



January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Confession of St. Peter

St. Luke Lutheran Church
20 Candlewood Path Dix Hills, NY 11746
Phone: (631) 499-8656

Welcome to
St. Luke Lutheran Church
20 Candlewood Path
Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398
Church: 631-499-8656 - Fax: 631-462-6496
Preschool: 631-462-5216
Our Website: www.stlukedixhills.org
Satellite for the Lutheran Counseling Center: 516-741-0994

Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- ❖ Be **reverent** and **thoughtful** in this Holy place.
- ❖ **Before** the service, speak with God.
- ❖ **During** the service, let God speak to you.
- ❖ **After** the service, speak to one another.

As We Gather: We begin our worship today praising the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. For this saving work, Christ is truly worthy of praise, adoration, thanks and honor. He is truly worthy of our worship because of who He is and what He has done for us. Now we shall hear again the great story of salvation that was won for us by the Lamb of God. Rejoice! For the lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

Holy Communion is celebrated at each Worship Service.

The Lord's Supper is a gift from our Savior in which He offers us Himself and His forgiveness. Those who partake witness their love for Him and their faith and fellowship for each other. If you have confessed your sins and if you have been properly instructed regarding the Lord's Supper and believe in the presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine, which are the body and blood of Christ, please join us for the celebration of Holy Communion.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

8:15am & 10:45am w/ Sunday School

Contemporary Band plays Sundays two times/month (check online calendar)

Sundays at 10:45 AM

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE – on short pause

Sunday morning between services at 9:30 AM

Wednesday Mornings online at 10:00 AM

The **C.A.R.E Team** encourages *anyone experiencing illness or a challenging situation in their life to reach out to us for support. Support can consist of emotional/spiritual support, meals, transportation, help with errands or chores, and other areas as they are identified. Contact via **Hotline: (631) 600-0271***
Or email careteam@stlukedixhills.org Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

Mission Statement

To know Christ and make him known by Serving, Teaching, and Loving.

NEWS & REMINDERS

THIS WEEK at ST LUKE

2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Confession of St. Peter

Sunday January 18, 2026

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor
Bishop and President LCMS Atlantic District

8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC
 9:30 a.m. Q & A with Bishop Taylor
 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ HC & Sunday School
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Festival Rehearsal

Monday January 19, 2026

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Preschool & Church Offices Closed

Tuesday January 20, 2026

Preschool Open Registration Begins

10:00 a.m. NO Online Yoga
 10:30 a.m. Huntington Hills
 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Wednesday January 21, 2026

9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me
 9:30 a.m. PS Chapel
 10:45 a.m. Mommy & Me
 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday January 22, 2026

9:30 a.m. PS Chapel
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart
 7:15 p.m. Confirmation

Friday January 23, 2026

Youth Quake Retreat

Saturday January 24, 2026

Youth Quake Retreat



The Altar Flowers are given by **Jim Gnad** in loving memory of **Deacon Debbie Gnad!**

Sign up on the bulletin board. Fill out a memorial envelope (found in the pews) Insert a check (payable to St. Luke Church) or cash and place in the offering plate. *Flower vase is \$30 and Eternal Light is \$5.*

Wednesday Online Bible Study is on pause.
Watch your email for an update announcement that Bible Study is resuming.

Wednesday Online Bible Study:

Watch your email for announcements



Women's Ministry meets monthly for light breakfast, refreshments, fellowship, and church projects, on the third Saturday at 9:00 AM in the Memorial Gathering Room. Contact Anita Schabel for more info - aschabel@yahoo.com



Men's Ministry Bible Study, led by Deacon Paul Elgert, is on the 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 am in the Conference Room in the Education building. Contact Deacon Elgert for more info: elgertpa@gmail.com



We pray God's blessings for safe travels for our St. Luke Youth and adult leaders, led by Jackie Flynn, as they depart for their Quake Retreat in Pittsburgh, PA January 23 through January 25. Lord, may their time of praise, prayer and fellowship deepen their faith, understanding, and relationship to our Lord.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS WANTED

Coffee Hour is a wonderful time of fellowship with your

fellow congregation members. The sign up is in the narthex (lobby) of the church and at Coffee Hour.

*The Coffee is made for you. Contact Lori Etienne with questions or for more info:

lletienne13@gmail.com



Young at Heart is an active senior group that meets weekly in the Conference room of the Education building at 1PM on Thursdays. The

group enjoys a few hours of fellowship, stories, laughs, birthdays, and of course a competitive game of cards! The group is warm and welcoming and looks forward to meeting you!



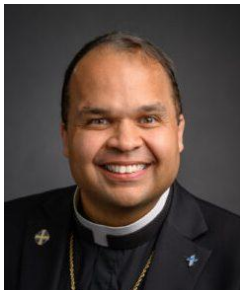
ONLINE CHAIR YOGA CLASS

Online Yoga will not meet on January 20, 2026. Join us next week when we return on January 27, 2026.

The Chair Yoga class meets online via Zoom at 10:00am on Tuesdays. The Yoga class is led by certified Yoga instructor, Laura Fisher. Any changes to the schedule will be announced by email and Stay Current. Please check your emails for the link to the Online Zoom Class.



Men's Breakfast at I-HOP in Commack on Jericho Turnpike is on the first Friday at 8:00am. The Men will meet, same place and time, on the first Friday of every month. The next breakfast is on January 2nd. See you there. Questions? Contact Deacon Paul Elgert elgertpa@gmail.com.



The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Bishop and President LCMS Atlantic District leads us in worship at 8:15am and 10:45am

Bishop Taylor will also lead an informative Q & A session Sunday January 18, 2026, between services at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Please join us to welcome Bishop Taylor.



****Your 2026 Offering Envelope boxed set is now in your family mailbox. If your envelopes are missing or you would like envelopes for the first time, please contact Laura in the office at laura@stlukedixhills.org**



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 By giving electronically, you can: · Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet. · Donate to one of our special project funds. · Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again. Get started today! Visit our donations page to learn more and set up your online contribution: <https://stlukedixhills.org/giving>



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WHAT IS THE C.A.R.E. TEAM?

The C.A.R.E (Christians Actively Responding to Everyone) team is a group of St. Luke members who can provide support to other St. Luke family members who are experiencing illness or other challenging circumstances in their lives.

We can provide: meals-errands-chores-rides-visits-sitting with a homebound family member while the family caregiver goes out for their own appointments. The St. Luke family is part of your extended family! If we can help you, please call our hotline at 631-600-0271 and leave us a message, one of our volunteers will call you back as soon as possible.

We pray for...

Please send in your prayer requests to prayers@stlukedixhills.org



Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members

Janet Boehme, Ronald Breuer, Ally Clark, Theresa Clark, Dorothy DeCordova, Carol Elgert, John Fick, Preston Findlay, Ilene Franzmann, Pastor Froehlich, Jim Gnad, Janet Kahn, Rose Katan, Clark Katz, MP Kuruvilla, Marlene Langhart, Danielle Lopez, John Mancino, Amy McClain, Kevin McDermott, Pat Meade, Gary Miller, Charlie Mock, Bill Nelson, Tom Nelson, Lisa Norberg, Barbara & Vincent Papa, Maren Powell, Matthew Recio, Doug & Matt Ross, Lillian Slade, Alissa Slade, Peter Tomforde, Walter Tomforde, Kathy von Thaden, Doug Wagner, Paul Walker, and Linda Wood-Hoyte.

Charlie Burst and family as Carol Burst went home to the Lord.

Prayers for the friends & Family of St. Luke:

Kathleen Aiello, Melissa Conte, Jeanne Coyle, Carleton Crispell, Jackie Dantzer, Kevin Delgardy, Liam Donohoe & family, Randi Donley, Reagan Doughty, Dash Duke, Gary Dunn, Henry Einzig, Ruth & Robert Elsener, Hannah Froehlich, Kassidy Frevert, Suzanne Gentile's mom, Carolyn Chiappetta, Ricky Gilmore, Giaradano Family, Ray Gremeaux, Lenny Giordano, Daniel Glidden, Tonya Gordon, Darlene Handle, Al Henningsen, Joan Hurdle, Mike Hyland, Kassidy Frevert, Bill Kahn, Tim Kildale, Tim Kimmitz, Ariella Klein, Florence Kopp, Beth Krass, Bradley Krueger, Grace Kruskol, Pastor Carl Joecks, Pastor Pierre Eddy Laguierre, Madeline Lamendola, Samantha Larcom, Jeff & Brenda Lawrence, Kathy & Tom Liconti, Dominick Maggiore Sr, Kevin & Gail Mattimore, Ken & Marlene McKenna, Kally McClave, Jean Melillo, Jeanette Meyer, Luke Mohan & Family, Moreno Family, Gina Morrissey, Samantha and John Natale, Karen O'Gara, Concetta Pediliggieri, Mildred Player, Adam Rafuse, Jeff Reynolds, Bobby Ruege, Maria Rodgers, Preston Ross, John Ryan, Joy Schabel, Michael Schieck, Jennifer Smith, Mia Skaats, Rosalind Shepherd, Rev. Kenneth Schnepf, Hilde Sprung, Rev. Michael Staneck, Jeffrey Tonan, Pastor Unger, Cathy Vatin, Rocco Viselli, Jillian & Kate Wagner & Family, Paul Wenger, Annie Wilkom, Jenny Woegens, and Klaus Zieschang.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

The victims and families of the 9/11 Acts of Terror, Bishop Dien A. Taylor and the Atlantic District, Rev. Victor Nelson, Resurrection, Cairo, NY, Rev. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Rob Morris, Christ the King Church, Newtown, CT., Rev. Kenneth Schnepf, Circuit Visitor, Rev. Dr. Roy W. Minnix and family, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Charles & Kathy Froehlich and family, The Messerschmidt family, Rev. Randy Miller and his family, Rev. Henry Schriever and family, Rev. Michael Staneck and his family, Rev. Jonathan & Katy Crawford and family, Rev. Jim & Chelsea Dorner and family, and our Missionaries to Indonesia, Amy & Jareb McClain and family.



ST LUKE MISSIONS COLLECTION
Distributed to Helping Hand Rescue Mission

WINTER COAT DRIVE

DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS

****Place coats in Clear Bags**
Drop bags in the Bins at the Back of the Church

**** Please, Clear plastic bags only! NO black bags**

**Collection is now and through the end
of January 2026**

**SOUPER
BOWL
SUNDAY**



**Soup Drive Now through
February 8, 2026**

- St. Luke Missions Committee is collecting cans of soup now through Souper Bowl Sunday February 8th.
- Place cans of soup in the bins at the back of the church.
- Missions Chairperson Sandi McDermott will be delivering the soup to Helping Hand Rescue Mission.

ST. LUKE

Preschool & Early Childhood Center

Lutheran Schools Association
LCMS Lutheran Church & Preschool
Licensed by NYS Child & Family Services

DISCOUNTS
for Siblings &
Members!

After Care
till 6PM!

Open Registration for 2026-2027 enrollment
begins January 20th. Open to all!

Programs

Tailored to Age
Mommy & Me
Learn & Play
PreSchool 3 yrs
Pre-K 4 yrs

Schedules

Before & After Care
2 Day, 3 Day, 5 Day
Mornings
afternoons
Full Day

ACTIVITIES

Enrichments
Sports games
Playground
technology
Arts and Crafts
Music Movement
Science



SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY

(631) 462-5216

Email: Director@stlukedixhills.org

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PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATES BY CHURCH COUNCIL

A message from your St. Luke Church Council President and Vice President



Dear St. Luke family,

As you are probably already aware, Pastor Johnson has accepted a call to another congregation and has resigned his position as Senior Pastor at St. Luke. Since he will be moving to a congregation not affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), LCMS protocols require that his resignation become effective immediately, as of January 11, 2026. We wish him and Elizabeth all God's blessings in their new endeavor.

We have been in contact with Bishop Taylor regarding the steps required for us to call a new Senior Pastor. While we are all anxious to move forward as quickly as possible, there are several tasks that must be accomplished before we can formally establish a Call Committee. The initial item is a new survey to determine the congregation's needs and preferences for our next pastor. We expect to provide this survey to you within the next few weeks; please take the time to prayerfully consider the questions and provide your responses in accordance with the schedule that will be provided with the survey.

Once the surveys have been returned and the responses have been compiled and reviewed, we will move forward with establishing a Call Committee, in accordance with St. Luke's Constitution and By-Laws and guidance from the LCMS Atlantic District. It is important to ensure that the make-up of a Call Committee is representative of our entire community, and we encourage anyone to reach out to us with suggestions for potential Call Committee candidates for consideration.

Please be assured that we will maintain pastoral coverage during the transition period, and we will continue to keep you updated regarding the process and progress toward calling a new pastor. As always, we encourage and greatly appreciate your continued prayers and support for St. Luke.

Ken Wenz, Church Council President
Jackie Guidone, Church Council Vice President

St. Luke Summer Program

Building Faith, Brick by Brick!

June 29th- August 7th

9:30am-12:30pm or

9:30am-2:30pm

***Choose 2, 3, or 5 days!**

**Register up to 6 weeks
online at our website.**

***Rates available online!**

***Open to children going
into preschool (with prior
school/day care
experience) through going
into 4th grade.**

**Priority
registration for
St. Luke Families
opens**

FEBRUARY 9TH!



SCAN ME

Questions?

[www.stlukedixhills.org/
summer-program](http://www.stlukedixhills.org/summer-program)

Contact:

[stlukesummerprogram@
gmail.com](mailto:stlukesummerprogram@gmail.com)
or call (631) 490-2941

2026

**BUILD!
PLAY!
PRAISE GOD!**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

- *Bounce castle and water slide
- *Music, art, gym, playground, etc.
- *Hot lunch program
- *Morning care option at 8:30am

St. Luke

Summer Program



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CALLING ALL JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH!

YOUTH

RETREAT

AT ST. LUKE

DEVOTIONS | MUSIC | FOOD

GAMES | COMMUNITY SERVICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

10:00AM-2:00PM

SIGN UP BY TEXTING/EMAILING JACKIE!

MEET IN THE CHURCH!

***ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS
MUST ATTEND!**

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2026

YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL

sponsored by
The Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Saturday, February 7th, 2026
“Sing through the Seasons”

St. Patrick's R.C. Church
400 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743



Festival Rehearsals are from 9:30am – 2pm
Choirs Festival Performance: Open to the public at 2:30 pm

Participation Open to the Community
Ages: 3rd Grade through High School

Rehearsals at St. Luke
in the Conference Room
Sundays in January 12pm – 12:30pm

See Dr. Janet Pinto if interested in participating



**** Church Attendance and Offerings ****

Attendance week ending 1/11/2026

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:15 AM: 47 10:45 AM: 115

Offerings Received in November 2025

*(total monthly offerings **includes** online giving)*

ACTUAL November Regular Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: **\$13,520.62**

Loose Plate: \$437.00

Thanksgiving: \$225.00

Total Offerings November 2025: \$14,182.62

Regular Monthly Budgeted: \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through November) 2025-2026: \$84,026.00

St. Luke Church Council 2026

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The Elaine Backmeier Memorial
Children's Carnival



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20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746

PROCEEDS FROM THE CARNIVAL SUPPORT OUR CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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PLEASE HELP US FURTHER OUR CHURCH & PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES
BY SPONSORING THIS EVENT WITH A DONATION

YES, I'D LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR

CASH DONATION ☐

\$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ OTHER ☐ _____

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RAFFLE PRIZE ~ PRIZES ~ GAMES ☐

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Pick up a Donation letter and sponsorship opportunities packet
on the windowsill in the narthex! Thank you for your support!