



January 25, 2026  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*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](http://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](mailto: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** **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**Sunday January 25, 2026**

**Welcome Rev. David Wackenhuth**

8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC

10:45 a.m. Worship w/ HC & Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Festival Rehearsal

**Monday January 26, 2026**

**Preschool Closed – Parent Teacher Conferences**

**Tuesday January 27, 2026**

**Preschool Closed – Parent Teacher Conferences**

10:00 a.m. Online Yoga

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

**Wednesday January 28, 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 29, 2026**

9:30 a.m. PS Chapel

1:00 p.m. Young at Heart

7:15 p.m. Confirmation

**Friday January 30, 2026**

**Saturday January 31, 2026**



*The Rev. David Wackenhuth, LCMS Atlantic District leads us in worship at 8:15am and 10:45am*

*Please join us to welcome Pastor Wackenhuth.*



The Altar Flowers are given by **The Young at Heart** in loving memory of Carol Burst.

The Eternal Light is given by **John & Jackie Guidone** in loving memory of Paul Thomas Guidone.

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](mailto: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](mailto:elgertpa@gmail.com)

The Men will meet on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Gathering Room.



## 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

**Yoga returns 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 February 6<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

Questions? Contact Deacon Paul Elgert [elgertpa@gmail.com](mailto:elgertpa@gmail.com).

*Year End 2025 Giving Statements are in your family mailbox in the Sanctuary. Please pick them up.*



**\*\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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**

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- St. Luke Missions Committee is collecting cans of soup now through Souper Bowl Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.

## PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATES BY CHURCH COUNCIL



Dear St. Luke Family,

As we move further into the pastoral transition period, Bishop Taylor is working closely with us to identify and schedule visiting pastors and/or a more-regular interim pastor to lead us in regular Sunday worship. However, there are also many other pastoral duties which will continue to be needed during the transition, including the monthly Huntington Hills worship service, hospital and home visitations, preschool chapel services, new member classes, funerals/memorial services, etc. Due to his familiarity with our St. Luke family, we have met with Pastor Cusanelli regarding these needs, and he has agreed to assist us in any way that he can, for anything that is not in conflict with his full-time responsibilities at St. Paul's in Amityville. Please note that Pastor Cusanelli will *not* be leading us in Sunday worship, due to his commitments to St. Paul's. Bishop Taylor is very much in favor of this plan, and we are all grateful for Pastor Cusanelli's assistance.

This plan and the associated compensation package have been approved by the Church Council, and the plan will be implemented immediately. Requests for pastoral services can be submitted to [pastor@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:pastor@stlukedixhills.org), to Ken Wenz at [kpwenz@gmail.com](mailto:kpwenz@gmail.com), or to Jackie Guidone at [jackies7fromhvn@aol.com](mailto:jackies7fromhvn@aol.com), for referral to Pastor Cusanelli.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions regarding this plan.

In His service,  
Ken Wenz, Church Council President  
Jackie Guidone, Church Council Vice-President

### PASTORAL QUALITIES SURVEY IS AVAILABLE

Your input is essential in helping us determine the characteristics and qualities that are desired for our next Senior Pastor. Please take the time to complete the survey prior to January 30, 2026. The electronic version of the survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQZZZML> and a limited number of printed surveys are available in the Narthex (these should be returned to the marked box in the Narthex). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these questions and your feedback!



# 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**



**LEGO**



**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

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**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 1/18/2026**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026 (SNOW)**

8:15 AM: 43    10:45 AM: 60

**Offerings Received in December 2025**

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

**December Offerings Received:**

Regular Offerings Received in December 2025 (including online giving)

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$19034.52

Loose Plate: \$1023.00

Celebrations (Christmas/Advent) \$8929.00

TOTAL DECEMBER: \$28,986.52

Budgeted \$22,608.33

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

## St. Luke Church Council 2026

Ken Wenz	President	kpwenz@gmail.com
Jackie Guidone	Vice-President	Jackies7fromhvn@aol.com
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## **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

**Preschool:** 631-462-5216

**Our Website:** [www.stlukedixhills.org](http://www.stlukedixhills.org)

**Satellite for The Lutheran Counseling Center:** 516-741-0994

**The Rev. Charles W. Froehlich** - Pastor Emeritus

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**Jackie Flynn** - Director of Youth & Family Ministry

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**Dr. Janet Pinto** - Director of Music & Choirs

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### **Deacons**

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Deacon Paul Elgert - Email: [elgertpa@gmail.com](mailto:elgertpa@gmail.com)

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### **Preschool**

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### **Sexton**

**Michael Alonzo**

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# Carnival Sponsorship Opportunities

St. Luke Church will be running a children's carnival on May 30, 2026. The funds from this carnival help support the various missions of St. Luke, including the pre-school and youth program. We hope you will consider taking advantage of our many sponsorship opportunities. Through your generosity, St Luke can continue to make a positive impact within the church and community.

**Carnival Arcade:** Total cost \$5,000  
Minimum sponsorship suggestion \$200



**Petting Zoo and Pony Rides:** total cost 1,550  
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$200



**Prizes:** Total cost \$500  
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$100



In consideration, if they can be fully funded:

**Magician:** Total cost \$575  
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$100

**Balloon Twister:** total Cost \$400  
Minimum sponsorship suggestion \$100



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Please return the completed form below to the St. Luke Church office, St. Luke Preschool Office, or mail to 20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746 c/o Lisa Wenz

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please Accept my donation towards \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included \_\_\_\_\_

Name for sponsorship display: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office use only... ☐ cash ☐ check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date received \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

The Elaine Backmeier Memorial  
Children's Carnival



Scan the  
QR Code to  
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On the Grounds of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Dix Hills  
20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746

PROCEEDS FROM THE CARNIVAL SUPPORT OUR CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

TAX ID: 11-212-4560

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

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YES, I'D LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR

CASH DONATION ☐

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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH - DESIGNATE FOR CARNIVAL

RAFFLE PRIZE ~ PRIZES ~ GAMES ☐

SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE / EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OR PRESCHOOL OFFICE

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