



May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Luke Lutheran Church
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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

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 3, 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
12:30 p.m. YAB Meeting

Monday May 4, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. Church Prayer Group

Tuesday May 5, 2026

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

Wednesday May 6, 2026

- Preschool Chapel
9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me
10:00 a.m. Online Bible Study – Zoom
12:00 p.m. Staff PS/Church Meeting
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Parent Mtg.

Thursday May 7, 2026

Preschool Mother's Day Teas

- 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart
7:15 p.m. Confirmation

Friday May 8, 2026

Preschool Mother's Day Teas

Saturday May 2, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Recorder Society
10:30 a.m. Hands & Feet Day
Jr/Sr High/Property Committee
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The Altar Flowers are given by **John & Jackie Guidone** in loving memory of **Harry Feliciano**.

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



The Altar Flowers and Eternal Light are available for purchase 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



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.



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 May 2nd.

Contact Deacon Elgert for more info: 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 on May 1st. Questions? Contact Deacon Paul Elgert elgertpa@gmail.com.



THANK YOU!



ALEC'S RUN XXII

Alec's Run XXII was a great day! Another successful Run is now in the books.

This event is made possible with the help of many volunteers that pitch in to make it happen. We thank our St. Luke Family from the bottom of our hearts for your help, love, and support.

With love,
Adriann & Bill Nelson

Spiritual Adventures in

The Book of

EPHESIANS

Sunday Bible Study with

Pastor Gillespie

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

**This week Ephesians Chapter 4:17-5:20
(RENEWAL OF PERSONAL LIFE)**

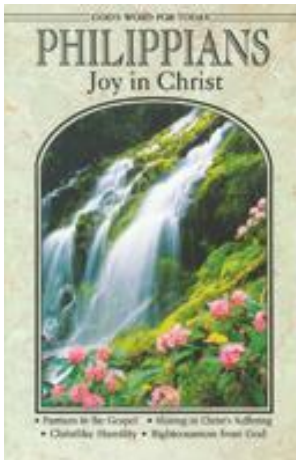
Wednesday Online Bible Study

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

An email reminder will go out on Sunday night with a Study Guide included.

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 8913 7018

Passcode: 128119





54th 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.stludedixhills.org/golf-outing>



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Member Class May 17, 2026



Scan to sign up online

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



ST. LUKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

- **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
laura@stlukedixhills.org

Church Prayer Group

With Pastor
Arthur & Kathy
Gillespie

The group will meet
on
April 27
May 4 & May 18

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



Support St Luke with e-Giving

St Luke offers online giving through our Website
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



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, Ally Clark, Theresa Clark, Dorothy DeCordova, Carol Elgert, John Fick, Preston Findlay, Ilene Franzmann, Pastor Froehlich, Jim Gnad, 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, 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, Darlene Handle, Al Henningsen, Joan Hurdle, Mike Hyland, 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.

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**

ELAINE BACKMEIER MEMORIAL
CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Don't
Miss
it!

Family
Fun
Day!

**ST. LUKE
CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY - MAY 30TH
11 AM - 3PM**

**FOOD - FUN - GAMES - BALLOON TWISTER -
PETTING ZOO - PONY RIDES - FACE PAINTING -
- MAGICIAN - RAFFLES AND MORE**

**ON ST. LUKE GROUNDS
20 Candlewood Path Dix Hills NY 11746**

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

Attendance week ending 4/26/2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:15 AM:64 10:45 AM:75

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

Ken Wenz	President	kpwenz@gmail.com
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St. Luke Vacation Bible School Online Registration Opens

Friday, May 1st, 2026

August 10th- August 14th -9:30am-12:30pm

**For children going into Pre-K- 8th grade.
\$70 per child for the week! Similar to Camp!**

Open to everyone!

"HANDS AND FEET"

SERVICE DAY

Saturday, May 9th

MEET AT CHURCH. BREAK INTO GROUPS TO
HELP AROUND THE CHURCH WITH STAINING,
YARDWORK, MINI PROJECTS, ETC. BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

10:30AM- 2:30PM

BRING
GLOVES &
A WATER
BOTTLE!



SCAN ME

SIGN UP BY USING THE QR CODE OR EMAIL JACKIE.

LET US BE THE "HANDS AND FEET" OF
CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY!

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

Email: pastorg@stluketdixhills.org

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

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The Rev. Charles W. Froehlich - Pastor Emeritus

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Sexton

Michael Alonzo

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Please join us next Sunday on May 10th as we celebrate the Moms of St. Luke.

We are inviting all children to “Worship with Mom.”

Moms, bring your children to worship so they can celebrate you at Worship!

There will be a special Mother’s Day Blessing and your child will present a Mother’s Day Flower to you.