to have a bucket of salt available to be used when there's ice around and ice forms between snow removal jobs. Bryant will take care of this.

Other Committees/Announcements

- New Council Member Assignments for 2025
 - President – Pam VanMooy
 - VP – Matt Matthes
 - Secretary – Suzanne Bucher
 - Treasurer – Clay McCartney
 - Financial Secretary – Carl Lieser
 - Property – Bryant Matthes
 - Discipleship Committee – JoLynn Stewart

Mutual Ministry/Transition Team/Call Committee Team

- Nothing to Report

Unfinished Business

- JoLynn spoke about the status of a housekeeper. She will talk to Dana to see if she wants to continue to be our housekeeper, or if we need to begin searching for a new housekeeper. JoLynn will also revise the housekeeper's job description as necessary.
- Deadline for submitting Year-End Reports for 2024 is January 15, 2025. However, a Motion by Clay to extend the deadline to February 15th, constitutional requirement for end of the year reports and decided to extend it to Feb 15, for this year, 2nd by Matt. All approved.
- The large pot hole on the West side of our parking lot should soon be taken care of.
- Bryant will call Wymer's Carpet Cleaning to see if we can get our carpet cleaned before WCCA senior meals begin.
- Bryant will take care of installing smoke detectors.

New Business

- There was a discussion about our current situation of finding a new Pastor. Motion by Pam VanMooy to not advertise for our need of a new minister, 2nd by Matt. All approved.

- Pam will work on a way to update the lists of volunteers for funeral dinners, office help, recycling, Sunday coffee snacks, Readers, Ushers, etc.
- Paul will meet with Dana about changing the Bulletin so that we are not standing during the Song of the Day. Paul will also set up training for communion helpers and alter guild.
- Council needs to go over and approve a SAM Contract for Paul Brooks.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned @ 1:00pm.
- Next council meeting – Sunday, February 9, 2025 @ 11:30am.

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Bucher

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS,



WE GIVE THANKS FOR: for Pastor Susan Kronbach and her worship leadership; each and every blessing of grace and light we receive in this new year; and for the members of the Church Council. 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: Frances Bullock, 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.

❖ Worship Ministries ❖

SUNDAY, February 2

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

SUNDAY, February 9

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

SUNDAY, February 16

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

SUNDAY, February 23

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

SUNDAY, March 2 Transfiguration

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

SUNDAY, March 9 First Sunday in Lent

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

SUNDAY, March 16 Second Sunday in Lent

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

SUNDAY, March 23 Third Sunday in Lent

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

SUNDAY, March 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Altar Guild

February - *Karen Krauss, Pat Wheeler*
March - *Karen Krauss, Loraine Ferguson*

❖ Worship Gifts ❖

Altar Flowers

February 2 - [*available for signup*](#)
February 9 - [*available for signup*](#)
February 16 - [*available for signup*](#)
February 23 - [*available for signup*](#)
March 2 - *Jen Carter*
March 9 - [*available for signup*](#)

Altar Candles

February - [*available for signup*](#)
March - [*available for signup*](#)

Sunday Bulletins

February - [*available for signup*](#)
March - [*available for signup*](#)

Newsletter

February - [*available for signup*](#)
March - [*available for signup*](#)








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

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lent is coming next month. Rather than giving up something, why not make an effort to attend worship regularly and participate in the Lenten Bible Study?</p>						1
<p><i>Epiphany 4</i> 2</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15</p>	3	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Staff Meeting 10:00</p>	5	6	7	8
<p><i>Epiphany 5</i> 9</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15 Church Council 11:30</p>	10	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Staff Meeting 10:00</p>	12	13		
<p><i>Epiphany 6</i> 16</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Staff Meeting 10:00</p>	19	20	21
<p><i>Epiphany 7</i> 23</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Worship 10:15</p>	 <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Staff Meeting 10:00</p>	26	27	28

