

Announcements

August 20, 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!

- Welcome Back potluck!
- Socially Responsible Investing
- Ithaca Gallery Night: Carol LaBorie
- Feed our hungry neighbors
- LWR School Supply Drive
- Praying Together
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CONNECT in COMMUNITY



On August 30 we will welcome students, visitors, and those that have been away for a while. After service (and since we missed our picnic), we will have a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish and/or dessert to share. (GF and

vegetarian/vegan dishes welcome. Just label them). Huge thanks to Luke who will be bringing pulled pork and buns for us all to enjoy. Luke will also need help setting up and cleaning so please let Kimberly (communications@stlukeithaca.org) know if you're able to lend a hand. Let's welcome folks with love and hospitality!



featuring work by Carol LaBorie
Friday, September 4th from 5pm-8pm

109 Oak Ave, Ithaca
stlukeithaca.org ~ ithacagallerynight.com

Come and bring a friend to experience an art show by our own Carol LaBorie on Friday, September 4 from 5-8pm at St. Luke. Light refreshments will be served!

In addition, Carol's art studio will be open on August 29th from 12-5 for Seeing Ithaca Through the Eyes of Artists, a special event sponsored by the State of the Art Gallery. Visitors are welcome. For more information on participating artists and studio locations: [Seeing Ithaca – Through the eyes of artists.](#)

Carol also has 2 sculptural pieces at the Main Street Arts in Clifton Springs through August 29th [Layered Processes - Main Street Arts](#) and 2 sculptural pieces at CloudCroft Studios in Owego in the Everyday Life, Every Day Art exhibit open Thursday-Sunday from 12pm-4pm at 1003 Sanford Road, Owego, NY.

SERVE in COMMUNITY

Feeding our Hungry Neighbors

DONATE TO IKC



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Purchase items for backpacks or donate
towards the Social Ministry fund.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER



**SCHOOL KIT
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**
Include the following items in each School Kit:

- x1** One strong, durable backpack with two top handles, 18" x 24" with shoulder straps (no external pockets)
- x4** One 1/2" spiral notebook with 100 pages (8 1/2" x 11")
- x1** One 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" pencil case
- x1** One 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" pencil
- x1** One pair of scissors
- x1** One 2" x 1" eraser
- x5** One 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" pencil
- x5** One 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" pencil

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Social Ministry and Outreach Committee invites you to partner with us as we provide School Backpacks for students in need throughout the world. Our goal is 50 draw string backpacks full of supplies.

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 1/2" eraser

How can you help?

You can either purchase the items and put them in the donation box in the narthex OR you can donate money and let us do the shopping. Please write "Social Ministry" in the memo line on your check or on Tithely. We will have a "packing party" after church at the end of September.

Donate to Social Ministry for Backpack Supplies



Socially Responsible Investing at St. Luke

by Jeffrey Snedeker

Thanks to several very generous recent bequests by current and former members, St. Luke is blessed with a substantial endowment which, if wisely managed, can support the ministry of St. Luke far into the future. This endowment is currently invested in a balanced portfolio of stocks, bonds, and money market funds. Our goal is for the principal balance of the endowment to grow slightly over time to at least keep pace with inflation, and for the rest of the income from the investments (from growth of stocks and interest from bonds and money markets) to supplement regular offerings in order to expand the reach of St. Luke's programs and activities.

Endeavoring to be good stewards of the resources with which the congregation has been gifted, the Council is considering carefully how to manage these funds responsibly. The Council considers it to be important to ensure that these monies are not invested in ways that

support business or industrial practices which cause harm to God's creation. The ELCA has issued a number of statements providing guidance on industrial and business practices that are considered to be inconsistent with Lutheran values and ethical considerations. The ELCA's own endowments and resources are invested in such a way as to avoid supporting such practices, and instead to advance the greater good of society to the extent possible. Examples of investments that the ELCA has elected to avoid include industries engaged in the manufacture of firearms, tobacco products, and alcohol; extractive industries and those that cause substantial industrial pollution; and companies that manage private prisons, employ child labor, or are known to engage in maltreatment of workers and other harmful business practices. In addition to so-called "negative screens", the ELCA also seeks to deliberately invest in businesses and industries that provide a net benefit to society. Examples of this include reversal of climate change, strengthening community services, and improving access to healthcare, nutrition and affordable housing.

Endeavoring to invest effectively while at the same time minimizing social harm from those investments is referred to as Socially Responsible Investing, or SRI. The Council is seeking input from the congregation on what SRI principles may be important for us to consider in discussions with our financial advisors regarding how our funds are invested. The link below will take you to a brief (< 5 minute) survey with questions about your own opinions and values, and how you would like to see St. Luke's endowment managed. The survey is completely anonymous; all responses are confidential and cannot be traced back to any individual. Please take this small amount of time to prayerfully consider how St. Luke can continue to thrive well into the future while exercising principles of good stewardship and ethical responsibility. Thank you!

<https://PollEv.com/surveys/HW8c9QYG43i3Ul3sMAUik/respond>

SRI Survey

We pray together for...

... Kathy and Kieth, Robert (Sprole), Robert (Mossotti), Pr. Ernie, Diane, Louise, Carol, Deborah and Andy. Those returning to Ithaca for the fall semester. All educators and those starting to get ready for the school year.

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

Readings for August 23

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold

confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Readings and Psalm

- **Isaiah 51:1-6** *The enduring foundation of God's salvation*
- **Psalm 138** O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)
- **Romans 12:1-8** *One body in Christ, with gifts that differ*
- **Matthew 16:13-20** *The profession of Peter's faith*

Calendar

Thursday, August 20

9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

Friday, August 21

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

Sunday, August 23

10:00 am Holy Communion

12:00 pm. Council

Tuesday, August 25

12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

Wednesday, August 26

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, August 27

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.***

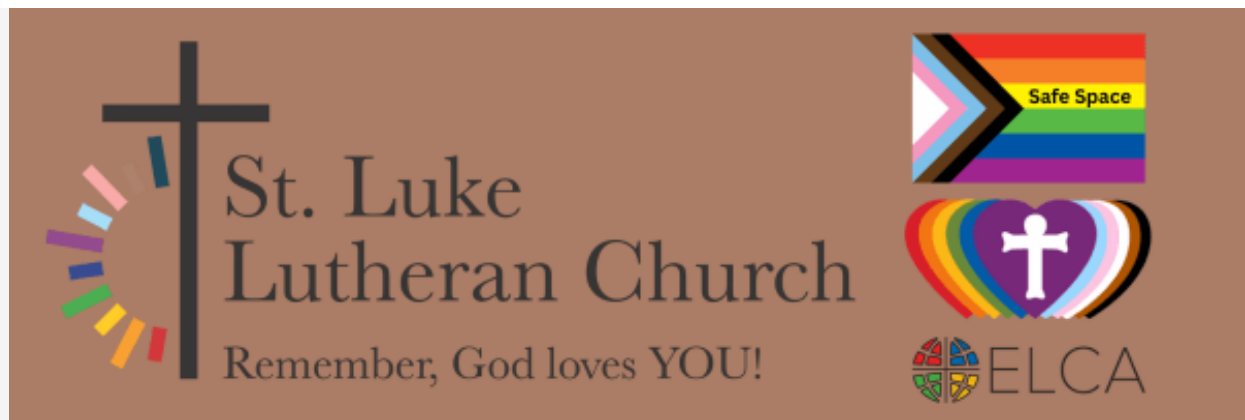
Remember, God loves you!

Website

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Campus
Ministry Shop

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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