

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

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## Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church

20 Candlewood Path Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398

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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 <u>careteam@stlukedixhills.org</u>

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

**Third Sunday of Advent** 

## Sunday December 14, 2025

8:15 a.m. Worship w/ HC

9:45 a.m. Voter Meeting - Elections

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship w./ HC &

Sunday School

## Monday December 15, 2025

## **Tuesday December 16, 2025**

10:00 a.m. Online Yoga 10:30 a.m. Huntington Hills

7:00 p.m. Church Council Christmas

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

#### Wednesday December 17, 2025

9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me 10:00 a.m. Online Bible Study 3:30 p.m. PS Staff MTG.

4:30 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

7:30 p.m. South Shore Brass Concert

## Thursday December 18, 2025

PS Christmas Parties

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

## Friday December 19, 2025

PS Christmas Parties

6:00 p.m. YAB Christmas Party - Prato

## Saturday December 20, 2025

9:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Jr/Sr High Christmas Caroling



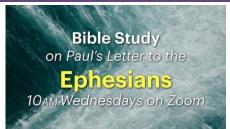
The altar flowers are given by **Tom Nelson** in loving memory of **Barbara Nelson**.

The altar flowers are given by **April Henry** 

in honor of Austen Henry's birthday.

The Eternal light is given by Nancy Gossow & Helga Bednarz in loving memory of Michael Burns.

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



## 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 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 January 2<sup>nd</sup>. See you there. Questions? Contact Deacon Paul Elgert elgertpa@gmail.com.

NO Bible Study on Sunday 12/14 due to Voter Meeting at 9:30am. Join Pastor Johnson in the Sanctuary next Sunday December 21 at 9:30am for a Bible Study on Angels.

Bible Study is between services and streamed online on our YouTube channel. https://voutube.com/c/stlukedixhills





\*\*Your 2026 Offering Envelope boxed set is now in your family mailbox. If your envelopes are missing or you would like envelopes for the first time, please contact Laura in the office at <a href="mailto:laura@stlukedixhills.org">laura@stlukedixhills.org</a>





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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



Christmas Concert

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

## ADVENT WEDNESDAYS



20 Candlewood Path - Dix Hills - NY - 11746

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# St. Luke Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve - Wednesday December 24th

5pm Family - Lessons & Carols

9pm Christmas Eve – Candlelight w/ Holy Communion

<u>Christmas Day</u> – Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup> 10am Christmas Day w/Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas – Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> 8:15am & 10:45am w/Holy Communion



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

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

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)

\*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.

#### **GIFTS DUE TODAY!**

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>

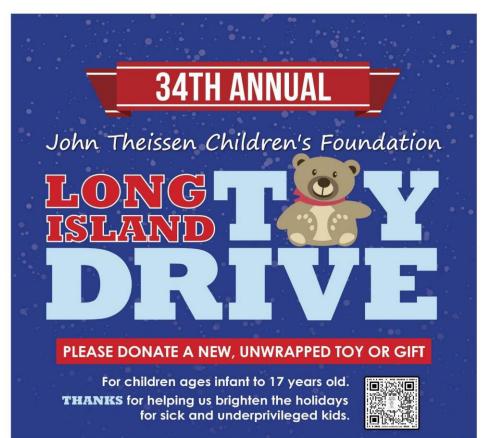
Gifts wrapped & tagged with Angel Gift Tag are **Due back on December 14, 2025** 

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.





# 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...



Wood-Hoyte.

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

Janet Boehme, Ronald Breuer, Ally Clark, Theresa Clark, Dorothy

## Prayers for our sick and rehabilitating members

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

## 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 Schnepp, Hilde Sprung, Rev. Michael Staneck, Jeffrey Tonan, Pastor Unger, Cathy Vatkin, 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 Schnepp, 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 12/07/2025

Sunday, December 7, 2025: 8:15 AM: 46 10:45 AM: 125

## Offerings Received in November 2025

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

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

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$13,520.62 Loose Plate: \$437.00 Thanksgiving: \$225.00

Total Offerings November 2025: \$14,182.62

Regular Monthly Budgeted: \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through November) 2025-2026: \$84,026.00

## St. Luke Church Council 2025

Jackie Todaro	President	Jackies7fromhvn@aol.com
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Mike Smith	Youth	michael@reliablepayrollservices.com



# 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.

ORESS WARM! MEET IN THE YOUTH ROOM! TEXT JACKIE OR US QR. CODE TO SIGN UP.

## The History of the St. Luke Chrismon Tree

The stunning Chrismon Tree that graces the St. Luke sanctuary every year has a profound history within our church.

In 1983, one of our church members, Freda Cockshott, had a vision to enhance the St. Luke Christmas celebration by creating a Chrismon (Christ Monogram) Tree. Freda's inspiration came from the first Chrismon tree, originated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia in 1957.

The St. Luke Chrismon tree was a labor of love for Freda and her husband, John, a deacon of St. Luke. Freda hand-crafted more than 1,500 Chrismons and ornaments which currently adorn the tree, each made out of a combination of Styrofoam, beads, sequins, wire & other craft supplies. The Chrismons on the tree tell the story of our Lord's life and serve as a reminder of God's love for us through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Freda & John have both entered eternal life but the tradition of the St. Luke Chrismon tree is carried on by their family, the Von Urffs.

This year our Christmas Tree Elves were: Cynthia & Jessica Portela, Roger Von Urff and Crystal Singh, and Gregg & Jackie Von Urff



The love that Freda & John had for their Lord and for St. Luke shines through the lights on the tree and may each Chrismon always remind us of God's greatest gift to us all, his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please go to the website for a digital copy of the booklet that explains the Chrismons and their meanings. There is also a link to the Time Lapse Video of the assembling of the Chrismon Tree.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas!

With Love, The Von Urff Family

### POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY!



## (Please Print Clearly)

Please fill out and enclose with your payment in an envelope marked **Poinsettias**. Thank you! (you can also pay online on MyVanco)

Mail in address: St Luke Lutheran Church 20 Candlewood Path Dix Hills, NY 11746