

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



The Monthly Newsletter since 1954

September 2023

Pastor Phil Schultz

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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 in Sisters in Christ,

I hope that you and your families have had a wonderful summer. As I write my CHIPS article for this month, I've come to realize that summer is over. I know in the Schultz back to school is what's happening. Yesterday, Annie was getting the kids supplies ready, pencils, notebooks, folders, markers, all the stuff they need for the school year. Back to school is an exciting time.

It's also a wonderful and exciting time in the life of St. Luke. September sort of starts a new ministry year. We go back to our normal worship times. Sunday School and confirmation begin for our children and teens. The elders, trustees, and church council come back together after a summer break. We even start CHIPS back up again. And while it is an exciting time in the life of the church, it's also a stressful time for your pastor, because I need help.

Beloved in Christ, we are facing a problem at St. Luke. Right now, we don't have enough Sunday School help to have Sunday School every week. Positions on church council and trustees are unfilled, and we have several people going off in December. And as your pastor, I feel it's important that I'm honest with you: This is a problem.

So, what are we to do? The first thing is that we as a church need is to be in prayer together, praying that God helps us identify and equip leaders. Next, I ask you to search your own heart. Are you willing to step up? Are you willing to say yes if God calls you? Often, we make excuses about why we can't. And the truth is, that's nothing new. When you read through the pages of the Scriptures, do you know what you find? Heroes of the faith making excuses. Abraham said he was too old. Jeremiah said he was too young. Moses said he couldn't speak right. Jonah said the people of Nineveh would never listen. But, God used each them, despite their excuses, to do amazing things. And I know He can do the same thing through you. All you need to do is say yes.

So, brothers and sisters, let us all come together in prayer. Let's pray for our ministries and leadership teams, pray for our leaders, pray that God gives us people willing to step up, and ask God what He wants from you. When we do this, I know that God will do amazing things for and through us.

Serving Him with you,

Pastor Phil

WE NEED YOU!



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 cereal oatmeal)



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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President	Pam Maconaghy	479-0725
Vice-President—Personnel	Bill Dunlop	316-2244
Vice-President—Property	Ed Loeffler	861-6998
Treasurer	Linda Rowe	684-6236
Financial Secretary	Dale Karcher	771-1600
Recording Secretary	Arlene Riemer	771-3542

CHURCH COUNCIL

Spiritual Life/Congregational Care	Karen Baglio	633-6752
Special Care & Human Services	Open	
Youth and Family	Kammy Ciesielski,	632-2723
	Lindsay Ricks	837-4096
	Linda Saskowski	632-9102
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	Sue Bethin	836-0423
Youth Group	Kammy Ciesielski,	632-2723
Son Shine Committee	Gene Benson	634-0900
Sunday School Information	Anne Schultz	276-3949
Thrivent	Bud Foster	632-4187
Weekly Contributions	Ken Knoll	
	Dale Karcher	771-1600

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.



TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL:

In December we will be electing our 2024 Board of Trustees and church council. This year we have several position where the current member has termed out and is unable to run again. Please pray as we look to fill these leadership positions.

Position that are up

- President
- VP or Properties
- Recording Secretary
- Youth and Family
- Missions and Outreach
- Congregational Care/Head Elder (Elected by the board of Elders)

**Normal worship times will begin
on September 10th,
Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Wednesday at 7:00 PM**



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School and our Nursery Program will be up and running beginning September 10th with a Kick-Off. We are looking for volunteers that can give us 1 Sunday/month to help. Please see Pastor Phil, Michelle Silverblatt, or Annie Schultz with any questions.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY Starting on September 10 we will have a sign up sheets for this years Christmas Play. We will have sign up sheets in Sunday School and on the fellowship table. Please use one of these sign up sheets with the child's name, parents name, phone number , email address, and if someone other than the parent is dropping off or picking up their information. This is for children ages 3 and up. They can have a speaking part if they want. Rehearsals start Saturday November 4th (time to be determined) and every Saturday morning until the play that will be at both services on Sunday December 17th. Any questions please contact Sue Connor at 716-632-1958 or Beth Hannel 716-479-7381 or the church office at 716-633-6752.

FLU SHOTS: St. Luke will again offer flu shots on Sunday, October 1st, from Rite Aid Pharmacies. The shots will be administered after the 1st worship service in the fellowship area. There is a sign-up sheet located on the Fellowship desk.

Please be sure to have your insurance ID card with you that day.

COFFEE HOUR: Now that our summer time schedules are coming to an end, we will begin our coffee hour in-between worship services beginning Sunday, September 10th when our worship services resume to our normal hours of 9 & 11AM. We look forward to new volunteers to offer to supply us with either cookies, cupcakes, sweet breads and/or cakes. Remember, it doesn't have to be home baked. Store bought works just as well. There is a September sign-up sheet located on the Fellowship Desk for you to choose the Sunday that works best for you! If you have never volunteered for this task, please consider signing up for a particular Sunday. We all enjoy fellowship with a cup of coffee and sweets!

In our prayers for the Lord's healing:

- Bob Eckam
- Chuck Walters
- Fred Koehler
- Chris Braden
- Verna Eden
- Wendy
- Dennis Igoe
- Chrissy
- Cheektowaga Police Officer Troy Blackchief
- Rev. Gregory Otte
- Barbara Glover (Our Savior)
- Marg Albert
- Thelka Duke
- Bev Haist
- Elsie
- Bill Daly
- Mark
- Ann Marie (Lottes) Whesner
- John Hughes
- Matt Kroening
- Al Ryer
- Sal Alagna
- Nicki Tober,
- David O'Bara
- Christopher Shultz
- Nancy Koehler,
- Maureen (John Brusos sister)
- Chris McFarland (Kammy Ciesielski's cousin)

Christian Education Updates & Help: Help is needed to keep our children's ministries going! **We can only have these ministries regularly available for families if positions are filled.**

If you're willing to serve, our Christian Education Directors, Michelle Silverblatt and Annie Schultz, will work with you and provide training/mentoring as needed. Please talk to us or Pastor Phil, or email us at stlukebuffalokids@gmail.com, if you'd like more information on the following positions:

Sunday School Coordinator: It is our top priority to find a **SS Director**. This individual or team manages procedural/administrative duties for SS and nursery (ex. scheduling, communications, supplies). No requirements to teach or to be present regularly during SS. Organization and communication skills are helpful. Detailed description of this position/responsibilities will be provided.

Sunday School Teacher: This individual or team prepares and presents lessons; a curriculum is provided. No experience necessary. Directors can provide mentoring and/or arrange for observation of other SS teachers. At this time, it would be helpful to have some volunteers to serve occasionally/as backups or substitutes.




Sunday School Classroom Helper: Assist the SS teacher during class. Teaching is not required for this position. At this time, it would be helpful to have some volunteers to serve occasionally/as backups or substitutes.



St. Luke will be hosting a craft show on Saturday, September 30th from 10am until 3 pm. 8 foot table spaces are available for a rental of \$25, \$30 if you would like electric. You must supply your own extension cord. Handcrafted items only. A maximum number of two crafters per table. Please see Fred Schmidt for an application or contact the church office.

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
3 <u>14th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>8:30am</u> Worship <u>10:00am</u> Worship Last Summer Outdoor Worship	4 <u>Labor Day</u> <u>Office Closed</u>	5 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	6 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	7 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts	1 <u>Office Closed</u>	2
10 <u>15th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday School	11 <u>7:00pm</u> Elder's mtg.	12 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:00pm</u> Lutheran Chorale <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	13 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	14 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	15 <u>Office Closed</u>	16 <u>9:00am</u> Fundraising mtg.
17 <u>16th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday School	18	19 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:00pm</u> Lutheran Chorale <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	20 <u>11:00am</u> LWML mtg. <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	21 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	22 <u>Office Closed</u>	23 <u>3:00pm</u> Girl Scouts 
24 <u>17th Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>11:00am</u> Worship & Sunday School	25	26 <u>10-2:00pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:00pm</u> Council mtg <u>7:00pm</u> Lutheran Chorale <u>7:30pm</u> Recovery mtg.	27 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	28 <u>10:00am</u> Paper Cuts & Bible Study	29 <u>Office Closed</u>	30 <u>10-3:00pm</u> Fall Craft Fair 



Boyle, Sabrina	9/1	Balko, Norbert	9/4	Nelson, Lynnette	9/20
Kaun, Taylor	9/1	Connor, Suzanne	9/6	Ciesielski, John Jr.	9/21
Klein, Emilia	9/2	Sutton, Ashley	9/7	Gorges, Brandyn	9/21
Bossert, Mark	9/3	Tober, Amanda	9/9	Stawitz, Marissa	9/22
Dohn, Justen	9/4	Richter, Todd	9/11	Rohloff, Mark Jr.	9/23
		Saskowski, Owen	9/12	Rowe, Linda	9/23
		Schell Katarina	9/12	Ricks, Jayden	9/24
		Stawitz, Beverly	9/13	Jacob Mages	9/26
		Burns, Shayla	9/15	Lucas Mages	9/26
		Hart, Debra	9/16	Dersam, Robert	9/27
		Szefel, Mackenzie	9/17	Machnica, Elizabeth	9/29
		Nelson, Thomas	9/19	Weiss, Ella	9/29
		Sacco, Judith	9/19		
		Beane, TJ	9/20		



Youth Nights ~ **Youth Nights begin September 11** and will continue on 10/9, 11/13, and 12/11. Kids attending Youth Night are school aged children wanting for a fun and safe way to spend time with friends in Christ. There will be games, snacks, drinks, lessons, service, craft, etc. Not all on the same night though. :) New games were purchased to upgrade the Youth Room. We will have a cell phone policy in place. We hope to see you on September 11!

St. Luke at the Zoo ~ We will have a group of FREE tickets available for family and friends for St. Luke family day at the Buffalo Zoo on Sunday, October 1, 2023. We will meet at the zoo gates by 12:30pm (after the 11am church service). Lunch will be on your own. Please speak with your family and sign up in the fellowship hall. An email confirmation will be sent.



September 29 - October 1 ~ Fall Youth Retreat ~ youth in middle school and high school are invited to enjoy a weekend retreat with other christian youth from WNY at Pioneer on the Lake. They will enjoy a camp experience, bon fires, devotion, food and snacks, games, etc while working on Saturday to update the camp which can include painting, yard work, etc. Please contact sllcyouth900@gmail.com if this seems interesting to your teen/preteen. You can find more information at <https://pioneeronthelake.com/>

Save the dates:

Trunk-N-Treat - 10/28

LaserTron - 11/9

Breakfast with Santa - 12/9

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Address Service Requested

	Time	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Greeters	9:00	Last 8:30AM	Allan & Arlene Riemer	Chuck & Betty Walters	Pat & Skip Rohloff
	11:00	Last 10:00AM	Ed Loeffler	Louise Mallon	Ardys Lerch
	9:00		Marg Albert	Peggy Bouquin	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Sue Bethin 10:00AM	Ed Loeffler	Soul Celebration	Nancy Koehler
Comm. Asst.	9:00		Marg Albert		Kathy Brogan
	11:00		Ed Loeffler		Nancy Koehler
	9:00	Karen Baglio	Karen Baglio	Manfred Rieger	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Manfred Rieger	Susan Garofaro	Soul Celebration	Tyler Silverblatt
Counter		Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll
Ushers		Ardys Lerch & Joe DiGiacomo	Tom Nelson & Don Becker	Louise Mallon & Diane Palermo	Karen Machnica & Rita Loeffler
Altar Care		Karen Baglio			