

Announcements

July 23, 2026

In this week's Announcements you can read about:

**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!

- Prayer Vigil on Saturday
- Feed our hungry neighbors
- Worship in the Park Aug 2
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SERVE in COMMUNITY

Prayer Vigil THIS SATURDAY

On July 7, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo was shot and killed by an ICE agent in Houston while driving a work van with his crew. He was 52 years old.

On July 13, ICE fatally shot 26-year-old Johan Sebastian Guerrero in Biddeford, Maine. He was 25 years old. His wife and toddler witnessed his murder.

Dear Friends,
Please join our multi-faith vigil to honor Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Johan Sebastian Guerrero and all those who have lost their lives to ICE — and to demand accountability.



Both men were beloved members of their communities, killed on their way to work.

Our vigil is part of a nationwide call to hold compassion for their families, coworkers, and communities in prayer and to tell the truth about their killings. We must demand Justice for Lorenzo. Justice for Johan. Justice for All.

Time: 2:30 to 5 pm

Place: DeWitt Park, Ithaca

Date: Saturday, July 25th.

The Rev. Dr. Jason R. Churchill of St. Luke's Lutheran Church will welcome people at 3:00 pm. Speakers from local civic organizations and faith groups are scheduled throughout the afternoon with music by the Resistance Choir.

Many people will be marching from the Bernie Milton Pavillion where there is an ICE OUT rally from noon until 2 pm. Please join us!

Feeding our Hungry Neighbors

RED WAGON for Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard:

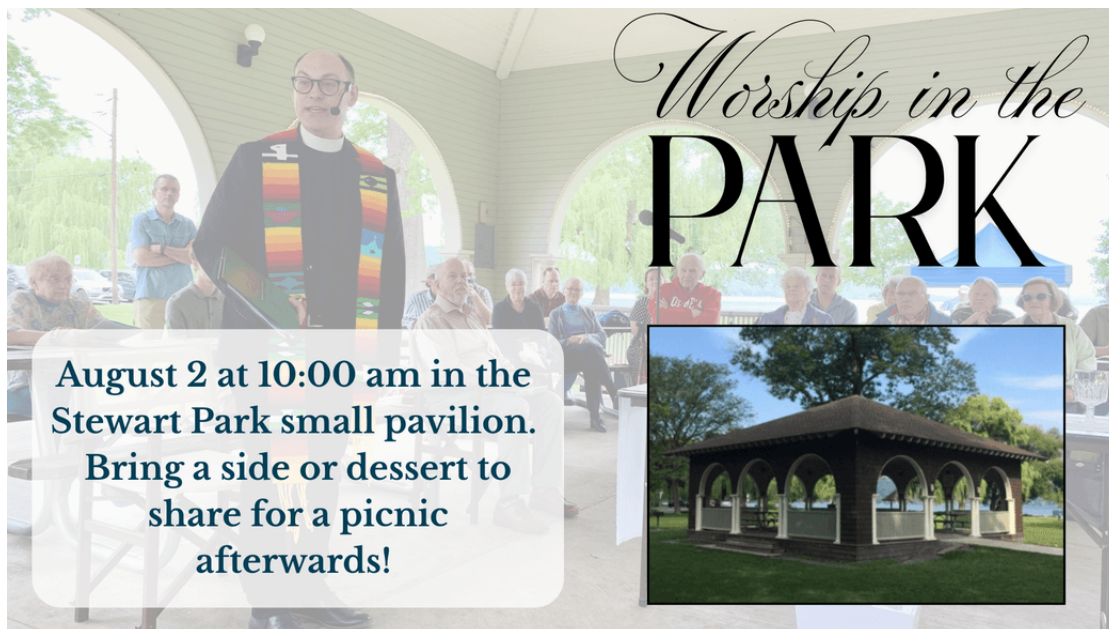
For July: please continue to donate toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other personal care items. Thank you so much!

BLUE WAGON for the 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!



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CONNECT in COMMUNITY



August 2 at 10:00 am in the
Stewart Park small pavilion.
Bring a side or dessert to
share for a picnic
afterwards!

Worship in the Park on August 2!

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and Veggie burgers will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert and drinks.



**Online
Connection**
*Together,
wherever we are.*

Thank you to everyone who stayed online after services last Sunday, and to those who took a minute to go into the Lounge and say hello to the people on screen. This is a new undertaking to connect the people within and without the church building. I will be contacting people to see how they feel it went, but would appreciate any feedback those who participated would like to send. dricotta1@gmail.com

We would like to continue this after church connection and encourage everyone on both sides of the screen to take a minute to say hello. Since hearing online can sometimes be difficult, we encourage everyone to speak clearly and slowly. It's all new, let's work on it together!

Actions Embraced by St. Luke Lutheran on Our Journey as a RIC Congregation



RIC Education Series Article
by Suz Snedeker

St. Luke Lutheran became a RIC congregation in May of 2010. These are concrete actions we have taken to fulfill our mission as a RIC congregation. Our journey continues as we embrace what it means to be dedicated to full participation, acknowledging that nothing can separate us from Christ's love.

1. Welcome Statement in worship bulletin and website
2. Worship spaces available for LGBTQ+ weddings and blessings
3. Embrace and celebrate calling our Rostered Pastor and leaders from the LGBTQ+ and the BIPOC community
4. Gender neutral restrooms are available
5. Revision of Personnel Statement and Policies to be inclusive and anti-racist
6. Acknowledgement of Indigenous lands that we now occupy
7. Zoom Live Stream and YouTube archive of worship services
8. Adaptations for "on-line" participants made to increase interactions and fellowship opportunities
9. Children's library includes materials on engagement and diversity themes
10. "Prayerground" space for children at front of church to accommodate neurodiversity
11. Celebration of RIC anniversary first Sunday in May
12. RIC banners with RIC logo affixed to church building
13. RIC Certificate displayed in Narthex
14. RIC logo on homepage of website
15. Front door RIC sticker
16. Safe Space sticker at front door and Pastor's office
17. Printed materials for Campus Ministry feature RIC logo
18. Ramp to main entrance for mobility access
19. All other ground floor entrances require no steps for entrance or egress
20. Elevator in Education Building enables access all three floors
21. Mobility aids available in narthex (crutches, wheelchair, and walker)
22. Lift to Communion area
23. Stair glider to access the Choir Loft
24. Restrooms are ADA compliant
25. Large print bulletins provided for worship services
26. Hearing devices provided to listen to worship services
27. Worship service broadcast to child-care rooms
28. Staff "Pride in the Park" booth at Ithaca Pride Festival
29. Sponsorship (monetary contribution) of Ithaca Pride Festival

30. Music at St. Luke hosts "Showtune Singalong" during Pride month in our sanctuary space
31. Cornell University and Ithaca College LGBTQ+ materials available
32. Materials on Ithaca Pride Alliance and other Support groups available
33. Educational articles available on Reconciling Works and what it means to be a RIC congregation
34. Pronoun stickers for name tags
35. Immigrant Red Cards on Constitutional Rights
36. Resource Cards for Crisis Issues and Suicide Prevention
37. Resource Cards for Hunger and Food insecurity
38. In development, paraments in orange for Creation season

Treasurer's Report for June 2026

- June income was \$19,885, or 64.2% of the budget plan of \$30,987.
- YTD income is \$161,787, or 87% of the budget plan.
- June expenses were \$26,425, or 85.3% of the budget plan of \$30,987.
- YTD expenses are \$176,663, or 95% of the budget plan.
- By the numbers we finished June with a YTD deficit of \$14,875.
- Our June month end balance in Tompkins Bank checking was \$112,454, down from \$138,056 at the end of May.
- At the end of June our Morgan Stanley investment values:
 - Endowment (designated) @ \$2,964,217, up from \$2,940,418, at the end of May.
 - Reserve (unallocated) @ \$497,864, down from \$498,937 at the end of May.

**Pastor Jason will be away from July 28 -
August 1 to celebrate his dad's 80th birthday.
Bible Study will skip Tuesday, July 28th and
resume August 4th.**

If you would like your photo to be included in the St. Luke Lutheran Church Directory, please email a digital copy to Kimberly at Communications@stlukeithac.org.
Landscape orientation is preferred. Thank you!

We pray together...

... Louise, Laura and family, Deborah, Andy, Judy, Christine, Ron & Lu, Kathleen, Keith, Carol and Grace.

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](#).

Readings for July 26

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Readings and Psalm

- **1 Kings 3:5-12**
Solomon's prayer for wisdom
 - **Psalm 119:129-136**
When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)
 - **Romans 8:26-39**
Nothing can separate us from God's love
 - **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**
Parables of the reign of heaven
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[Calendar](#)

Thursday, July 23

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

Friday, July 24

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Holy Communion.

11:30 am. Visit the Online Community in the Lounge

Tuesday, July 28

No Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study this week while Pastor Jason is away.

Wednesday, July 30

1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, July 31

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

*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*

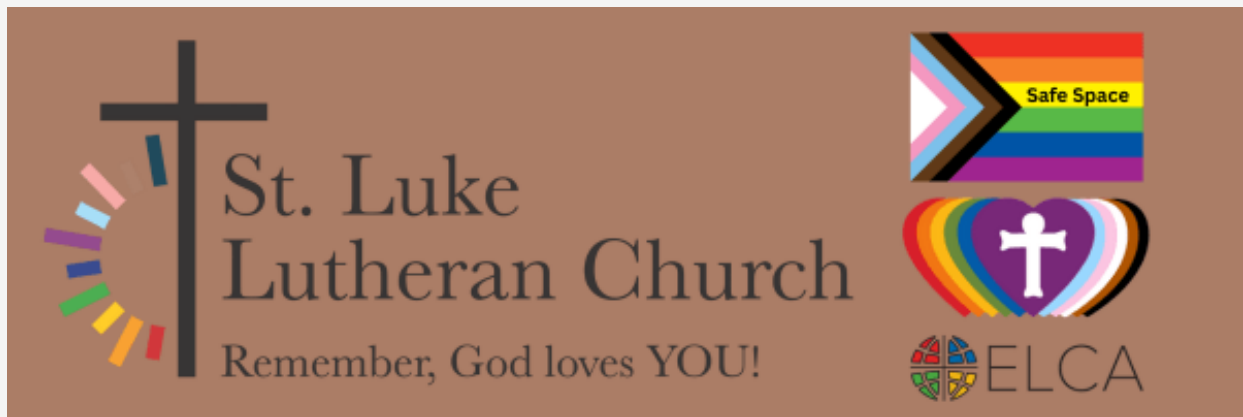
***If you would like to be removed from this list, please reply or [send us an email](#)
with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. We will be sad to see you go.
Remember, God loves you!***

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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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