

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



March 2025

Pastor Phil Schultz

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Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:00 AM
(Traditional)

Sundays at 11:00 AM
(Soul Celebration contem-
porary 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,

40 days, from Ash Wednesday to Easter 40 days. 40 days for the season we call Lent. A time when we as followers of Jesus are called to focus on the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. A season for us to prepare for the amazing celebration that is Easter. Our hymnal, *The Lutheran Service Book* tells us this "From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on [God's] Word and draws from it life and hope."

But have you ever counted, have you ever counted the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter? If you do what you'll find is that there aren't 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, it's 46. So, what gives? Do we not know how to count? Do we use some ancient calendar that doesn't fit without a modern one? Does it have something to do with the Jewish Sabbath? Well, the answer is Easter. You see in Lent we don't count the Sundays because Sunday is the day the church has Christ's resurrection. That leaves Lent with 40 days, a reminder of the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness, where He was tempted by Satan.

As, we begin this journey of Lent, as we are tempted to sin, tempted to, as the Hymn *Come Thou Fount* says, "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love." Let me share with you the story of Mary Jones. Mary was a single mother with six children, who struggled to make ends meet. One day, needing money to feed her kids, the show took her TV to a pawn show. However, on the way there something crazy happened. As an armored truck filled with money drove past her, its back door flew open, and a bag dropped out and fell at Mary's feet. In the bag, she found bundles of \$100 bills, a total of \$160,000 was in that bag. A battle soon raged inside Mary. That money would pay all her bills and provide for the needs of her children. But it wasn't hers to keep.

Mary called the police and turned in the money. Her sense of doing the right thing won a victory over the temptation to keep what wasn't hers to keep. As we come to the Lenten season, how strong is your moral compass? Will it break down if you face a chance to do something wrong? As we journey through these 40 (46) days, may the Savior who gave up His life for us give us strength. May we, no matter what evil is pressuring us, follow Jesus' example and do what's right.

Serving Him with you,

Pastor Phil



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	Glenn 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	633-6752
Stewardship	Fred Schmitt	686-0642
Outreach and Mission Services	Kammy Ciesielski	632-2723
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	473-8556	Manfred 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	Glenn Kilger	560-9738
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	Cinde Gross	774-0063
Thrivent	Church Office	
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)

ONLINE GIVING: Want to set up online giving for 2025? Go to our website www.stluke-buffalo.org/give. Click on the Easy Title logo and



set up online giving. If you have questions or perhaps need some help setting it up contact Pastor Phil or Tom Green, our Media Relations Chair, we'd be happy to help you.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: There is a list on the desk in the fellowship area for those who would like there 2024 contribution statements. You can also call the church office it you would like them. Any other questions contact Ken Knoll Financial Secretary

Verse of the Month

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

~ 1 Peter 5:5, NLT

ASH WEDNESDAY Worship: Begin your Lenten journey by joining us for Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday, March 5th. Ashes and communion will be offered at both 1:00 and 7:00pm

**Buffalo North
Mid Week Wednesday
Lenten Worship**
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Worship

- **March 12 Pilgrim Lutheran Church:** 44 Chapel Rd, Kenmore, NY
- **March 19 Holy Cross Lutheran Church :** 8900 Sheridan Dr. Clarence, NY
- **March 26: St. Luke Lutheran Church** 900 Maryvale Dr. Cheektowaga, NY
- **April 2: Our Savior Lutheran Church:** 26 Brunswick Blvd, Buffalo, NY
- **April 9 Mt. Olive Lutheran Church:** 6965 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Lockport , NY (Dinner and Devotion)



Holy Week

- **Sunday, April 13:** Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am (LWML Palm Sunday Bake Sale)
- **Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm with communion
- **Friday, April 18:** Good Friday Tre Ore from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Good Friday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm

**Easter Worship:
Sunday, April 20th:** 8:30 am or 11:00 am with communion. Easter brunch at 9:45 am.



LWML PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE: We are just beginning the Lenten journey, but there are several events that will soon be upon us and we

need to be prepared for them. St. Luke's LWML Bake Sale will be held on it's traditional Palm Sunday, April 13th. So therefore we are preparing to get our bakers looking through their fabulous recipes to plan for that event. There is a sign-up sheet located on the Fellowship desk to place your name so we have plenty of baked goods to sell for this one LWML event which supports their mission work throughout the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY MINISTRIES—We are in need of additional Sunday School and Nursery volunteers as we do not have enough backup coverage, should there be an issue if a current volunteer is unable to make a Sunday. If you are able to help out with Sunday School but prefer not to teach, you can assist by being a helper to one of the teachers. Please contact Cindi Gross if you are able to help out 716-553-7718.

Fun Defensive Driving Class

Monday & Tuesday
May 19 & 20
6-9 PM at church
cost: \$39 per person

This is the Defensive Driving Class that will save you 10% on your auto insurance for 3 years and reduce up to 4 points from your record. Tell your family and friends. We need a minimum of 25 people for this class to run.

To enroll use the sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 716-633-6752 or send an e-mail to secretary@stluke-buffalo.org. You must attend both classes.

Payments will be accepted by the instructor the first day of class, cash or check payable to Safe Driver Academy. If you have any questions, please contact Dale Karcher 716-771-1600




In our prayers

- Chuck Walters
- Bev Haist
- Joya Palermo
- Marty Palermo
- Bernadine Walters
- Marilyn Kozlowski
- Linda Gross (friend of Ardys Lerch), David Beicke
- Sheila (Tom Green's sister)
- Judy Bogdan
- Tammy Vesper
- Baby Augie Casas
- Ron Kaun
- Linda Harris
- Diana (friend of the Gross's)
- Tom Martin
- Gisela Driscoll
- Brian Lagree (step brother of Kristen Taylor)
- Sharon Beyer
- Kirk Everett
- Ron Nelson
- Manfred Reiger
- Don Eggert
- Nancy Taynton
- Donna Albert (Debbie Fiebelkorn's sister)
- Carol Yansick
- Edna Brudz,
- Sean (Neighbor of Jim Nietopski
- Carl Beyer
- Family of Earl Tober
- Don Riemer



March 2025

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 8th Sunday of Epiphany 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship / Sunday School</p>	<p>3 7:00pm Elder's mtg.</p>	<p>4 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters. 7:00pm Trustee & Council mtg. 7:30pm Recovery</p>	<p>5 Ash Wednesday 1:00pm Worship 7:00pm Worship</p>	<p>6 10:00am Paper Cuts & Bible Study</p>	<p>7 Office Closed</p>	<p>8 3:00pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>9 1st Sunday of Lent 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship/Sunday School</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery</p>	<p>12 6:00pm Lenten Supper & 7:00pm Worship @ Pilgrim Lutheran/Kenmore 7:00pm Worship-St. Luke</p>	<p>13 10:00am Paper Cuts & Bible Study</p>	<p>14 Office Closed</p>	<p>15 9:00am Fundraising mtg.</p>
<p>16 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:00am Worship 10:10am Confirmation Class 11:00am Worship/Sunday School</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> 	<p>18 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery</p>	<p>19 11:00am LWML mtg. 6:00pm Lenten Supper & 7:00pm Worship @ Holy Cross/Clarence 7:00pm Worship-St. Luke</p>	<p>20 10:00am Paper Cuts & Bible Study</p> 	<p>21 Office Closed</p>	<p>22 3:00pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>23 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship/Sunday School</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 10-2:00pm Food Pantry 10:00am Tole Painters 7:30pm Recovery</p>	<p>26 6:00pm Lenten Supper & 7:00pm Worship @ St. Luke/Cheektowaga</p>	<p>27 10:00am Paper Cuts & Bible Study</p>	<p>28 Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 4th Sunday of Lent 9:00am Worship 11:00am Worship/Sunday School</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>7:30pm Recovery</p>				



DiGiacomo, Jackson	3/1	Brado, Thomas	3/12	Baranetsky, James	3/24
Brudz, Caren	3/4	Capozzi, Beverly	3/13	Kasprzyk, Chester	3/24
Farley, Michael	3/4	Rieger, Bonnie	3/13	Lerch, Ardys	3/24
Loeffler, Edward	3/7	Baranetsky, Kathaleen	3/16	Grant, Ellen	3/25
Pawli, Lilianna	3/8	Deitrick, Gordon III	3/16	Weaver, Rachel	3/26
Harper, Carson	3/10	Saskowski, Amber	3/16	DiGiacomo, Joseph	3/27
		Teufel, Brenda	3/16	Eggert, Dennis	3/27
		Beane, Connor	3/18	Eileen Rohloff	3/27
		Ciesielski, John Sr.	3/18	Luke Welker	3/27
		Ruppert, Lindsay	3/18	Saskowski, Linda	3/28
		Rieger, Manfred	3/20	Karcher, Dale	3/29
		Saskowski, Victoria	3/20	Michael, Lisa	3/29
		Taylor, Linda	3/21	Wolf, Carson	3/30
		Taylor, Michael	3/21		

	Time	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Greeters	9:00	Allan & Arlene Riemer	Chuck & Betty Walters	Skip & Pat Rohloff	Paul & Karen Baglio
	11:00	Louise Mallon	Ardys Lerch	Marg Albert	Nicki Tober
Lector	9:00	Peggy Bouquin	Marg Albert	Ron Connor	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Nancy Koehler	Soul Celebration	Anne Schultz
Elder	9:00		Karen Baglio	Ron Connor	Allan Riemer
	11:00	Soul Celebration	Tyler Silverblatt	Soul Celebration	Craig Maconaghy
Comm. Asst.	9:00		Marg Albert		Kathy Brogan
	11:00		Nancy Koehler		Anne Schultz
Ushers		Glenn Kilger, Ken Knoll ***** Ardys Lerch, Joe DiGiacomo	Skip Rohloff, Ken Knoll ***** Tom Nelson, Don Becker	John & Cinde Gross ***** Louise Mallon, Diane Palermo	Skip Rohloff, Ken Knoll ***** Karen Machnica, Rita Loeffler
Counter		Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll		Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll	Linda Rowe, Ken Knoll
Altar Care	Karen Baglio				

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