

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Dear St. Luke family,

Do you remember the Snowvember storm? In November 2014, Western New York endured one of its most unforgettable snowstorms. Some communities received nearly seven feet of snow, while others got only a few inches. Roads became impassable, cars vanished beneath drifts, and residents were trapped at home. In true Buffalo fashion, some neighborhoods were buried while others just a few miles away saw hardly any snow.

But something else happened during that storm. Neighbors helped neighbors. People grabbed their shovels and snowblowers to clear driveways and sidewalks. Strangers helped dig out cars, checked on elderly neighbors, and shared food and supplies with those who couldn't get out. In the middle of a difficult situation, we witnessed something wonderful: people caring for one another.

In Galatians 6:2, Paul writes, **Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.** What a beautiful reminder of what it means to live as followers of Jesus! God has shown us incredible love through His Son, Jesus Christ. He has forgiven our sins, rescued us from death, and given us the promise of everlasting life. And because of what Christ has done for us, we have the opportunity to share His love with those around us.

Now, thankfully, it doesn't take seven feet of snow to show someone the love of Jesus! Sometimes it's a phone call to someone who is lonely, a visit to someone who is sick, helping a neighbor with a project, or simply taking the time to listen to someone who is struggling.

As we enter another November, and another Buffalo winter, let's remember that God has placed people in our lives who need our love, encouragement, and help. We don't serve others to earn God's love or our salvation. We serve because God has already loved us and saved us through Jesus Christ.

So, whether the snowflakes are falling or the sun is shining, look for opportunities to bless someone else. You never know how God might use a simple act of kindness to remind someone of His great love.

Serving Him with you,

Pastor Phil

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The Monthly Newsletter since 1954

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Worship Schedule
Sundays at 9:00

Sundays at 11:00 am
In the Sanctuary

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.-12:30 p.m.

MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor	Phil Schultz
Office Manager	Karen Baglio
Musician	Susan Errett

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President	Nancy Koehler
Vice-President—Personnel	Bill Dunlop
Vice-President—Property	Glenn Kilger
Treasurer	Linda Rowe
Financial Secretary	Dale Karcher
Recording Secretary	Debbie Fiebelkorn

CHURCH COUNCIL

Spiritual Life/Congregational Care	Karen Baglio
Stewardship	Fred Schmitt
Outreach and Mission Services	Kammy Ciesielski
Christian Education/Life	Anne Schultz or Michelle Silverblatt
Media	Tom Green
Special Care & Human Services	Open
Youth and Family	Open

BOARD OF ELDERS

Karen Baglio (Head Elder)	Ron Connor
Susanna Garofaro	Craig Maconaghy
Manfried Rieger	Allan Riemer
Tyler Silverblatt	

OTHER CONTACTS

Address/Phone Questions	Karen Baglio
Altar Care	Allan Riemer
Altar Flowers	Church Office
Bulletin Announcements	Karen Baglio
CHIPS Newsletter	Pam Maconaghy
Facility Maintenance	Glenn Kilger
Facility Use (scheduling)	Church Office
Food Pantry	Ed Loeffler
Fundraising	Fred Schmitt
LWML	Ardys Lerch or Linda Rowe
Youth	Pastor Phil
Visitation	Pastor Phil
Sunday School Information	Cindi Gross
VBS	Anne Schultz
Weekly Contributions	Dale Karcher

ST. LUKE FOOD PANTRY

Help us make 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)

Where to find us

Church Phone Number:
(716) 633-6752

Website:
www.stluke-buffalo.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/StLukeBuffalo

X (Twitter):
@StLukeBuffalo

YouTube:
youtube.com/c/stlukelutheranbuffalo



Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the St. Luke family! We thank God for bringing these individuals and families into our congregation and look forward to growing together in faith, fellowship, and service as we share the love of Jesus Christ with one another and our community.

- Niecy Deakin
- Andrew & Karen Doyle (Abby)
- Michelle Kramer (Lexie and Nate Drum; Ethan and Ryan Bokowski; McKenzie Borucki; Aiden, Anna, DJ, Grayson, and Jamison Kramer)
- William Lobb
- Stephen Matthews-Bort
- Stephen & Kristen Parisi
- Kelly Rucker
- Deborah Schmidt
- Thomas & Linda Silverblatt

Welcome to the St. Luke family! We are so glad you are here!



As **Veterans Day** approaches, want to take a moment to honor and thank all our veterans and those currently serving in the military. We are grateful for your service, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our nation and the freedoms we enjoy. May God bless you and your families!

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING: Our Congregational Business Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 22, at 10:10 AM** in the sanctuary. During the meeting, we will vote on the 2027 budget and elect members to serve on our Board of Trustees and Church Council. Positions to be filled include

- Vice President of Personnel
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Christian Education
- Media
- Human Care
- Youth and Family
- Outreach

Please prayerfully consider using your God-given gifts and talents to serve the Lord and our St. Luke family. Your willingness to serve blesses our congregation and helps us continue sharing Jesus' love with others.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Thanksgiving baskets! Your generosity helps provide a Thanksgiving meal for families in need. As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, please continue to remember our Food Pantry. Your donations help us share God's love and blessings with those in our community who are struggling.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Practices continue through December 19, from 10:00 a.m.–noon. The program will be presented at both Sunday services on December 20.

SAFE DRIVER ACADEMY: The Safe Driver Academy will take place Monday and Tuesday, November 16 and 17, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. both nights. Both people listed on the car insurance policy must attend to receive the discount. The registration fee is $39 per participant and is due on the first night of instruction. If you are interested in participating, please add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Join us as we thank God for His many blessings! Thanksgiving worship services will be held on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 PM and Thursday, November 26th at 10:00 AM, with Communion at both services.

CHRISTMAS/ADVENT DECORATING: We will be decorating the church for the Advent/ Christmas season on Sunday, November 29th, following both the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. We will have a potluck lunch following the 11:00 am service.



A sign-up sheet will be on the welcome desk in the fellowship area.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: We have been in contact with the Maryvale School District to help identify children and families in need this Christmas season. As soon as we receive the information, we will share the details with the congregation and set up our Giving Tree display in the fellowship area. Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ with families in our community this Christmas!

Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Our Savior!

The Advent and Christmas season is a wonderful time to slow down, gather with our church family, and celebrate the greatest gift God has given us—His Son, Jesus Christ. We invite you and your family to join us for worship throughout this special season.

Once again, we are joining with our fellow Buffalo North LCMS congregations for our Wednesday evening Advent services. Each evening begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

- **December 2 at St. Luke**
- **December 9 at Holy Cross in Clarence**
- **December 16 at Pilgrim in Kenmore**

It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship and prepare our hearts for Christmas together.

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th, we will offer three worship services at 3:00, 5:00, and 9:00 p.m., with Holy Communion at each service.

On Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th, we will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion. Please note that there will be no Wednesday evening worship on December 23.

We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the hope, peace, joy, and love we have through Jesus Christ. We look forward to celebrating Advent and Christmas with you at St. Luke!

ONLINE GIVING: If you give online, we have transitioned to Amplify by Ministry Brands. The good news is that your online giving information hasn't changed. The only change is that the EasyTithe app is no longer available. If you have questions or have difficulty accessing your account or donating, please contact Pastor Phil for assistance.

To give online go to our website: stluke-buffalo.org/give or text "Give" to (716) 300 – 2700 or scan the QR code



- Bev Haist
- Marilyn Kozlowski
- Sean (neighbor of Jim Nietopski)
- Glenn & Kirk Evertt
- Max Brenzell
- Dan Vecchio
- Kathy Jones
- Nita Milkie
- Kathy (sister of Karen DiPaolo)
- Helen Booth
- Billy Booth
- Sandy (Bill Smith's sister)
- Linda Harris
- Emily Zenger
- Victoria Hadley
- Scott Enser
- Michael Baglio
- Ron Connor
- Justin Bishop
- Sharon Beyer
- Chris Proctor (Kammy Ciesielski's nephew),
- Carl (Cheryl Bossert's brother)
- Family of Wendy Smoot (Virginia Becker's daughter)
- Diane Palermo
- Allene McFarland
- Family of George Hartman
- Family of Lilli Steltermann
- Sharon Vail



November 2026

Office Hours Monday – Thursday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **9:00 am** Worship **11:00 am** Worship & Sunday School and Nursery	**2**	**3**	*4* **7:00 pm** Worship	**5** **10:00 am** Bulletin Folding **11:00 am** Bible Study	**6** **Office Closed**	**7** **10:00 am** Kids' Christmas play practice **1:00 pm** Funeral
8 **9:00 am** Worship **10:10** **Confirmation** **11:00 am** Worship & Sunday School and Nursery	**9**	**10** **10-2:00 pm** Food Pantry **10:00 am** Tole Painters **7:30 pm** Recovery	**11** **7:00 pm** Worship	**12** **10:00 am** Bulletin Folding **11:00 am** Bible Study	**13** **Office Closed**	**15** **10:00 am** Kids' Christmas play practice **3:00 pm** Girl Scout mtg.
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22 **9:00 am** Worship **10:10** **Business Meeting** **11:00 am** Worship & Sunday School and Nursery	**23**	**24** **10-2:00 pm** Food Pantry **10:00 am** Tole Painters **7:30 pm** Recovery	**25** **7:00 pm** Thanksgiving Worship	**26** **10:00 am** Thanksgiving Worship	**27** **Office Closed**	**28** **10:00 am** Kids' Christmas play practice **3:00 pm** Girl Scout mtg.
29 **9:00 am** Worship **11:00 am** Worship & Sunday School and Nursery Christmas/Advent Decorating	**30**	**31** **10-2:00 pm** Food Pantry **10:00 am** Tole Painters **7:30 pm** Recovery				

Worship Schedule for November 2026

	Time	November 15	November 22	November 26 Thanksgiving	November 29
Greeters	9:00	Linda Rowe	Allan & Arlene Riemer		Skip Rohloff
	11:00	Nicki Tober	Rita Loeffler		Virginia Becker
Elder	9:00	Ron Connor	Allan Riemer	Susan Garofaro 10 am	Karen Baglio
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Tyler Silverblatt		Craig Maconaghy
Lector	9:00 —— 11:00	Ron Connor ********* Soul Celebration	Allan Riemer ********** Michelle Silverblatt	Anne Schultz 10 am	Niecy Deakin ********** Ed Loeffler
Communion Assistants	9:00 —— 11:00		Kathy Brogan ********** Ed Loeffler	Anne Schultz 10 am	Peggy Smith ********** Nancy Koehler
Ushers	9:00 —— 11:00	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll



Mackenzie Maconaghy	11/1
Cambio, Adriana	11/3
Rzepka Joseph	11/3
Charlebois, Janice	11/5
Loeffler, Sarah	11/6
Ruppert, Eli	11/6
Schlaich, Poppy	11/9
Smith, Bonnie	11/9
Tober, Nicki	11/10
Parisi, Stephen	11/11
Silverblatt, Owen	11/11
DiGiacomo, Margaret	11/12
Nelson, Tom	11/12
Nelcon, Carol	11/12
Stawitz, Christopher	11/ 12
Becker, Kendall	11/13
Braun, Howard	11/13
Smith, Mason	11/14
Walters, Betty	11/16
Dersam, Juliana	11/19
Sima, Mary Ellen	11/19
Kilger, Lenore	11/22
Farley, Micaela	11/23
Stawitz, Lynn	11/24
Zeurcher, Marlena	11/24
Albert, Jennifer	11/25
Becker, Memphis	11/25
Bingenheimer, Diane	11/25
Bossert, Cheryl	11/28
Kramer, Daniel	11/29