

Announcements

April 9, 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:

- Eastertide Book Study
- Compline
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CONNECT in COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who made Easter morning a delight!



New Book Study for Eastertide!

HOPE THAT WILL NOT BE EXTINGUISHED



Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference
Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOOK STUDY
STLUKEITHACA.ORG

Thursdays | 6:00 PM | Zoom | Begins April 23

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This Easter season at St. Luke, we invite you into a story of hope—one that refuses to yield to despair.

Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu, *Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference*. New York: HarperOne, 2010.

In a time when many are made to feel powerless—or even hopeless—we turn again to the

Gospel story we have walked through in Lent: a journey that leads us to the dawn of Easter morning, where light breaks through and shadows do not have the final word.

So too in this book. Written not only by a survivor of apartheid South Africa, but by a witness to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission—a process that laid bare some of the darkest realities of the human condition—this work dares to proclaim something deeper: that we are, at our core, made for goodness.

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Details:

- Thursdays at 6:00 PM (via Zoom)
- Begins April 23
- First session: Introduction + Chapters 1–3

We encourage you to purchase the book locally if you are able:

- [The Protagonist Coffee & Books](#)
- [All My Friends Books](#)
- [Odyssey Bookstore](#)
- [Buffalo Street Books](#)

Come as you are. Bring your questions, your hopes, your doubts.

Because Easter does not deny the darkness—it proclaims, with clarity and courage, that it does not win.

Compline Series to Conclude after Six Year Run

Compline
(night song)

Experience prayerful music
by candlelight.
8:00 - 8:30 PM
April 30 at Immaculate
Conception Church.

A message from Erik:

I was in Seattle once, and noted they had a sung night prayer service at the Cathedral and thought, that sounds like something I'd like, so I went, expecting a handful of listeners. Instead I found a full cathedral with people lying on the floor to listen because the pews were full. More recently I have attended the ones in Rochester, which have also built a huge following through splendid choral singing. Every time I have gone to compline in Rochester I have felt washed and energized. And I sang with a group at Cornell which did them for multiple years. And then came covid, and the Cornell group shut down.

I decided to get it going at St. Luke: at first it was entirely online with four singers, spread out. Eventually the number of singers grew, and we opened it to live listeners. Over the years, the singers certainly found it worthwhile to do for themselves, even though the number of listeners remained low. A move to Anabel Taylor Chapel didn't help attendance, but when we started going other places, it seemed we might catch on---there were even times when listeners outnumbered singers. There have been some who really love to come and listen, or listen online, since we have continued to livestream. Our aim all along has been to create a time out of time in the week, where a familiar order of liturgy, enhanced with beautiful choral music, can bring peace to souls.

While I'm very proud of what we have accomplished, it also feels like the time to bring the chapter to a close, at least for now. Thanks and appreciation from the bottom of my heart to everyone who has sung with the group and/or attended the service. Sophie, Lynn, Jeff, and Geoff have been with it from the beginning. Special mention to our livestreamer Andy Antal as well, for being there when we were at St. Luke and then for much hauling, setting up, and tearing down of equipment after that.

There WILL be just ONE more compline service, on April 30 at 8pm. We chose the location for its splendid acoustics and easy parking: Immaculate Conception Church downtown. We'll be doing my favorite anthem of all time, plus the choir's favorite Nunc Dimittis and Lord's Prayer. It should be splendid. All are invited! I am cognizant that some people aren't keen to enter a Catholic church--- but know that what we do there is the same as what we do elsewhere.

And for now, the archive of past services will remain at our YouTube channel: ["Compline from St. Luke Ithaca"](#)

SERVE in COMMUNITY

Our next outreach and social ministry meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, 4/23, at 7pm. Contact [Judy Tennant](#) for more information.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Thank you for all of your donations of items and funds for the LWR PCK project. To meet our goal of assembling 50 kits, we still need:

- **21** lightweight bath towels (dark colors)
- **31** nail clippers
- **44** bars of bath soap (4 oz each)

Please place donations in the collection box near the office in the narthex. Monetary donations for items and shipping costs are also welcome and we will purchase needed items (Please mark checks / envelopes with "Personal Care Kit" and place donations in the offertory plate or give online here [Personal Care Kit](#)).

Will be collecting until April 12, 2026.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN ITHACA

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard: Personal Care Items are needed for the Red Wagon during the month of April, including bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and diapers. Also, we need reusable grocery-sized bags for the clients using the IKC. Please place the bags near the Red Wagon. Thank you!

Code Blue Shelter: Great news! St. Luke folks provided 148 items for the Code Blue Homeless Shelter during the month of March, including 32 drink boxes, 50 breakfast bars, and 66 instant oatmeal packets. Because of the persistence of the cold weather, the Code Blue Shelter will be open **the**

entire month of April closing on April 30th. We'd like to bring one more batch of donations to the shelter a.s.a.p, so please contribute 100% juice drink boxes, breakfast bars, and instant oatmeal packets which can be placed in the RED WAGON in the narthex.



DONATE TO IKC



BLUE WAGON for the BLUE CABINET:

Spring is here and temperatures seem to be above freezing, so no more worries about cans exploding in our blue cabinet! Please consider donating canned soups, tuna, and plastic jars of pasta sauce, peanut butter and jam. Cereal, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, protein bars and toilet paper are always welcome. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Community Support of the Blue Cabinet: St. Luke would like to thank Ethan Lin and members of the Cornell Hunger Relief Program for stocking the Blue Cabinet which stands in front of St. Luke. Here is a description of their program: *The Cornell Hunger Relief Program (CHRP) is a student-led organization of the Einhorn Center dedicated to addressing food insecurity in Ithaca and Tompkins County through volunteering, education, and advocacy. For more information or to get involved, please contact us at cornellhungerrelief@cornell.edu or follow us on Instagram @cornellhungerrelief.*

We pray together...

... Jane, Austin and Kori Barnett. For our service members killed and injured. For places of war and strife.

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, April 9

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

Friday, April 10

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot

Sunday, April 12

10:00 am Holy Communion

11:30 am. Godly Play

Tuesday, April 14

12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

6:30 pm Mostly Motown Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 15

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, April 16

9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters

1:00 pm CCC Events Committee

Friday, April 17

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

Sunday, April 19

10:00 am Holy Communion

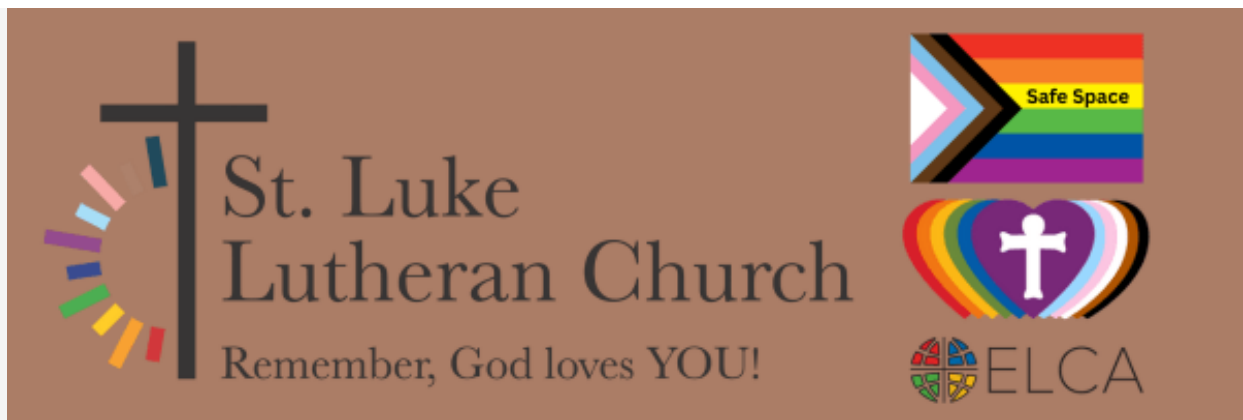
*The St. Luke Office is generally open: Mon. 1 pm-5 pm, Tues. 9:30 am-1 pm,
Wed. 8am-4pm, Thur. 9:30 am-5pm, Fri. 9:30 am-1pm*

***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

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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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