



NuHu Weekly

The New Humanity
Blog & News

March 14, 2024

BLOG: HOLY WEEK

Image from 2023 Easter Vigil

The Holy Week schedule follows the blog in this week's NuHu Weekly. Sunday marks the start of the last week of the life of Jesus – the holiest of holy weeks in our tradition. Much has been lost over the past few decades in the church when it comes to Holy Week. However, many of the mainline Protestant denominations have been working hard to reclaim this holiest of holy times. The ELCA has done wonderful things from restoring and reintroducing ancient chants, liturgies, and rites, and also publishing and reimagining new things for this week.

Erik has been hard at work creating bulletins and notices. The choir has been rehearsing the music for Thursday and Friday. The Vigil will be comprised of three congregations, the Episcopal Church at Cornell, St. John's Ithaca, and us. If you have been part of Holy Week in the past, I look forward to hearing how this year's services come across. If you have never attended a Holy Week service, this is the year we hope to see you! And by the grace of God, we are able to broadcast every service right to your home – from the first steps in our Palm Sunday procession to the Easter Vigil at St. John's. Be sure to use the links on our homepage to be sure you are directed to the correct service.

And a note on the Vigil – after our successful experiment last year with Rev. Taylor and ECC, we recommitted to a three-year experiment with ECC and St. John's Episcopal. The goal is to change venue each year where the host congregation presides at the table and one of the visiting congregations preaches. This year is my turn to preach (Rev. Taylor preached last year). Please be part of this new and exciting ministry budding here in Ithaca!

Pr. Jason

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

All except Saturday zoomed at the [usual Sunday service link](#).

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

10:00 am Palm Procession and Holy Communion with Bishop Lee Miller II

Sunday, March 24 – Chrism Mass

3:00 pm

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

7:00 pm

Saturday, March 30 – Easter Vigil

8:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church

St. John's is the big white church at the corner of Cayuga and Buffalo Streets. *This service will not be available on zoom, find it [HERE](#) instead.*

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

8:30 am Easter breakfast

10:00 am Holy Communion and Easter Celebration

EASTER BREAKFAST COOKS AND KITCHEN HELP SIGNUP

Last call to sign up; we especially need setup help! Please **follow this link** to sign up where you can best contribute, or there are paper signups in the narthex.

Cooks are needed to prepare breakfast strata casseroles, baked French toast, baked goods such as buns, breads, coffee cakes, and breakfast meats. The online signup has links to sample recipes, which are also available printed at church, by the paper signups.

We also need setup and serving help---details at **the signup link!**



EASTER SEASON BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BAIR

Pastor Bair (“PB”, pastor of St. Luke from 1988-2019, for anyone who is new!) will lead five sessions on John 3 on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in April (and May 1). These will be in person at church with a zoom option found **HERE**.

PB requests that those interested listen to a podcast prior to the sessions, these are posted **HERE** on the website. This will enable us to have maximum time for conversation.

The themes for the five sessions are:

April 3 - The name 'Nicodemus' and its implications

April 10 - Two lenses provided by Luther for seeing and understanding this text

April 17 - The Way the author of the Fourth Gospel Communicates: style, words, themes

April 24 - A deep dive into the story and text of John 3

May 1 - The continuing implications of John's 'light' and 'dark' images for our daily lives and discipleship.



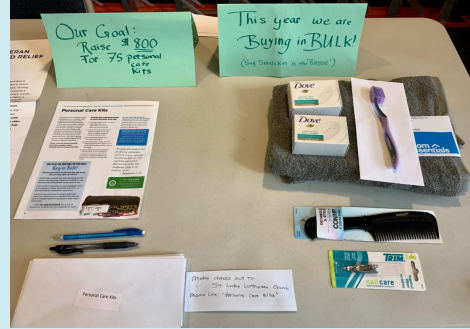
FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY:

1. The Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard will benefit from the proceeds of bottle and can returns at the redemption center located at 614 Elmira Rd. Ithaca NY. It's .1 miles after the light where Floral Ave. comes into 13 on the right hand side.

Be sure to tell them you'd like the refund money to go to the Kitchen Cupboard.

2. Donations for Personal Care Kits are almost \$300 out of our goal of \$800. We will be collecting until the week after Easter and will set a date for assembling the kits when all of the supplies are gathered. Please take an envelope from the table in the narthex and drop your donation into the collection plate.

3. April Item of the Month for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard: Canned vegetables (corn, carrots, green beans, yellow beans, etc.). In May we'll focus on canned beans such as garbanzos, Great Northern, baked beans, kidney beans, etc. They are a good source of protein. In June, we'll collect canned meat, canned fish, and canned chili.



FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

- February income was \$23,999, or 87% of the \$27,725 monthly 2024 budget. YTD income is \$49,987, or 90% of the 2024 budget plan.
- February expenses of \$30,362 were 109% of the \$27,725 monthly 2024 budget. YTD expenses of \$53,903, or 97% of the 2024 budget plan.
- At the end of February our Tompkins Bank checking account balance was \$74,991, down from \$84,471 at the end of January.
- At the end of February our Morgan Stanley investments were valued at \$1,668,422, up from \$1,613,113 at the end of January. The unallocated account balance was \$205,180, up from \$187,520 at the end of January.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR: JoAnn, Stephanie, and, Ken.

SUNDAY SERVERS: Thanks to those serving this Sunday: assisting minister Nicole Nelson, reader Lucy Park-Hookway and Sonja Nelson, and ushers Monica and John Vakiner.

CALENDAR

Monday, March 25

9-1 Open Doors

Tuesday, March 26

12:15 PM Bible Study

1-3 PM Open Doors

Note that the April 7 Forum session "Trans and Lutheran" has been rescheduled for April 28.

(See above for Holy Week full information)

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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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