

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



September 2022

Pastor Phil Schultz

Pam Maconaghy
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SERVICES

Sunday

9:00 am

10:00 — 10:45

Christian Education

11:00 am -

Blended/Contemporary

Wednesday

7:00 pm

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From The Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When you read through the Gospels you will find that Jesus would take some time from His ministry and find some alone time to recharge His batteries. Sometimes he would visit with friends, other times He withdrew with His disciples. Several time he just spent time by himself.

I recently read the story of a man who was celebrating his retirement, and at his retirement it was mentioned that he had never taken a sick day or vacation 50 years he had worked for the company. And all I can think is how sad. Time missed to bond with his wife, children, and grandchildren. What a missed opportunity to renew and replenish his spirit. Sure, he worked hard, but I wonder how much more productive, creative, and effective he would have been with some time to rest?

But when we look at Jesus, we see that not only did He take time off, but he did so when there was still plenty of work to do. People who needed to be healed, taught, comforted, forgiven. Yes, there was plenty of work to be done, and I'm sure some of the disciples probably questioned why Christ go on vacation.

Jesus knew the importance of taking care of yourself, especially if you are going to take care of others. And if Jesus thought it was important to do so, then we need to realize the same thing. It really is a health issue: mental, physical, spiritual health.

Maybe you're one of those people who say, "someday... when the work is all done." But can I tell you something: work will never be done. There will always things to do, projects to complete, people to care for.

I hope this summer you took some time to rest, relax, recharge your batteries. Some time to spend with family and friends to just laugh and play. Time to be still and know that God is God and loves you just as much when you're at rest as when you're working.

Serving Him 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 cereal oatmeal)



Food Pantry Donations Needed

GoodSearch
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Did you know that every time you search on the internet (and who doesn't do that a million times a day?) you could be earning a donation to St. Luke? St. Luke presently has 52 good searchers, who have raised over \$1,505.08 all that searching adds up!

Simply go to GoodSearch.com and download their search tool. You search for St. Luke, Cheektowaga NY in their database and pick that as your cause to support. Every time you use that search engine, money is set aside for St. Luke. You can also GoodShop and many sites will make donations based on a percentage of your purchase price as well. The tool bar will also show you discounts and deals you can get on those participating websites, so you can donate to St. Luke and save at the same time. You can even track how much you earn by going to the GoodSearch web site. So when you have to search....make it a good one and support St. Luke at the same time.

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 or (716) 634-5560 weekdays. Our answering machine will take messages at 633-6752. Our FAX number is (716) 635-0718. Our email address is secretary@stluke-buffalo.org

Pastor	Phil Schultz	276-3949
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
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FOR THE FOLLOWING

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"CHIPS" Newsletter
Facility Maintenance
Facility Use (scheduling)
Food Pantry
Fund Raising Committee
LWML
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Youth Group
Son Shine Committee
Special Care and Human Services

Sunday School Information
Thrivent
Weekly Contributions

Contact

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Robin Beane 697-1440
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Sue Bethin 836-0423
Scott Zimmerman 681-9939
Kammy Ciesielski, 632-2723
Gene Benson 634-0900
Ellie Weiss 634-8529
Karen Machnica 235-8870
Jacqueline Albert 875-9363
Bud Foster 632-4187
Ken Knoll
Dale Karcher 771-1600

Normal worship times will begin on September 11th, 9 & 11AM worship times.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School and our Nursery Program will be up and running beginning September 11th with a Kick-Off. We are looking for volunteers that can give us 1 Sunday/month to help. Please see Pastor Phil, Michelle Silverblatt, Annie Schultz, or Jacquie Albert with any questions.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Will begin again this October. Confirmation classes are for students in 6th & 7th grades with Confirmation taking place at the end of 7th grade. For more information or to register, please contact Pastor Phil at 633-6752 or pastorphil.stluke@gmail.com

YOUTH NIGHTS: Youth Nights are for school age children in the community to come together in a safe environment to enjoy each others company by playing in a structured atmosphere learning about Christian values. Parents drop off (with contact information) is at 6PM and pickup is at 7:30PM. Due to different issues, Youth and Family Ministry Directors need help keeping Youth Nights open. Are you available to help this very needed community ministry? Job description:

1. available one evening a month, 2nd Monday, from 5:45-7:30pm
2. Plan and prepare a short, Christen lesson (on church property) including some service projects and activities (we can buy what you need)
3. Monitor/initiate/control children playing games, coloring, crafts, etc.
4. Pass a [child protection background check](#) at no cost to you (Pastor Phil will input information in a database)
5. Control snack consumption
6. Contact Youth Directors or Pastor Phil with questions or concerns.

Please email sllcyouth900@gmail.com or call Kammy @ 716-523-1209 if you have questions or are interested. Our first Youth Night is scheduled on 9/12/22.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will resume September 12th at 10AM



In our prayers for the Lord's healing:

- Bev Haist
- Gene Benson
- Susan Teufel,
- Gerre Tropman
- Carol Knoll
- Bob Eckam
- Stacy Smith
- Chuck Walters
- Ron Connor
- Fred Koehler
- Eric Joseph
- Iris
- Kathy Jones (Karen DiPaolo's sister)
- Sue (neighbor of the Schmitt's) Chris Braden
- Jim Wornick,
- Joseph Saskowski
- Diane Palermo
- Beth O'Connor
- Verna Eden
- Patricia (Kim Spence's Mom)
- Mel Fronczak (friend of Marilyn Kozlowski)
- Family of Ursula Friedrich

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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, will be available between the services in the fellowship area to answer any questions or help you set up online giving.

LADD DONATIONS: Lisa Michael continues to collect donations for the LADD store. Please package your donations in a bag or box and place them in the bin down in the hall off the patio entrance. You can support LADD by visiting the store on Seneca St., near Indian Church Rd. Hours are Monday-Thursday & Saturday 10AM-3PM. You can also drop off your donations at the store. Lisa will also pick up your donations at your home. Call her at (410) 967-6766 to arrange for a pick-up.

USHERS NEEDED: We are in desperate need of more ushers. We would like at least 4 for each Sunday Service. Are you able to give up one Sunday a month to help? If you can help, please contact Pastor Phil or Karen Baglio at 633-6752 or secretary@stluke-buffalo.org.

GARDENING HELP NEEDED: Ellie Weiss has been a vigilant caretaker of all of the gardens surrounding our church property for many years. She enjoys her work but she is in need of some extra hands to help her with the maintenance. She would appreciate help with an hour, a few hours or whatever time you are able to assist. The work consists of taking care of the flowers, bushes (no grass cutting). Call the church office for more information.


MEAT RAFFLE: Our St. Luke Meat Raffle will be held on Saturday, October 29th at the Elks Hall in Lancaster. Tickets will soon go on sale.

NURSERY HELP: Volunteers are needed for our nursery ministry to be consistently available for young families attending St. Luke's. At this time, we need 2-4 individuals who can serve during the 11am service, 1 Sunday morning per month. Please talk to Jacquie Albert, Michelle Silverblatt, or Annie Schultz if you may be interested.

CHRISTMAS PLAY: In order to put on a children's Christmas play this December, a director or director team is needed to run the show. Please let Michelle Silverblatt or Annie Schultz know if you may be willing to help direct a Christmas program

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

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



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

I certainly hope all had a great summer, beginning with VBS, "WOW". What a "Fun" time for everyone who attended.

Prayers' & Squares continue to meet monthly to sew and layer lap quilts. They are made for anyone in need of extra prayers for their physical or mental well-being. You may call the church office or myself to request a quilt. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 13th from 1-2:30pm., in the basement.

It's time to get our flu shots for winter. They are scheduled for October 2nd between services from 10-11am, from Rite Aid Pharmacies. A sign-up sheet and screening consent form will be available to complete prior to your injection. Let's have a great turnout as in previous years,

Also, I am in the process of getting another CPR & AED class for church members. It has been 3 years and we need to have updated certification. The AED is located on the north wall of the Fellowship Room as you enter the sanctuary.

We'll continue to offer Blood Pressure readings on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Next session will be September 18th between services.

Our Food Pantry continues to serve anyone in our 14225 and 14227 zip code areas, Tuesdays from 10-2:00pm. Also, we continue to need pancake mix, canned soup & fruit, pasta sauce, canned tuna or chicken (5oz. cans). Thanks to Ken Knoll, Connie & Keith Williams, Robin Beane, Ed & Rita Loeffler, Karen Machnica, Nicki Tober, Lenore Kilger, Carol Deitrick, Arlene Riemer and "summer" interns, Courtney and Connor Beane.

Thanks to those who assisted with planting and pruning, and watering the church grounds this summer, especially, Tom Nelson, Skip Rohloff, Howard Braun, Arlene & Allan Riemer, Lisa Michael and Rita Loeffler. We will need help this fall to clean up for the winter season. Please call the church office if available to assist, Human Care Report Seot 202 or call my cell at (716)440-5784.

I'm looking forward to working with all, this fall and winter.

Ellie Weiss—Board of Human Care.

75th Anniversary Luncheon Finale from Nancy Koehler, Chair

So many people helped to make this celebration one to be remembered. All thanks and praise to our gracious God. There were 153 people who attended the luncheon. We had reservations for 166 adults and children. We collected \$401.00 from the Free Will Table Offering that will be donated to the Lutheran World Relief to benefit the Ukraine people.

This report could end here but I want to continue to express my thanks to all who helped.

There were so many wonderful and beautiful things that were there. The 2 beautiful and meaningful banners gracing the altar, the fantastic banner welcoming people in the vestibule of the church all made by Sue Connor, Karrie Frank and Pam Maconaghy. The touching banner made by the Sunday School children when they delivered it brought applause and a couple of tears of joy. I hope they stay up for quite a while for people to appreciate. The memorabilia that Karen Machnica, Lois Richter and BettyAnn Schmitt put together drew many comments of remembrance. I'll never forget the look on Lenore Kilger's face when she was honored, and Fred Schmitt even stayed under 5 minutes with his presentation on the Crucifix's artist!

We heard comments like, "Wow, we even get gifts" when the crosses that were made from a handrail and the prayer cards were distributed. As usual, Rich and Linda Taylor did a masterful job along with assistance from Tom Nelson. Special thank you to Kim Tuzzo for the printing of the cards and the Elders who composed the prayer.

The booklets with the history of St. Luke and the Worship Bulletins held Karen Baglio's special touch ... as usual! Always superb and invaluable.

The food from Joseph's catering was delicious and Ellie Weiss worked her magic on the delicious cupcakes. Rita Loeffler and Ardys Lerch made sure everything went smoothly in the kitchen while decorating the large room to make it festive. Always there to offer creativity advice ... and needles to make work easier... and filling in whenever and wherever needed were Dale Karcher, and Linda Rowe, even climbing ladders with "the ever young" Lois Richter.

Ed Loeffler made sure the building was ready for the celebration, from laying out the table locations with Rich Taylor, getting Skip Rohloff to paint the Red entrance door and making the outside grounds of the church beautiful with the assistance of Ellie Weiss.

Last, but certainly not least, a special Thank you to Pastors Schultz, Wicher and Purpura for putting together a delightful worship experience. .

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	Time	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Greeters	9:00	Last 8:30AM	Chuck & Betty Walters	Skip & Pat Rohloff	Paul & Karen Baglio
	11:00	Last 10:00AM	Ed Loeffler	Louise Mallon	Ardys Lerch
Lector	9:00				
	11:00				
Comm. Asst.	9:00				
	11:00				
	9:00	Karen Baglio 8:30AM	Karen Baglio	Allan Riemer	Wally Grzyb
	11:00	Manfred Rieger 10:00AM	Susan Garofaro	Ron Connor	Tyler Silverblatt
Trustee					
Counter		Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe & Ken Knoll
Altar Care		Allan Riemer			