



March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday

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

## NEWS NOTES

### **THIS WEEK at ST LUKE**

#### **Palm Sunday**

#### **Sunday March 24, 2024**

#### **Holy Week Begins**

Palm Sunday – Youth Pancake Fundraiser

8:15 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship w/HC

9:45 a.m. Elementary Choir

10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship & Sunday School

#### **Monday March 25, 2024**

7:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes

#### **Tuesday March 26, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Online Yoga

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

#### **Wednesday March 27, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me

10:00 a.m. Online Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me

7:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship

#### **Thursday March 28, 2024**

#### **Preschool Closed**

1:00 p.m. NO Young at Heart

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

#### **Friday March 29, 2024**

#### **Preschool Closed**

12:00 p.m. Good Friday – Family Service

7:30 p.m. Good Friday – Tenebrae Service of Darkness

#### **Saturday, March 30, 2024**

11:00 a.m. Eggstravaganza



The Flowers on the altar are given by The Von Urff Family in honor of Noah's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday and Crystal's 41<sup>st</sup> Birthday, (born on the same day, March 16<sup>th</sup>) and by The Klare Family in memory of George Birkel.

The Eternal light is given by Jackie Todaro in memory of Paul Guidone.

To order Altar Flowers or the Eternal Light, sign up on the Flower Chart or the Eternal Light Chart. Then, 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 \$20 and Eternal Light is \$5.



The Men's Ministry Bible Study Breakfast is on the 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 am in the Gathering Room, led by Deacon Paul Elgert. Bring a breakfast item to share. **The next meeting is on April 6<sup>th</sup>.** See you then! Contact Deacon Elgert for more info: [pelgert@optimum.net](mailto:pelgert@optimum.net)



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 April 20<sup>th</sup>.** Interested in joining the group? Contact Anita Schabel. [aschabel@yahoo.com](mailto:aschabel@yahoo.com)



The Carnival Committee is planning a terrific fun-filled day for the entire family! If interested in helping, we would love to have you join

this great group of volunteers. The next meeting is on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Lisa Wenz:

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Trish Klare:

[tsklare402@gmail.com](mailto:tsklare402@gmail.com) (631) 220-0851

Save the Date - The Carnival is on June 8, 2024

## ONLINE CHAIR YOGA CLASS



Online Chair Yoga meets online via Zoom at 10:00am on Tuesdays. 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.

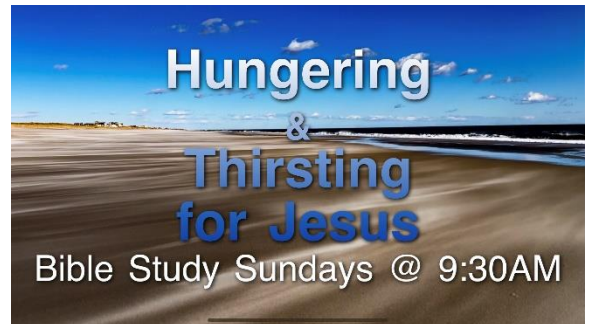


## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS WANTED

Coffee Hour is a wonderful time of fellowship with your fellow congregation

members. The sign up is in the narthex (lobby) of the church. Plenty of dates are available. \*\*You do not have to make the coffee! \*The Coffee is made for you. Contact Nancy Osborn with questions or for more info: [Ndosborn66@gmail.com](mailto:Ndosborn66@gmail.com)

**Sunday Bible Study will pause for Holy Week Palm: Sunday through Easter Sunday. Bible Study with Pastor Johnson** in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM between services on Sundays will resume on April 14, 2024.



## Save the Date - A Parish Life Event Saturday, March 23, 2024



Bring a snack/appetizer to share.

Beverages are provided.

Games are provided, but feel free to bring in your favorite game.

**GAME NIGHT!  
SATURDAY  
MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>  
7:00 PM**

**GATHERING  
ROOM**

**EDUCATION  
BUILDING**



## 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.

Some examples of support 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.

### **\*\* Church Attendance and Offerings \*\***

#### **Attendance week ending 3/17/2024**

**Wednesday March 13, 2024**

**7:30 pm: 15**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2024 First Communion**

**8:15 AM: 47      10:45 AM: 187**

#### **Offerings Received in January 2024**

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

**ACTUAL January Regular Offerings Received: \$19,526.00**

Regular Budgeted Giving: \$22,000.00

**Through January 2024**

**ACTUAL YTD Offerings Received: \$146,331.00**

YTD Offerings Budgeted: \$154,000.00



The Young at Heart will not meet next week during Holy Week. Join us when we return on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Young at Heart is an active senior group that meets weekly in the Conference room of the Education building at 1PM on Thursdays. The Young at Heart enjoy a few hours of fellowship, stories, laughs, birthdays, and life experiences, and of course a competitive game of cards! The group is warm and welcoming and looks forward to meeting you!

Need more information? Call the Church Office (631) 499-8656



Please send in your prayer requests and needs to  
[prayers@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:prayers@stlukedixhills.org)  
**We pray for...**

### **Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members**

Janet Boehme, Ronald Breuer, Judy Burns, Ally Clark, Theresa Clark, Dorothy DeCordova, Carol Elgert, John Fick, Preston Findlay, Ilene Franzmann, Pastor Froehlich, Jim Gnad, Janet Kahn, MP Kuruvilla, Charlene Leo, Laura May, Amy McClane, Kevin McDermott, Pat Meade, Gary Miller, Barb Nelson, Tom Nelson, Lisa Norberg, Barbara & Vincent Papa, Maren Powell, Amy Rogener, Doug Ross, Lillian Slade, Alissa Slade, Peter Tomforde, Walter Tomforde, Kathy von Thaden, Noah Von Urff, Paul Walker, and Linda Wood-Hoyte.

### **Prayers for the friends & Family of St. Luke:**

Kathleen Aiello, Jackie Dantzer, Kevin Delgardy, Reagan Doughty, Dash Duke, Hannah Froehlich, Kassidy Frevert, Ray Gremaux, Lenny Giordano, Daniel Glidden, Tonya Gordon, Jill Greenspan, Darlene Handle, Joan Hurdle, Kassidy Frevert, Lauretta Kaessinger, Bill Kahn, Tim Kildale, Ariella Klein, Beth Krass, Grace Kruskol, Madeline Lamendola, Kathy & Tom Liconti, Carolyn, Dominick Maggioro Sr, Jean Melillo, Jeanette Meyer, Luke Mohan & Family, Gina Morrissey, Samantha and John Natale, Concetta Pediliggieri, Mildred Player, Bob Prummell, Adam Rafuse, Jeff Reynolds, Bobby Ruege, Maria Rodgers, Preston Ross, Joy Schabel, Jennifer Smith, Mia Skaats, Rosalind Shepherd, Rev. Kenneth Schnepf, Rev. Michael Staneck, Jeffrey Tonan, Trevor Tormann, Pastor Unger, Cathy Vatin, Rocco Viselli, Margaret Weinstein, Debbie Weissmann, Annie Wilkom, Jenny Woegens.

### **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 & Dorothy Schriever and family, Rev. Michael Staneck and his family, Rev. Jonathan & Katy Crawford and family, Rev. Jim & Chelsea Dorner and family, our Missionaries to Indonesia, Amy, Jareb, and Kayla.



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## Spring 2024 Membership Class Update

Class meets on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am-12:00pm

- Snacks/Beverages served
- Baby Sitting Available!\*
- Contact Pastor Johnson or the Church Office to attend
- (631) 499-8656



***\*Please, let us know in advance if you will need baby sitting.***

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**A ST. LUKE FUNDRAISER**

**\$75 PP/ \$140 PER COUPLE**

**BOAT CRUISE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST**

**1:30PM-6:00PM**

**FOOD, BEVERAGES, MUSIC, DANCING**

**SIGN UP ONLINE NOW OPEN!**

# ROBERT D. HALFMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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## WHO WAS ROBERT D. HALFMANN?



Robert D. Halfmann, a 1998 graduate of Half Hollow Hills High School West and an active member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Dix Hills, NY, passed away on December 28, 2000. Although he was challenged by three different types of cancer, Robert dedicated his life to helping others.

The Robert D. Halfmann Scholarship has been awarded annually since 2002 to numerous candidates who are students at Half Hollow Hills High School West and/or a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church of Dix Hills, NY. The scholarship award is \$3,000 presented over a four-year program of studies.

- \$500 for freshman year
- \$500 for sophomore year
- \$1,000 for junior year
- \$1,000 for senior year

The recipient must remain in good standing and be enrolled in an accredited college or university. Students who choose to begin their education at a community college and transition to a four-year school also qualify. Students entering any field are eligible to apply - preference may be given to those pursuing education or a related field.

TO APPLY, HEAD TO [HTTP://WWW.ROBERTDHALFMANNMEMORIALSCHOLARSHIP.COM](http://www.robertdhalfmannmemorialscholarship.com)

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST!

PLEASE CONTACT [RDHSCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RDHSCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

St. Luke



Summer Program

# THE CIRCUS Summer Program 2024

June 24th- August 9th

9:30am-12:30pm or 9:30am-2:30pm

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

**Register up to 7 weeks.**

**\*RATES AVAILABLE ON  
WEBSITE!**

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

Step Right up to St. Luke: Where Jesus is the Star of the Show!

**REGISTRATION OPENS  
FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024**

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Bounce castle and water slide
- Music, art, gym, playground, science
- Hot lunch program & morning care option starting at 8:30am



**Register here  
starting 2/12**

## QUESTIONS?

**Website:**

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

**Contact:**

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



St. Luke Lutheran Church  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual



*Save the Date &  
Mark your Calendars*

*The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing  
is on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

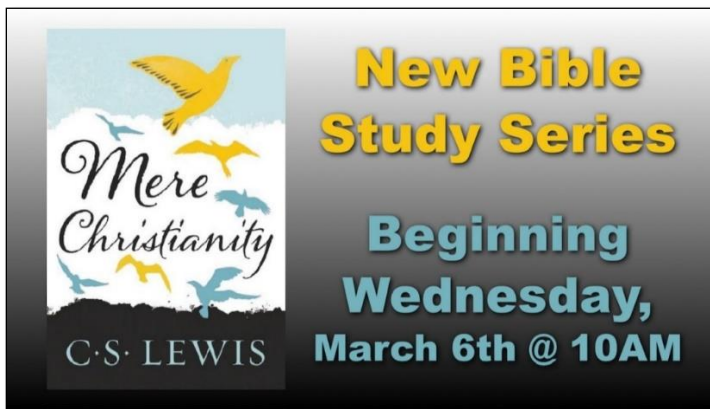
ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with god

SAVE THE DATE!

**AUGUST 12TH-16TH**  
For children going into Pre-K– 8th grade.  
\$55 per child for the week! Similar to Camp!  
Online registration begins May 1st!



***Wednesday Online Bible Study – “Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis.***

*Wednesday Online Bible Study at 10AM with Pastor Johnson on Zoom. The link to the Zoom meeting is emailed the Sunday evening prior to the meeting. The recorded Study session is on YouTube on our channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stludedixhills> Click Videos*

***Meeting ID: 512 098 4617***

***Password: 20Candle***

THANK YOU!!! A big thank you from Missions and Helping Hands for putting together each, and every beautiful Easter basket! May everyone have a very blessed Easter!



**St. Luke**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**MARCH 24TH- 9:15AM-12:30PM**

All You Can Eat Pancakes with sides!



**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 will go towards the  
Sr. High & Jr. High Youth Ministries!**

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



St. Luke Lutheran Church Presents

# **EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**Saturday, March 30th**

**SNACKS | DYING EGGS | EGG HUNT | SONGS**

**Preschool to the 5th Grade**

**10:30AM-11:30AM**

**\*\*Located in Room 200  
(LOWEST LEVEL IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING)  
at St. Luke.**

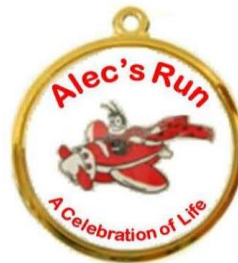
**\*Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs with you.**

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# Alec's Run XX



**4 Mile Race 9:30 AM**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**1K Children's Fun Run 9:00 AM**

**Half Hollow Hills High School West in Dix Hills**

We are very excited to host Alec's Run again this year! Alec's Run has become a great day to honor the life of our 16 month old son, Alec. Thanks to your support, we are making a difference. The race continues to support Kids and Cars, Hospice Care Network free bereavement Counseling and helps give aid to needs children through Alec's Foundation. Kids love the fun run, they all get a shirt and a medal. Everyone receives a custom shirt and there is a fantastic raffle! Please join us in celebrating Alec's life on April 27th and help others in the community.

## **ENTRY FEE:**

Pre-registered – Received by April 20th	
Adults 17+.....	\$25.00
16 and under/75 and over .....	\$15.00
Late registration – Through April 26th	
All .....	\$28.00
Day of Race.....	\$30.00

## **FUN RUN RACE ENTRY FEE:** Begins at 9:00 AM

Pre-registered (10 and under) .....	\$10.00
Day of Race.....	\$12.00

**AMENITIES:** Top quality T-SHIRT to all entrants.

Special medals & raffle prizes to all in Fun Run

**AWARDS:** Overall Male & Female winners and Top 3 Male & Female for 14 and under, then 5-year age groups to 100+.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- From Northern State Parkway – Exit 41 Wolf Hill Road
- From west, make right; school 200 yards on your left
  - From east, make left; school 300 yards on your left

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- Walkers, strollers, baby joggers welcome.
- For the safety of all participants and for insurance purposes, NO skates, rollerblades or animals are allowed in this event.
- **All proceeds will be donated to ...**
  - **Hospice Care Network** - bereavement counselors and end-of-life care specialists
  - **Kids and Cars** - an advocacy group striving to make cars safer for their littlest passengers, and finally
  - **The Alec William Nelson Charitable Corporation** that works to make a difference in needy children's lives.

**CHECK IN:** Goody bags and shirts can be picked up at High School West on 4/26 from 5–7 PM or day of race from 7:30–9:00 AM.

Alec's Run is a sanctioned USA Track and Field Event: Register online at [alecsrun.org](http://alecsrun.org)

Contact us: [alecsrun@yahoo.com](mailto:alecsrun@yahoo.com). Mail checks & entries to: Alec's Run, 999 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, NY 11729 Call: 516-864-3254



Entry Form for Alec's Run XIX– April 27th, 2024.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (on day of race): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out entry blank, read the following statement and sign below: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally found to hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release and hold harmless the Town of Huntington, the Suffolk County Police Dept., the Half Hollow Hills School District, the Alec William Nelson Charitable Corporation and all their representatives, successors and assigns, for any and all liabilities, claims, demands and cause of action whether or not arising in whole or in part out of the negligence of any of the above organizations or individuals. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of this event and a licensed Medical Doctor has verified my physical condition. If signed by a parent, the parent agrees to release and hold the above-named organizations and personnel harmless of any claims and which may be asserted on behalf of the entrant. Further, I hereby grant permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event whatsoever.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature if under 18 yrs of age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EASTER LILIES 2024



Easter lilies not only make our church look lovely, but they are also a lovely gift to take to grandparents, parents, or friends on this very special day. Our Easter Lilies are from Hick's Nurseries. If you wish to place a *Lily* (\$20 each) on the altar for Easter Sunday, please fill in the form below and place it in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with your check (*payable to St. Luke Lutheran Church*) or cash. *Drop it off at worship or mail in the form with payment to St Luke Lutheran Church, 20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746. (Do not mail Cash)*

One more option is you can pay for your flowers online using our online giving tools. Go to [www.stlukedixhills.org](http://www.stlukedixhills.org) and click the order online link and giving link.

Email the details of your order, how many flowers, in memory of, honor of or glory to God and given by who to [Laura@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:Laura@stlukedixhills.org) Flowers can be picked up after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday morning, March 31 and any day after Easter.

**To be included in the Easter Memorial Bulletin, please order on time.**

**\*\* Please place your order by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> \*\***

<i>LILY @ (\$20.00 ea)</i>	<i>Qty</i> _____
<i>Enclosed \$</i> _____	<i>Offering Env. #</i> _____
<i>Check #</i> _____ <i>or</i> <i>Cash \$</i> _____	

☐ **In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **To the Glory of God** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

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

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### **Preschool**

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**Teresa Lupo - Administrative Assistant**

**Email: [Teresa@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:Teresa@stlukedixhills.org)**

### **Sexton**

**Matt Flynn**

**Email: [matthewxjxflynn@gmail.com](mailto:matthewxjxflynn@gmail.com)**

## Carnival Sponsorship Opportunities

St. Luke Church will be running a children's carnival on June 8, 2024. 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 \$4,500  
Minimum sponsorship suggestion \$200



**Petting Zoo and Pony Rides:** total cost 1,500  
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$100



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

In consideration, if they can be fully funded



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

**Dunk Tank:** total Cost \$375  
Minimum sponsorship suggestion \$50



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 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Pay online Copy & Paste <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJ75/home> or Scan QR

