

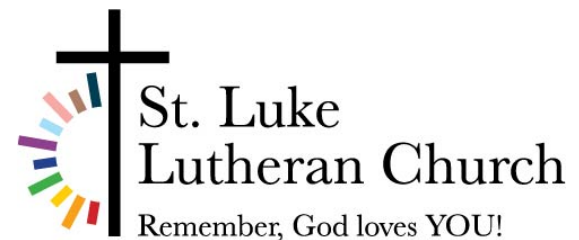
**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Sunday School – Stories and Projects**

11:30 am – St. Luke Children's Library

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# Fall Programs



# A ugust & September

## **Tuesdays in August and September Bible Study and Bring Your Own Bag Lunch**

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

On Tuesdays in August and September we will have a drop in Bible Study focused on the previous Sunday's Gospel reading. We will cover history, theology, and have a chance to ask questions about the sermon and other readings. Bring your lunch!

## **Sunday, August 6, 2023 Picnic and Worship in the Park**

10:00 am – Cass Park

Sunday worship will be held in Cass Park followed by a barbeque (burgers and hot dogs supplied by the church – sides to share via sign up). There will be events for the children, a children's garden and playground, and fun conversation/fellowship.

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## **Wednesday December 20, 2023**

### ***A Christmas Carol in Advent!***

### **Book discussion, wine, cheese, and vespers.**

*Read:* Stave Four *The Last of the Spirits* AND Stave Five *The End of It*

*Discussion:* Salvation and Rebirth – key verses: Acts 4:12 and Luke 15:23-24

5:30 PM Discussion 6:30 PM Vespers

## **Sunday, December 24, 2023**

### **Advent 4 and Christmas Eve**

Our 10:00 AM service will be the liturgy for Advent 4, and a lighter service than the previous three Sundays. Then at 5:00 PM we will celebrate the Christmas Eve service for families along with the Children's Christmas Proclamation. At 10:00 PM we will have our Candlelight Christmas Eve service of Carols and Communion.

## **Sunday, January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of Our Lord**

10:00 am

We will transfer the Epiphany of Our Lord to this Sunday and celebrate the coming of the wise men. Please note that we will take a holiday break from our usual Forum @ first Sundays. But do not fret, we will have a wonderful Three Kings inspired coffee hour after our service.

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**Greening of St. Luke and Christmas Carols**

11:30 am – Narthex/Gathering Area

Let's have cocoa, coffee, and Christmas (er Advent) cookies as we put up the trees and hang ornaments together. Greening the church is always a good time – and after services we might as well put up the trees and sing some favorite Christmas carols. We will also have our typical story time for the children's Sunday School program.

**Wednesdays December 13, 2023**

***A Christmas Carol in Advent!***

**Book discussion, wine, cheese, and vespers.**

*Read:* Stave Three *The Second of the Three Spirits*

*Discussion:* Repentance – key verses: 2 Corinthians

7:10 and 2 Peter 3:9

5:30 PM Discussion 6:30 PM Vespers

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**Friday, August 31, 2023**

**BEAR Walk**

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Hosted by St. Luke Lutheran Church on behalf of Cornell University Off-campus Housing

We need volunteers to welcome Cornell's off-campus housing students, staff, and friends. Each year they meet at St. Luke to learn about living in community and to take a walk around Collegetown to learn about the many places of fun, respite, and activities to residents and college students alike.

Volunteer to welcome guests and community members to the church, bring a dessert, and interact with students and staff. E-mail

Pastor@stlukeithaca.org and let Pr. Jason know you can help!

**Friday, September 1, 2023**

**Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Creation**

5:00 pm – The Lawn of Anabel Taylor Chapel

*(rain location: St. Luke)*

St. Luke and the Episcopal Church at Cornell will host a brief prayer service as we join other Christian denominations across the planet in praying for our home and all of creation. This will be followed by open conversation. There will be a zoom option for this.

**Sunday, Sept. 3 2023 – Sunday, Oct 1, 2023**

**Season of Creation**

10:00 am – St. Luke

September begins with an ecumenical day of prayer for creation. This day is meant to call our attention to the use and abuse of the creation to which we have been entrusted. In marking this, St. Luke will be dedicating the Sundays in September as *The Season of Creation* capped off with the commemoration of St. Francis on the first Sunday in October.

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

**Forum @ Inauguration of the Second Season with Potluck Lunch**

11:30 am – St. Luke Fellowship Hall

To kick off our second season of **Forum @ and Forum @ Kids** we will have a potluck luncheon after worship. A complete calendar of events for fall and a tentative spring calendar will be available. Conversation, crafts, and games will be available.

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**Wednesdays December 6, 2023**

***A Christmas Carol in Advent!***

**Book discussion, wine, cheese, and vespers.**

*Read:* Stave Two *The First of the Three Spirits*

*Discussion:* Regret – key verses: Ecclesiastes 3:15 and Luke 1:76-78

5:30 PM Discussion 6:30 PM Vespers

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# December & January

**Friday, December 1, 2023**

**Advent/Christmas Open House with  
Pr. Jason and Craig**

4:00 pm – Pastor Jason's Home

Prior to the pandemic shutdown, Pr. Jason and Craig would host an annual Christmas gathering for the congregation at their home. This year they would like to invite St. Luke to come out and enjoy wonderful Christmas appetizers and sweets at their home. Please note that they do have cats and dogs – but will keep them away from guests just in case there are any allergies.

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Forum @ Four Candles and a Wreath,  
What is Advent?**

11:30 am – Narthex/Gathering Area

It is more than just opening a door on a calendar and getting a chocolate as you count down toward Christmas Day's slightly larger chocolate. Advent is an ancient season and tradition that has its roots in so many wonderful stories that bring the season to life. Together we will look at Advent and how this time truly prepares us for the wonders of Christmas Eve and Christmastide. Children and youth are always welcome to join the conversation. There will also be Advent crafts available for all ages!

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**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**Sunday School – Stories and Projects**

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(*new location on the first floor next to the nursery*)

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*The vision of Teaching Cultural Compassion*

is that all children know their worth and the innate dignity of all humans; that they know anyone can be the hero of the story.

*The mission of Teaching Cultural Compassion is to give confidence to kids and their adults through recommendations of representative picture books and resources to connect the books to their lives and faith.*

To see more, visit  
<https://www.teachingculturalcompassion.com/>

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**Wednesdays November 29, 2023**

***A Christmas Carol in Advent!***

**Book discussion, wine, cheese, and vespers.**

*Read:* Stave One *Marley's Ghost*

*Discussion:* Selfishness – key verses: Philippians 2:3 and Mark 8:36

5:30 PM Discussion 6:30 PM Vespers

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12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

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**Thursday, November 30, 2023**

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discuss the parallels with our own faith and the Christmas message. The conversation is open to all that wish to join – families, youth, adults, students, ALL. We will have wonderful appetizers if you are not able to grab dinner before we begin our conversation.

Please plan on having your own copy of *A Christmas Carol*...if you are looking to purchase a book, consider using a small independent book shop like Odyssey Book Store on Green Street (<https://www.odysseybookstore.com>) or Buffalo Street Books on Cayuga St. in the Dewitt Mall (<https://www.buffalostreetbooks.com>). Local libraries most likely will have copies as well. If you need assistance purchasing a book, please let the office know.

If you wish to use the discussion book, it is possible to find it online. It seems to be out of print and a bit expensive, however, there are probably a fair number of affordable used copies. Details: Dickens, Charles, and Stephen Skelton. *A Christmas Carol Special Edition: The Charles Dickens classic with Christian insights & discussion questions for groups & families*. Standard Publishing, 2009. ISBN 978-0-7847-2391-3

We will take one Stave per week. (You will notice that instead of chapters, the book will have “staves”). The idea is to read one stave before our meetings so we can discuss what we have read using the discussion prompts. After we have our discussion and refreshments, a special musical vespers service will be held in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**  
**Confirmation Project Presentation by**  
**Alex Sheets**

11:30 am – St. Luke Campus Ministry Lounge  
Each year our Confirmation students do a project as part of their faith journey. Keep a lookout for the astronomy themed project details from Alex Sheets! He will be presenting this day and we ask that all of our church goers come to hear him and support his work as he takes us on a journey through the cosmos!

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**Thursday, September 28, 2023**  
**Ithaca College Campus Ministry**  
**The Spiritual Wisdom of the Bible**

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

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**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

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**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
**Confirmation Class!**

11:30 am – St. Luke Campus Ministry Lounge

**Advent/Christmas/Epiphany at St. Luke!**

*We will have a festive Advent midweek service on Wednesdays and special Compline offerings for Advent on Thursdays. This year Advent happens to end on Christmas Eve! With Sunday being Christmas Eve, that means we will have a rather unique schedule. We will have our typical 10 am service (Advent 4) followed by the Christmas Eve lineup. 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service for Children and Families featuring the Christmas Proclamation and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Communion by candlelight.*

**More on our Advent Midweek program:**  
***A Christmas Carol in Advent!***

Book discussion, wine, cheese, and vespers.

**Wednesdays November 29, 2023 –**  
**December 20, 2023**

5:30 PM Discussion 6:30 PM Vespers

In Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol* we follow the tale of a cranky old man and the ghosts that visit him. For many, Christmas is not complete with *A Christmas Carol*. Together we will read this tale and

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**Books, Wine, and Cheese!**

**(St. Luke Book group)**

6:00 PM Campus Ministry Lounge and Zoom

We are thrilled to start up the book group once again! This month we will be discussing *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry. Bishop Curry is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, well known for preaching at the royal wedding of Meghan and Prince Harry. Please have the book read by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and come ready to have a lively conversation. For those coming in person we will have wine and cheese to share – please let Pr. Jason know if you would like to bring anything to share with the group! (*There will be alternatives to wine available – always!*)

*As we meet to discuss we will also consider logistics to see Bishop Curry in Syracuse December 1 or 2 for a Revival – A World Healed by Love.*

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

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**The Spiritual Wisdom of the Bible**

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

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**Nightsong**

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**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**Forum @ Creation Care – Screening and Discussion of *Kiss the Ground***

11:30 am

Our first Forum @ presentation will be a screening of the movie *Kiss the Ground*. Narrated and featuring Woody Harrelson, *Kiss the Ground* is an inspiring and groundbreaking film that reveals the first viable solution to our climate crisis. *Kiss the Ground* reveals that, by regenerating the world's soils, we can completely and rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. The **Forum @ Kids** program will focus on ELCA Good Gifts program and will run at the same time as the movie screening in a separate room.

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

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12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

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**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

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12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

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scratch the surface of Native and Indigenous culture, history, and land rights discussion.

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

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**The Spiritual Wisdom of the Bible**

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

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# November

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**Sunday, November 5, 2023**  
**Forum @ This Land is ??’s Land**

11:30 am

Often, we may hear acknowledgement of land rights read before lectures, concerts, or other public events. We do not have to travel far in our own context to see that the land we inhabit has been inhabited for generations before Europeans landed here in North America. Together we will just

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**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Confirmation Class!**

11:30 am – St. Luke Campus Ministry Lounge

**Sunday, October 15, 2023: Books, Wine, and Cheese! (St. Luke Book group)**

*No meeting! This is just the one-month announcement of our first book for discussion!*

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**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**Festival Vespers for the Centennial of the  
Laying of the Cornerstone**

4:00 pm Service followed by dinner

As we mark the laying of the cornerstone, we also mark the start of two years of future planning, festive events, and dreaming about St. Luke's next 100 years of ministry and mission to the community. There will be plenty of wonderful music by our choir and musicians to mark the occasion, scripture readings, and time to celebrate this major milestone in our ministry to Collegetown and Ithaca.

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**Lutheran 101 – Who are we and why do we  
do what we do?**

11:30 am – St. Luke Campus Ministry Lounge

Three-part series (10/22, 11/26, and 1/14)

exploring who the Lutherans are. This is great for those that are new members, interested in Lutheranism, or if you want to have a refresher course. We will look at Luther and the Reformation, the Sacraments, and the Lutheran Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. On these Sundays we will also have a program called Luther and Me for the children and youth focusing on picture books and stories about Martin and Catherine Luther and the church.

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

**Ithaca College Campus Ministry  
The Spiritual Wisdom of the Bible**

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

We will once again gather around the fireplace to have spirited conversation about the Bible and contemporary events.

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

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