

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



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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 I write this, I've noticed that there are a lot of icicles around. Some are here at church, others in the homes of people around the neighborhood. Perhaps you have one at your house. Simply put, icicles form when snow melts off a warm insulated roof and then runs down and encounters freezing air in overhand or gutters. They start out small yet over time, with each drop of water, they build up.

Now that they look beautiful to look at, they can cause problems. Icicles, and the ice that produces them, clog gutters. This can lead to ice dams and allow water into your home. If they fall, they can break windows and dent cars. If a person gets hit one causes cuts, bruises, broken bones, or worse yet, a falling icicle can kill someone.



And yet, the same thing can happen with anger. Like an icicle, we can sometimes allow anger to build up, and over time it grows larger and larger, and it can cause problems, anger damages friendships, ruins marriages, and even causes people to have physical problems.

Ephesians 4:26-27 tells us: **"Don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.**

Has anger built up like an icicle in your life? Has the devil been given a foothold? Let today be the day you do something about it, give the anger over to God, and do it now before any damage happens.

Serving the Lord with you,

Pastor Phil

The day to day needs at the food pantry continue. Below is a list of the most commonly requested items at the pantry. Please try and help out by picking up a few items to donate to the pantry when you shop. Wegmans has some bulk packages of vegetables and other staples that are very economically priced.

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



Food Pantry Donations Needed

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
Musician	Susan Errett	225-2157
Office Manger	Karen Baglio	633-6752

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	Arlene Riemer	771-3542

CHURCH COUNCIL

Spiritual Life/Congregational Care	Karen Baglio	633-6752
Special Care & Human Services	Open	
Youth and Family	Open	
Stewardship	Fred Schmitt	686-0642
Outreach and Mission Services	Open	
Christian Education/Life	Anne Schultz	276-3949
	Michelle Silverblatt	310-1413
Media Relations	Tom Green	685-8786

BOARD OF ELDERS

Walter Grzyb	393-3670	Susanna Garofaro	688-7094
Karen Baglio	686-0670	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	Ed Loeffler	861-6998
Facility Use (scheduling)	Church Office	633-6752
Food Pantry	Robin Beane	697-1440
Fund Raising Committee	Fred Schmitt	686-0642
LWML	Marge Albert	875-9363
Youth Group	Church office	
Son Shine Committee	Pastor Phil	
Sunday School Information	Anne Schultz	276-3949
Thrivent	Church Office	
Weekly Contributions	Ken Knoll	683-7242

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ONLINE GIVING

Are you interest in setting up online giving, but have some questions or perhaps need some help setting it up? Tom Green, our Media Relations Chair, is available to answer any questions or help you set up online giving.

CONTRIBUTION

STATEMENTS: If you wish to receive a statement confirming your calendar year 2023 contributions to St. Luke, please print your name, envelope number and date of you request on the sign-up sheet located on the kiosk in the Fellowship Area. Statements will be available for pick-up in the red "STATEMENTS" box within seven days of your request.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday February 14th. There will be 2 worship times offered at 1:00 and 7:00 PM. Ashes and Communion will be offered at both worship services



LENTEN WORSHIP: St. Luke will host the 1st Wednesday Lenten Worship on Wednesday, February 21st. Soup and sandwich dinner will begin at 6pm. Worship will begin at 7 pm. We will be in need of dessert bakers for this event. A signed up sheet is located on the fellowship desk. The remaining schedule of worship locations will be listed out in the coming weeks.



COFFEE HOUR TREATS: There is a sign up sheet located on the Fellowship Desk to sign up for a Sunday in the month of February.

Remember that store bought is just as acceptable as homemade.

LWML EVENT: Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 44 Chapel Rd, Kenmore, NY will hold a Buffalo Zone and Eastern District LWML event on February 24 from 9am—noon. This even will be used to make beaded bracelets for the homebound. The colors used to make these beads for the bracelets have special meaning. The recipients will know the meaning of the colors to help them through times of loneliness. We are receiving lists of those in need from area churches. Come and join us to make as many bracelets as possible, while enjoying the company of fellow Christian women, working together to show love to one another and to strangers. Donations of canned good or dry good will also be collected for our shut ins.

Please Consider if you have an IRA that you have yet to decide where to put your required minimum distribution (RMD) by the end of 2023, you might want to consider St. Luke. As a 501c3 organizations, St. Luke is eligible to receive IRA contributions as QCD's (Qualified Charitable Distributions). Thank you for considering this option.



In our prayers for the Lord's healing:

- Bob Eckam
- Chuck Walters
- Fred Koehler
- Cheektowaga Police Officer Troy Blackchief
- Rev. Gregory Otte
- Barbara Glover (Our Savior)
- Nate,
- Marg Albert,
- Thelka Duke,
- Bev Haist
- Maureen & Greg (John Bruso's sister & brother-in-law)
- Ardys Lerch
- Beth (friend of the Beyer's)
- Clara—Granddaughter of Marilyn Kozlowski
- Joy Palermo
- Theresa—Friend of Marg Albert
- Maureen Sullivan
- Kathleen (Jim Nietopski's sister)
- Ted Goga (under Hospice care)
- Gerri Potter (Doris Zuch's Mom)
- Carol Deitrick (knee surgery)
- Fern Suckow
- Marty Palermo
- Renee (Smith's Daughter)

AND NOW
THESE THREE REMAIN
FAITH
HOPE
AND LOVE
BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE
LOVE



KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR

"The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry." We've heard that many times and it's so true. The **"Kickoff to the New Year"** needed to be changed not once, but twice due to circumstances beyond our control. Here are the updated details!

The "Kickoff to the New Year" will be held on Sunday, February 11th (Super bowl Sunday) after the worship service. **VERY IMPORTANT!! There will be ONE worship service that day at 10:00 AM with Communion.**

This event will be an opportunity to honor our outgoing Trustee and Council members as well as the Food Pantry volunteers with a luncheon of Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Tomato Soup. Since it is Super Bowl Sunday, there will be a football theme for the event. Also highlighted will be the Ministry of St. Luke Food Pantry. There is no charge for the luncheon or the fellowship and the Food Pantry will be blessed with a free will offering.

Sign up sheets are on the desk in the Fellowship Hall for the event and there is a sign up sheet for anyone interested in bringing a dessert. Please sign up even if you signed up for the previous event.

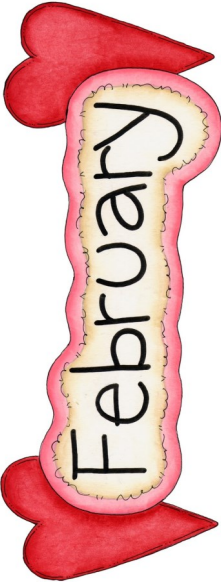


ST LUKE FOOD PANTRY
Our food pantry serve our community

and has for many years. Over the past several months we have seen our client base increase and maintain those increases on a bi-monthly basis. We saw the need to see our clients increase from once a month to every other week. Therefore our shelves empty much quicker than in the past. We are asking you for help in either a financial donation or purchasing items that move off the shelf at a fast pace. We are especially in need of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, etc. There is list of suggested items available on the Fellowship Desk to Help you make purchase choices for our clients. We receive assistance from Feed More of WNY but orders from them need to be purchased by our food pantry. The food we receive is not free, but is often time covered by grants.

FEBRUARY 2024

St. Luke Lutheran Church—900 Maryvale Drive—Cheektowaga NY—Phone 633-6752 or 634-5560—E-mail: secretary@stluke-buffalo.org
 Worship Wednesday 7 p.m.—Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
4 <u>5th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship & Sunday School	5 7:00pm Elder's mtg.	6 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 19:00am Tole Painters 7:00pm Trustee mtg. 7:30pm Recovery	7 7:00pm Worship	1 10:00am Bible Study & Paper Cuts	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3 3:00pm Girl Scouts
11 <u>6th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship & Sunday School	12	13 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 1:00pm Worship 7:00pm Worship	15 10:00am Bible Study & Paper Cuts	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 9:00am Fundraising mtg. 3:00pm Girl Scouts
18 <u>1st Sunday of Lent</u> 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship & Sunday School	19 <i>President's Day</i>	20 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery	21 7:00pm Worship	22 10:00am Bible Study & Paper Cuts	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24
25 <u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u> 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship & Sunday School	26	27 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery	28 7:00pm Worship	29 10:00am Bible Study & Paper Cuts		



Torcasio, Jordyn	2/2	Bruso, John	2/9	Daly, Donna	2/24
Garofaro, Susan	2/6	Silverblatt, Tyler	2/9	Gaczewski, Hayden	2/24
Giles, Douglas	2/7	Donovan, Easton	2/10	Schultz, Lily	2/24
Teufel, Torietta	2/7	Schmitt, Fred	2/10	Koehler, Fred	2/25
Teufel, Trenton	2/7	Brogan, Rachel	2/12	Monroe, Greyson	2/26
Gress, Joy	2/8	Gromek, Jonathan	2/12	Nelson, Christopher	2/26
		Kozlowski, Stanley	2/13	Walkowiak, Nora Jean	2/26
		Monroe, Connor	2/14	Riemer, Allan	2/27
		Coxson, Collin	2/15	Vanaker, Diane	2/27
		Brudz, Zachary	2/18	Broad, Anthony	2/28
		Potoczak, Thomas	2/20	Mercado, Sharon	2/28
		Maconaghy, Craig Sr.	2/21	Michael, Andrew	2/28
		Rzepka, Patricia	2/21	Monroe, Shane	2/28
		Foster, Suzie	2/22	Taylor, Henry	2/28
		Biegasiewicz, Simon	2/23		

	Time	February 4	February 11	February 15 Ash Wednesday	February 18	February 25
Greeters	9:00	Allan & Arlene Riemer	Chuck & Betty Walters		Skip & Pat Rohloff	Paul & Karen Baglio
	11:00	Marg Albert	Nicki Tober		Betty Ann Schmitt	Rita Loeffler
Lector	9:00	Peggy Bouquin	Marg Albert		Ron Connor	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebra-	Karen Machnica		Soul Celebration	Nancy Koehler
Elder	9:00	Manfred Rieger	Karen Baglio	Karen Baglio	Ron Connor	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebra- tion	Susan Garofaro	Craig Maconaghy 7:00PM	Soul Celebration	Tyler Silverblatt
Comm. Asst.	9:00		Marg Albert	Peggy Smith		Kathy Brogan
	11:00		Anne Schultz			Nancy Koehler
Ushers		Glenn Kilger, Ken Knoll ***** Ardys Lerch	Skip Rohloff , Ken Knoll ***** Tom Nelson, Don Becker		John & Cinde Gross ***** Louise Mallon, Diane Palermo	Glenn Kilger, Ken Knoll ***** Karen Machnica, Rita Loeffler
Counter		Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll		Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll
Altar Care	Karen Baglio					

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