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March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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

5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 22, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Adult Choir
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/
First Holy Communion
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir

Monday March 23, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. Call Committee MTG.

Tuesday March 24, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Online Yoga
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Wednesday March 25, 2026

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

Thursday March 26, 2026 - LSA Egg Relay

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

Friday March 27, 2026 – LSA Egg Relay

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Saturday March 28, 2026

- 9am-3pm **LWML Women's Life Day**
Grace Lutheran, Mastic Beach



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



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

The Eternal Light is also given by **Sandi McDermott** in loving memory of **Judith Steinberg**.



The Altar Flowers are given by **The Wustenhoff Family** in loving memory of their grandparents, **Ann Wendt, Robert Wendt,**

and Dennis Wustenhoff.

The Altar Flowers are given by **The Nadjar Family** in loving memory of **George & Erna Nadjar.**

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 **will not meet this month.** Instead they will be attending the LWML Women's

Life Day 3/28 at Grace Lutheran in Mastic beach from 9-3 Carpooling is possible.

If you are interested Contact Anita Schabel for more info - aschabel@yahoo.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.



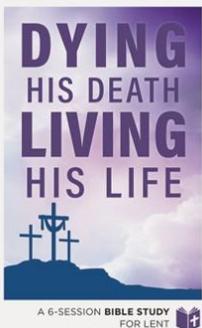
St. Luke Outreach Ministry visits Huntington Hills Nursing Home once a month to do a Worship Service with Communion and Music. We are seeking volunteers to join us so we can ensure that this ministry continues without gaps. Our visits are on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Huntington Hills Nursing Home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



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.

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



Pastor Tom Cusanelli leads Wednesday Online Bible Study at 10am on Zoom 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@stlucedixhills.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.

Church Prayer Group

With Pastor
Arthur & Kathy
Gillespie

**1st & 3rd Mondays plus
March 30 at 7pm in the
Conference Room
Begins March 16th**

We will pray for our church and its future pastor, for leaders and staff and more.

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances...”

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a



Sunday Bible Study

Bible Study with Pastor Gillespie – Sundays at 9:30 AM

Holy Week
CONVERSATIONS WITH
JESUS
John 3:13-17

Support St Luke with e-Giving

St Luke offers online giving through our Website
www.stlucedixhills.org
(look for the *Giving* tab)

and on the **Vanco Mobile** app
(search for *St Luke Lutheran Church*)

We appreciate your generosity!

Scan the QR
to Give



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://stlucedixhills.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@stludedixhills.org



Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members

Janet Boehme, Ally Clark, Theresa Clark, Dorothy DeCordova, Carol Elgert, John Fick, Preston Findlay, Ilene Franzmann, Pastor Froehlich, Jim Gnad, Gisela Grindel, Janet Kahn, Rose Katan, Clark Katz, Trish Klare, MP Kuruvilla, Marlene Langhart, Danielle Lopez, John Mancino, Amy McClain, Kevin McDermott, Pat Meade, Gary Miller, Charlie Mock, Bill Nelson, Tom Nelson, Lisa Norberg, Katie Osborn, 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, Bill Belpano, Ronald Breuer, Melissa Conte, Jeanne Coyle, Carleton Crispell, Jackie Dantzer, Kevin Delgardy, Liam Donohoe & family, Randi Donley, Ken Donoly, 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, 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, Juliana Lamendola, Madeline Lamendola, Samantha Larcom, Jeff & Brenda Lawrence, Kathy & Tom Liconti, Iris Mae, 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, Chuck Varga, Cathy Vatkin, Rocco Viselli, Jillian & Kate Wagner & Family, Paul Wenger, Annie Wilkom, Jenny Woegens, Peter Zack, 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.



Calling all Children and Youth!

Enrich our Palm Sunday Worship on March 29 at 10:45 am and Easter Worship on April 5 at the 11:00 am service with your voices. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: *let us make a joyful noise... — Psalm 95:1*

Dr. Pinto will have quick rehearsals following Sunday School in the Conference room of the Memorial Gathering Room on March 8, March 15, and March 22 for those interested in participating.

Please, prayerfully consider being a part of this very special Ministry.

Alec's Run Registration

Fun for the whole family!!

Alec's Run XXII

Saturday, April 25, 2026

4 Mile Race 9:30 AM

1K Children's Fun Run 9:00 AM

Half Hollow Hills High School West in Dix Hills



Learn more and register by scanning the QR or visit

<https://alecrun.org>

Hard copy registration forms are in the Narthex

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR ONLINE**



ST LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

SNACKS | DYING EGGS | EGG HUNT | CRAFTS

Preschool through 5th Grade

10:00AM - 11:30AM

AT ST LUKE IN ROOM 200 - LOWEST LEVEL OF PRESCHOOL

****Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs with you**



MARCH NEWSLETTER



Retreat

Join us for our Jr. & Sr. High At Home Retreat on Saturday, March 7th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Come play games, sing songs, do service projects, enjoy lunch, etc.
*Great way to earn Confirmation points or community service hours.
Sign up here:



Youth Group

6:00pm-8:00pm

- Friday, March 6th- NO YG!
- Friday, March 13th
- Friday, March 20th
- Friday, March 27th

Meal Packing at LuHi

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH
from 12:15pm-3:30pm

Meet in the youth room and travel to LuHi to pack meals for those in need. Then enjoy lunch at Panera. Pick up-3:30pm in upper lot.

Sign up here:



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

- Sunday, March 29th
- Help us make pancakes, decorate, set up, serve, etc.
Shifts-8:00am-10:30am or 10:30am-1:00pm
- Look for a sign up genius to donate items for our breakfast and a QR code to sign up.



Sunday, March 29th



8:15am & 10:45am services

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Lenten Wednesdays

Join us every Wednesday night at 7:30pm for worship service during Lent!

*5th grade communion classes will be 3/11 and 3/18 at 6:30pm.



St. Luke
**Palm Sunday
Pancake Breakfast**

MARCH 29TH- 9:15AM-12:30PM

All You Can Eat Pancakes with sides!

**NEW
OMELETTE
STATION!**



**NEW
CARVING
STATION!**

**Come join us after each church service to
enjoy a nice hot breakfast!**

Located in Room 200 at St. Luke Lutheran Church

***Free will offering and profits will go
towards our Youth Ministry Programs.**

***All Jr. & Sr. High Youth- report at 8:30am
to help out in Room 200!**

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!
say



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

...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 Siningsalli 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
- 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 3/15/2026

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:15 AM:54 10:45 AM:103

Offerings Received in February 2026

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

February 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$16,682.34

Loose Plate: \$400.26

Celebrations: \$462.00

TOTAL February 2026: \$17,544.60

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through February) 2025-2026: \$ 142,378.76

St. Luke Church Council 2026

Ken Wenz	President	kpwenz@gmail.com
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Trisha Klare	Stewardship	Tsklare402@gmail.com
Rey Rivera	Youth	Reinrivera9@gmail.com

The Elaine Backmeier Memorial
Children's Carnival



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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

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

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



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

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

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 _____

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



PALM SUNDAY

SERVICES

MARCH 29, 2026

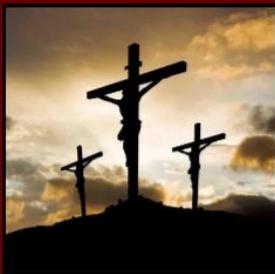
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVICE

APRIL 2, 2026 | 7:30 PM

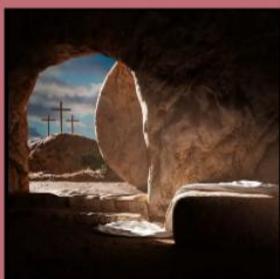


GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICES

APRIL 3, 2026

12PM FAMILY & 7:30 PM TENEBRAE



EASTER SUNDAY

SERVICES

APRIL 5, 2026

7:30 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM

Light Easter Brunch after each Easter service

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The background of the entire graphic is a light blue-grey color, decorated with various Easter-themed items. There are several small, colorful eggs (orange, white, blue) scattered around. There are also some dried, light-colored nests or twigs. Green leaves and small white flowers are interspersed throughout the design, creating a festive and natural feel.

**Easter Sunday, April 5th
after each service.**

Easter

BRUNCH BUFFET

**Let us know If you can help with this!
Contact Lori Etienne – lletienne13@gmail.com**

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Preschool: 631-462-5216

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The Rev. Arthur Gillespie - Interim Pastor - Worship & Bible Study

Email: pastorg@stlukedixhills.org

The Rev. Thomas W. Cusanelli - Pastoral Care (transition)

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The Rev. Charles W. Froehlich - Pastor Emeritus

Email: Revfroe2@gmail.com

Jackie Flynn - Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Email: Jackie@stlukedixhills.org

Dr. Janet Pinto - Director of Music & Choirs

Email: janetsuepinto@gmail.com

Laura Werner - Administrative Assistant

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Deacons

Deacon Greg Laub - Email: laugr01@gmail.com

Deacon Paul Elgert - Email: elgertpa@gmail.com

Deacon Tom Lamendola - Email: Tjdola63@gmail.com

Deacon Paul Rafuse - Email: prafuse54@gmail.com

Preschool

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Teresa Lupo - Administrative Assistant

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Sexton

Michael Alonzo

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We will once again decorate the church with Easter Flowers for Easter Sunday. If you wish to place a *Lily* (\$25 each) on the altar for Easter Sunday, use the form below or scan the QR to order online.

Fill out form, drop in offering Plate (checks payable to St Luke Church) or order and pay online

Please Order by April 1st to be included in the Easter Sunday Memorial insert



TO ORDER ONLINE

<https://www.stlucedixhills.org/events-forms>

The flowers are full and beautiful from Hick's Nursery!
To be included in the Easter Memorial Bulletin, please order on time.
** Please, place your order by Sunday, April 1st **

LILY @ (\$25.00 ea)
Enclosed \$ _____

Qty _____
Env. # _____

Check # _____ or Cash _____

- In Memory of _____
- In Honor of _____
- To the Glory of God _____



Given By: _____