

Announcements

October 22, 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:**

- You are Not Alone Prayer Vigil
- Learning Survey from Vicar Todd
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- Godly Play
- Providing for our Neighbors in Need
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CONNECT in COMMUNITY

THIS SATURDAY - CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

you are not
Alone

A Candlelight Vigil
against Sexual Violence
Sponsored by Campus and
Community Faith Leaders

When
Saturday,
October 24 at 4:00 pm

Where
St. Luke Lutheran Church
109 Oak Ave, Ithaca

stlukeithaca.org



All community members are welcome to join us this Saturday at 4:00pm as we create a place where survivors—with fresh wounds or wounds carried for decades—can be surrounded by a community willing to listen, believe, and remain beside them.

Community Statement Concerning Cornell University



One of Martin Luther's first acts as a reformer was to propose that monasteries be turned into schools, while one of his last was to establish a school in Eisleben, where he died in 1546.

I am interested in learning your learning interests!

I am eager to lead explorations and learning of topics relevant to our lives today as Lutherans,

as Christians, and as “wonderers” of God’s Word. Rather than assume your fascinations, you will be receiving a survey asking for your ideas for topics to be explored individually, or as a series. Please take the time to complete the survey below or email me your thoughts so that I can begin constructing classes soon.

[Email Vicar Todd](#)

[Complete Short Survey](#)

SERVE in COMMUNITY



Giving Estimate for 2027

As we plan for the year ahead at St. Luke, your giving estimate helps us build a thoughtful and responsible budget for our ministry together. This is not a binding commitment — simply your best estimate of what you hope to give this year. You may submit this at any time during the year. If you're uncertain, you may choose to enter the total amount you gave last year if you plan to give at least that much again. Complete the form by clicking below or fill out the paper form on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

[Giving Estimate Form](#)



Collegetown and its membership-based organization, the Collegetown Community Collective, are looking to define and reshape their future. Community Revitalization & Rejuvenation Consultants (CRRC) has been hired to prepare a strategic action plan for both the Collegetown district and the Collegetown Community Collective. As part of this process, we are seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders and community members, like you. Please take just a few minutes to complete the survey and register your thoughts, input, and suggestions on making Collegetown a more vibrant and sustainable place.

[Collegetown Collective Survey](#)

The background image shows the interior of a church with large windows, pews, and a central altar area. The text is overlaid on this image.

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](#)

Volunteer for Godly Play in a variety of ways!



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
 amandakempf18@gmail.com
 bit.ly/StLukeChurchSchool

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

We are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways: build or donate needed items, make snacks, lead music or teaching. If you would like to help the next generation learn more about loving God and loving our neighbors, please reach out to Mandy Kempf to volunteer.

[Email Mandy](#)

[Volunteer Form](#)

Serving our Neighbors

[The Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard](#) is still seeing larger numbers of people (up 6% for September) coming in for fresh food. St. Luke donated 84 items in September. Church members are always very generous with contributions and it is appreciated.

The Kitchen Cupboard will again have turkeys to distribute for Thanksgiving. Since we have not had diapers for a number of months the advisory board decided to work on procuring diapers for distribution. There is a need for diapers. Since we have gotten some generous donations it was decided that we have the money to do this. More details once the plan is finalized.

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

Do you like to cook?



Host one of our First Friday dinners! You can prepare anything from pasta to steak (well, maybe not steak but whatever your culinary prowess may desire). Reach out to Neil and Janelle if you're curious, interested, or down-right determined.



Email Janelle and Neil to help out!

Please send prayer requests in.

Please send prayers requests for the next month to Kimberly. This Sunday we will have a book in the Narthex for you to add the person(s) you would like

prayed for during the All Saints Service on November 1st. If you cannot come on Sunday please email the names to Erik at office@stlukeithaca.org.

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 25

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Readings and Psalm

- **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord

- **Psalm 46**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

- **Romans 3:19-28**

Justified by God's grace as a gift

- **John 8:31-36**

Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

Calendar

Thursday, October 22

7:00 pm. Capital Campaign Committee Meeting on Zoom

Friday, October 23

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

Saturday, October 24

4:00 pm. Candlelight Vigil against Sexual Violence

Sunday, October 25

10:00 am Holy Communion

12:00 pm. Council

Tuesday, October 27

12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

Wednesday, October 28

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective

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

Friday, October 30

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

Saturday, October 31

3:00 pm. Cornell on Fire

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

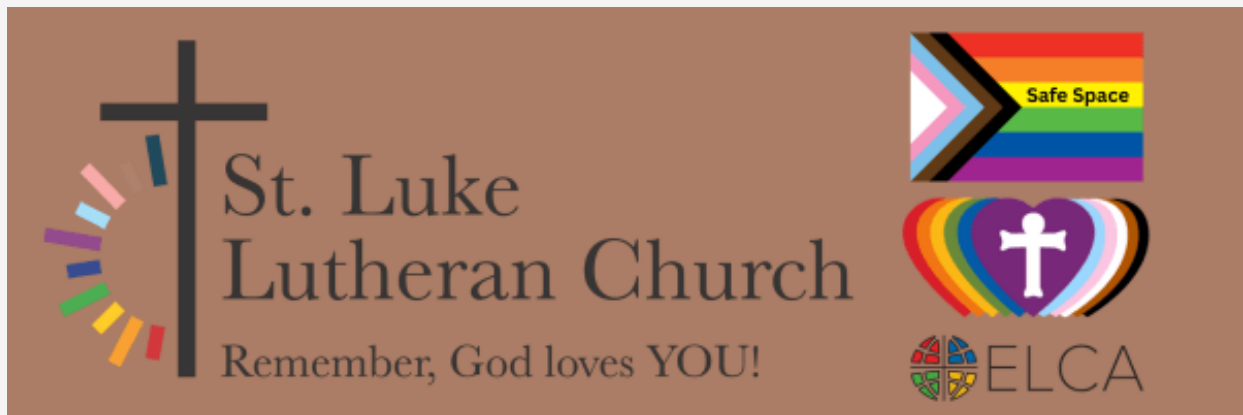
***If you would like to be removed from this list, please reply or [send us an email](#) with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. We will be sad to see you go.
Remember, God loves you!***

Website

Give

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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