



April 12, 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter

*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

#### Second Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday April 12, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ HC & Sunday School  
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir

#### Monday April 13, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. Comfort Dog Ministry in Sanctuary

#### Tuesday April 14, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga Online  
4:30 p.m. School Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m. ADK-Long Island  
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

#### Wednesday April 15, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me  
9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Online Bible Study – Zoom  
3:30 p.m. PS Staff Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

#### Thursday April 16, 2026

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

#### Friday April 17, 2026 –

- 6:30 p.m. Jr/Sr High Monster Mini Golf

#### Saturday April 18, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Ministry



Thank you to all our dedicated musicians and assistants at St. Luke who served at services and Events during Holy Week

and Easter!



The Eternal Light is given by **Joanne & Bob Adam in loving memory of Elizabeth Engeman.**

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



The Altar Flowers are given by the **Young at Heart in loving memory of their dear friend Gisela Grindel.**

The Altar Flowers are given by the **Lentsch Family in honor of Frank & Brenda's Anniversary.**

The 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. Or pay online*



Women's Ministry Meets on the third Saturday of the month at 9am in the Memorial Gathering Room.

If you are interested Contact Anita Schabel for more info - [aschabel@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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.



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 in May.

Contact Deacon Elgert for more info: [elgertpa@gmail.com](mailto:elgertpa@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 in May.



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

# Spiritual Adventures in

*The Book of*

# EPHESIANS

**Sunday Bible Study with  
Pastor Gillespie**

**9:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

**BEGINS APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>. Ephesians Chapter 1:1-14**  
***Spiritual Blessings in Christ* (Read before class, please)**

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## Wednesday Online Bible Study

**Join Pastor Tom Cusanelli for a new Bible Study on Philippians on Wednesdays at 10AM on Zoom.**

**Wednesday online Bible Study returns with a new study on Philippians on Wednesday April 15. Sunday night an email reminder will go out with a study guide included.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 974 9189 5792

Passcode: 186336



**Easter Greetings from Dien Ashley Taylor,  
Bishop and President of the LCMS Atlantic District**

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

*When Christ who is your life appears,  
then you also will appear with him in glory.*

(COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 ESV)

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*O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

(LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 465:3; TEXT: PAUL Z. STRODACH, 1876-1947, ALT.)

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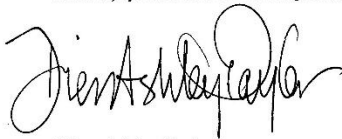
The Resurrection of Our Lord 2026

Looking up in peace with our hearts lifted up  
as His Body and Blood are given to us  
for forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation at His altar;  
Looking up in joy because of that which has been prepared for us,  
purchased by Christ Jesus through His death and resurrection;  
Looking up in love to the One who first loved us,  
as we look up from our selfishness and, in love,  
attend to the needs of our many neighbors around us;  
Looking up in hope by water and the Word,  
knowing that He who has begun a good work in us  
will bring it to completion as His return in glory is imminent.  
Christ has triumphed. He is living. Our debt is paid. Life is ours.

Things are looking up...  
and now, filled with dauntless love, so are we.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! A blessed Paschal season to you.

Peace, joy, and love in Christ Jesus,



Dien Ashley Taylor  
Bishop and President  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Atlantic District



# 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

Monday July 6, 2026

The Woodside Club



WOODSIDE  
— CLUB —

established 2010

A Community Outreach Fundraising Event

Full Round of Golf with breakfast, food & drink on the course, cocktail hour, Dinner and raffles and prizes

10am-Registration/Breakfast 12pm-Shotgun Start 5pm-Cocktails/Dinner

Register & Pay Fees Online  
at our website.  
Scan the QR Code

Sponsorship Opportunities  
Golfer Registration  
Dinner Only Registration



Guest of Honor  
Judy Walden



<https://www.stlukedixhills.org/golf-outing>

# 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



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>



## Scan the codes to give on our Giving Apps

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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.

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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 Dorner and family, and our Missionaries to Indonesia, Amy & Jareb McClain and family.

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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



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**



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**



New Member Class  
May 17, 2026

**\*Need Baby-sitting?  
We will arrange for it.  
Please, let us know in advance.**

- **One Day - 3 hr. class from 12:15 – 3:15pm**
- **Date: 5/17/2026**
- **Memorial Gathering Room**
- **Lunch is provided**
- **Contact Pastor Cusanelli or Laura in the Office to attend**

[pastor@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:pastor@stlukedixhills.org)  
[laura@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:laura@stlukedixhills.org)

## THE COMFORT DOG MINISTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

- The Comfort Dog Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville is in need of Ministry Partners.
- This important and unique ministry provides emotional and physical support during visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, veteran events, schools, shelters, etc.
- Ministry Partners will greet and interact with guests during visits, and are not responsible for dog handling or care.



## INTERESTED OR EVEN JUST CURIOUS?

Plan to attend an informational meeting at St. Luke on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Please see Ken Wenz with any questions. Or email [kpwenz@gmail.com](mailto:kpwenz@gmail.com)

## PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATES BY CHURCH COUNCIL



April 1, 2026

Dear St. Luke family,

The Call Committee has met several times to prepare the Congregational Self-Study document that is required by the Atlantic District. We are pleased to announce that this document was sent to the District on March 27. Upon receipt, applicable District personnel will use the information contained in the Self-Study to develop a call list for us. Further updates will be provided as the process continues to move forward.

A huge Thank You to the Call Committee members for their hard work that allowed the Congregational Self-Study to be submitted quickly! As always, your continued prayers and support for St. Luke are encouraged and appreciated, as we continue to navigate through the pastoral transition.

In His service,

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)**

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Attendance week ending 4/5/2026**

**Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm: 56**

**Good Friday 12 noon: 54    7:30 pm 55**

**Easter Sunday 7:30 AM:18    9:00 AM:145    10:45 AM:148**

**Offerings Received in March 2026**

*(total monthly offerings includes online giving)*

**March 2026 Offerings Received:**

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$ 27,922.42

Loose Plate: \$997.00

Celebrations: \$559.00

**TOTAL March 2026: \$ 29,478.00**

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through March) 2025-2026: \$ 171,856.76

**St. Luke Church Council 2026**

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The Elaine Backmeier Memorial  
Children's Carnival



Scan the  
QR Code to  
DONATE

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

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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

# **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

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