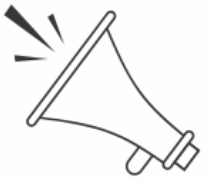
St. Luke Lutheran Church



# Announcements

## November 12, 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:**

- Annual Congregational Meeting
- Welcoming New Members
- Beware of Email Scams
- Multi-Faith Service of Thanksgiving
- Mittens N' More
- Giving Estimate
- Freezing Temps = no glass or cans!
- Praying Together
- Readings for this week
- Calendar

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# CONNECT in COMMUNITY

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## Annual Congregational Meeting - November 22

In preparation for the Annual Meeting on November 22, you are invited to view a DRAFT of the 2026 Annual Report. Paper copies will also be available this Sunday for you to take home and read during the week.

Click here to read the DRAFT Annual Report for 2026

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## Pastor Jason will be away through until November 21st due to the passing of his mother-in-law.

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Advent begins a new church year as we look with hope toward the coming of the Christ child. On the **Second Sunday of Advent, December 6,** we will joyfully welcome new members and friends into the St. Luke community during worship.

Perhaps you are a student who maintains membership in congregation back home but would like to be recognized as a friend of St. Luke. Perhaps you are considering transferring your membership or making this your church home. Whatever your circumstances, we would love to formally welcome you and celebrate the gifts you bring to our life together.

If you are interested or simply have questions, please reach out to Pastor Jason. He would be happy to gather newcomers for coffee after an upcoming Sunday service or meet individually during the week.

You already belong here. This is an opportunity to celebrate that belonging together.

Email Pastor Jason about Membership

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# BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS!

If you receive any email from someone claiming to be Pr. Jason, or anyone at St. Luke that is *not* an official @stlukeithaca.org email, please report it to your email provider as phishing or spam. Some of the scamming emails that have circulated recently look like they are from a real person, but they are asking for copies of the directory, or a meeting with Pr. Jason, or requesting gift cards and money. You will never be asked via personal email for the whole church directory or funding or gift cards. Only emails from pastor@stlukeithaca.org, office@stlukeithaca.org, or communications@stlukeithaca.org are legitimate. Please forward any questionable emails to Kimberly at communications@stlukeithaca.org.

The Announcements and New Humanity emails will come from "Kimberly Fick" with this sender address: communications_rt+stlukeithaca@email.breeechms.com. We recommend adding that email address to your contacts.

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# SERVE in COMMUNITY

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## Mittens N' More

We are kicking off the 2026-27 Mittens 'N More program on Sunday, November 15th. Last year we collected a record number of mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks, a total of 254 items, which were distributed to




students in need at Enfield and Caroline Elementary School. Can we do it again? This year community members (ladies at Kendall and a neighbor of a St. Luke member) have started us off with generous donations of hats and scarves. Please donate handmade or new store-bought items, and place items on the Mitten Tree in the narthex (look for the bright red mitten topper) or in the collection boxes. Alternatively, order items on-line, or send your handmade items directly to St. Luke (send to: Suzanne Snedeker, Mittens and More, 109 Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850. Let's keep the heads, hands, feet, and hearts of children warm again in 2026-27.

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# 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

# Feeding our Neighbors - WINTER EDITION

## Blue Cabinet: NO GLASS or CANS!






First of all, let me thank you all for supporting our blue cabinet by donating hundreds of nonperishable food items this year. We shop regularly to keep the cabinet supplied and your monetary donations have helped us to fill the shelves. As the freezing weather approaches we cannot put canned items in the cabinet as they could burst if they freeze. And of course, glass bottles are not safe at any time of year. The picture here shows some of the more popular item, including: beef stew, tuna, mac and cheese, soup, peanut butter, oatmeal and protein bars.

**November items for the RED WAGON (Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard):**
Personal care items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene products, etc.

DONATE TO IKC

# Let us pray together for...

... Diane R, Kathy and Keith, Anne, Andy, Bishop Curry and his family, Craig and his family.

*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 November 15

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lordwill be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.
Readings and Psalm

- **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18** *The day of the Lord*
- **Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12** So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** *Be alert for the day of the Lord*
- **Matthew 25:14-30** *The story of the slaves entrusted with talents*

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# Calendar

**Thursday, November 12**
10:15 am. Open Hours for Co-Working and Study (until 3pm)

**Friday, November 13**
10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

**Saturday, November 14**
3:00 pm. Cornell on Fire

**Sunday, November 15**
10:00 am Holy Communion

**Tuesday, November 17**
*No Bible Study this week.*

**Wednesday, November 18**
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective
5:30 pm. Open Hours for Co-Working and Study
7:00 pm. New Member/Visitor Focus Group

**Friday, November 20**
10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

**Sunday, November 22**
10:00 am. Holy Communion
11:30am. Annual Congregational Meeting

***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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