



September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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](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** **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Sunday September 21, 2025**

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

#### **Monday September 22, 2025**

#### **Tuesday September 23, 2025**

10:00 a.m.      Online Chair Yoga  
7:30 p.m.      Handbell Choir

#### **Wednesday September 24, 2025**

10:00 a.m.      Online Bible Study  
7:30 p.m.      Adult Choir

#### **Thursday September 25, 2025**

#### **Atlantic District Witness in the Public Square**

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

#### **Friday September 26, 2025**

6:00 p.m.      Sr. High Youth Group

#### **Saturday, September 27, 2025**



Women's Ministry meets monthly for light breakfast, refreshments, fellowship, and church projects, on the third

Saturday at 9:00 AM in the Memorial Gathering Room. See you on September 20, 2025.

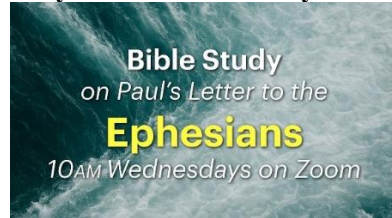
Contact Anita Schabel for more info -  
[aschabel@yahoo.com](mailto:aschabel@yahoo.com)



The Eternal Light is given by Sandi McDermott in memory of Paul Steinberg. Altar Flowers and Eternal light are available to honor or remember a loved one 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. You can also pay online.  
*Flower vase is \$30 and Eternal Light is \$5.*

### **Wednesday Online Bible Study**



### **Join Pastor Johnson for Wednesday Online Bible Study beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

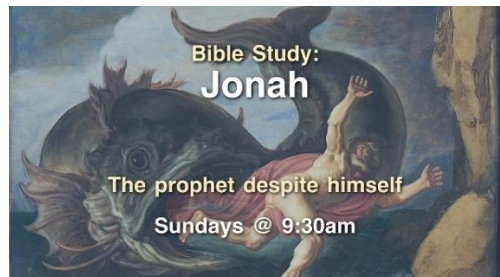
To join Online Bible Study: Download the Zoom App, enter the meeting ID and the password.

**Meeting ID: 512 098 4617**

**Password: 20Candle**

The link is emailed on Sunday evening

Join us for Sunday Bible Study at our regular scheduled time, 9:30 am beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Johnson leads a study on Jonah in the Sanctuary.





## 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

Young at Heart enjoy a few hours of fellowship, stories, laughs, birthdays, and life experiences, and of course a competitive game of cards! The group is warm and welcoming and looks forward to meeting you! Need more information? Call the Church Office (631) 499-8656.



## 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.

***Reminder: Online Yoga returns this week on Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.***



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](mailto:elgertpa@gmail.com)

The Men meet monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. The topic of the Bible Study is announced by email.



Men's Breakfast at I-HOP in Commack on Jericho Turnpike 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 October 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## St. Luke Preschool is Hiring!

- St. Luke Preschool is currently interviewing for Part-time Teacher/ Teacher Assistant positions for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Call Director Jean Marie Marsh for more info: (631)462-5216
- Submit your resume by email to: Jean Marie Marsh, St. Luke Preschool Director
- [Director@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:Director@stlukedixhills.org)



## Easy Giving Online



1. Visit [www.stlukedixhills.org](http://www.stlukedixhills.org)
2. Locate the Giving page.
3. Donate!

Continue to use the Vanco App or the Newly Added Venmo Account  
@StLukeLutheranChurch

**We now accept donations with Venmo!**

**Scan the QR Code to Donate!**



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://stlukedixhills.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.





**CHOIRS FOR EVERYONE!**

**JOIN ANYTIME!**

Contact Music Director, Dr Janet Pinto  
At [Janetsuepinto@gmail.com](mailto:Janetsuepinto@gmail.com)

Adult Choir Director, Laura Fisher  
At [ljfmusic2003@yahoo.com](mailto:ljfmusic2003@yahoo.com)

*New Members are always welcome – just come to a rehearsal!*

**Calling All Musicians!**

**Adult Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals- In Sanctuary**

*Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.*

**Calling All Singers! From High School Age through Adults**

**Adult Choir rehearsals - In Sanctuary**

*Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 pm*

**Youth Choir Rehearsals - in Conference Room in the Ed. Building**

*Sundays 12-12:30 pm -*

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## **St. Luke Blessing of the Animals**

*Please, kindly leash or crate your pet*

**October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1PM  
On the Courtyard  
Rain or Shine**



## **We pray for...**

Please send in your prayer requests to [prayers@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:prayers@stlukedixhills.org)



### **Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members**

Janet Boehme, Ronald Breuer, Ally Clark, Theresa Clark, Dorothy DeCordova, Carol Elgert, John Fick, Preston Findlay, Ilene Franzmann, Pastor Froehlich, Jim Gnad, Janet Kahn, Clark Katz, MP Kuruvilla, Marlene Langhart, Charlene Leo, Danielle Lopez, John Mancino, Amy McClain, Kevin McDermott, Pat Meade, Gary Miller, Charlie Mock, Bill Nelson, Tom Nelson, Lisa Norberg, 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, Linda Wood-Hoyte, and Kevin Wustenhoff.

The family and friends of Laretta Kaessinger, who was called home to the Lord this week.

### **Prayers for the friends & Family of St. Luke:**

Kathleen Aiello, Melissa Conte, Jeanne Coyle, Jackie Dantzer, Kevin Delgardy, Liam Donohoe & family, Randi Donley, Reagan Doughty, Dash Duke, Gary Dunn, Henry Einzig, Ruth & Robert Elsener, Hannah Froehlich, Kassidy Frevert, Suzanne Gentile's mom, Mrs. Chiappetta, Ricky Gilmore, Giaradano Family, Ray Gremeaux, Lenny Giordano, Daniel Glidden, Tonya Gordon, Darlene Handle, Al Henningsen, Joan Hurdle, Kassidy Frevert, Laretta Kaessinger, Bill Kahn, Tim Kildale, Tim Kimmitz, Ariella Klein, Beth Krass, Bradley Krueger, Grace Kruskol, Pastor Carl Joecks, Madeline Lamendola, Samantha Larcom, Jeff & Brenda Lawrence, Kathy & Tom Liconti, Carolyn, Dominick Maggiore Sr, Kevin & Gail Mattimore, Ken & Marlene McKenna, Jean Melillo, Jeanette Meyer, Luke Mohan & Family, Moreno Family, Gina Morrissey, Samantha and John Natale, Karen O'Gara, Concetta Pediliggieri, Mildred Player, Michael Probst, Adam Rafuse, Jeff Reynolds, Bobby Ruege, Maria Rodgers, Preston Ross, Joy Schabel, Jennifer Smith, Mia Skaats, Rosalind Shepherd, Rev. Kenneth Schnepf, Hilde Sprung, Rev. Michael Staneck, Jeffrey Tonan, Pastor Unger, Cathy Vatkin, Rocco Viselli, Paul Wenger, Annie Wilkom, Jenny Woegens.

### **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 and their family.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# PAINT & SIP

Night



Drinks & Light  
Snacks Served

Questions?  
Contact Lori Etienne  
lletienne13@gmail.com

September 19

6:45 PM

50/50 Raffle

Proceeds to the  
Expansion Fund

\$35 per person - paint 2 wine glasses

**Contact Trish Klare:tsklare402@gmail.com**





# SUFFOLK ZONE LWML Fall Event

Join us as we welcome  
**Mercy Center Ministries**  
and learn more about them and how  
**Lutheran Women in Mission**  
can assist them.

**September 27, 2025**

9:00 a.m. registration  
9:30 a.m. worship service  
followed by a brief business meeting  
and a delicious brunch!

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
93 Yaphank Middle Island Road  
Middle Island, NY 11953  
631/924-6991

(please see back of flyer for suggested ingathering items)



## Hope to see you there!

Contact Trish Klare if interested: [tsklare402@gmail.com](mailto:tsklare402@gmail.com)



**Lutheran Women**  
*in Mission*  
ATLANTIC DISTRICT

## Fall Retreat

**OCTOBER 10-12, 2025**

Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center,  
Mount Bethel, PA

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!  
Psalm 90:17 (ESV)

*Establish The Work  
Of Our Hands*

Retreat leader:  
**Carol McDaniel**

Contact Trish Klare if interested: [tsklare402@gmail.com](mailto:tsklare402@gmail.com)





# Parish Life Presents

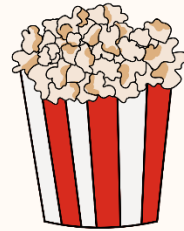
PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED LUTHERAN

## POTLUCK DINNER



AND A

## MOVIE



OCTOBER 25, 2025

MEMORIAL GATHERING ROOM

6:00 PM

Bring your special dish to share

Then sit back, relax, and enjoy a Movie  
(popcorn provided)

### Movie: "Oh God" with George Burns

COST: FREE WILL OFFERING

SURPRISE FALL RAFFLE



**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX - Contact Trish Klare:tsklare402@gmail.com**

# **Building a Future, Together in Faith**

## **Expansion Capital Campaign**

Coming soon to your inbox and mailbox

Now that we have heard from you through your feedback submissions, and the responses have been overwhelmingly positive and encouraging, we are excited to move forward into the next phase of the proposed expansion.

In September we will be launching a Capital Fundraising Campaign to raise funding for the proposed building Expansion.

The purpose of the campaign is to estimate fundraising totals through gathering and collecting data from pledges of one-time gifts, recurring donations, memorial gifts, and other sources.

This is to pledge financial support only, no money is collected during this phase of the proposed expansion project. When we reach our fundraising goal, we will move on to the next phase, a congregational vote, to move forward with building our dream campus.

Keep an eye out for the Capital Campaign letter, brochure, and pledge card arriving in your mailbox in September.

In His Service,

St. Luke Lutheran Church Expansion Committee

**CALLING ALL SR. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!**



**YOUTH**

**GROUP**

**AT ST. LUKE**

**DINNER | DEVOTIONS  
GAMES | PRAYER**

**STARTS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**MEET IN THE YOUTH ROOM! BRING A FRIEND!**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL JACKIE@STLUKEDIXHILLS.ORG**

**We meet every  
Friday night!**

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# Jr. & Sr. High Youth vs. Adult Kickball Game



Come "KICK OFF" the school year and join us  
at **Calendonia Park in Dix Hills!**  
Adults of all ages are welcome to compete!  
Our game will end at 3:00pm,

Sign up by texting or emailing [Jackie@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:Jackie@stlukedixhills.org),  
**\*Adults wear black and youth wear blue!**  
**\*Rain date is Sunday, October 5th!**

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

**Attendance week ending 9/14/2025**

**Sunday September 14, 2025**

**8:15AM:      10:45 AM:**

**Offerings Received in August 2025**

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

**ACTUAL August Regular Offerings Received:**

Regular Weekly Offerings: **\$16,688.86**

Loose Plate: \$203.00

**Total Offerings August 2025: \$16,891.66**

Regular Monthly Budgeted: \$22,608.33

Year to Date (July-August) 2025-2026: \$32,098.44

## St Luke Church Council 2025

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