

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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We are called by God's grace to enlighten all people in Jesus Christ.



March 2026

Pastor Phil Schultz

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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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Lent is a sacred season in the life of the Church: a 40 (46 if you count Sundays) journey that leads us to the cross and ultimately to the empty tomb. It begins on Ash Wednesday, when we hear the solemn words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Those words remind us that we are mortal, that we've sinned, and that we need the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Throughout Lent, we walk with Jesus toward Good Friday. We reflect on His suffering, His sacrifice, and His deep love for us. Lent calls us to slow down, to look at our own hearts, and know that no matter what, we can come to the Lord for forgiveness and strength. For that very reason, this season is not a season of anguish, but one of hope.

A proclamation that you can lay down your burdens and receive the mercy of God.

So, over the next week, I encourage you to worship, listen to, and sing hymns and songs of the faith. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us encourage one another along this journey. May these weeks be an opportunity to grow deeper in our walk with Christ.

May this Lenten season be a time of sincere repentance, renewed faith, and assured hope as we walk together toward the cross and then beyond to the empty tomb.

Serving Him with you,
Pastor Phil

Lent



Who to Call...

The Staff of St. Luke Lutheran Church stand ready to assist you in every way we can, and can be reached at church (716) 633-6752 Our fax number is (716)-219-1105. Our email address is secretary@stluke-buffalo.org Church office Hours M-TH 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor	Phil Schultz	276-3949
Organist	Susan Errett	225-2157
Office Manger	Karen Baglio	473-8556

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President	Nancy Koehler	289-4453
Vice-President—Personnel	Bill Dunlop	316-2244
Vice-President—Property	Glenn Kilger	560-9738
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Financial Secretary	Dale Karcher	771-3542
Recording Secretary	Debbie Fiebelkorn	907-6219

CHURCH COUNCIL

Spiritual Life/Congregational Care	Karen Baglio	473-8556
Stewardship	Fred Schmitt	686-0642
Outreach and Mission Services	Kammy Ciesielski	523-1209
Christian Education/Life	Anne Schultz	(412) 417-9765
	Michelle Silverblatt	310-1413
Media Relations	Tom Green	685-8786
Special Care & Human Services	Open	
Youth and Family	Open	

BOARD OF ELDERS

Susanna Garofaro	688-7094	Karen Baglio	473-8556
Manfried Rieger	634-4669	Allan Riemer	771-3542
Tyler Silverblatt	380-2920	Craig Maconaghy	479-0728
Ron Connor	632-1958		

OTHER CONTACTS

Address/phone corrections	Karen Baglio	633-6752
Altar Care	Allan Riemer	771-3542
Altar Flowers	Kathy Brogan	633-6752
Bulletin Announcements	Karen Baglio	633-6752
“CHIPS” Newsletter	Pam Maconaghy	479-0725
Facility Maintenance	Glenn Kilger	560-9738
Facility Use (scheduling)	Church Office	633-6752
Food Pantry	Robin Beane	697-1440
Fund Raising Committee	Fred Schmitt	686-0642
LWML	Marg Albert	875-9363
Youth Group	Pastor Phil	
Visitation	Pastor Phil	
Sunday School Information	Anne Schultz	276-3949
Weekly Contributions	Dale Karcher	771-3542



We have recently seen an uptick in the people we are serving at our food pantry. We need your help to make sure our shelves are 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)

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www.facebook.com/StLukeBuffalo

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@StLukeBuffalo

YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/c/stlukelutheranbuffalo



Food Pantry Numbers

	Families	Individuals	Meals
February	83	170	1530
YTD	236	305	2745

Wednesday Lenten Worship:

Journey together through Lent with our LCMS Buffalo North brothers and sisters. Each evening begins with a shared dinner at **6:00 pm**, followed by **Lenten worship at 7:00 pm**. Come for fellowship at the table and stay to worship at we walk the road to the cross together.

March 11

Our Savior, Buffalo

March 18

St. Paul, Clarence Center

March 25

Pilgrim, Kenmore

EASTER LILIES: We will once again be ordering beautiful Easter lilies from Rudolph Galley & Sons Greenhouses to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 22nd**. The cost is **\$11.00** for one bulb (5–6 blooms) or **\$26.00** for two bulbs. If you have any questions, please call the church office at **633-6752**.

Special Business Meeting:

Sunday, March 22nd at 10:15 am in the sanctuary. Agenda includes: updates on a recent inheritance, mortgage payoff, updated budget vote, boiler replacement funding, and church insurance coverage. Please join us as we prayerfully consider these important matters for the future of St. Luke Lutheran Church. Copies of the updated budget are on the welcome desk.

LWML Bake Sale: Palm Sunday

March 29th! The ladies are looking for bakers willing to donate homemade goodies for this special event. (You can also bring store bought.) **This is their only fundraiser of the year**, so your support truly makes a difference. If you enjoy baking, please sign up on the welcome desk — and be sure to stop by on Palm Sunday and pick up some delicious treats!

Holy Week Worship: Join us as we walk the sacred journey of Holy Week together.

- **Palm Sunday, March 29th** – 9:00 & 11:00 am (with Holy Communion)
- **Maundy Thursday** at 7:00 pm (with Holy Communion)
- **Good Friday Tre-Ore: Jesus' Final Words from the Cross:** 12:00 noon–3:00 PM
- **Good Friday Tenebrae: Service of Darkness** at 8:00 PM

Come and worship as we remember Christ's love, sacrifice, and the hope that leads us to Easter.

Easter Breakfast: Join us for a Continental Breakfast on Easter Sunday at 9:45 am as we gather in fellowship on Easter Sunday. All are welcome to come, share a meal, and celebrate the hope of the resurrection together. Sign up on the welcome desk.

**Easter
Resurrection Worship:**

Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection with us on Easter Sunday, April 5th, at either 8:30 or 11:00 am or Easter Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm. All services will include Holy Communion as we gather in worship, hope, and thanksgiving for the risen Christ.

Membership Class: Interested in becoming a member of St. Luke or learning more about who we are? Sign up for the **New Member Class** on the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Area. This class is a great opportunity to ask questions, meet others, and discover how God is at work in our church family. Questions speak to Pastor Phil.

**Save the Dates
VBS 2026
June 29th - July 2nd**



**In our
prayers**



- Chuck and Betty Walters,
- Bev Haist
- Bernadine Walters
- Marilyn Kozlowski
- Don Eggert
- Sean (neighbor of Jim Nietopski)
- Marlena Zuercher
- Glenn Evertt
- Brian Bartosik
- Max Brenzell
- Dan Vecchio
- Eddy Thoric (Friends of the Taylors)
- Mackenzie Maconaghy
- Tracy Nelson
- Kathy Jones
- Nita Milkie
- Don Rottger
- Kathleen (Jim Nietopski's sister)
- Doug Giles
- Marg Albert
- Becky Zenger
- Skip Rohloff
- Nancy Koehler
- Sharron Rich (Friend of Nichole Wojick)

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1	9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship / Sunday School	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9:00am Worship 10:10 am Confirmation 11:00am Worship / Sunday School	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	9:00am Worship 9:15 am Congregational mtg. 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 (Palm Sunday)	9:00am Worship LWML Bake Salé 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School	30	31				

DiGiacomo, Jackson	3/1	Ciesielski, John Sr.	3/18	Wolf, Carson	3/30
Brudz, Caren	3/4	Ruppert, Lindsay	3/18		
Connor, Michael	3/4	Rieger, Manfred	3/20		
Farley, Michael	3/4	Saskowski, Victoria	3/20		
Kramer, Aiden	3/4	Taylor, Linda	3/21		
Kramer, Arianna	3/4	Taylor, Michael	3/21		
Loeffler, Edward	3/7	Baranetsky, James	3/24		
Haist, Margaret	3/8	Kasprzyk, Chester	3/24		
Pawli, Lilianna	3/8	Lerch, Ardys	3/24		
Harper, Carson	3/10	Grant, Ellen	3/25		
Brado, Thomas	3/12	Weaver, Rachel	3/26		
Capozzi, Beverly	3/13	DiGiacomo, Joseph	3/27		
Rieger, Bonnie	3/13	Eggert, Dennis	3/27		
Baranetsky, Kathaleen	3/16	Eileen Rohloff	3/27		
Deitrick, Gordon III	3/16	Luke Welker	3/27		
Saskowski, Amber	3/16	Saskowski, Linda	3/28		
Teufel, Brenda	3/16	Karcher, Dale	3/29		
Beane, Connor	3/18	Michael, Lisa	3/29		

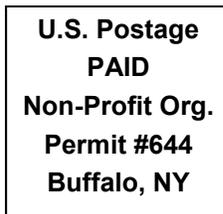


	Time	March 8th	March 15th	March 22nd	March 29th (Palm Sunday)
Greeters	9:00	Paul & Karen Baglio	Linda Rowe	Allan & Arlene Riemer	Skip & Pat Rohloff
	11:00	Ardys Lerch	Nicki Tober	Rita Loeffler	Betty Ann Schmitt
Elder	9:00	Karen Baglio	Ron Connor	Allan Riemer	Karn Baglio
	11:00	Susan Garofaro	Soul Celebration	Tyler Silverblatt	Craig Maconaghy
Lector	9:00	Karen Baglio	Ron Connor	Allan Riemer	Niecy Deakin
	11:00	Karen Machnica	Soul Celebration	Michelle Silverblatt	Anne Schultz
Communion Assistants	9:00	Kathy Brogan		Kathy Brogan	Linda Rowe
	11:00	Ed Loeffler		Michelle Silverblatt	Anne Schultz
Counters		Dale Karcher Linda Rowe	Dale Karcher Linda Rowe	Dale Karcher Linda Rowe	Dale Karcher Linda Rowe
Ushers	9:00	Skip Rohloff Ken Knoll	John & Cinde Gross	Glenn Kilger Ken Knoll	Skip Roloff Ken Knoll
	11:00	Tom & Carol Nelson	Louise Mallon, Diane Palermo	Karen Machnica, Rita Loeffler	Louise Mallon, Rita Loeffler

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