St. Luke Lutheran Church

Announcements

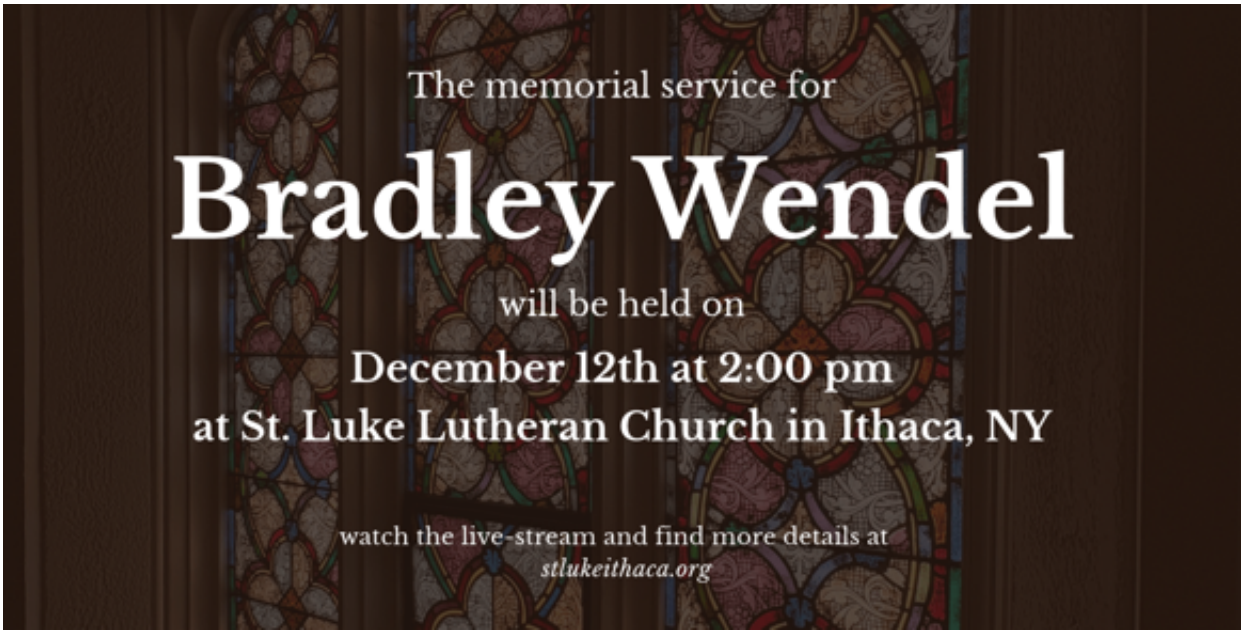
November 25, 2026

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:

- Brad Wendel Memorial Service
- Ithaca Gallery Night
- Friday Friday Dinner
- Order Poinsettias
- Mittens N' More
- Giving Estimate
- Freezing Temps = no glass or cans!
- Praying Together
- Readings for this week
- Calendar

CONNECT in COMMUNITY

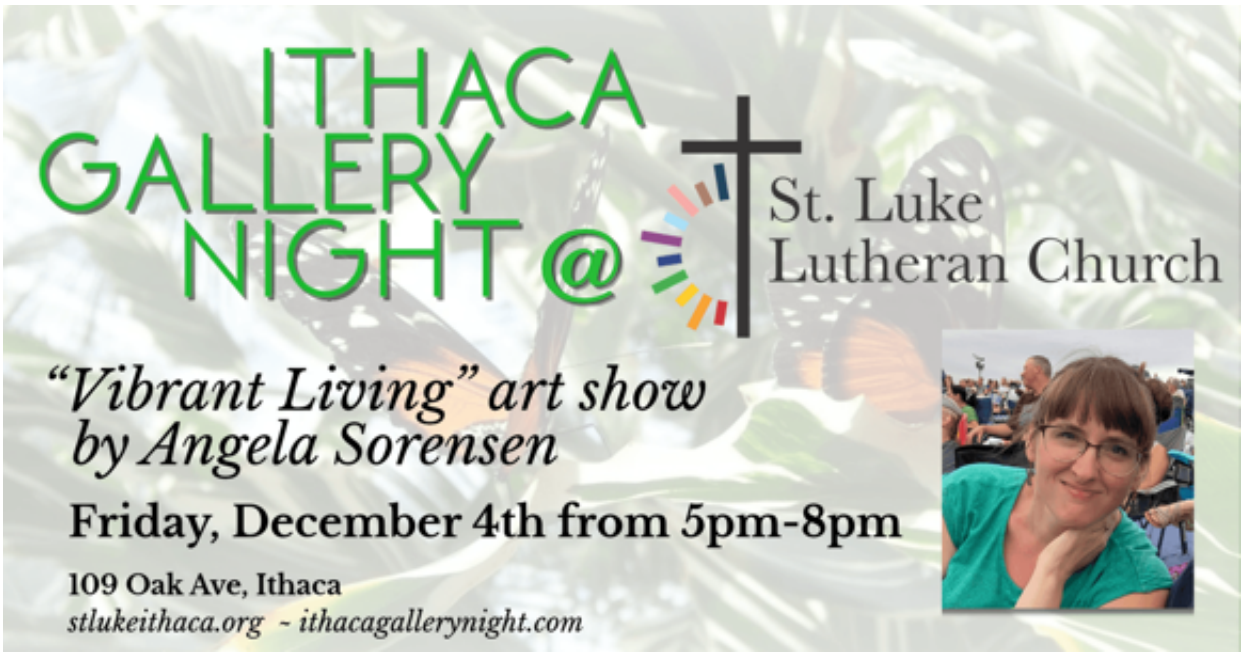


A memorial service for Brad Wendel will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026, at 2 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 109 Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850. A reception in Brad's honor will follow in the church basement fellowship hall.

At the family's request, there will be time to share memories of Brad during the service. If you'd like to speak, please fill out the form below in advance. We have room for about ten speakers and will confirm speaking spots closer to the service, in the order requests are received. There will also be time to share memories at the reception. You're welcome to send a note or letter for a memory book we'll present to Brad's family on December 12 by filling out the form or replying to this email.

Memories of Brad Form

Pastor Jason will be away through November 28 to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family in Chicago. He is available to reach by text.



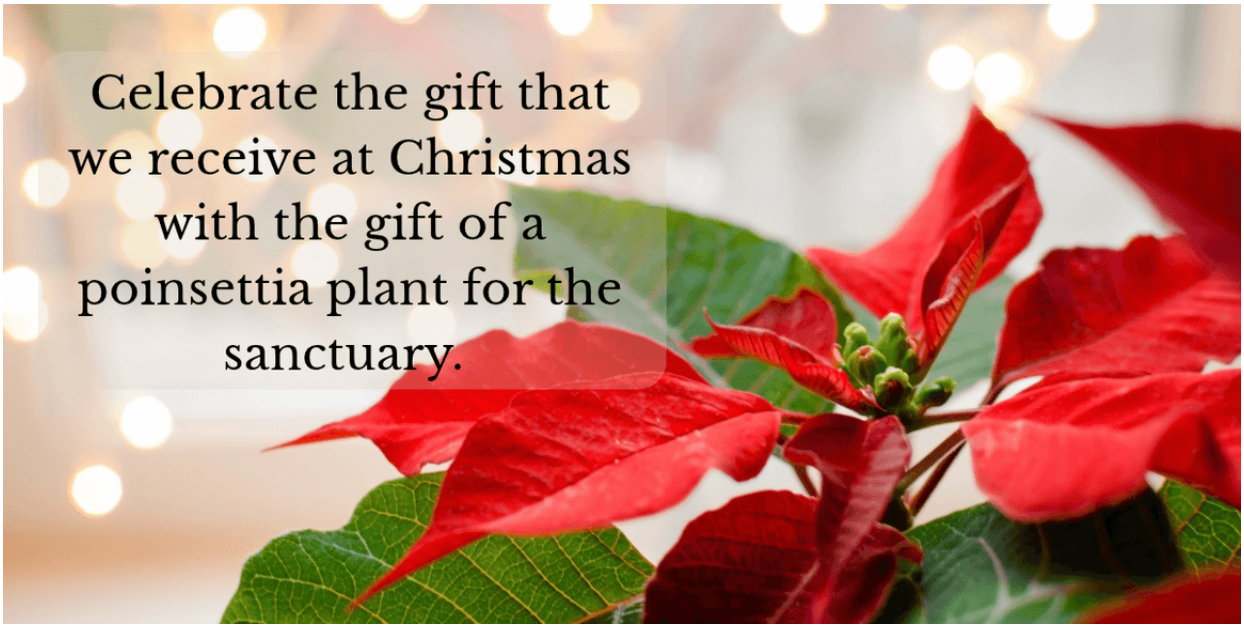


SERVE in COMMUNITY

Code Blue Shelter



Code Blue is a New York State-mandated program that provides shelter to the unhoused/homeless when temperatures dip below freezing (32 degrees F). In Ithaca, the Code Blue Shelter is located on Cherry Street, behind Wegmans (the old "Found" location). St. Luke's first effort this season, through the Outreach and Social Ministry Committee, is to provide Code Blue clients with personal care items. Just before Thanksgiving, we provided toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, chapsticks, and zip-lock bags for hygiene kits, a Total of 157 items. During the months of December through March we will be asking for food donations for breakfasts and lunches (100% fruit juice boxes, protein bars, instant oatmeal packets, peanut butter, and canned meats and fish). Announcements for featured items will be posted for each month. **Please place donations in the Red Wagon.** Thank you for supporting Code Blue.



Celebrate the gift that we receive at Christmas with the gift of a poinsettia plant for the sanctuary. Gifts can be presented in memory or in honor of special individuals. The cost of each plant is $30. You will be able to take your plant home after the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, if you wish. Remaining plants will continue to brighten our worship on the Sundays after Christmas and can be distributed to the shut-ins in our parish after the first of the year. Please indicate “Poinsettias” on the memo of your check or online gift so that the treasurer can properly record your donation.

Poinsettia Order Form

Mittens N' More

We have begun collecting for our Mittens N' More tree! 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.



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

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.

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard (Red Wagon)

IKC items needed for December: Baby wipes and personal care items for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard as well as the Code Blue Shelter.

DONATE TO IKC



Let us pray together for...

...Lily, Father Tom and Christine, Liz and her family, Lu, Craig and his family, Diane R, Kathy and Keith, Andy, Bishop Curry 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 29

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Isaiah 64:1-9
Prayer that God would come with power and compassion
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. *(Ps. 80:7)*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end
Mark 13:24-37
The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Calendar

Thursday, November 26
Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 27
Closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
10:00 am Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 1
12:00 pm. Open Hours (until 4pm)
12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective
5:30 pm. Open Hours for Co-Working and Study (until 8:30pm)

Thursday, December 3
9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters
9:30 am. Open Hours (until 3pm)

Friday, December 4
10:30 am. Tea and Tarot (at Anabel Taylor Hall Founders Room)
5:00 pm. Ithaca Gallery Night featuring Angela Sorensen
6:00 pm. First Friday Community Dinner

Saturday, December 5
3:00 pm. Cornell on Fire

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 am. Holy Communion

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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