



July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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
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 **returns in September**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sundays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 9:30am Thursdays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 7:30 PM begins June 25 th

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Bible Studies on select dates – See flyer

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 5, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship w/ HC
Coffee Hour

12:15 p.m. Baptism Garcia

Monday July 6, 2026

St. Luke Golf Outing

9:30 a.m. Summer Program

Tuesday July 7, 2026

9:30 a.m. Summer Program

10:00 a.m. Online Chair Yoga

11:00 a.m. Huntington Hills

Wednesday July 8, 2026

9:30 a.m. Summer Program

Thursday July 9, 2026

9:30 a.m. Summer Program

1:00 p.m. Young at Heart

7:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion

Friday July 10, 2026

9:30 a.m. Summer Program

Saturday July 11, 2026



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*



At the Font



On Sunday, July 5, 2026 we welcome Presley Ann Garcia, daughter of Blake and LisaMarie Garcia, into the kingdom of God through Holy Baptism. Presley’s Godparents are

Brett Garcia and Gina Walthers.

We pray God’s blessings on Presley Ann, her parents and godparents, and her entire family.

New Bible Study on Select Sundays, “The Peace of Jesus in Your Life” with Pastor Nelson See the Flyer on the back cover!



Welcome Rev. Dr. Victor Nelson!

Pastor Nelson will lead us in worship on Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Join us to welcome him! Coffee Hour will follow. See you at church!



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 on Zoom at 10:00am on Tuesdays. The Yoga class is led by certified Yoga instructor, Laura Fisher. 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.

Men's Ministry Breakfast is on hiatus for June, July, & August. See you in September!



HANDBELLS INSTRUCTION



Have you always thought handbells look fun to play? But you hesitate to join Handbell Choir because you don't know how to play. This is your opportunity!

We will have instructional Handbell sessions during the summer on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Beginning July 14th.

If you are interested in attending or would like to suggest a different day or time, please contact Dr. Janet Pinto to let her know.
Janetsuepinto@gmail.com



We pray for...

Please send in your prayer requests to prayers@stlucedixhills.org

Prayers spoken on Sunday for strength and healing – 6/14/26 as of 6/4

Charlie Mock, Clark Katz, Dieter Klare, Doug Geed, Ewald Tyburski, Janet Kahn, Janet Boehme, Dominick Maggiore Sr., Patricia Wagner, Patricia Meade, Thomas VandeMerlen, Zane Zeidan.

Continued Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members

Janet Boehme, Carol Elgert, Janet Kahn, Clark Katz, Rev. Charles & Kathy Froehlich, Trish Klare, Charlene Leo, John Mancino, Charlie Mock, Tom Nelson, Bill Nelson, Barbara Papa, Patricia Wagner

Prayers for the friends & Family of St. Luke:

John Adam, Ron Breuer, Julianna Lamendola, Jason Ostrom, Roy Schieding, Sebastian and Meredith, Bill & Marge, Concetta Pediliggieri.

Special Prayers

Rev. Dr. Dien A. Taylor, Bishop & President LCMS Atlantic District, Rev. Matthew Harrison President LCMS, Rev. Brian Noack, Circuit Visitor, Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Johnson & Family, Rev. Dr. Roy W. Minnix & family, Rev. Thomas Cusanelli & family, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Charles Froehlich and family, Rev. Messerschmidt's family, Rev. Clawson's Family, Rev. Randy Miller & family.

Please submit your prayer requests to prayers@stlucedixhills.org and we will gladly add your request for prayers.



Huntington Hills Center for Health and Rehabilitation's Beauty Parlor, open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, is looking for women volunteers who can give whatever time they can offer to engage residents in conversation as they await their appointments.

Contact Densie Conlon at 631-662-3495 for more information

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>



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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.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATES BY CHURCH COUNCIL



June 8, 2026

Dear Faithful members of St. Luke,

We are very pleased to inform you that over the weekend a Call List of 8 potential pastoral candidates was provided to St. Luke.

The next step is to discuss the list of names with Bishop Taylor, then reach out to each potential candidate to introduce St. Luke and have a discussion to determine whether he wishes to continue as a potential candidate for us.

We will continue to periodically provide the Congregation with updates as we move through the process. If you have any questions, please reach out directly to Jackie Guidone, Call Committee Chair at jackies7fromhvn@aol.com.

As always, please continue to pray for St. Luke, the Call Committee and our next Senior Pastor as the Lord guides us in the process.

In His Service,

Ken Wenz
Church Council President

Jackie Guidone,
Church Vice President/ Call Committee Chair

*** IF YOU NEED PASTORAL CARE SERVICES DURING THE TRANSITION,
PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR@STLUKEDIXHILLS.ORG**

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

Attendance week ending 6/28/2026

Sunday, June 28, 2026

9:30 AM:69

Offerings Received in May 2026

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

May 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$13880.70

Loose Plate: \$240.11

Celebrations \$5.00

TOTAL May 2026: \$14,125.81

Budgeted: \$22,608.33

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

St. Luke Church Council 2026

Ken Wenz	President	kpwenz@gmail.com
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VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Help make a difference in the lives of kids this summer!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 10TH – AUGUST 14TH
9:30AM – 12:30PM



WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?
ANYONE GOING INTO
9TH GRADE AND UP!



MAKE AN IMPACT.
SHARE GOD'S LOVE.
HAVE FUN.
BUILD LASTING MEMORIES!

SIGN UP TODAY!



SCAN ME

BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER.



FAITH, FAMILY & FUN

Join us Sunday, July 12th

Worship at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary



Followed by a Brunch in the Field



Lawn Games • Community Gathering • Ice Cream Truck Appearance

NO NEED TO SIGN UP • JUST SHOW UP

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SUMMER YOUTH NEWSLETTER



FAITH, FAMILY & FUN

Join us on Sunday, July 12th at 9:30am for worship in the church. Then come outside to the field for brunch, lawn games, fellowship, and the ice cream truck! No need to sign up! Just show up!

JR. HIGH POOL PARTY

- On Tuesday, July 14th, come to Jackie's house for a BBQ & pool party. 5:30pm-7:30pm.
- Bring a towel, a dessert, and a friend!
- 6th-8th graders
- Sign up here:



SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

**Pre-Trip Meeting-
Thursday, July 9th at 6:30pm**

*Please pray for our group as we head to Tinton Falls, New Jersey from July 22nd- July 25th to serve their community.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Our Vacation Bible School Program will take place Monday, August 10th-Friday, August 14th from 9:30am-12:30pm.

Please sign up to volunteer if you are going into 9th grade and up.

Sign up here:



SR. HIGH POOL PARTY

- Join us for our Sr. High Pool Party on Friday, August 14th from 2:30pm-5:30pm.
- Going into 9th grade -12th grade
- Bring a towel, dessert, & a friend!
- Help us clean up at VBS first and then we will enjoy the sun!
- Sign up here:



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SUMMER

Missions Committee Backpack School Supplies Drive NOW through August 9th



Help kids achieve **academic success** by donating the school supplies they need this upcoming school year.

Place school supply donations in the bins at the back of the Sanctuary.
Printed Supply Lists will be printed and emailed.

All supplies will be brought to Helping Hand Rescue Mission & John Theissen Children's Foundation.

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Black/blue pens	Pink large Erasers /eraser caps	Ruler
#2 pencils	Pocket folders	Expo markers
Pencil sharpeners	Elmer's glue bottles and sticks	Pencil box
Highlighters	Markers	Notebooks
Crayons 24pk	Sharpies	Looseleaf paper
Colored pencils		Scissors
Composition books		Lysol wipes
		Tissue packs



Lutheran Women
in Mission
ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Fall Retreat

2026

Save the date!

Tuscarora Inn and
Conference Center

Mount Bethel, PA

October 16-18, 2026



Retreat Leader: *Ginny Wirsing,*

Atlantic District Lay Deacon of
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Island

Registration opens on
September 1, 2026

The 'Little' Things We Do

Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness become the moments people remember for a lifetime.

During my three years volunteering in the Ronald McDonald Pediatrics Room, I have learned that the "little things" we do often mean far more to families than we ever realize.

On any four-hour shift, volunteers make coffee, restock shelves with food, water, books, and toys, visit with family members, or simply offer a tissue to wipe away tears. We never know which small act of kindness will make all the difference in someone's day. For families facing some of life's most difficult moments, even the simplest gestures can bring comfort, hope, and a reminder that they are not alone.

Recently, I was talking with Mary Ann, who volunteers the shift before mine in Pediatrics. She was proudly showing me photographs from her daughter's wedding. I couldn't help but comment on how beautiful she looked in her mother-of-the-bride dress.

She smiled and said, "That dress has quite a story."

Earlier that same day, she had been talking with the mother of one of our pediatric patients. During their conversation, she learned that the woman's daughter was getting married the following month. When Mary Ann asked if she had found a mother-of-the-bride dress, the woman quietly explained that her younger child had been hospitalized for several months. She had spent every day at the hospital and simply hadn't had the time—or the opportunity—to shop for a dress.

Without hesitation, Mary Ann looked at her and said, "I'd like you to have my dress."

The following week, Mary Ann brought the dress to the Ronald McDonald Room and presented it to the grateful mother. She was overwhelmed by the unexpected generosity and could hardly believe that someone would offer such a meaningful gift to a complete stranger.

Watching that simple act of kindness reminded me that generosity is not measured by the size of a gift but by the love with which it is given. A dress became far more than fabric—it became a reminder that someone cared, that someone noticed, and that compassion can arrive when it is needed most.

Perhaps the "little things" we do each day in the Ronald McDonald Room aren't little after all. Sometimes they become the moments that families remember long after the hospital stay has ended.

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THE PEACE OF JESUS IN YOUR LIFE

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” - John 14:27

The goal of this class is to understand, receive, and live in the peace of Jesus. We will see what the peace of Jesus is and how he gives his peace to us. This class will help^a grow in four important areas of peace.



**Four-session class led by Pastor Nelson
Selected Sundays, 8:30–9:15 AM**

Peace with God — Sunday, July 19

Peace with Self — Sunday, August 9

Peace with Others — Sunday, August 30

Peace with Circumstances — To be Determined, Sunday Sept. 6 or 20

Come to one or come to all!

