



Announcements

March 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:

- Help make Easter Breakfast Awesome
- Easter Flowers Form
- Lutheran World Relief
- Feeding the Hungry
- Book Study TONIGHT
- Treasurer's Report
- Praying Together
- Calendar

SERVE in COMMUNITY



EASTER BREAKFAST

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up so far to help make our Easter Breakfast a success. We are still looking for the following:

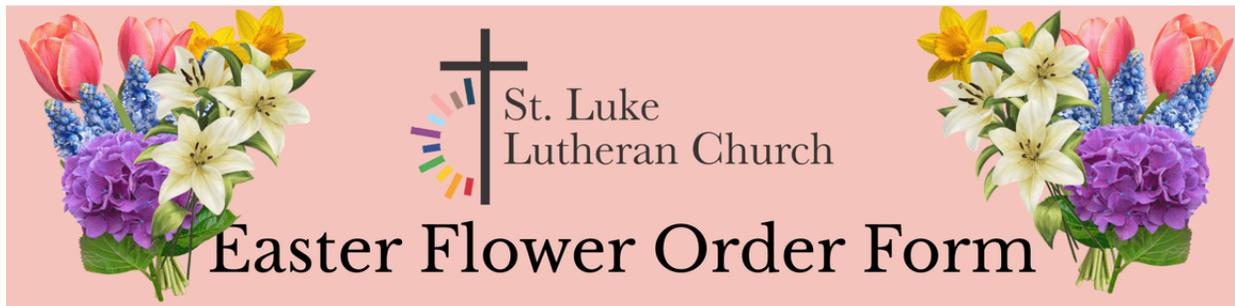
- 4 more Breakfast (Egg) Casseroles
- 5 or 6 more Baked French Toast
- 2 more folks to bring Baked Goods

- 2 more folks to help with Prep and Setup on **Saturday** morning at 9am
- 2 to help with set up on Easter Sunday morning
- 4 to serve the Breakfast on Easter Sunday
- 4 or 5 more folks to help with cleanup after the service ends on Easter.

Add your name to the sign-up sheets in the church Narthex or use the form linked below. Together we can make this Easter Breakfast a beautiful expression of our loving community and a celebration of the Resurrection!

[Easter Breakfast Form](#)

[Find Recipes Here](#)



Look for the *Easter Flower Order Form* insert in Sunday's bulletin or click the button below to fill it out online.

[Easter Flower Form](#)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits (LWR PCKs): Our goal is to assemble 50 PCKs for LWR. There are three ways you can help:

- 1) Donate needed items (see list below),
- 2) Make Monetary Donations and Social Ministry will buy items (mark checks/envelopes with "Personal Care Kits", place in the offertory plate or give online via Tithely and choose the fund [Personal Care Kit](#)),
- 3) Mail Order items and send them directly to St. Luke Lutheran Church at 109 Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850 to the Attn. of Monica Vakiner. We also need help with shipping costs (\$4.00 per kit).

Items Needed:

- dark colored lightweight bath towels,
- bath-sized soap bars (need 8 to 9 ozs. per kit), and
- metal nail clippers.

Place items in the large box near the office in the narthex. Thank you so much for helping St. Luke to be a global neighbor.

Will be collecting until April 12, 2026.

Thanks for supporting St. Luke and Lutheran World Relief

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN ITHACA

The Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard has been doing well at providing food for people in Ithaca. Usage was up 15% for the fresh food during February compared to 2025. Pantry orders were down 5% for the same time period. Donations of food have been very generous, as have monetary donations to the Cupboard. We donated a total of 51 items for the month. Some of our donations of food for breakfast went to the Code Blue shelter since they had higher than usual numbers due to the very cold weather we had.

For April, please donate personal care items such as: soap, shampoo toothpaste and diapers would be appreciated. These items are generally not available from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

For March, please continue to donate peanut butter and jelly into the Red Wagon for the IKC.

Code Blue Shelter: For the month of March, please donate 100% juice boxes (no added sugar), and breakfast bars to support the Code Blue Homeless Shelter.



[DONATE TO IKC](#)

These are the two most needed items. Please place donations in the Red Wagon.
Thank you so much!



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!

CONNECT in COMMUNITY

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. BUT WHO ARE THEY?



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**BOOK
STUDY**

STLUKEITHACA.ORG

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.

FINAL MEETING TONIGHT AT 6:00 pm.

[Zoom Link for Book Study](#)

Treasurer's Report for February, 2026

- February income was \$25,574, or 82.5% of the budget plan of \$30,987.
- YTD income is \$51,921, or 84% of the budget plan.
- February expenses were \$31,954, or 103% of the budget plan of \$30,987.
- YTD expenses are \$59,988, or 97% of the budget plan.
- By the numbers we finished February with a deficit of \$8,067.
- Our February month end balance in Tompkins Bank checking was \$129,167, down from \$136,518 at the end of January.
- At the end of February our Morgan Stanley investment values:
Endowment (designated) @ \$1,857,124, up from \$1,835,575, at the end of January.
Reserve (unallocated) @ \$278,243, down from \$281,837 at the end of January.

Holy Week
St. Luke Lutheran Church | 109 Oak Ave in Collegetown

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

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Remember, God loves YOU!

ALL ARE WELCOME WITHOUT EXCEPTION
stlukeithaca.org

We pray together...

... Jane, Austin and Kori Barnett. 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 26

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee
6:00 pm. Book Study on Zoom

Friday, March 27

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot

Sunday, March 29 PALM SUNDAY

10:00 am Holy Communion

Tuesday, March 31

12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study
6:30 pm Mostly Motown Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, April 2

9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters
1:00 pm CCC Events Committee
7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3

7:00 pm. Good Friday

Saturday, April 4

7:00 pm. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 am. Easter Breakfast
10:00 am Holy Communion

*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*

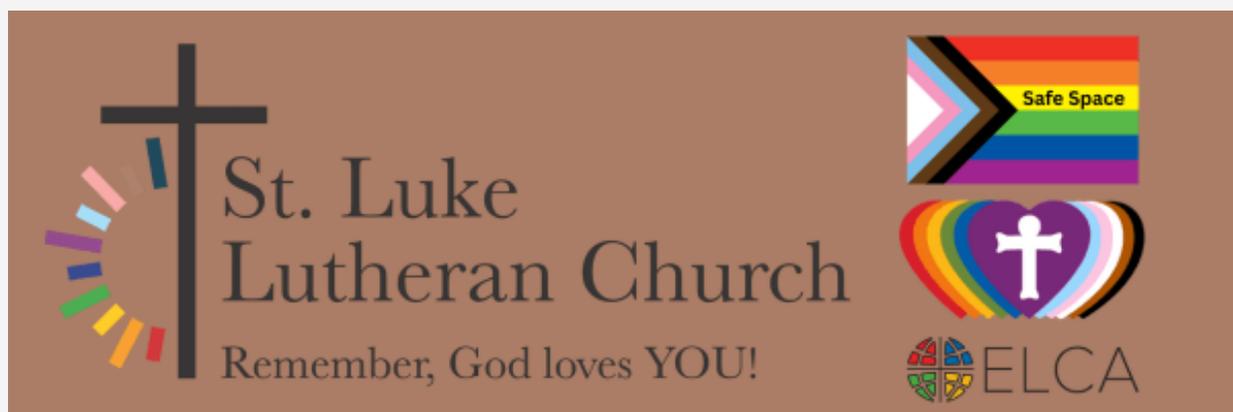
If you would like to be removed from this list, please reply or [send us an email](#) with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. We will be sad to see you go.

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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