



Announcements

October 8, 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!

- Pastor Jason Ordination weekend
- Forum@ Recap
- Coffee House! October 18
- Thank you: School Supply Drive
- Volunteer for Open Hours
- Godly Play
- Feeding the Hungry
- Readings for this week
- Calendar

CONNECT in COMMUNITY



Celebrating Rev. Dr. Jason Churchill's 10th Ordination Anniversary

Events this weekend:

Saturday, October 10 at 11:30am : Wine tasting at Thirsty Owl Winery (RSVP required)

Saturday, October 10, 2-4pm : Open House at Hopshire in Freeville. **Free! All ages!**

Sunday, October 11th, 11:30am : Brunch after worship



The Outreach and Social Ministry Committee sponsored a Forum on Sunday, Oct. 4, featured Mary Jo Dudley, Director of the Migrant Advocacy and Support organization. The session provided important context about the immigrants who live and work in our community - who they are, why they come, the challenges they face and how migrants contribute to NYS and the broader US economy.

The discussion also addressed the current immigration enforcement climate and its devastating impact on families and communities. We discussed ways in which we can offer informed and compassionate support to immigrants in our region.

Below is a copy of the flyer which was passed out at the forum. If you have interest in offering your time and/or resources to this worthy cause, information is included in the flyer.



Migrant Advocacy & Support

Mission

Migrant Advocacy and Support (MAS) promotes justice, dignity, and equity by partnering with migrants to address migrant-identified health, legal, and educational needs.

Overview

Migrant Advocacy and Support (MAS) partners with migrants to better understand and respond to shifting legal conditions while accessing needed services. With trained volunteers, we offer "Know Your Rights" workshops, emergency family planning, and culturally appropriate information through hotlines, texts, and community trainings. By engaging directly with migrants, MAS promotes empowerment, self-sufficiency, and well-being.

PROGRAMS

Legal, Health, and Education Advocacy

Building on the deep trust we developed with this highly vulnerable community, our activities will include:

- 1) Completion of **emergency preparedness documents** (temporary guardianship, parental permission to travel, power of attorney, and authorization to pick up paychecks) during family preparedness clinics.
- 2) Workshops on **Supporting Immigrant Families** in Our Communities.
- 3) Trainings on **"How to speak with children** about immigration rights, detentions, and family separation" (developed with trained psychologists)—a notable gap in current migrant supports.
- 4) "Know your immigration rights" workshops.
- 5) Provide **health, legal, and educational** referrals while developing a streamlined, accessible referral system.
- 6) Respond to the changing needs of migrants with new programs and educational materials.

CONTACT

Mary Jo Dudley, Director
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GET INVOLVED

Financial Support

If you, like many of us, are searching for a meaningful way to help, consider giving a tax-deductible gift through our organizational host, the Center for Transformative Action.

[Scan here to donate now](#)



Donations by Check

Payable to: Center for Transformative Action
Memo line: "MAS"
Mail to: CTA, PO Box 760 Ithaca, NY 14851

MAS is a project of the Center for Transformative Action, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that accepts all funds on our behalf.

Volunteer Opportunities

[Apply to volunteer](#)



Make a direct impact:
MAS is seeking volunteers for program support, including English tutors, drivers, and much more.



The Wax Matches

Jenny Stockdale, Cass Barbour, and Jessica Caporizzo

Original Folk and Americana
October 18 at 4pm

Doors open at 3:15pm for refreshments.
stlukeithaca.org



Come enjoy a relaxed afternoon of Original Folk and Americana music with The Wax Matches at the *new* St. Luke Coffee House. Doors open at 3:15pm for drinks, refreshments, and socializing. Music begins at 4:00 pm.

SERVE in COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and funds for the Lutheran World Relief Backpack program. Thanks to your generosity, we have filled 55 bags!

If you would still like to contribute, donations toward the shipping cost (\$4 per bag) would be greatly appreciated.

[Donate to Social Ministry for Backpack Supplies](#)

Students need a safe space.

You can *meet* that need.

We are looking for volunteers to be at the Church so that we can keep the doors open for anyone who needs a safe space to study or pray.

If you're interested, please fill out the form below or contact Kimberly.

[Sign up to Volunteer](#)

[Email Kimberly](#)

GODLY PLAY

St. Luke Lutheran Church School

 **Second Sundays**
at 11:30 AM

Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10
Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11

Lots of ways you can help!

- **Build/Craft Volunteer**
 - Nesting kneeling/floor tables
 - Banners, cards, work mats
 - Wooden story sets
- **Classroom Volunteer**
 - Greeter, storyteller
 - Music leaders
 - Snack providers, etc



Most Needed:

- Volunteers
- Lesson sets
- Classroom storage (bins/baskets)
- Art supplies (paint trays, clay, etc)
- Work rugs
- Monetary donations for trainings



Contact: Mandy Kempf

 amandakempfl8@gmail.com

 bit.ly/StLukeChurchSchool

[Click here or visit this site to volunteer!](#)

Godly Play church school begins Sunday, October 11! We are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways, not just leading the lessons. If you would like to help provide supplies, create needed items, or lead the lessons, please reach out to Mandy Kempf.

[Email Mandy](#)

[Volunteer Form](#)

Food Insecurity in Ithaca

October items for the RED

WAGON (Ithaca Kitchen

Cupboard): White rice, instant potatoes, canned beans (especially black beans and garbanzo beans).

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!



DONATE TO IKC

Treasurer's Report

September 2026 Treasurers' Report

- September income was \$27,385, or 88% of the budget plan of \$30,987.
- YTD income is \$257,071, or 92% of the budget plan.
- September expenses were \$27,492, or 89% of the budget plan of \$30,987.
- YTD expenses are \$276,710, or 99% of the budget plan.
- By the numbers we finished September with a YTD deficit of \$19,639.
- Our September month end balance in Tompkins Bank checking was \$95,104, up from \$93,691 at the end of August.
- At the end of September our Morgan Stanley investment values:
Endowment (designated) @ \$2,899,242, down from \$2,946,144, at the end of August.
Reserve (unallocated) @ \$491,215, down from \$513,558 at the end of August.

We Pray Together for...

Anne, Deborah, Andy, Kathy, Keith, Angela, and Erik.

We pray for all who are victims of violence, exploitation, and fear. We hold the Cornell community in prayer as it continues to navigate the horrific news of sexual and gender-based violence. May those who have experienced violence be heard, believed, supported, and surrounded by care; and may we have the courage to confront the systems and cultures that allow violence and abuse to persist.

On Sundays, please feel free to write your prayer requests on the back of the gold colored Contact Cards and place it in the offering plate or the mailbox outside the main office door.

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

Readings for October 11

- **Isaiah 25:1-9**
 - **Psalms 23**
 - **Acts 8:14-25**
 - **Matthew 22:1-14**
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Calendar

Friday, October 9

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

Saturday, October 10

11:30 am. Wine Tasting at Thirsty Owl Winery

2:00 pm. Open House at Hopshire

Sunday, October 11

10:00 am Holy Communion

11:30 am. Godly Play

12:00 pm. Brunch

Tuesday, October 13

12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

6:30pm. Mostly Motown Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective

5:30 pm. Open Hours for Co-Working and Study

7:00 pm. Rocky Horror Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15

9:00 am Peace by Piece Quilters

The St. Luke Office is generally open weekdays from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

***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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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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