

# Welcome to St. Luke VBS!



**August 2025**

Dear Families,

Welcome to our St. Luke Vacation Bible School program! We are looking forward to an amazing week together filled with songs, games, crafts, Bible stories, and more! VBS will begin Monday, August 11th and go through Friday, August 15th from 9:30am-12:30pm. Below is all the information you need to know about VBS (procedures, what your child needs to bring, etc.)

## **What will the first day be like?**

On the first day when you arrive at 9:30am, you can park in the upper or lower parking lot. Then, you will make your way up to the front doors of the church building. Outside in the courtyard will be large signs that state your child's group name according to their age. Find your child's age and then locate what crew number they are for the week on the sign. Then, make your way inside the church where you will see colorful signs with your child's crew number on it. Go meet your child's crew leader who will be in a hunter green shirt and drop your child off there. So, you will be dropping off and picking up your children inside the church. **Please note:** We do not have morning care offered for this program. We will have a registration table located outside in the courtyard as well. If you owe a payment for VBS, please visit the registration table

to drop it off. We accept cash or checks made payable to St. Luke Lutheran Church. Any other questions can be directed to our registration staff.

**What do I do if I am late dropping off my child?**

Drop off time is scheduled for 9:30am. We are in the church doing our opening until 10:00am. Therefore, if you are going to be later than 10:00am, please drop off your child at one of our registration tables with a staff member and they will take your child to their group. If there is no one at the table, you can always enter the church office and drop off your child there.

**What do I need to know about picking up my child?**

*When picking up your child, you are to go directly inside the church. We will open the doors at 12:30pm for pick up. Crew leaders may check your I.D. in the beginning until they get to know you well enough. You are to sign out your child on their attendance sheet. You WILL NOT sign your child in, just out.* If you would like someone else to pick up your child, send a note in the morning specifying the name(s) of the person or tell staff at the registration table. The person will need to present identification when picking up your child.

**What if my child is going to be absent?**

If your child is ill or will be absent, please call Jessica in our summer office at 631-490-2941 or email [Jessica@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:Jessica@stlukedixhills.org) by 9:30am to let us know that your child won't be attending. It is especially important that we know if your child has a contagious illness (i.e., strep throat, covid) because we are required to inform other families if there is a contagious illness. No refunds for absent days.

**How do I arrange to pick my child up early?**

Send a note with your child in the morning if you need to pick him or her up early. Give this note to the crew leader who will keep it for reference and tell you where to pick up your child.

**How are the children protected from the sun and extremely hot weather?**

You can apply sunscreen to your child every morning before s/he arrives at church. This is the best protection! Many sunscreens are available that will last the length of the time that your



child will be at the program. Crew leaders cannot reapply sunscreen to your child unless specific paperwork is completed. As far as heat goes, the church building is air-conditioned. Children will spend most of their day inside. Children will be encouraged to drink water frequently. If you would like, you can send in a labeled water bottle with your child's name on it, but they are responsible for carrying it around all day. We provide water for the children throughout the day and at snack time.

### **What does my child need to bring?**

Every Pre-K child must have a complete change of clothing/pull-up/underwear that will be left in his or her backpack on their group bench. Please put these clothes in a plastic bag clearly labeled with your child's name. Children do not need to bring bathing suits or towels. Children can opt to bring their own labeled water bottle and snack but everything is provided for them, including water throughout the day. ***Therefore, they really don't have to bring anything with them.*** Snack is one of our stations where the children make a food craft according to our theme "True North." Additional Goldfish, Ritz crackers, etc. will be served to those children who don't like the food craft. If your child has an allergy or would like to bring their own snack, you are more than welcome to.

### **What will my child's daily schedule be?**

All crews will be assigned to a group. There are 5 groups according to the characters we will be learning about this week in "True North." Each group rotates between 5 stations starting at 10:00am after our opening ceremony. The five stations include art, music, games, snack, and Bible Adventure. Then they will return to the church for our closing ceremony.

### **Can I see pictures of my child throughout the camp week?**

Yes you can. We will be posting pictures daily at the end of each camp day on our St. Luke Facebook page. If you would not like your child to be photographed or placed on our Facebook page, please email [Jessica@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:Jessica@stlukedixhills.org).

<https://www.facebook.com/StLukeDixHills/>

### **When is the VBS Family BBQ & service?**

Like we do every year, our outdoor VBS BBQ & service will take place on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the field next to the upper parking lot. Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship. You are more than welcome to bring a dessert. This is open to all of our families. Feel free to even bring a friend. Our short service will begin at 7:00pm outside, as your children will tell you what they have been learning and sing some songs. No need to sign up. Just show up! *\*Our rain date will be on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.*

### **Are you having water day with the fire truck on Friday?**

Yes! The Dix Hills Fire Department will be joining us in the lower parking lot on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. All **parents are to pick up their children in the church from their crew leader and bring them to the lower parking lot if you want them to participate in water day.** The fire truck will spray the children with water, as they jump and play in it. **YOU are responsible for your child during this time,** as it is after VBS is over. A good suggestion is to have your child come dressed in their bathing suit that day and wear it to VBS. Please note, parking will be tight and down the street, as the lower lot will be closed that afternoon. You do not have to participate in this but it's always a fun memory for your children.

### **My middle schooler is in the teen program during VBS. What are they doing?**

Our middle school students will be dropped off and picked up in the church. Around 9:45am each day, our middle school group will travel to do community service. They will be going to Sweetbriar Nature Center, Huntington Hills Senior Center, Helping Hands Mission, etc. They will be back each day in time for 12:30pm pick up. Every middle school student will get a t-shirt to wear each day just like the staff.

*\*Please note:* All middle school students are REQUIRED to bring their own labeled water bottle.

We will have a jug to refill their water.



If you have any **questions or concerns**, please call us or email inquiries to:  
Jackie@stluckedixhills.org.

We are looking forward to a great VBS week with your child as we “Trust Jesus in a Wild World.”

God bless,

Jackie Flynn

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