



St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the month of June, summer starts to settle in around us. The weather changes (hopefully), vacations are planned, many of you like to spend time outdoors, and our routines begin to change. In the middle of these busy summer months, it is important for us to remain rooted in the one thing that never changes, our hope in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Summer often gives us opportunities for rest and recreation, both of which are gifts from the Lord. Yet summer can also become a season where worship and spiritual life are pushed aside by everything. I encourage you to remain faithful in worship, prayer, and time in God's Word during these months. Whether you are at home or away, the Lord is still the Lord.

We also look forward to the many ministries and events taking place in the life of our congregation this summer, Vacation Bible School, Outdoor Worship, and we are planning a celebration event for paying off our mortgage. These moments are more than things on a calendar; they are opportunities to share the love of Christ with children, families, friends, and our church community.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and faithful support of the ministry we share together. It is a blessing to serve alongside you as we seek to proclaim Christ in all we do.

May the Lord bless you with a safe, joyful, and Christ-centered summer.

Serving Him with you,

Pastor Phil



June 2026 Edition

Rev. Phil Schultz, Pastor
Pam Maconaghy, Editor
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Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:00 am
(Traditional)

Sundays at 11:00 am
(Soul Celebration
contemporary worship the
1st and 3rd Sundays)

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Holy Communion

(Celebrated on the 2nd, 4th,
and 5th Sundays of the
month and the Wednesdays
that follow.)

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Our church is blessed with dedicated leadership committed to serving both our congregation and community with care and faithfulness. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor	Phil Schultz
Office Manger	Karen Baglio
Musician	Susan Errett

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Tyler Silverblatt	

OTHER CONTACTS

Address/phone corrections	Karen Baglio
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Bulletin Announcements	Karen Baglio
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Facility Maintenance	Glenn Kilger
Facility Use (scheduling)	Church Office
Food Pantry	Robin Beane
Fund Raising Committee	Fred Schmitt
LWML	Ardys Lerch/Linda Rowe
Youth	Pastor Phil
Visitation	Pastor Phil
Sunday School Information	Cinde Gross
Weekly Contributions	Dale Karcher



Thank you for your continued help to in making sure our shelves are constantly replenished so we can help those in need.

Items we need: kernel corn, cream corn, peaches, cake mixes, cut green beans, French green, pears, chicken soup, peas, fruit cocktail, tomato soup, spinach, pineapple chunks, baked beans, beets, pasta sauce (regular), diced tomatoes, canned chicken, canned pasta (e.g. rings), egg noodles, toilet tissue, tuna, peanut butter, pancake mix, Sunny D juice, tea, pancake syrup, assorted beans, baked beans, elbow noodles, breakfast cereal oatmeal)

In May, our food pantry served 78 families, 171 Individuals, and 1539 meals. In 2026 we have served 14,706 meals.

Where to find us

Church Phone Number:
(716) 633-6752

Website:
www.stluke-buffalo.org

Facebook:
facebook.com/StLukeBuffalo

X (Twitter):
[@StLukeBuffalo](https://twitter.com/StLukeBuffalo)

YouTube:
youtube.com/c/stlukelutheranbuffalo

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School at the Movies begins June 7th during 11 am worship (June) and 10 am (July–August). Kids go directly to the Youth Room, **except on June 14th and July 5th, when they start in the sanctuary.** Open to preschool through 8th grade. Donations of individually packed snacks, drinks, or items like cereal, pretzels, or Goldfish are appreciated. **There will be no nursery in July and August.**

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

MEETING: There will be a Congregational Information and Business Meeting on **Sunday, June 14th, at 10:15 am** in the sanctuary. We will update you on the boiler and other projects at the church. Please plan to join us as we work together in service to the Lord and His church.

TEXT ALERTS: Stay connected with church updates and important announcements through our new text message system! If you would like to receive text notifications about upcoming events, schedule changes, and special announcements, please contact the church office to add your cell number or email pastorphil.stluke@gmail.com

SUMMER WORSHIP: Summer will be here before you know it. Our summer worship schedule will run from **July 5th to August 30th.**

- Sundays at 8:30 am Outdoors, weather permitting! Please bring your lawn chair! Worship will take place in the fenced-in backyard behind the Union Road Parking lot.
- Sundays at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.
- Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

THANK YOU: To everyone who attended Don Becker's Memorial service, and to those who prepared the gathering afterward, the Becker and Nelson families thank you for your prayers, support, and love.

ONLINE GIVING allows giving by credit/debit card or directly from a checking or savings account. You can set up online giving as a one-time donation or a recurring gift. Online giving is not only easy but also safe and secure. This option helps individuals and families remain faithful in their giving even when they are out of town or unable to attend a weekend service.

St. Luke uses EasyTithe as their online giving platform.



On the web: stluke-buffalo.org/give or

Search for EasyTithe in your phone's app store and find St. Luke by our zip code 14225 or

You can text "Give" to (716) 300 – 2700 or

Scan the QR code



**Questions?
Call the church office
716-633-6752**



- Bev Haist
- Marilyn Kozlowski
- Sean (neighbor of Jim Nietopski)
- Glenn & Kirk Evertt
- Brian Bartosik
- Max Brenzell
- Dan Vecchio
- Kathy Jones
- Nita Milkie,
- Kathy (sister of Karen DiPaolo)
- Baby Anastassia Hadley
- Victoria Hadley
- Helen Booth
- Billy Booth
- Tracy Nelson
- Family of Pat Rohloff
- Don Eggert
- Family of Meldoy Zuercher

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters. <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg	3 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	4 <u>9:00am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
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14 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday at the Movies	15	16 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters. <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg	17 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	18 <u>9:00am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday at the Movies	22	23 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters. <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg	24 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	25 <u>9:00am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 <u>9:00 am</u> #2 Decorating Day
28 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday at the Movies	29 10am – 2 pm: VBS	30 10am – 2 pm: VBS	1 10am – 2 pm: VBS	2 10am – 2 pm: VBS	3	4

	Time	June 7	June 14	June 21 (Father's Day)	June 28
Greeters	9:00	Linda Rowe	Riemers	Baglios	Linda Rowe
	11:00	Betty Ann Schmitt	Virginia Becker	Ed Loeffler	Louise Mallon
Elder	9:00	Karen Baglio	Karen Baglio	Karen Baglio	Alla Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Tyler Silverblatt	Soul Celebration	Susan Garofaro
Lector	9:00	Peggy Bouquin	Niecy Deakin	Karen Baglio	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Ed Loeffler	Soul Celebration	Nancy Koehler
Communion Assistant	9:00	No communion	Niecy Deakin	No communion	Kathy Brogan
	11:00	No communion	Ed Loeffler	No communion	Nancy Koehler
Ushers	9:00	Ken Knoll	Ken Knoll	John & Cinde Gross	Ken Knoll
	11:00	Ardys Lerch Joe DiGiacomo	Tom & Carol Nelson	Louise Mallon, Diane Palermo	Louise Mallon, Rita Loeffler



Logan Coxson	6/1
Joe DiGiacomo	6/2
Cody Donovan	6/2
Teddy Gromek	6/2
Ryan Borkowski	6/4
Sean Brusio	6/5
John Gross	6/5
Austin Tarnowski	6/5
Gregory Kuhn	6/8
Matthew Breckon	6/10
Bruno Balko	6/10
Beverly Haist	6/13
Louise Mallon	6/14

Bob Thompson	6/17
Salvatore D'Amico	6/18
Ken Harlock	6/19
Theresa Thomas	6/19
Skippy Rohloff	6/20
Kyle Donovan	6/21
Pastor Phil	6/21
Nickolas Smith	6/23
Alissa Burns	6/24
Don Karcher	6/24
William Brand	6/25
Pastor Ray Connor	6/27
Taylor Hanel	6/27
Hailey Tarnowski	6/28
David Sutton	6/30

Road Trip VBS

Registration is now open!

Sign up at www.stluke-buffalo.org/vbs

or use the QR code.



VBS Dates: June 29–July 2, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

We still need volunteers! Whether you enjoy working directly with children or helping behind the scenes, there's a place for you.

All volunteers working with children must attend a training workshop on **Saturday, June 13, at 9:00 AM**. If you cannot attend, please contact **Annie Schultz** at stlukebuffalokids@gmail.com.

Decorating Days: Join us as we transform our space for the adventure ahead. There will be plenty of ways to help, including "table tasks" for those who prefer to stay seated:

- June 13 at 10:30 AM (following volunteer training)
- June 27 at 9:00 AM

We're also seeking guest speakers for our games session and volunteers to help with daily cleanup after VBS.

Donation Needs:

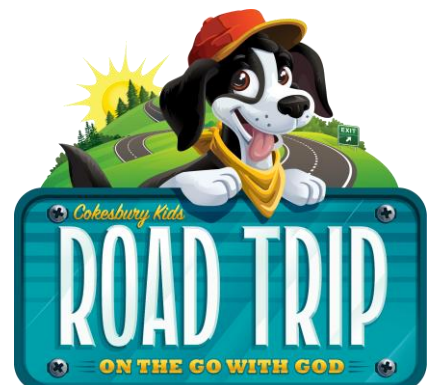
- We're still collecting **paper road maps** to use for crafts and decorating.
- Our **Amazon gift registry** is frequently being updated. Click on the amazon logo at the bottom of St. Luke website (stluke-buffalo.org)
- **Prizes** for kids who are awarded Traveler of the Day. **Brand new items only!** If purchasing, please consider items that appeal to 4th or 5th grade boys, as these will work for most of the children. Ideas: fidget/squishy toys, games, slime kits, sports related items such as balls
- Specific items are available on the VBS display in the fellowship area. There is also collection bins under the tables.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and treasures to help make VBS a success!

VBS Directors:

Michelle Silverblatt & Annie Schultz

stlukebuffalokids@gmail.com



Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ~2 Corinthians 9:11

When we give our gifts and offerings, not only do we support the ministry here at St. Luke, but we also share the hope of Christ with people beyond our church walls.

Recently, God has blessed St. Luke. Because of that blessing, our congregation was not only able to pay off our debt, replenish our emergency fund, and pay for a new boiler and other projects the needed to be done around the church (new gutters, shore up the backyard fence, repair to some brick work), but we were also able to partner with missions and ministries that serve others in our community, our nation, and around the world.

The church has always been called to look beyond itself. Jesus commanded His followers to **"go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19)**. While not all of us can travel across the world or serve in the mission field, together we can support those who do. And become partners in the work of sharing the Gospel, caring for the needy, and strengthening Christ's Church.

At the April meeting, the board of Trustees approved various ministries to support and church were distributed:

- Climbing for Christ (LCMS missionaries out of Rochester the take the gospel to mountainous areas of the world)
- Eastern District LCMS
- Hope Willert (Missionary in Africa and granddaughter of our Ed Willert)
- The Lutheran Church of our Savior (Helped our sister congregation in Buffalo replace their heating system)
- Pioneer on the Lake (Our gift will build an ADA-compliant bathroom for individuals with disabilities, mobility impairments, and seniors)
- Quinns Kicks 4 Kids (Provides shoes for kids in need)
- Soldiers of the Cross (Provides Emergency financial support for LCMS pastors and church workers)

The ministry of St. Luke is important, but God also calls us to be a blessing to others. By sharing a portion of the blessings we receive with outside missions and ministries, we demonstrate Christ's love and followed our mission statement: "We are called by God's grace to enlighten **all people** in Jesus Christ."

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