

St. Luke Summer Program Information

June – August 2026

Program Description:

*This program provides children the opportunity to meet new friends and enhance their social, physical, and intellectual well-being through various activities. Our programs are centered around movement, discovery, and “hands-on” activities that are essential elements for learning in younger children.

*Our “Going into Preschool– Kindergarten” program follows an age-appropriate schedule, and has a balance between active involvement, free play periods, and structured activities. Some activities include arts and crafts, group games, music, and more! Children will be grouped according to their age.

*Our “Elementary” program is for children entering 1st grade up to entering 4th grade. Young students will focus their day on exploration and movement, hands-on learning, team-building games, and academic enrichment. They will also play outside and be introduced to key skills in a variety of team/individual sports. They will learn rules, sportsmanship, self-control, etc. Groups will be split into first graders, second graders, and third and fourth graders together.

*Check out our “Helping Hands” program for teens who are ages 16 and 17. This program is designed to give older children a sense of responsibility, as they learn leadership skills through this counselor-in-training program. They will help the teachers throughout the day with various tasks, as they will get to enjoy their summer assisting younger campers. Check out our website for more information (www.stlukedixhills.org/summer-program).

Summer Schedule:

Week 1: June 29th- July 3rd

Week 2: July 6th - July 10th

Week 3: July 13th– July 17th

Week 4: July 20th – July 24th

Week 5: July 27th – July 31st

Week 6: August 3rd – August 7th

Program Times:

- 9:30am- 12:30pm or 9:30am – 2:30pm (**Before care is offered starting at 8:30am*)

Tuition Rates:

*****See registration information sheet*****

Sample Schedule:

9:30am- Welcome- Meet in classroom- free play
9:45am- Art
10:15am- Music
10:45am- Snack Break
11:00am- Gym and games
11:30am- Playground/water play
12:00pm- Exploration and Movement
12:25pm – Clean up
12:30pm – Dismissal, Start of Lunch

Summer Program Weekly Mini Themes:

Overall summer program theme: *Create an Experience at St. Luke: Building Faith, Brick by Brick!*

Weekly Sub-Themes:

Week 1: ***The Foundation Brick:*** Jesus is our solid foundation

Week 2: ***Construction Bricks:*** (Dump Trucks, excavators, tools, etc.)

Week 3: ***City Bricks:*** (Police, fire dept., grocery store, etc.)

Week 4: ***Animal Bricks:*** (Dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, etc.)

Week 5: ***Popular Bricks:*** (Disney, Super Mario, Sonic, dolls, etc.)

Week 6: ***Sharing Bricks:*** Telling others about Jesus

Summer Program Highlights:

- Bounce Castle/Water Slide (*Every Wednesday and Thursday is water day!*)
- Afternoon Enrichment classes
- Special Thematic Presentations
- Hot lunch program from Mario's Pizza!

General Information:

-Children are placed in groups according to their age. The groups we have are according to what children are entering:

- “Preschool” (Children entering preschool in September, *only with prior school/daycare experience)
- “Pre-K Group” (Children who are entering Pre-K)
- “Kindergarten Group” (Children who are entering Kindergarten)
- “1st Grade” (Children who are entering 1st grade only)
- “2nd Grade Group” (Children who are entering 2nd grade)
- “3rd and 4th Grade Group” (Children who are entering 3rd and 4th grade)

-The ratios for each group are as follows:

- “Preschool” – Up to 12 children in 1 group with 1 head teacher and 2 assistant teachers
- “Pre-K Group” – Up to 18 children in 1 group with 1 head teacher and 2 assistant teachers
- “Kindergarten Group” – Up to 20 children in 1 group with 1 head teacher and 2 assistant teachers
- “1st Grade Group” – Up to 18 children in 1 group with 1 head teacher and 1 assistant teacher
- “2nd Grade Group” – Up to 20 children in 1 group with 1 head teacher and 1 assistant teacher
- “3rd & 4th Grade Group” – Up to 20 children in 1 group with 1 head teacher and 1 assistant teacher

-Children will receive a peanut-free snack and drink during the hours of 9:30am-12:30pm. Children staying until 2:30 pm may choose from our hot lunch program or bring their own lunch.

-St. Luke Summer Program will operate its morning care for summer 2026. Students will undergo a daily health check at drop-off. Please use the Education Building main entrance for morning care drop-off beginning at 8:30 am.

Health Updates and Precautions:

- St. Luke has always strived to provide an excellent and safe environment for our campers. Our focus is on building relationships and allowing our children to have fun, while growing socially, physically, and intellectually. With health and safety being our #1 priority, we are following all CDC guidelines this summer along with precautions put in place by NYS OCFS. In addition, the guidelines from the state and the governor's office will also determine any modifications to the guidelines moving forward.

St. Luke Summer Program Safety Plan-2026

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears."
-Psalm 34:4

Introduction and Message from St. Luke:

St. Luke Summer Program continues to follow the most recent Suffolk County Department of Health guidelines for the summer of 2026. We feel very secure that we will be providing our St. Luke staff, campers, and families with a safe and healthy environment which remains our number one priority.

Quality Assurance:

The responsibility of ensuring adherence to all health-related policies and procedures will reside with Director Jackie Flynn and Assistant Director.

Compliance inspections/reviews will be performed daily. All staff will be informed of any compliance issues that need to be corrected.

Camp Staff Clearance to Work and Attend St. Luke:

All staff will do a daily health screening each morning. They will also be cleared by NYS to work at our camp.

Arrival and Dismissal:

All campers will be dropped off inside at their classroom doors. All campers will be receiving their classroom number/group name before the start of camp via email. Arrival time will be at 9:30am. Parents arriving to drop off their child after 9:45am will be asked to ring the bell at the top entrance so someone can meet you at the door.

Dismissal will take place at the assigned classroom doors at 12:30pm and 2:30pm.

Child Health Screening:

Anyone feeling unwell should email stlukesummerprogram@gmail.com or call the office (631) 490-2941 to inform us that your child will be absent.

Parents must be on alert for signs of illness in their children and must keep them home when they are sick. St. Luke has the right to deny the child's attendance for the day or the days thereafter if the student appears sick.

Students or Employees Who Become Sick at Camp:

If a student becomes ill while at camp:

St. Luke will provide an isolated space for the ill student to rest while waiting for the arrival of the parent/guardian. St. Luke will contact the student's parent/guardian to pick up the student as quickly as possible and the student will be monitored while waiting to be picked up. Please have a plan in place prior to camp starting in case it is necessary for you to pick up your child. The parent/guardian will meet the staff and child in the summer program office of the church building. Sick children and staff will not be allowed to return to school until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation. Those with a fever must be fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication to return to camp.

Hand Hygiene:

Camp staff will wash hands with soap and water and will assist children in doing the same when they arrive and before lunch/snack. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers will be available in each classroom and at arrival and dismissal entrances. Students will be supervised if they use hand sanitizer to prevent ingestion.

In Closing:

Our safety plan is in place and we hope everyone does their part to help keep the procedural measures we have in place, thus helping to keep our St. Luke community safe and healthy.