



St. Luke
Lutheran Church



Announcements

February 26, 2026

**Welcome to our weekly
Announcements email!**

Enjoy reading the important news and events at St. Luke Lutheran Church & Campus Ministry. And remember, God loves you!

In this week's Announcements you can read about:

- Forum@ St. Luke
- Social Ministry Committee Meeting
- Compline
- Grad Student Meet Up
- Lent Book Study
- First Friday Spaghetti Dinner
- Lent and Holy Week Schedule
- Lutheran World Relief
- Feed the Hungry
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CONNECT in COMMUNITY



Forum@
Join the conversation.



St. Luke & Me: Learning the Story We Pray

Gathering • Word • Meal • Sending

This Lent, we invite you to slow down and learn the story we pray every Sunday. Our worship is more than routine — it is grounded in Scripture, shaped by the early church, and formed to proclaim God’s love week after week. Throughout Lent, each Sunday will highlight one movement of the liturgy — Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending — followed by a Forum@ conversation exploring its biblical roots and how it shapes us as the people of God. These Forum@ conversations will also act as training opportunities for all worship assistants as well.

In this Year of Education, we invite you to embrace learning as a spiritual practice. Instead of (or alongside) giving something up, consider showing up — for worship, conversation, and reflection — as we journey toward Easter together.

Additional opportunities include a midweek book study and short “Pray and Reflect Together” moments on social media.

Wherever you are in your faith, you belong here. Come walk with us.

Social Ministry Committee Meeting TONIGHT

All who are interested are invited to the Social Ministry Committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26th, 7:00 pm via Zoom. Contact [Judy Tennant](#) for more information.

Compline
(nightsong)

Join us for a quiet and reflective service of prayer and song.
8:00 - 8:30 PM most Thursdays
at various locations in Ithaca.



March 5 at Immaculate Conception, 8pm

Music for Lent

MEET-UP

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

FIRST TUESDAYS
6:30 PM

THE GREENHOUSE
Café and Cocktail Lounge
320 E State St

UNWIND - APPETIZERS - CONVERSATION

SLLC and ECC

Tuesday, March 3

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. BUT WHO ARE THEY?



The Origin of Satan
by Elaine Pagels

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOOK STUDY

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Thursdays | 6:00 PM | Zoom | March 5, 12, 19, & 26

Lent is a season of truth-telling.

This year we will read *The Origin of Satan* by Elaine Pagels and ask how Christians learned to divide the world into saints and devils – and what Jesus actually teaches about enemies.

This study will help us:

- Break the spell of enemy-creation
- Reclaim the complexity of scripture
- Re-center Jesus' refusal to demonize

Because the church of Jesus does not survive by fear.
It lives by resurrection.



Friday, March 6th at 6:00 pm

Lent and Holy Week
 Sundays in Lent : Holy Communion at 10:00 am
 followed by a special weekly Forum@ | St. Luke & Me: Learning the Story We Pray

MAR 1 MAR 8 MAR 15 MAR 22

Holy Week

MAR 29 10:00 am (Palm Sunday)
 APR 2 7:00 pm (Maundy Thursday)
 APR 3 7:00 pm (Good Friday)
 APR 4 7:00 pm (Easter Vigil)
 APR 5 (EASTER)

St. Luke Lutheran Church
 Resurrection. God loves YOU!

SERVE in COMMUNITY



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

To help support Lutheran World Relief we are putting together **PERSONAL CARE KITS**. Our goal is to do 50 kits.

You can participate by either shopping for the following items or give a donation and we will do the shopping.

How can you help? This is what is needed:

- **Light weight bath size towel** (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended. *suggestion- \$4 towel at Target (Gray) Either purchase or donate money
- **Bath-size bars of soap** equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping *Either purchase or donate
- **Combs** *Donate and we will purchase in bulk
- **Metal Nail Clippers** (attached file optional) *Either purchase or donate

- **Donate** for shipping costs \$4/kit

Will be collecting until April 12, 2026.

Thanks for supporting St. Luke and Lutheran World Relief

As hunger increases, let us rise up to meet the need.

Read an article [by clicking here](#) about how the Code Blue shelter has seen an uptick in use.

Code Blue Shelter Needs: Please donate instant oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, and **100% Juice boxes** (Note: not drinks with added sugar or corn / fructose syrup). You can place them in either the BLUE or RED wagons in the Narthex. Thank you!

March items for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard will be Peanut Butter and Jelly.



GIVE TO IKC



BLUE WAGON for the BLUE CABINET:

Spring is right around the corner, but while temperatures are still below freezing, please donate packaged soups, tuna, and boxed dinners, instead of canned. Pasta sauce, peanut butter and jam should be in plastic jars. Cereal, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, protein bars and toiletpaper are always welcome. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Treasurer's Report for January 2026

- January income was \$26,347, or 85% of the budget plan of \$30,987. The majority of income for the month was through regular offering. This month's regular offering was ~\$2.5K below the monthly budget plan.
 - January expenses were \$28,035, or 90% of the budget plan of \$30,987.
 - By the numbers we finished January with a deficit of \$1,688.
 - Our January month end balance in Tompkins Bank checking was \$136,518, down from \$144,893 at the end of December.
 - At the end of January our Morgan Stanley investment values: Endowment (designated) @ \$1,835,575, up from \$1,806,962 at the end of December. Reserve (unallocated) @ \$281,837, up from \$266,666 at the end of December.
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SPAM EMAIL ALERT!

The office has been receiving SPAM emails pretending to be Pastor Jason. This is your friendly reminder that Pastor Jason will **never** ask for any request via email outside of his @saintlukeithaca.org email address.

We pray together...

... Judy, Daniel, Thomas, William, and Dave.

Upcoming commemorations of saints, renewers of society, and other festivals can be [found here](#).

Prayers are added weekly to our list and will remain for three weeks. If you wish to extend the name of the person for whom we are praying please inform the office. To add someone to the prayer list please email [the Communications Manager](#).

Calendar

Thursday, February 26

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

Friday, February 27

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot

Saturday, February 28

2:00 pm. Cornell on Fire meeting

Sunday, March 1

10:00 am Holy Communion

11:30 am. Forum@

Tuesday, March 3

12:15 pm Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

6:30 pm. Grad School Student Meet Up

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, March 5

9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters

1:00 pm CCC Events Committee

6:00 pm. Lent Book Study on Zoom

8:00 pm. Compline at Immaculate Conception Church

Friday, March 6

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot

6:00 pm. First Friday Spaghetti Dinner

*The St. Luke Office is generally open: Mon. 1 pm-5 pm, Tues. 9:30 am-1 pm,
Wed. 8am-4pm, Thur. 9:30 am-5pm, Fri. 9:30 am-1pm*

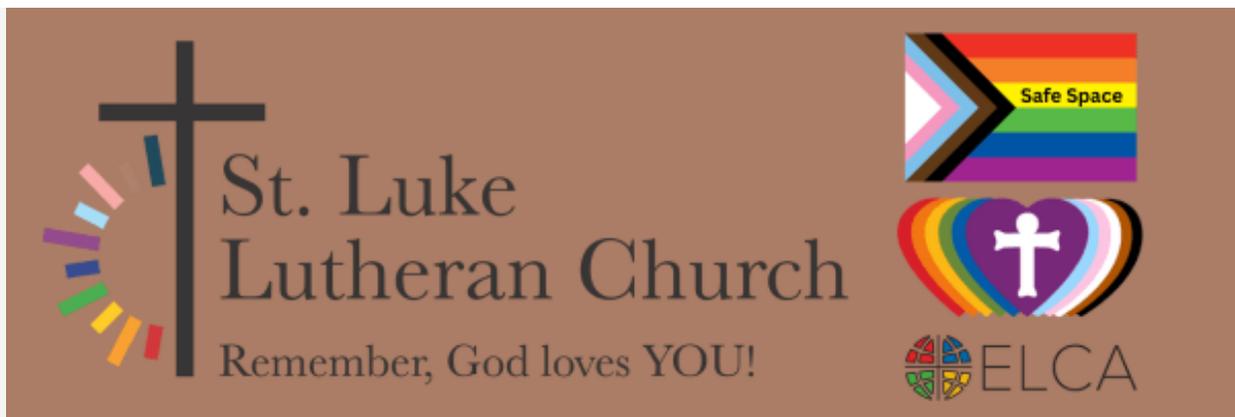
***If you would like to be removed from this list, please reply or [send us an email](#)
with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. We will be sad to see you go.***

Remember, God loves you!

Website

Give

Calendar



Service of Holy Communion ~ Sundays at 10:00 am

St. Luke is a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation** of the **ELCA**. As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community of Christians, a part of the body of Christ. Because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation. We are called to follow God's mission of reconciliation and justice with all humanity, and we celebrate our journey of discipleship with a special appreciation for the privileged responsibility of our campus related ministry.

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