



## NuHu Weekly

The New Humanity  
Blog & News

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## Feature Article

*Photo from ELCA website*

Gender Justice impacts people of all cultures, languages, and histories. Women, children, nonbinary folks, men, are often given roles to play and expectations to fulfill, regardless of their personal gifts, skills, and interests, especially when cultures come into conflict. Christian boarding schools in North America took Indigenous children, literally took them from their homes, and enforced short hair on the boys, for example, even though hair is part of Indigenous spiritual practices. We learn about these different practices when we are invited to learn from one another about our histories through memorial days like Orange Shirt Day (September 30th).

Our ways are not the only ways, however we define ourselves, and learning from other cultures helps us think more creatively about our own. As you get ready for the long weekend, why not set some time aside, go to [elca.org/indigenous](http://elca.org/indigenous), and learn about the Indian Boarding Schools in the US and the role of Christian churches, including Lutheran, in their purpose and mission? Why not attend a (free) webinar like “Indian 101” or “Indigenous Thought and Theology” offered by Vance Blackfox, the Director of Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations at the ELCA? Why not look into some of the other work done by the Truth and Healing Movement in the ELCA?

As an immigrant, I am used to being always in learning mode about the United States and its history, customs, and traditions — for example, when it comes to celebrating “Indigenous Peoples’ Day,” a.k.a. “Columbus Day” on October 14 or

“Thanksgiving” in November, and even after having lived here for quite some time, I have much to learn. Anton Treuer’s book *Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask* (2023) is a very helpful and an excellent resource, informative, funny, and easy to read, addressing real questions like “Why does getting the Columbus story right matter?”, “Why are some people trying to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day?”, “What is the Doctrine of Discovery?” and “What was the historical relationship between Christian missionaries and Native People?”

For me it is never simply about a distant past cut off from the present (or, say, about a history left behind on the shore of another land). It is about inheritance. As a German I know about inheriting a history I did not make and the need to understand both that history and its inheritance, for *how* I live with what I have inherited, that’s on me. And you, what is it for you? What will you celebrate on this long weekend?

Maybe I’ll see you at one of the Zoom sessions at [elca.org/indigenous](https://elca.org/indigenous). Together we learn, together we heal.

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## News

### **New York State General Election Deadlines**

**The General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**

NY State Board of Elections website: [elections.ny.gov](https://elections.ny.gov)

If you plan to vote in another state, check that state's election website for deadlines.

**Voter Registration deadline:** October 26, 2024

**Absentee Ballot Request or Request for an Early Ballot Mailed to You deadline :**

October 26, 2024, if your request is by mail or via portal.

November 4, 2024, if your request is made in person.

**Early Voting:** October 26 - November 3, 2024.

Tompkins County Early Voting sites: <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/boe/earlyvoting>

**Return of Absentee or Early Mailed Ballot:** Must be returned or postmarked by November 5, 2024.

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As the November election draws closer, we are reminded of our civic responsibility to vote. Now would be a good time to read the [\*\*ELCA draft Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith\*\*](#) from the ELCA Task Force for Studies on Civic Life and Faith. Next year there will be a review by bishops and the ELCA Council and a vote at the Churchwide Assembly on adoption of the new statement.

### **Elections and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**

**Final virtual meeting: Tuesday, October 22, at 3pm and 8pm (select one)**

The ELCA Election Activator, a non-partisan network, is offering its final monthly virtual gathering in advance of this November's General Election. The Election Activator's purpose is to support ELCA congregations in activities that encourage citizens to participate in the electoral

process.

The ELCA affirms that God calls us to be active citizens and to ensure that everyone benefits from the good of government (Jeremiah 29:7, Romans 13:1-7)

Sign up for the #ELCAElectionActivator network and the October 22 virtual meeting at: [ELCA.org/ELCAElectionEngagement/SignUp](https://www.elca.org/ELCAElectionEngagement/SignUp).

**Keep Ithaca Gorgeous  
Community  
Organizing Meeting**

**Collegetown trash is out of  
control!**

We as community members, students, and permanent residents feel that we have to start thinking about how we solve this problem. We will be convening the first group of the Collegetown Trash Initiative: Keep Ithaca Gorgeous Campaign. We would love your thoughts, please join us.

**All are welcome.**

St Luke Lutheran Church  
109 Oak Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850  
Friday October 25th at 5:30  
RSVP with QR code

SCAN ME

**The Red Wagon item** for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard for October is canned vegetables.

**Blood Drive at St. Luke:** Friday, October 18 11:30-4:30. Sign up at the Red Cross website or their app, walk-ins are also welcome.

## Prayers and Commemorations

**Your Prayers are Requested for:** Debbie.

## **This week we commemorate:**

**Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582 | October 15**

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

**Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115 | October 17**

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name “Christians” originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

**Luke, Evangelist | October 18**

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus’ life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

## **Celebrate With Us**

*Please remember, if you wish to have something added about yourself or someone else at the church (please get their permission before submitting), let Erik know by Monday morning to be included in the NuHu Weekly.*

## **Calendar**

### **Thursday, October 17**

9:00 Quilters

8:00pm Compline at St. Luke

### **Friday, October 18**

10:30 Campus Ministry: Tea and Tarot, Anabel Taylor Hall Founders Room

11:30-4 Blood Drive at St. Luke

### **Sunday, October 20**

**St. Luke, Evangelist**

Confirmation Class

### **Monday, October 21**

6:30 Poe by Candlelight, Sage Chapel Crypt

### **Tuesday, October 22**

12:15 Bible Study (bring your lunch) Campus Ministry Lounge

### **Thursday, October 24**

8:00pm Compline at Forest Home Chapel

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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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