



March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday

*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**

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

**Palm Sunday**  
**Youth Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

**Last Sunday to order Easter Flowers**

8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC

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

**Monday March 30, 2026**

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group MTG with Pastor & Kathy Gillespie – Gathering Room

7:00 p.m. Finance MTG – Youth Room

**Tuesday March 31, 2026 – PS Easter Parties**

10:00 a.m. Online Yoga

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

**Wednesday April 1, 2026 -PS Easter Parties**

9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me

9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel

11:00 a.m. Organ Tuning

12:00 p.m. PS/Church Staff MTG

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Parent Mtg

**Thursday April 2, 2026**

**Preschool Easter Break Begins**

1:00 p.m. Young at Heart

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

**Friday April 3, 2026 - PS Closed Easter**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at I-HOP

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Family Worship

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

**Saturday April 4, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Eggstravaganza



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

Altar Flowers and the Eternal Light are available every week. Sign up on the chart in the Narthex. Please indicate "In honor of" or "In memory of" and add the name or occasion.



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](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. See you on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Deacon Elgert for more info:

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



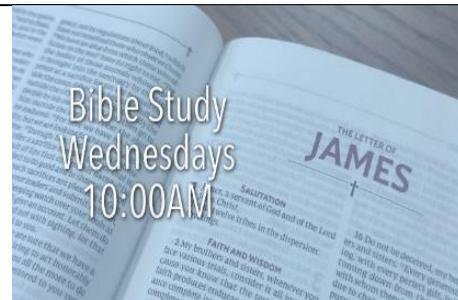
St. Luke Outreach Ministry visits Huntington Hills Nursing Home once a month to do a Worship Service with Communion and Music. We are seeking volunteers to join us so we can ensure that this ministry continues without gaps. Our visits are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Huntington Hills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

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



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

**Wednesday online Bible Study will NOT meet for the next two weeks in observance of Holy Week.**

A new Bible Study will be announced after Easter.

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# Church Prayer Group

With Pastor  
Arthur & Kathy  
Gillespie

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

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

**NO Sunday Bible Study for the next two Sundays,  
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.**

**We will begin a new study on April 12, 2026.  
A new topic will be announced soon.**

# Support St Luke with e-Giving

St Luke offers online giving through our Website  
[www.stludedixhills.org](http://www.stludedixhills.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



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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://stludedixhills.org/giving>



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## 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.

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## We pray for...

Please send in your prayer requests to [prayers@stludedixhills.org](mailto: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 Dornier and family, and our Missionaries to Indonesia, Amy & Jareb McClain and family.

**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](mailto:lletienne13@gmail.com)

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## 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



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Learn more and register by scanning the QR or visit

<https://alecsrun.org>

Hard copy registration forms are in the Narthex

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

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!**



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**



A graphic for a bingo night fundraiser. It features several colorful bingo cards (orange, green, blue, red) fanned out at the top. Below them are large, colorful circles containing the letters 'B', 'I', 'N', and 'G', and 'O'. There are also several colorful stars (red, orange, green, blue, yellow) scattered around the bottom of the graphic. The entire graphic is enclosed in a red rectangular border.

# LCC BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH – 7PM**



420 Stewart Avenue - Garden City, NY, 11530

**Games begin at 7pm and doors open at 6:15pm**



## 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](mailto:PASTOR@STLUKEDIXHILLS.ORG)**

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

**Attendance week ending 3/22/2026**

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

8:15 AM:72      10:45 AM:130

**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**

<b>Ken Wenz</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>kpwenz@gmail.com</b>
<b>Jackie Guidone</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Jackies7fromhvn@aol.com</b>
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<b>Lori Etienne</b>	<b>Parish Life</b>	<b>lletienne13@gmail.com</b>
<b>Nancy Gossow</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Ngg123@aol.com</b>
<b>Sandi McDermott</b>	<b>Missions/Social Concerns</b>	<b>Sandib.mcder@gmail.com</b>
<b>Trisha Klare</b>	<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>Tsklare402@gmail.com</b>
<b>Rey Rivera</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Reinrivera9@gmail.com</b>

# 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, Cotton Candy, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES



## PALM SUNDAY

SERVICES

MARCH 29, 2026

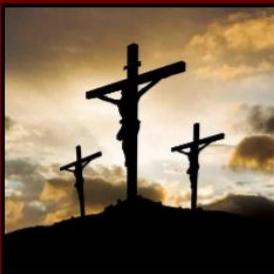
8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVICE

APRIL 2, 2026 | 7:30 PM

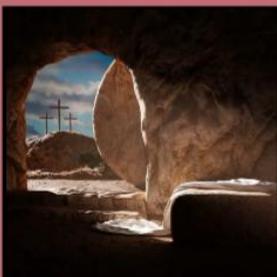


## GOOD FRIDAY

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

Made with PosterMyWall.com



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 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in the Easter Sunday Memorial insert**



**TO ORDER ONLINE**

**<https://www.stlukedixhills.org/events-forms>**

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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 Wednesday, 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: \_\_\_\_\_