



February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

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

Welcome to
St. Luke Lutheran Church
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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 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

1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday February 22, 2026

8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC
10:45 a.m. Worship w/ HC & Sunday School
Coffee Hour after each service
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir

Monday February 23, 2026

Preschool Reopens – Welcome Back!

Tuesday February 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. Online Yoga
10:30 a.m. Huntington Hills
7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg.
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Wednesday February 25, 2026

9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me
9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Online Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Mommy & Me
7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
“Hand of the Lord”

Thursday February 26, 2026

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

Friday February 27, 2026 –

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Saturday February 28, 2026

7:00 p.m. Parish Life Game Night



*Vicar Tyler Martin of
Lutheran Church of the
Resurrection in Garden
City leads us in worship at
8:15am and 10:45am*

Please join us to welcome Vicar Martin!



The Eternal Light is given by **Betty & Peter Tomforde in loving memory of Eleanor Drewes.**



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. 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



St. Luke Outreach Ministry visits Huntington Hills Nursing Home once a month to do a Worship Service with Communion and Music. We are seeking volunteers to join us so we can ensure that this ministry continues without gaps. Our visits are on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Huntington Hills Nursing Home in Melville. The service is brief, but the rewards of serving are mighty.

Please contact Trish Klare if you can assist in this important ministry.

TSklare402@gmail.com



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



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.



A big THANK YOU from Missions!

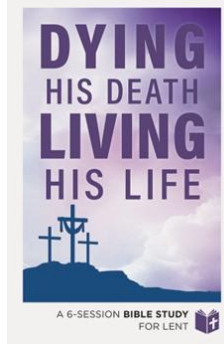
Together we were able to donate lots of coats and cans of soup to the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. They are always very grateful for our donation and continued support!

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.



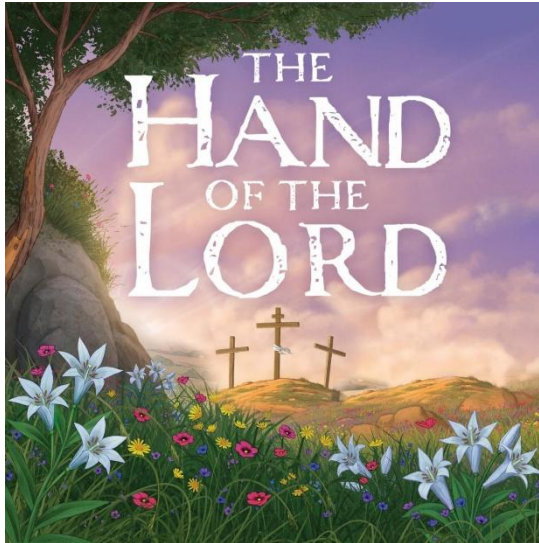
Beginning on February 18th Ash Wednesday, Pastor Tom Cusanelli will resume Wednesday Online Bible Study at 10am on Zoom and lead us in a new 6 week Bible Study for Lent entitled, **“Dying His Death Living His Life”**

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. **Copies are still available.**

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

Midweek Wednesday Lenten Services

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. as we journey through Lent with a special Lenten Series presented by the St. Luke Deacons.



The Deacons will guide us through a themed Lenten worship series that focuses on the Hands of the Lord throughout Scripture.



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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.

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, Rochelle Fernandez, Kassidy Frevert, Suzanne Gentile's mom, Carolyn Chiappetta, Ricky Gilmore, Ray Gremeaux, Lenny Giordano, Daniel Glidden, Tonya Gordon, Mary Hayman, Darlene Handle, Linda Haseley, 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 Maggioro 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 Easter Baskets Collection To Helping Hand Missions

- Pick up a basket at St. Luke at back of the Church
- Fill it with Easter Goodies
- Wrap it in clear cellophane
- Bring it back to St. Luke by the deadline

Collecting Now

Return Deadline is March 15, 2026



Deadline to Return Basket
March 15, 2026



Join Parish Life for...

ADULTS

NIGHT OF CARD GAMES

DRINKS & DESSERTS PROVIDED

Bring an Appetizer

On Saturday
February 28th at 7:00pm
St. Luke
Memorial Gathering Room

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](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



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!

REMINDERS

- 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.)

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.

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



**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



...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

Suggested
Donation
\$25

**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 Guteres:
at Grace Lutheran 631.281.8196 or email: lguteres@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
- Loralyn 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 2/15/2026

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:15 AM:33 10:45 AM:65

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	kpwenz@gmail.com
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Sexton

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Carnival Sponsorship Opportunities Update

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

Food: Total Cost \$600
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$100



Scan the QR Code
to Donate Online
Scroll down to Carnival.
Please note what you are sponsoring.

****Thank you to the generous sponsors
who have fully funded: The Magician, Balloon
Twister, and Dunk Tank!**

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 _____