



December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

*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

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday December 7, 2025**

**Sights, Sounds & Smells of Christmas**

8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Worship w./ HC & Sunday School

12:00–3pm Sights, Sounds, Smells Christmas

**Monday December 8, 2025**

**Santa Visits with Preschool**

**Tuesday December 9, 2025**

**Santa Visits with Preschool**

9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors

10:00 a.m. Online Yoga

4:30 p.m. School Board MTG.

**6:00 p.m. ADK-LI**

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

**Wednesday December 10, 2025**

**Organ Tuning**

9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me

10:00 a.m. Online Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Caroling at Sunrise Senior Living

**Thursday December 11, 2025**

**Preschool Fire Drill**

1:00 p.m. Young at Heart

7:15 p.m. Confirmation

**Friday December 12, 2025**

**Preschool Fire Drill**

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Christmas Party

**Saturday December 13, 2025**

9:00 a.m. Recorder Society

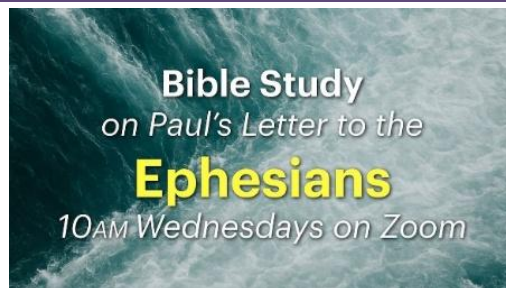
11:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal



The flowers on the altar are given by The Lentsch Family in loving memory of Arlene Lentsch and Walter Broesler.

Altar Flowers and the Eternal light are available to honor or remember a loved one or special occasion. Sign up on the bulletin board.

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.*



**Join Pastor Johnson for Wednesday Online Bible Study.**

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.



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. 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. 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. The next breakfast is on December 5<sup>th</sup>. See you there. Questions? Contact Deacon Paul Elgert  
[elgertpa@gmail.com](mailto:elgertpa@gmail.com).

*Join Pastor Johnson in the Sanctuary on Sunday at 9:30am for a NEW Bible Study on Angels.*

*Bible Study is between services and streamed online on our YouTube channel.*

<https://youtube.com/c/stlukedixhills>



**\*\*A 2026 Offering Envelope boxed set is coming to your family mailbox soon. If you do not already have Offering Envelopes and would like a set, please contact Laura in the office to put in a request.**

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



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 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>



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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.



# ADVENT WEDNESDAYS 2025

## 1st Week

Christmas  
Tree Lighting  
at 6pm

**Dec 3rd**

## 2nd Week

Caroling at  
Sunrise  
Assisted  
6:30pm

**Dec 10th**



## 3rd Week

South Shore  
Brass  
at 7:30pm

**Dec 17th**

## 4th Week

Christmas Eve  
5pm Family  
9pm Candlelight

**Dec 24th**

**JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025  
AT 6:30 PM**

**Christmas Caroling  
at Sunrise Senior Living**

**337 Deer Park Rd. Dix Hills - NY - 11746**

**All of St. Luke is invited to come and sing for  
the residents. Arrive 15 mins early at 6:15pm**

**Song sheets provided  
Meet at Sunrise or Park at St. Luke  
and Carpool to Sunrise**

**Singers needed!  
The more  
the merrier!**



**SOUTH SHORE BRASS**  
*Christmas Concert*

**DECEMBER 17, 2025 - 7:30 PM**



**ADVENT  
WEDNESDAYS**

**20 Candlewood Path - Dix Hills - NY - 11746**





## **Annual Congregational Council Elections Voter Meeting Sunday December 14, 2025, at 9:45am.**

(Reminder: No Bible Study at 9:30am)

We are currently accepting Church Council nominations as the terms for the positions listed below end at the close of 2025. If you are interested in serving or have someone you would like to nominate for a position, please notify Vice President Ken Wenz, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.  
kpwenz@gmail.com

### **Church Council Nominations Proposed Slate 2026:**

The candidates listed below have accepted nominations for the following open Church Council positions:

- President – Ken Wenz
- Vice-President – Jackie Guidone (Todaro) (completing final year for Ken Wenz)
- Secretary – Anna Schwen
- Treasurer – Brenda Lentsch (annual appointment)
- Board of Worship – Nancy Gossow
- Board of Youth – Rey Rivera
- Board of Stewardship – Trish Klare (completing final year for Mike Recio)

The following have accepted nominations to continue serving on Council for their 2nd terms:

- Board of Finance – Michelle Castro (second term)
- Board of Christian Education – Denise Norman (second term)

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\*Thank you to Mike Recio, Glenn Schabel, and Mike Smith for their many years of hard work, dedication, and service to St. Luke as their terms of service on St. Luke Council have come to an end. We appreciate all you have done!

There will also be a Vote to approve the minutes from the last Congregation Voter Meeting held in June 2025.



It Starts with a Gift and  
leads to lives transformed through Jesus Christ



Begins Thanksgiving Week –  
**Tags will be available on November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Gifts wrapped & tagged with Angel Gift Tag are  
**Due back on December 14, 2025**

Once again, our church will be gathering Christmas gifts that will be distributed to children of prisoners in our local area through an organization known as "Angel Tree" Prison Fellowship. Names and gift requests will be posted on the bulletin board at church beginning Thanksgiving.

Please be sure that when you take an angel off the poster you write your name and phone number on the pad next to the number of the angel that you chose. **All gifts must be wrapped and returned to the back of the church no later than Sunday December 14th** so that gifts can be delivered to the children by Christmas. Don't forget to put the Angel Tag on the gift, please.

**\*\*We are receiving fewer Angels due to other churches wanting to participate and requesting tags. Since we have fewer Angels, we ask that you please take only 1 Angel Tag per family so everyone has an opportunity to participate.**



LAST CALL DUE TODAY!

# Bethlehem Supper



Date: Friday December 12, 2025

Time: 7:00PM

Where: Memorial Gathering Room

Cost: \$15 per person

For the Women of St. Luke & LWML Suffolk Zone

*Presentation by Ginny Wirsing (Atlantic District Lay Deacon)*

Join us for an evening of fellowship and inspiration among women as  
we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and put in an **envelope marked Bethlehem Supper** with your check made out to **St. Luke Lutheran Church** by the deadline **December 5th**. Place in Trish Klare's mailbox #95. Thank you. Questions? Contact Trish at [tsklare402@gmail.com](mailto:tsklare402@gmail.com) or (631) 220-0851 or Denise Norman at [denisenorman231@gmail.com](mailto:denisenorman231@gmail.com) or (631) 940-0231

# 34TH ANNUAL

*John Theissen Children's Foundation*

# LONG ISLAND TOY DRIVE



**PLEASE DONATE A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY OR GIFT**

For children ages infant to 17 years old.

**THANKS** for helping us brighten the holidays  
for sick and underprivileged kids.



**TOY DRIVE COLLECTION at ST. LUKE**  
**NOVEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 21**

## **Drop Off Details**

**Your generosity is appreciated!**

St. Luke Lutheran Church is a collection site. Drop off  
into the marked containers at St. Luke in the Church  
narthex 11/20-12/21.

**We will also be collecting at:**

**Annual Tree Lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sights, Sounds & Smells on December 8<sup>th</sup>**



## **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, Rose Katan, Clark Katz, MP Kuruvilla, Marlene Langhart, 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, and Linda Wood-Hoyte.

### **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, Carolyn Chiappetta, Ricky Gilmore, Giaradano Family, Ray Gremeaux, Lenny Giordano, Daniel Glidden, Tonya Gordon, 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, Madeline Lamendola, Samantha Larcom, Jeff & Brenda Lawrence, Kathy & Tom Liconti, 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, Cathy Vatin, Rocco Viselli, Jillian & Kate Wagner & Family, Paul Wenger, Annie Wilkom, Jenny Woegens, 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.



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

### Attendance week ending 11/30/2025

Sunday, November 30, 2025:

8:15 AM: 43      10:45 AM: 43

### Offerings Received in October 2025

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

### **ACTUAL September Regular Offerings Received:**

Regular Weekly Offerings: **\$15,243.80**

Loose Plate: \$488.00

**Total Offerings October 2025: \$15,731.80**

Regular Monthly Budgeted: \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through October) 2025-2026: \$69,843.00

## St. Luke Church Council 2025

Jackie Todaro	President	Jackies7fromhvn@aol.com
Ken Wenz	Vice-President	kpwenz@gmail.com
Trisha Klare	Secretary	Tsklare402@gmail.com
Brenda Lentsch	Treasurer	Treasurer@stlukedixhills.org
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Tony Fisher	Property	Afisher1855@gmail.com
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Lori Etienne	Parish Life	lletienne13@gmail.com
Glenn Schabel	Worship	gschabel@yahoo.com
Sandi McDermott	Missions/Social Concerns	Sandibmcderr@gmail.com
Mike Smith	Youth	michael@reliablepayrollservices.com

# JR. & SR. HIGH CHRISTMAS caroling



SIGN UP HERE!

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

### 5:00PM-8:30PM

JOIN US AS WE BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION. ALL ADULTS/COLLEGE KIDS & JR./SR. HIGH YOUTH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. A PIZZA DINNER WILL BE SERVED. THEN ENJOY COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE AT THE END. DRESS WARM! MEET IN THE YOUTH ROOM! TEXT JACKIE OR US QR CODE TO SIGN UP.

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# YOUTH DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



**Jr. & Sr. High  
Game Night**  
Friday, December 5th

6:30pm-8:30pm  
in the Youth Room

Snacks & drinks provided!  
Sign up below:



SIGN UP HERE!



**SIGHTS, SOUNDS,  
& SMELLS**

Sunday, December 7th

12:00pm-3:00pm

- Come help out at our Christmas fair by assisting with children's crafts, selling items at our youth table, etc. \*\*No need to sign up!



## Christmas Caroling

- Saturday, December 20th from 5:00pm-8:30pm
- Come spread Christmas cheer. A pizza dinner will be provided. Dress warm!
- Bring a friend! Sign up below:



SIGN UP HERE!

**Sr. High Christmas  
Party**

Friday, December 12th from  
6:00pm-8:00pm in Youth Room

Dinner will be provided!

Bring a \$10 wrapped gift!

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

No Youth Group:  
-12/19  
-12/26  
-1/2

Resumes: Jan. 9th

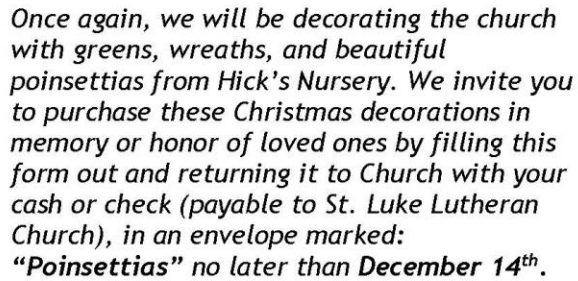
## Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 3rd  
6:00pm

\*Join us for performances,  
hot cocoa, cookies, etc.







\_\_\_ Poinsettias, at \$20.00 each                  Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Christmas Greens (roping/wreaths) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**any amount**

ENV #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail in address:  
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20 Candlewood Path  
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