



St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Dear St. Luke family,

October reminds us that change is all around us. The air gets cooler, the days grow shorter, and the leaves change from green to beautiful shades of red, orange, and yellow. Life has seasons of change too. Some changes are exciting, while others are difficult. Plans change. Children grow up. People come and go. Sometimes we know exactly where life is headed, and other times we have not clue.

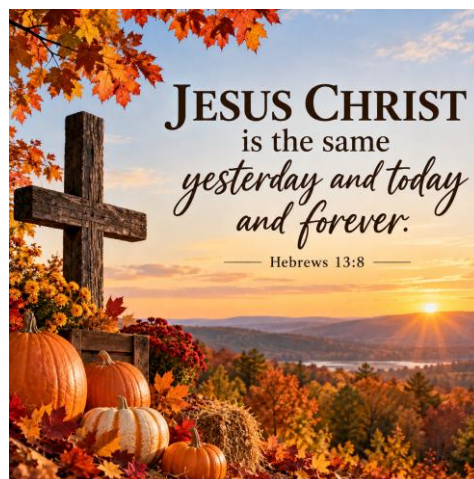
But Scripture gives us this wonderful promise: **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).**

Everything around us may change, but Jesus does not. His love for you does not change. His forgiveness does not change. His promises do not change. The cross is still enough, the tomb is still empty, and you belong to Him.

As we enjoy this beautiful fall season and all that is happening at St. Luke, may we keep our eyes on Jesus. Whatever changes tomorrow may bring, we can trust the One who never changes.

Have a wonderful October!

*Serving Him with you,
Pastor Phil*



October 2026 Edition

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Worship Schedule
Sundays at 9:00

Sundays at 11:00 am
In the Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Holy Communion
(Celebrated on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month and the Wednesdays that follow.)

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Our church is blessed with dedicated leadership committed to serving both our congregation and community with care and faithfulness. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Pastor
Office Manger
Musician

Phil Schultz
Karen Baglio
Susan Errett

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Linda Rowe
Pastor Phil
Pastor Phil
Anne Schultz
Dale Karcher



Help us make sure our shelves are constantly 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)

Where to find us

Church Phone Number:
(716) 633-6752

Website:
www.stluke-buffalo.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/StLukeBuffalo

X (Twitter):
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OCTOBER SERMON SERIES: “FREE” A STUDY IN GALATIANS: What does it really mean to be free in Christ? Throughout October, we’ll journey through Paul’s letter to the Galatians and discover the freedom that comes through the Gospel. Join us Sundays or Wednesdays as we proclaim, No other gospel, saved by grace, set free in Christ, and called to live by the Spirit. Come and discover the freedom that only Jesus can give!

BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays at 10 am in the Sanctuary! This year, we will be looking at non-orthodox “Christian” groups such as Jehovah’s Witnesses, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Christian Science, and others. We’ll examine what these groups teach, compare their beliefs with Scripture, and see how they differ from historic Christianity.

CONFIRMATION: Returns October 11! Confirmation classes for students in Grades 6 and 7 begin Sunday, October 11, at 10:10 a.m. in the small basement and will meet on the second Sunday of each month. Students will grow in their understanding of God’s Word, the Christian faith, and our Lutheran heritage as we explore the Ten Commandments, Apostles’ Creed, Prayer, Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and the Forgiveness of Sins. To register or for more information, please contact Pastor Phil.

MORTGAGE PAYOFF CELEBRATION: Join us **Sunday, October 18**, for a special worship service at **10:00 a.m.** with communion as we celebrate St. Luke paying off our mortgage and give thanks for God’s faithfulness and the freedoms we enjoy as our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary. Following worship, everyone is invited to a buffet luncheon at Marygold Manor, 770 Maryvale Drive. St. Luke will cover the cost of the luncheon. Please RSVP for the luncheon by Sunday, October 4th. Tickets are available in the Fellowship Area or by calling the church office. Come celebrate this wonderful milestone with fellowship and the official burning of our mortgage papers!

TRUNK OR TREAT: Join us Friday, October 23, from 6:00–7:30 pm for an evening of fun! Enjoy decorated cars and candy in the Maryvale parking lot, games, a photo booth, and live creatures from Caveman Critters in the basement. We need your help! Sign up at the Welcome Desk!

REFORMATION CELEBRATION: We will celebrate the Reformation on Sunday, October 25, and Wednesday, October 28. In honor of the Holy Spirit’s work through God’s Word and the Reformation, everyone is encouraged to wear red to worship as we give thanks for the Gospel truth that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone!

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS DAY: We will observe All Saints/All Souls Day on Sunday, November 1, and Wednesday, November 4. During these services, we will remember and give thanks to God for the lives of loved ones who have died in the faith since November 2025. A sign-up sheet and collection box are located on the Fellowship Desk where you may add the name of a loved one you would like remembered. You may also provide a photograph; please clearly write the person’s name on the back. Names and photos may also be emailed to pastorphil.stluke@gmail.com. All photographs will be returned to you through the collection box following the services.

SAFE DRIVER ACADEMY: The Safe Driver Academy will take place Monday & Tuesday, November 16th & 17th from 6-9 pm both nights. Both persons on the car insurance coverage must attend in order to receive the discount. Each participants registration fee is \$39.00, and due on the first night of instruction. If you are interested in participating, please add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: This year's Christmas Program is open to everyone in the church—no age limits! If you would like a speaking part, please sign up by October 18. Practices will be Saturdays, November 7–December 19, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. The program will be presented at both services on Sunday, December 20. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Sue Connor at (716) 632-1958, Beth Hannel at (716) 479-7381, or the church office. Come help us share the Good News of Jesus' birth!

ONLINE GIVING: Giving to St. Luke is easy and convenient through Amplify! You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring giving securely online. Thank you for your faithful support of St. Luke and its ministry as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To give online go to our website:
stluke-buffalo.org/give or
 text "Give" to (716) 300 – 2700 or
 scan the QR code



PART TIME CUSTODIAN: St. Luke is seeking a dependable part-time custodian to work 10-15 hours per week with a flexible schedule. If you are interested or would like more information or an application, please contact Pastor Phil, Glenn Kilger (Vice President of Properties) or Bill Dunlap (Vice President of Personnel)

- Bev Haist
- Marilyn Kozlowski
- Sean (neighbor of Jim Nietopski)
- Glenn & Kirk Evertt
- Brian Bartosik
- Max Brenzell
- Dan Vecchio
- Kathy Jones
- Nita Milkie
- Becky Zenger
- Kathy (sister of Karen DiPaolo)
- Victoria Hadley
- Helen Booth
- Billy Booth
- Tracy Nelson
- Barbara Postek
- Sandy (Bill Smith's Sister)
- Linda Harris
- Emily Zenger
- Donna Daly
- Jim (cousin of the Taylors)
- Percella Mims
- Thomas Pauly
- Scott Enser
- Michael Baglio
- Ron Connor
- Justin Bishop
- Jade (Nagel's granddaughter)
- Family of Dawn Rizzi
- Angelo (Bill Dunlop's cousin)
- Sharon Beyer
- Chris Proctor (Kammy Ciesielski's Nephew)
- Family of Linda Harris



Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 25th
 at 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 26th
 at 10:00 AM



Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24th
 3:00, 5:00, and 9:00 PM



Christmas Day Worship

Friday, December 25th
 at 10:00 AM

Mark Your Calendar

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

October 2026

Office Hours Monday – Thursday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>10:00 am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>11:00 am</u> Bible Study	2 <u>Office Closed</u>	3
4 <u>9:00 am</u> Worship <u>10:00 am</u> Flu/Covid Shots <u>11:00 am</u> Worship & Sunday School and Nursery	5 <u>7:00 pm</u> Elders	6 <u>10-2:00 pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00 am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:00 pm</u> Trustees <u>7:30 pm</u> Recovery	7 <u>7:00 pm</u> Worship	8 <u>10:00 am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>11:00 am</u> Bible Study	9 <u>Office Closed</u>	10 <u>3:00 pm</u> Girl Scout mtg.
11 <u>9:00 am</u> Worship <u>10:10 am</u> Confirmation <u>11:00 am</u> Worship & Sunday School and Nursery	12	13 <u>10-2:00 pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00 am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:30 pm</u> Recovery	14 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	14 <u>10:00 am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>11:00 am</u> Bible Study	16 <u>Office Closed</u>	17
18 <u>10:00 am</u> Special Celebration Worship <u>11:00 am</u> Celebration Luncheon at Marygold Manor	19	20 <u>10-2:00 pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00 am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:30 pm</u> Recovery	21 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	22 <u>10:00 am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>11:00 am</u> Bible Study	23 <u>Office Closed</u> <u>6:00 – 7:30 pm</u> <u>Trunk or Treat</u>	24 <u>3:00 pm</u> Girl Scout mtg.
25 <u>9:00 am</u> Worship <u>11:00 am</u> Worship & Sunday School and Nursery	26	27 <u>10-2:00 pm</u> Food Pantry <u>10:00 am</u> Tole Painters <u>7:30 pm</u> Recovery	29 <u>7:00pm</u> Worship	29 <u>10:00 am</u> Bulletin Folding <u>11:00 am</u> Bible Study	30	31 -

Worship Schedule for October 2026

	Time	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18 (10 am)	Oct 25 Reformation Sunday
Greeters	9:00	Paul & Karen Baglio	Linda Rowe		Allan & Arlene Riemer
	11:00	Virginia Becker	Louise Mallon		Betty Ann Schmitt
Elder	9:00	Karen Baglio	Karen Baglio		Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Susan Garofaro	Tyler Silverblatt 10 am	Tyler Silverblatt
Lector	9:00	Peggy Bouquin	Niecy Deakin	Michelle Silverblatt 10 am	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Karen Machnica		Michelle Silverblatt
Communion Assistants	9:00	No communion	Niecy Deakin	Michelle Silverblatt 10 am	Kathy Brogan
	11:00	No communion	Ed Loeffler		Michelle Silverblatt
Ushers	9:00	Glenn Kilger Ken Knoll	Skip Rohloff Ken Knoll	Louise Mallon Diane Palermo 10 am	Glenn Kilger Ken Knoll
	11:00	Ardys Lerch Joe DiGiacomo	Tom & Carol Nelson		Karen Machnica Rita Loeffler



Hannel, Bennett	10/1
Kramer, Michelle	10/1
Teufel, Bethany	10/4
Smith, Alexander	10/7
Halleck, Sharon	10/7
Drum, Nathaniel	10/8
Stanford, Samantha	10/8
Connor, Adam	10/9
Khaylonsky, Bryce	10/9
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
Tarnowski, Steven	10/17
Thompson, Judi	10/17
Pawli, Kristina	10/18
Loeffler, Katie	10/20
Faskel, Roger	10/21
Tarnowski, Steven J.	10/22
Crowell, Elaine	10/23
Daly, William	10/26
Donovan, Megan	10/26
Rohloff, Judith	10/26
Fiebelkorn, Debbie	10/27
Harris, Kim	10/28
Lawrence, Aidan	10/30
Taylor, Joseph	10/30

Dear St. Luke Family,

New York Yankees Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra famously said, "It's déjà vu all over again." I must admit that is a little how this letter may feel.

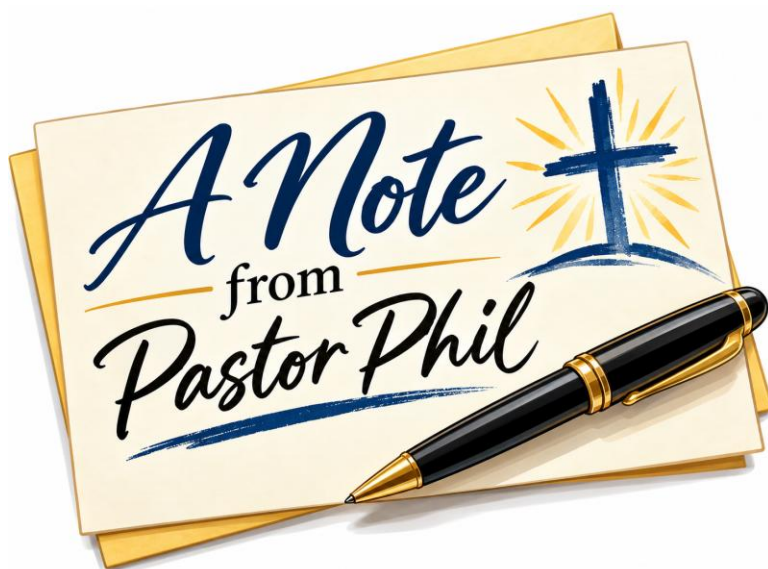
I want to share with you that I recently received another Call, this time to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spencerport, New York, just outside Rochester.

As many of you know, the pastoral shortage in our Synod has led congregations to reach out to pastors who are already serving elsewhere. I want to reiterate that I was not looking for another church when Trinity contacted me. At the same time, I did not want to dismiss what might be the work of the Holy Spirit.

For Anne and me, the question has never been, "Would we like it there?" or "Would this be a good opportunity for our family?" The question we kept coming back to was, "Where is God calling us?" Over the past several weeks, we have spent a great deal of time talking, praying, and seeking His guidance. After much prayer and consideration, we do not believe God is calling us to serve in Spencerport. I have therefore declined the Call to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thank you for praying for Anne, the kids, and me. Thank you for letting us know how loved we are. Most of all, thank you for continuing to serve alongside us. I am grateful to be your pastor, and I will continue to serve here as long as the Lord calls me to do so.

In Christ,
Pastor Phil



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