



May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

St. Luke Lutheran Church
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NEWS & REMINDERS

THIS WEEK at ST LUKE

Ascension Sunday

Sunday May 17, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship w/ HC
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir
12:15 p.m. New Member Class

Monday May 18, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group MTG.

Tuesday May 19, 2026

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

Wednesday May 20, 2026 – PS Field Day

- 9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday May 21, 2026 - PS Field Day

- 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart

Friday May 22, 2026 – Preschool Closed Memorial Day Break

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday May 23, 2026



The Altar Flowers are given by **The Lentsch Family in honor of Karen O’Gara’s birthday.**

The Eternal Light is given by **The Lentsch Family in loving memory of Michael Burns.**



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 will NOT meet in May. 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

Congregational Budget Vote:

Mark your calendar! Please join us for our semi-annual Congregational Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, June 7 after the 9:30 service. Topics for the meeting include review and voting on the 2026-2027 Congregational budget and updates on the Pastoral Call process and the proposed building program.





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. Contact Deacon Elgert for more info:

elgertpa@gmail.com

Men's Ministry Bible Study is on hiatus for June, July, and August. See you in September!

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.

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See you in September!

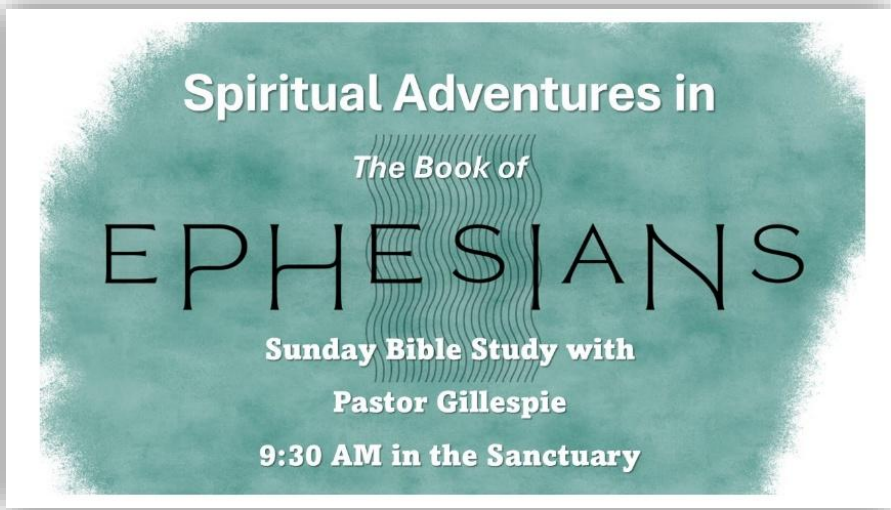


IMPORTANT PRAYERS ANNOUNCEMENT

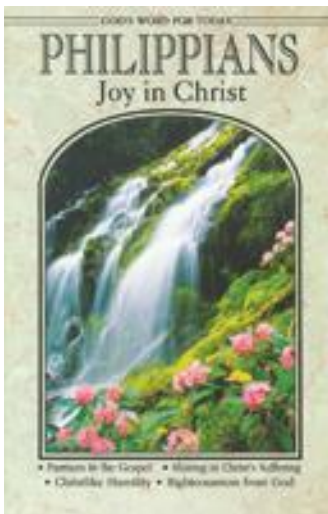


We are updating the prayer list. The spoken names in the prayers on Sundays, which are printed in the first section of the prayers page in The Stay Current, are for current needs for strength, comfort and healing. Member names will remain for 60 days and then move to ***Continued Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members.*** Non-members will remain for 30 days and then move to friends and family of St. Luke members. All are subject to extension as feedback from the contact who put them on the list initially is received. Deacon Paul Elgert reaches out to the contacts periodically to ask how the person is after our prayers. Please help us by letting us know if someone is doing fine and can be removed from the prayers.

The friends and family of St. Luke members section is starting anew next week. Please re-submit your prayer requests to prayers@stlukedixhills.org and we will gladly add your request for prayers. New requests will remain on the appropriate list as outlined above.



**This week Ephesians Chapter 6:10-20
(The Armor of God)**



Wednesday Online Bible Study

NO Wednesday Bible Study this week 5/20/2026 due to Atlantic District Pastors Conference.

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.stlukedixhills.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

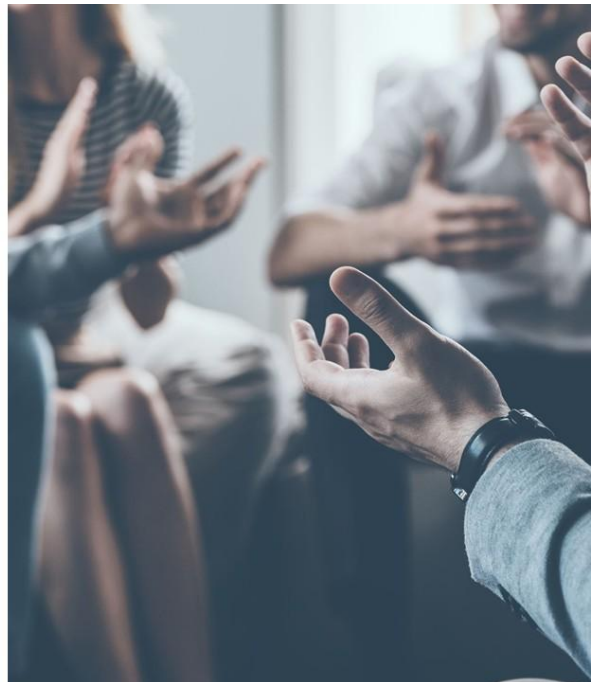
With Pastor
Arthur & Kathy
Gillespie

**The group will meet
on
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!



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Congregational Care

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 spoken on Sunday for strength and healing – 5/17/26

Janet Boehme, Tom Nelson, Charlie Mock, Janet Kahn, Clark Katz,
John Adam, Pastor & Kathy Froehlich, Concetta Pediliggieri, Patricia Meade,
Patricia Wagner, Roy Schieding, Sebastian and Meredith, and Doug Geed.

Continued Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members

Janet Boehme, Ron Breuer, Carol Elgert, Leonard Giordano, Janet Kahn, Clark Katz, Trish Klare
Julianna Lamendola, Charlene Leo, John Mancino, Charlie Mock, Tom Nelson, Bill Nelson, Steve
Nicotra, Barbara Papa, Patricia Wagner

Prayers for the friends & Family of St. Luke:

Jason Ostrom, Bill & Marge

Special Prayers

Rev. Dr. Dien A. Taylor, Bishop & President LCMS Atlantic District, Rev. Matthew Harrison LCMS
President, Rev. Brian Noack, Circuit Visitor, Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Johnson & Family, Rev. Dr. Roy W.
Minnix and family, Rev. Thomas Cusanelli and family, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Charles & Kathy
Froehlich and family, The Messerschmidt family, The Clawson Family, Rev. Randy Miller and family,
Son of St. Luke Rev. Dr. Victor Nelson.

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

SCAN ME
Sign up here!
Watch our promo video
& learn more about VBS!

**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!**

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**

CARNIVAL

Cookie Walk

Calling All Bakers:

Sign up in the narthex or online to bake cookies for the Carnival Cookie Walk. Please mark with a note if there are any nuts

For Everyone:

Cookie Walk - Purchase a container and walk around and fill it with delicious cookies.

Drop off Cookies
NO LATER than
10am on Carnival
Day

May 30

BAKERS
SIGN UP HERE

SCAN THE QR TO SIGN UP TO BAKE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



Or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or at the welcome table at Preschool entrance



Carnival

Choose your baskets at Preview & leave more time for fun with your kids!

Parents are invited to come and preview the Carnival Raffle Baskets in the church During all drop off and dismissal times on Thursday & Friday.

Enter at Church Main Entrance Double Doors

Raffle Basket

Preview Days

Thursday-Friday

May 28 & 29

9:15 am - 11:00 am

12:15 pm - 3:30 pm

**PLUS A BONUS PREVIEW THURSDAY NIGHT
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

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

Attendance week ending 5/10/2026

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:15 AM: 42 10:45 AM: 71

Offerings Received in April 2026

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

April 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$14,993.02

Loose Plate: \$646.00

Celebrations: \$6,311.00

TOTAL March 2026: \$21,950.02

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through April) 2025-2026: \$193,806.78

St. Luke Church Council 2026

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