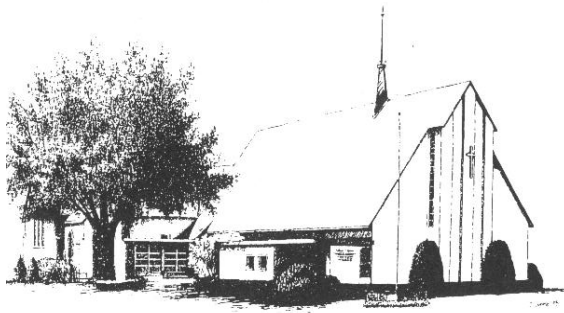




St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



November 2025

Pastor Phil Schultz

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

Is celebrated on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month and the Wednesdays that follow.

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From The Pastor



Dear St. Luke Family,

As the calendar turns to November, the chill fills the air, the dark sky grows longer, the leaves fall from the trees, and our hearts naturally turn towards the 4th Thursday of the month. Thanksgiving is a holiday, and, sure, there is the food aspect, but it's a holiday that we, as followers of Jesus, are to focus on, pause, and remember all that God has done for us — not just this year, but in every season of life.

But let's admit it, it's easy to be thankful when life is good, when plans succeed, when blessings happen, when it feels like God is answering your prayers the way you think He should. However, the Bible tells us that we should be thankful at all times, not just in response to good times. The Apostle Paul writes, **"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."** (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

That little phrase "in all circumstances" should remind us that even in times of struggle, loss, or uncertainty, God is still there, still working for our good, still loving us. Being thankful to Him is what helps us through the storms of life. When we give thanks in every season, we are declaring that God, You are good, You are faithful, You are what I need, and I will praise You, even when times are hard.

This November, let's practice Thanksgiving daily. As we move towards that fourth November, take a few moments each day to pause and remember what

In all things,
give

thanks!

1 Thessalonians 5:18

He has done for you. Remember, the greatest thing ever is the forgiveness and salvation found in the death and resurrection of God the Son, Jesus Christ. And my prayer is that God blesses you in this time of pause, and He opens the door to peace, happiness, and a strengthening of your faith.

As a church family, may we enter this season with hearts full of thanks and eyes fixed on Jesus, who truly makes us thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Phil

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

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	Michelle Silverblatt	310-1413
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Special Care & Human Services	Dale Karcher	771-1600
Youth and Family	Open	

BOARD OF ELDERS

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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	Glen 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	Ken Knoll	683-7242



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

**Where to find St. Luke
information**

Verse of the Month

Give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good!
His faithful love
endures forever.

~Psalm 136:1



THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY:

The Food Pantry would like to provide their clients with

items for Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to help with this, the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Frozen turkeys
- Turkey gravy
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Cranberry sauce
- Instant potatoes
- Canned corn
- Cake mixes

(Dollar Tree has them for \$1.25). Please have items to church by November 16th.

THANK YOU: For all the donations of reusable bags. Your generosity has been so overwhelming that we have plenty of bags to last us for some time.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE:

Saturdays from 10:00 am—12:00

noon through December. Pastor Phil needs some people willing to help out on Saturday with getting kids to the right place, serving snacks, and some general crowd control if need. If you are able to help, even just one Saturday, sign up on the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:

St. Luke will be having a Christmas Wreath Sale, to support Human Care and Outreach Ministries.

Payments for purchases are due November 16th.

Check, cash or Venmo (@Kammy-Ciesielski security code is 1209) is accepted. Orders will be ready for pick-up on December 6th. Please check out the brochure at the Wreath table in the fellowship area.



LWML FALL EVENT: Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8900 Sheridan Drive, Clarence NY, beginning at 8:30am. Installation of new officers, speakers and hands on project. Please RSVP by November 3rd to Sharon McGuan at (716) 803-3767 or salmg23@gmail.com

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION:

On Sunday, November 9th and Thursday, November 13th we will be recognizing veterans from St. Luke. Sign-up on the welcome desk and please indicate the branch in which you serviced.



WEDNESDAY WORSHIP DAY

CHANGE: Because of a scheduling issue with Pastor Phil the worship for Wednesday evening November 12th will be moved to Thursday, November 13th.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP:

Wednesday November 26th at 7:00 PM or Thursday, November 27th at 10:00 AM. We will celebrate communion in both services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP:

Glory be to God! Each Sunday we offer nursery, Sunday School and new this year...preschool! Please contact our Christian Education team if you are able to help. Annie Schultz (412) 417-9765, Michelle Silverblatt (716) 310-1413 or Sunday School Coordinator: Cinde Gross (716) 553-7718. stlukebuffalokids@gmail.com

PRAYERS & SQUARES: Just a reminder that our Prayers & Squares Ministry is still very much alive. Please know that you are able to request a quilt for someone you know that needs prayers and comfort. Please see Ellie Wiss or Dale Karcher for more information.

COFFEE HOUR: We are now looking for volunteers to supply our coffee hour on Sundays in November. There is a sign-up list located on the fellowship desk. Remember store brought is just as good. We always welcome new participants.

GIVING TREE: Once again we will be partnering with the Maryvale School District to help Less fortunate children in our community this Christmas. Keep a look out for it and more details to come.

In our prayers



- Chuck Walters
- Bev Haist,
- Bernadine Walters
- Marilyn Kozlowski
- Sheila
- Don Eggert
- Edwina Brudz
- Sean (neighbor of Jim Nietopski)
- Stepmom, niece and nephew of Marlena Zuercher
- Kathleen (Jim Nietopski's sister)
- Glenn Evertt
- Brian Bartosik
- Max Brenzell
- Samperio Family
- Dan Vecchio
- Rick Baron & Eddy Thoric (Friends of the Taylors)
- Betty Walters
- Rachel Maconaghy
- Steve Matthews-Bort,
- David Beicke
- Virginia Becker
- Cinde Gross

We celebrated the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 26 for Avery John Brogan. We rejoice and pray for Avery and his parents Kevin and Nallali.

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Worship Wednesday 7:00 p.m.—Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 11:00AM Worship Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 <u>All Saints Day</u> 10:00am Worship / Sunday School <u>Fraud & Scam Work-</u> <u>shop</u> 	3 7:00pm Elder's mtg.	4 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 6:30pm Trustee mtg. 7:00pm Council mtg. 7:30pm Recovery mtg.	5 7:00pm Worship	6 10:00am Paper Cuts & Bible Study	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8 3:00pm Girl Scout mtg.
9 <u>22nd Sunday</u> <u>After Pentecost</u> 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship & Sunday School	10	11 <u>Veteran's Day</u> 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery mtg. 	12	13 10:00am Paper Cuts & Bible Study 7:00pm Worship	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15 9:00am Fundraising mtg.
16 <u>23rd Sunday</u> <u>After Pentecost</u> 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship & Sunday School	17	18 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery mtg.	19 11:00am LWML mtg. 7:00pm Worship	20 10:00am Paper Cuts & Bible Study	21 <i>Office Closed</i>	22 3:00pm Girl Scout mtg.
23/30 <u>Last Sunday</u> <u>After Pentecost/ 1st</u> <u>Sunday of Advent</u> 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship & Sunday School	24	25 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery mtg.	26 10:00am Paper Cuts 7:00pm Worship	27 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 10:00am worship 	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	29



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



Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints.
~Psalm 116:15~

*Carole Bingert
Thomas Broad
Peter Cambio
Joanne Carney
Judy Chismwell
Beverly Felser
Peter Ferraing
Suzanne Gram
Paul Heitzman
Jack Hutchison
Beverly Johnston*

*Diane Michael
Drew Overholt
Donald Riemer
Joan Schifferle
Gloria Seaman
Diane Sharpe
Tracy Schmidt
Earl Tober
Joseph Wozniak
Carol Yansick
* Those lost in pregnancy*

	Time	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov.23	Nov. 27 Thanksgiving 10am	Nov.30
Greeters	9:00	Linda Rowe	Paul & Karen Baglio	Pat & Skip Rohloff		Allan & Arlene Riemer
	11:00	Louise Mallon	Ardys Lerch	Marg Albert		Nicki Tober
Elder	9:00	Karen Baglio	Karen Baglio	Allan Riemer		Karen Baglio
	11:00	Susan Garofaro	Soul Celebration	Tyler Silverblatt	Susan Garofaro 10am	Craig Maconaghy
Lector	9:00 *****	Marg Albert *****	Niecy Deakin *****	Allan Riemer *****	Anne Schultz 10am	Karen Baglio *****
	11:00	Michelle Silverblatt	Soul Celebration	Ed Loeffler		Louise Mallon
Communion Assistants	9:00 *****	Marg Albert *****		Kathy Brogan *****	Anne Schultz 10am	Peggy Smith *****
	11:00	Michelle Silverblatt		Ed Loeffler		Nancy Koehler
Counter		Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll
Ushers	9:00 *****	Skip Rohloff, Ken Knoll	John & Cinde Gross	Glenn Kilger, Ken Knoll		Skip Rohloff, Ken Knoll
	11:00					
Altar Care		Karen Baglio				

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