



February 15, 2026
Transfiguration

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 - Begins Ash Wednesday 2/18

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 caretteam@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 Transfiguration

Sunday February 15, 2026

8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC
10:45 a.m. Worship w/ HC & Sunday School
Coffee Hour between services and after the late service

Monday February 16, 2026

Preschool Closed 2/16 - 2/20

Tuesday February 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. Online Yoga
10:30 a.m. Huntington Hills
7:00 p.m. Call Committee MTG
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Wednesday February 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. Online Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday w. H.C.
7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday w. H.C.

Thursday February 19, 2026 –

1:00 p.m. Young at Heart

Friday February 20, 2026 –

Saturday February 14, 2026

9:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Breakfast



*The Rev. David Wackenhuth, Pastor
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 **Dorothy DeCordova** in loving memory of her husband **Bob DeCordova** on his birthday in Heaven.

The Eternal Light is given by the **The Lentsch Family** in loving memory of Magda Rothbard.

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.*



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. The next meeting is on Saturday February 21, 2026. 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



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

***Giving Statements were removed from the mailboxes and mailed to your home address.**

****Please Take Your Envelope Boxes Home!**



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!

A big THANK YOU from Missions!



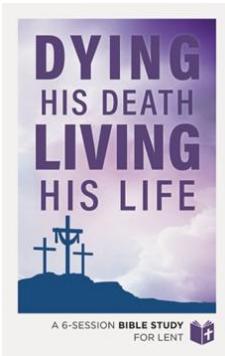
Together we were able to donate lots of coats and cans of soup to the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. They are always very grateful for our donation and continued support!

Sandi McDermott
Missions Chairperson



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 March 6th. See you there.

Questions? Contact Deacon Paul Elgert elgertpa@gmail.com.



Beginning on February 18th Ash Wednesday, Pastor Tom Cusanelli will resume Wednesday Online Bible Study at 10am on Zoom and lead us in a new 6 week Bible Study for Lent entitled, **"Dying His Death Living His Life"**

There are a limited number of Student guides available in the Church office. Please contact Laura in the church office laura@stlukedixhills.org to reserve a copy. **We still have plenty of copies.**

An email link to the Online Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom will go out on Sunday evenings.

ONLINE CHAIR YOGA CLASS



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.

Support St Luke with eGiving



St Luke offers online giving
through our Website

www.stlukedixhills.org

(look for the Giving tab)

and on the **Vanco Mobile** app

(Search for **St Luke Lutheran Church**)

We appreciate your generosity!



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Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support St Luke Lutheran Church

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>

Scan the codes to give on our Giving Apps



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.

Prayers for the friends & Family of St. Luke:

Kathleen Aiello, Melissa Conte, Jeanne Coyle, Carleton Crispell, Jackie Dantzer, Kevin Delgardi, Liam Donohoe & family, Randi Donley, Reagan Doughty, Dash Duke, Gary Dunn, Henry Einzig, Ruth & Robert Elsener, Rochelle Fernandez, Cassidy Frevert, Suzanne Gentile's mom, Carolyn Chiappetta, Ricky Gilmore, Ray Gremeaux, Lenny Giordano, Daniel Glidden, Tonya Gordon, Darlene Handle, Linda Haseley, Al Henningsen, Joan Hurdle, Mike Hyland, Cassidy Frevert, Bill Kahn, Tim Kildale, Tim Kimmitz, Ariella Klein, Florence Kopp, Beth Krass, Bradley Krueger, Grace Kruskol, Pastor Carl Joecks, Pastor Pierre Eddy Laguerre, 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 Schnepp, Hilde Sprung, Rev. Michael Staneck, Jeffrey Tonan, Pastor Unger, Cathy Vatkin, 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 Schnepp, 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.

February 18, 2026



Imposition of Ashes

Services:

12pm & 7:30pm

With Holy Eucharist



Join Parish Life for...

**DRINKS & DESSERTS
PROVIDED**

ADULTS

NIGHT OF CARD GAMES

On Saturday

February 28th at

7:00pm

St. Luke

Memorial Gathering Room

Bring an appetizer

Questions? Contact

Lori Etienne

lletienne13@gmail.com



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
Contact:
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



FEBRUARY YOUTH NEWSLETTER

BASKET DAY

Impact &
Sr. High Youth

Friday, February 6th
6:00pm-8:00pm
in the Youth Room

Come enjoy a pizza
dinner, games, a
service project, prayer
and more!

SR. HIGH VALENTINE'S DINNER

Friday, February 13th-
6:00pm-

Meet at St. Luke and go to
Spuntinos for dinner. Then
come back for prayer and
games! Pick up at 8:00pm.



HAPPY
Valentine's
Day

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REMINDE

- Summer Program
Registration opens on
Monday, February 9th.
- No Confirmation or Youth
Group during Feb. break.
Week of Feb. 15th-20th

UPCOMING DATES



- Sr. High Youth Group- Friday,
February 27th from 6:00-8:00pm
- Saturday, March 7th- Jr. & Sr. High
At Home Retreat -10:00am-2:00pm
(This takes the place of the Jr. High
game night in Feb.)

SAVE THE DATE!

SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP
JULY 22-JULY 25. 2026



Festival OF WORKSHOPS

Saturday March 7, 2026

9:30am - 3:10pm

Hosted at the
SUNY Maritime College
6 Pennyfield Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465

Over 30 Workshops to Refresh and Energize You in Your
Service to the Lord.

THIS YEAR'S THEME

In This Hope We Are Saved

Romans 8:24 (ESV)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bishop Emeritus David Behnke

\$35 per person / \$40 after February 24

Includes Lunch



ATLANTIC DISTRICT
of the LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Register Online at
ad-lcms.org



LWML Atlantic District - Suffolk Zone presents

Women's Life Day 2026

Saturday, March 28 ~ 9am-3pm

Grace Lutheran Church
240 Mastic Rd., Mastic Beach, NY 11951

YES!



...to Him when He calls

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10



**Featuring speakers:
Allison Sininsgalli and Kim Billings**

Music by Grace Lutheran

Plus: Vendors, Giveaways, Raffles, & more!

Light breakfast and lunch provided

Workshop 1 w/Allison: "The World Premier Performance,
Starring You, Created by God"

Workshop 2 w/Kim: "Devotion Writing? Yes, You CAN!"

**For more information, contact Linda Guterres:
at Grace Lutheran 631.281.8196 or email: lguterres@aol.com**

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATES BY CHURCH COUNCIL



Dear St. Luke family,

We are pleased to announce that we continue to move forward in our search for a new senior pastor, by establishing a Call Committee, comprised of the following Church members:

- Jackie Guidone, Chair
- Doug Geed
- Denise Inzirillo
- Marlene Langhart
- Jessica Portella
- Michael Smith
- Luke Althaus
- Nancy Gossow
- Greg Laub
- Ken MacDowell
- Glenn Schabel
- Chris Wenz

This Call Committee membership has been approved by the Church Council, in accordance with St. Luke's Constitution and By-Laws and guidance from the LCMS Atlantic District and provides a comprehensive representation of our entire community.

In addition, input from our Senior High youth (who are not expected to be of age to vote for a pastoral call) will be obtained from a Youth Advisory Group that includes the following members:

- Maddy Braddick
- Myla Garcia
- Lauralyn Castro
- Dean Pluschau

We are deeply thankful for the commitment of these individuals as we take this major step toward issuing a pastoral call. As always, we encourage and greatly appreciate your continued prayers and support for St. Luke as we continue to move forward through this transitional phase of our ministry.

Ken Wenz, Church Council President

Jackie Guidone, Church Council Vice President and Call Committee Chair

***IF YOU NEED PASTORAL CARE SERVICES DURING THE TRANSITION, PLEASE
EMAIL PASTOR@STLUKEDIXHILLS.ORG**

** Church Attendance and Offerings **

Attendance week ending 2/8/2026

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:15 AM:47 10:45 AM:100

Offerings Received in January 2026

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

January 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$11,196.94

Loose Plate: \$378.00

Celebrations (Christmas/Advent) \$247.00

TOTAL January 2026: \$11,821.64

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through January) 2025-2026: \$124,834.16

St. Luke Church Council 2026

Ken Wenz	President
Jackie Guidone	Vice-President
Anna Schwen	Secretary
Brenda Lentsch	Treasurer
Denise Norman	Christian Education
Tony Fisher	Property
Michele Castro	Finance
Theresa Clark	Evangelism
Lori Etienne	Parish Life
Nancy Gossow	Worship
Sandi McDermott	Missions/Social Concerns
Trisha Klare	Stewardship
Rey Rivera	Youth

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

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: _____

Office use only... cash check # _____

Date received _____ / _____ / _____ Initials _____

The Elaine Backmeier Memorial
Children's Carnival



May 30, 2026

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

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



Scan the
QR Code to
DONATE

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