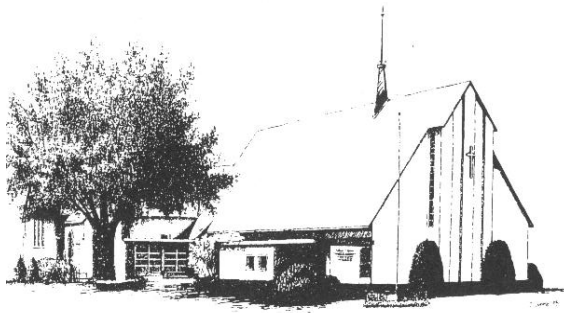




St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



October 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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October 12, 2006, does that date mean anything to you? It's a day that many in Western New York will never forget. It was the beginning of the "October Surprise," as it has come to be known. Lake effect snow and ice swept in suddenly, covering the city in heavy snow and ice. Trees snapped under the weight of the ice, power lines fell, and for days, many were left in the cold without power.

Now, I didn't live in Buffalo at the time, and even though Anne and I were dating, her family was away on a trip. And while I've heard stories about the damage and the loss of power, I've also heard something else: the stories of people helping people. People opened their homes to those without heat. Strangers offered warm meals and blankets. It was a reminder that even in the fiercest storm, God's love finds a way to shine through His people.

Scripture tells us in Isaiah 41:10: **So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.** In 2006, followers of Jesus lived that promise. Though trees bent and power failed, the Lord upheld His people.

Nearly two decades later, may we not forget the lessons of that storm:

Let's be ready to serve in times of need.

Let's recognize how fragile the things of this world can be.

Let's place our ultimate security not in the power lines, but in the power of Christ.

Let's share the hope of Jesus with a world that needs it.

Storms will come—sometimes in the weather, sometimes in our personal lives. Yet every storm allows us to be Christ's hands and feet to those around us. Just as Buffalo pulled together in 2006, may we as God's people continue to live as a community of hope, love, and faith—shining His light even when the world grows dark.

Serving Him with you,

Pastor Phil

*Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with my victorious
right hand.*

ISAIAH 40:10

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	Glen Kilger	560-9738
Treasurer	Linda Rowe	684-6236
Financial Secretary	Ken Knoll	683-7274
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	276-3949
	Michelle Silverblatt	310-1413
Media Relations	Tom Green	685-8786
Special Care & Human Services	Dale Karcher	771-1600
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	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)

Church Phone Number:

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www.stluke-buffalo.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/StLukeBuffalo

X (Twitter):

@StLukeBuffalo

YouTube:

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

Where to find St. Luke information

Verse of the Month

How precious are Your thoughts
about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!
I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!
And when I wake up,
you are still with me!

~Psalm 139:17-18

FLU/COVID SHOTS:

Tops Pharmacy will be at St. Luke on Sunday, October 12th to

administer Flu Shots and Covid Boosters starting at 10:00 am. Forms and Sign-up at the welcome desk. Remember to bring ID and your insurance card.



CONFIRMATION: Classes will start Sunday, October 12th from 10:10-10:50 am in the small basement. To find out more about the importance of confirmation or register your child, contact Pastor Phil at pastorphil.stluke@gmail.com

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:**

Friday, October 17th from 6-8pm at the Well Church 995 Dodge Rd, Getzville, NY 14068.

Help pack meals for

hunger children around the world. Sign-up on the Welcome Desk. Space is limited to 20 people. Questions contact Kammy Ciesielski at outreachstluke@gmail.com

FALL CRAFT SHOW: Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. \$2 admission plus the cost to purchase items, cash only. We are still in need of a few more vendors. Questions or for more information call Fred Schmitt 716-686-0642.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Friday, October 24th from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Sign up to help on the Welcome Desk.

Let us know if you will be giving out candy in the parking lot or helping with games in the basement.



ALL SAINTS DAY: All Saints Day will be celebrated Sunday, November 2nd at the 10:00 AM service. We will be remembering the lives of those who have passed from November 2024. The sign-up sheet located on the Fellowship Desk to add the name of your loved one. You may supply us with a picture of that person by email them to pastorphil.stluke@gmail.com or placing a picture in the box. Please identify that person on the back of the photo.. That photo will be returned to you via the box.

FRAUD AND SCAM PREVENTION

PRESENTATION: On Sunday, November 2nd

starting at 11:00 am worship. We will have a luncheon and

M&T Bank will be giving a presentation. Join us to learn about how you can keep yourself from being a victim of a fraud or scam. Sign up on the welcome desk or by calling the church office.



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

CLEANING ASSISTANCE: Our maintenance team is looking to clean and wax the basement floor. They are in need of a 17 inch floor buffer. If anyone has one that the church can borrow, please call the church office. Also, let us know if

you are able to give Tom Nelson and Don Becker some help.

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: Thank you to everyone who purchase or makes baked goods to enjoy between worship services. There is a sign-up sheet located on the welcome desk anyone who would like to contribute.

In our prayers

- Chuck Walters
- Bev Haist
- Bernadine Walters
- Marilyn Kozlowski
- Sheila (Tom Green's sister)
- Don Eggert
- Donna Albert
- Edna Brudz
- Sean (neighbor of Jim Nietopski)
- Step mom, niece and nephew of Marlena Zuecher
- Kathleen (Jim Nietopski's sister)
- Mike Tuzzo (son in law of Lois Richter)
- Glenn Evertt
- Brian Bartosik
- Max Brenzell
- Samperio Family
- Dan Vecchio
- Rick Baron (friend of the Taylor's)
- Eddy Thoric (friend of the Taylor's)
- Donna Daly
- Family of Diane Sharpe
- Carol Deitrick

OCTOBER 2025

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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
			1	2 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4
5 <u>18th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship /Sunday School	6 <u>7:00pm</u> Elder's mtg.	7 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:00pm</u> Trustee mtg. <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	8 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	9 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11
12 <u>18th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>9:00am</u> Worship Flu Shots <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday School	13 <u>Columbus Day</u>	14 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	15 <u>11:00am</u> LWML mtg. <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	16 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 Craft Fair <u>10:00am-2:00pm</u>
19 <u>19th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday School <i>Popcorn Sale</i>	20	21 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	22 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	23 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	24 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Trunk or Treat</i> <i>6:00-7:30pm</i>	25
26 <u>20th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday School <i>Popcorn Sale</i>	27	28 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	29 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	30 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	31 <i>Halloween</i>	





Hannel, Bennett
Teufel, Bethany
Smith, Alexander
Halleck, Sharon

Stanford, Samantha 10/8
Connor, Adam 10/9
Khaylowsky, Bryce 10/9
Broad Marilyn 10/10
Balcom, Eleanor 10/11
Costanzo, Nicholas 10/12
Grzyb, Walter 10/12
Oetinger, Jacob 10/12
Quinn, Ursula 10/12
Stannard, Luke 10/12
Maconaghy, Craig Jr. 10/13
Miller, Jeanne 10/14
Grefrath, Cassandra 10/16
Thompson, Judi 10/17

Pawli, Kristina 10/18
Loeffler, Katie 10/20
Faskel, Roger 10/21
Becker, Donald 10/22
Crowell, Elaine 10/23
Daly, William 10/26
Donovan, Megan 10/26
Rohloff, Judith 10/26
Fiebelkorn, Debbie 10/27
Tarnowski, Steven 10/11
Harris, Kim 10/28
Lawrence, Aidan 10/30
Taylor, Joseph 10/30



SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP: Glory be to God! Each Sunday we offer nursery, Sunday School and new this year...preschool! We are specifically in need a helper for the 3rd Sunday of the month. There is no teaching involved, just assisting Cinde Gross in the class. 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

CHRISTMAS PLAY 2025: We are looking for children to join us once again for our annual Christmas Play. Practices will begin in November (We will have a practice schedule ASAP) and the play will be Sunday, December 21st during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Sign up on the welcome desk or in Sunday School and let us know if you want a speaking part. Any questions please talk with Beth Hannel, Sue Connor, or Pastor Phil

	Time	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26 (Reformation Day)
Greeters	9:00	Chuck & Betty Walters	Pat & Skip Rohloff	Paul & Karen Baglio	Linda Rowe
	11:00	Betty Ann Schmitt	Rita Loeffler	Virginia Becker	Ed Loeffler
Lector	9:00	Peggy Bouquin	Marg Albert		Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Louise Mallon	Soul Celebration	Karen Machnica
Communion Assistant	9:00 ***** 11:00		Marg Albert ***** Nancy Koehler		Kathy Brogan, ***** Nancy Koehler
Elder	9:00 ***** 11:00	Soul Celebration	Karen Baglio Susan Garofaro	Soul Celebration	Allan Riemer Tyler Silverblatt
Counter		Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll
Ushers	9:00 ***** 11:00	Glenn Kilger, Ken Knoll Ardys Lerch, Joe DiGiacomo	Skip Rohloff, Ken Knoll Tom Nelson, Don Becker	John & Cinde Gross Louise Mallon, Diane Palermo	Glenn Kilger, Ken Knoll Karen Machnica, Rita Loeffler
Altar Care		Karen Baglio			

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