



NuHu Weekly

The New Humanity
Blog & News

May 11, 2023

Pastor Jason is at an Ecumenical Conference this week, the blog will return next week.

LEAD SURVEY

We've been listening: from the assessment five months ago to the transitional focus groups five weeks ago. Your responses have guided the survey questions. Once the surveys have been completed, we will be gathering congregants for a new set of Focus Groups to have personal conversations and gain even more in-depth information about St. Luke. As always, thank you for your input as we move through this journey, together.

You can access this survey via [this link](#).

We ask that you respond by June 15.

If you would prefer a paper copy, please [click here to email the office](mailto:office@stlukeithaca.org) (office@stlukeithaca.org) or call 607 273-6811, leaving a message if necessary.



Comfort Sunday Mother's Day May 14

Do you remember how your mother gave you comfort - when you bruised your knee, scraped your hand when you fell on the sidewalk or fell and broke your arm??? Do you know people who need blankets or quilts to stay warm at night? These are all challenges that the Peace by Piece Quilters at St. Luke try to solve with comfortable quilts that are sent to countries around the world. Look at the quilts that we have put out on the pews. They are there for you to enjoy before they are taken to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland.

You can support this project by donations in the envelopes in the holders in the pews. The funds received will be used to purchase batting for the quilts or to support shipping costs as quilts are sent overseas. Your gift can be cash in the envelope or a check written to St. Luke Lutheran Church with comfort written in the memo line. Your help will be appreciated.

STUDY HOURS HOSTS



Study Hours started today! The church will be open through Friday May 19, 10am-Midnight (Sunday 1pm-Midnight) for quiet study and socializing.

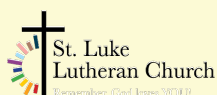
We still need some help!

Host: Building Hosts sit at the welcome table, make sure snacks and coffee are available, and take count of students in the building, and ensure everything is going smoothly. [Signup here](#) or there is a paper version in the narthex on Sundays. Online, you select as many slots as you like, then click "save and continue" to add your name. Or just call the office at (607) 273-6811.

Snacks: Students always appreciate having snacks, especially homemade cookies! Bring them to the church anytime packaged compactly, and put in either freezer. Store bought cookies are fine, and pretzels are also good for this purpose. Please bring a label with ingredients if possible.

PAUSE FOR PAWS

On Saturday, May 13 we invite you to bring friendly pets to church anytime between noon and 4 pm for students to take a study break with. Please let office@stlukeithaca.org know if you're planning to do this.



NEW WEBSITE!

The new website is live at www.stlukeithaca.org.

WEBSITE TIP OF THE WEEK:

This week we highlight that there is a place to add your information--including a photo!-- for our new **congregational directory**. The directory will be password protected so that it's limited to members once it goes live. [Fill it in now](#) to be ahead of the curve!

April Treasurers' Report

Here's where we stand at the end of April 2023, one-third of the way through the year.

- April offering was \$17,064 compared to a monthly budget of \$35,299.
- April expenses were right at budget.
- Through April we have an actual surplus of \$34,894, down from \$53,837 at the end of March, and a pro-rated deficit of \$31,703, up from \$21,084.
- We are four months into 2023. If we continue at this rate for the next eight months we're looking at a deficit of over \$90,000. The major unknowns are staffing: will Pastor Laurie accept another call before October? Will we hire at least part-time staff to assist Pastor Jason?
- The April 30 balance at our Tompkins Bank checking account was \$113,112. Our Morgan Stanley investments were worth \$1,492,409, with \$185,292 in the unallocated account and \$1,307,117 in the endowment account.



FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY: Thank you to all who donated money, items, and time so we could pack 106 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Our Kitchen Cupboard item of the month is dried pasta (or canned pasta). Please place donations in the baskets in the Narthex. Thank you!

CALENDAR

May
11-19

Study Hours at St. Luke
Pause for Paws on Saturday the 13th, noon-4

Monday, May
15

Acts of the Apostles and Lunch 12:15 p.m.

[Worship Online](#)

[Website](#)

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Get In
Touch

Sunday 10:00 am
Service of Holy Communion

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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