



St. Luke
Lutheran Church



Announcements

March 12, 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
- Compline
- Lent Book Study
- Music at St. Luke Concert
- Church Directories are available
- No Kings Vigil
- Lutheran World Relief
- Feed the Hungry
- Giving Estimates
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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.



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 12 at Forest Home Chapel, 8pm
Music for Lent

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. BUT WHO ARE THEY?



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.

The Book Study will be meeting tonight and the 26th of March, but will **not** meet on the 19th. Tonight's discussion will be on Chapter 3 and we will aim to finish the book before we meet on the 26th for our final session together.

Zoom Link for Book Study



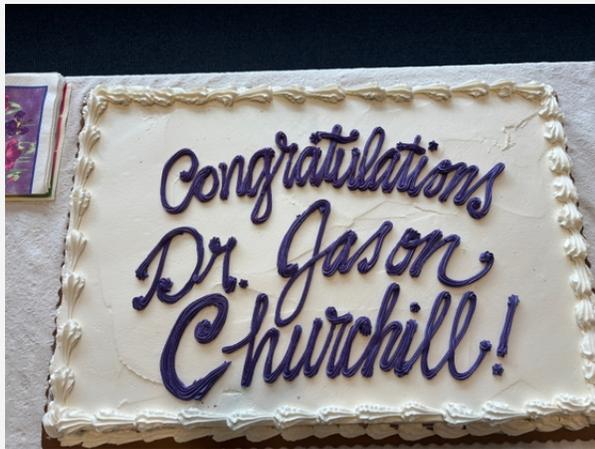
MUSIC AT ST. LUKE

Sunday, March 15

Competition-winning organist
Amanda Mole

will present a recital at St. Luke this
Sunday at 4pm. She has chosen a
fascinating program of German
repertoire to be interpreted on our

French style organ, so if you've had enough Vierne, Widor, and Franck, this one's for you! Mole is teaching at Cornell this year; we are fortunate to be able to bring her to our bench. Reception to follow--as always!



This past week, Pastor Jason successfully defended his doctoral thesis and passed with *distinction*. We celebrated the Reverend Doctor Jason Churchill on Sunday during coffee hour.

**Congratulations,
Rev. Dr. Churchill!**

Printed copies of the St. Luke DIRECTORY is now available upon request. Email communications@stlukeithaca.org or leave a note on Kimberly's office desk and we will print and mail one to you.

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	
	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
Holy Week	MAR 29 10:00 am	APR 2 7:00 pm	APR 3 7:00 pm	APR 4 7:00 pm
				EASTER APR 5

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Resurrection. God loves YOU!

No Kings Interfaith Vigil on March 25th at 7:00 pm

Led by Area Faith Leaders & Singing Resistance Ithaca

Wednesday, March 25 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church

Gather with us for a one hour long vigil featuring prayers/readings from different faith traditions that support human rights and peace as well as spirited singing, as we prepare to participate in the March 28th No Kings action.



SERVE in COMMUNITY



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Personal Care Kits- Who do they benefit? What does Lutheran World Relief do?

Lutheran World Relief is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery. The organization was founded in 1945 to collect and send aid to people living in post-World War II Europe.

Today, Lutheran World Relief helps people around the world. One example is when a disaster hits – whether it’s a drought, tsunami or civil war – Lutheran World Relief works over months and years to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to help people recover and adjust to new realities. In the past few years, they have assisted with the fires in California, floods and hurricanes in the southeast as well as Ukraine and many African nations.

For more information, please check out their website-<https://lwr.org/news>

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. 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

How to donate items:

- 1) Shop for needed items and bring to St. Luke
- 2) Online shop for items and send to St Luke Lutheran Church, ATTN: Monica Vakiner, 109 Oak Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850
- 3) Donate by Check with a note designating Personal Care Kit in memo
- 4) Donate with Cash and put in envelope with note Personal Care Kit
- 5) Give online via Tithely and choose the fund [Personal Care Kit](#)

Will be collecting until April 12, 2026.

Thanks for supporting St. Luke and Lutheran World Relief

You are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors!

Code Blue Tally for February: Wow! St. Luke donated a total of 179 items to the Code Blue Shelter for Ithaca's homeless during the month of February. This included 56 100% juice boxes, 40 breakfast bars, 68 instant oatmeal packets, 11 protein sources (canned chicken, tuna, and peanut butter), and 4 condiments. During the cold month of February the Code Blue program provided shelter for about 68 clients per day. We will continue to collect items during March, and the first two weeks in April. Please place items in the Red Wagon in the narthex. Thank you for being a neighbor to those in need in our community.



GIVE TO IKC

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



BLUE WAGON for the BLUE CABINET:

Spring is right around the corner, but while temperatures are still occasionally 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 toilet paper are always welcome. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Look for this *Giving Estimate* insert in Sunday's bulletin or click the button below to fill it out online.

[Giving Estimate Form](#)

2026 Giving Estimate

As we plan for the year ahead at St. Luke, your giving estimate helps us build a thoughtful and responsible budget for our ministry together. This is not a binding commitment — simply your best estimate of what you hope to give this year. You may submit this at any time during the year. If you're uncertain, you may choose to enter the total amount you gave last year if you plan to give at least that much again.

I/We estimate our total giving for 2026 will be: \$ _____

Frequency (circle one): Weekly Monthly Yearly Other: _____

Name (optional): _____

Thank you for supporting the ministry of
St. Luke Lutheran Church, 109 Oak Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850
Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

**If you have already shared your intentions for the year, Thank You! You have helped make this year better. You don't need to complete this form.*

We pray together...

... Austin and Kori Barnett, Dave, Jane, Erik, Kimberly's family, Grace, Paul, Marjorie, William, Thomas, Jane, Kathy, and David. For our service members killed and injured. For places of war and strife. We remember all those women in our lives as we commemorate Women's History Month.

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, March 12

- 1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee
- 6:00 pm Book Study on Zoom
- 8:00 pm Compline at Forest Home Chapel

Friday, March 13

- 10:30 am. Tea and Tarot

Sunday, March 15

- 10:00 am Holy Communion
- 11:30 am. Forum@
- 4:00 pm Music at St. Luke presents Amanda Mole

Tuesday, March 17

No Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study Today

6:30 pm Mostly Motown Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, March 19

9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters

1:00 pm CCC Events Committee

No Book Study this week.

Friday, March 20

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot

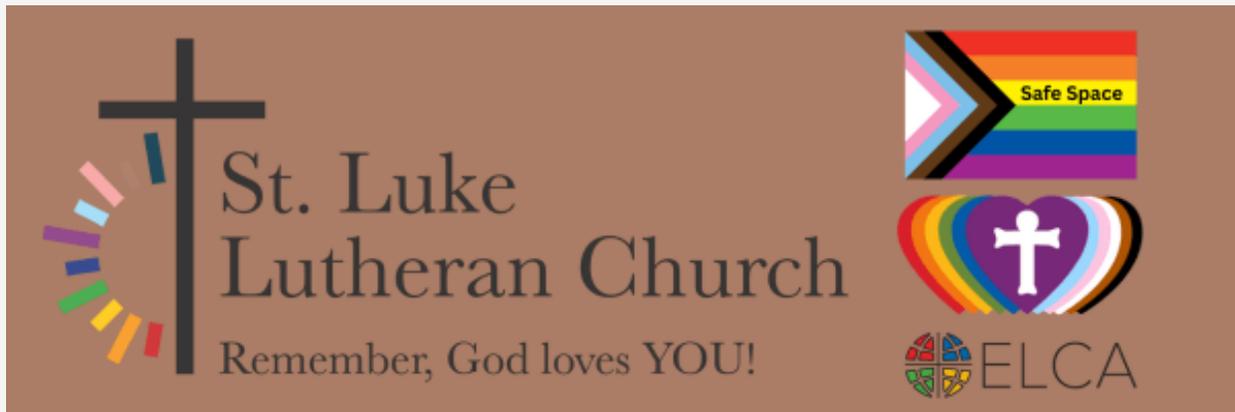
*The St. Luke Office is generally open: Mon. 1 pm-5 pm, Tues. 9:30 am-1 pm,
Wed. 8am-4pm, Thur. 9:30 am-5pm, Fri. 9:30 am-1pm*

***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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