



# NuHu Weekly

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## Featured Article

The Advent season is nearly upon us.

The Worship and Arts committee has taken significant leadership in the development of a theme and logistics for our celebration as we anticipate in hope the birth, once again, of the Christ child in the manger.

*You can read the letter, delivered to Council last month, [HERE](#).*

In this coming season, we are invited to journey together under the theme of "Divine Light in Celestial Darkness." Advent is a time of anticipation, hope, and preparation. As the nights grow longer and the darkness deepens, we remember that it was into such a night that the Light of the world—Jesus Christ—was born. The darkness of the cosmos, mysterious and vast, mirrors the uncertainty and struggles we sometimes face. Yet, within that darkness, God's divine light shines.

*This light does not banish the darkness but transforms it, revealing beauty, guiding us, and igniting hope.*

Throughout Advent, we will explore what it means to walk through the celestial darkness of the world and our lives, looking for the places where God's light breaks in. From the star over Bethlehem to the inner light of peace and justice within each of us, we will reflect on how Christ's birth brings illumination to the world's deepest shadows.

Will **you** join us in this time of celestial darkness as we anticipate the  
Divine light of the Christ child - and the inner light we all posses?

[By clicking here](#) you will be able to see our full Advent schedule of activities.

In peace,  
Pr. Jason

*The picture of the cosmos above us in the Finger Lakes is taken by none other than our very own  
Alex Sheets.*

## Special Collegetown Update

**HELP US REIMAGINE  
the 400 Block of College Avenue**

Visualize a new and improved  
virtual experience of the  
**REIMAGINED 400 Block of  
College Avenue**

**Wednesday  
November 20th, 2024  
3:30 pm - 6 pm**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
Work with our design team to  
imagine your ideal street that is...

- Safer
- Functions better for business
- More accessible
- Fun and memorable

**SCAN ME**  
TO VIEW PROJECT

 **CITY of ITHACA - NEW YORK** 

Please join the City of Ithaca, fellow Collegetown businesses and neighbors, and design consultant Fisher Associates on the street for hot cocoa and cookies.

**Wednesday, November 20  
anytime between 3:30 and 6:00pm**

This is a great opportunity to explore exciting changes envisioned for the 400 block of College Avenue. City representatives and members of the project design consultant team will be on hand throughout the block to discuss and provide visualizations for a future enhanced streetscape that includes expanded sidewalks, improved pedestrian crossings, updated street lighting, and social areas with seating.

Visualize the possibilities for a new and improved block, simulated with virtual 360-degree model views.



This Sunday is Commitment Sunday! In his recent letter to the congregation, Stewardship Chair Bob Wagner invited us to consider how we might be part of the annual giving campaign at St. Luke and “live deeper into our baptismal callings to be ministers of God’s precious Word.” Bob continues:

“On behalf of the Church Council and the Stewardship Committee, I ask you to consider making a pledge to support the ministry we do together. Every offering is precious for the work of the Gospel. Consider too, however, every way you can help proclaim God’s Word through the ministry we do together at St Luke. Again, every offering is precious for the work of the Gospel!”

If you wish to make your commitment online, [please click here](#). Otherwise, you can download a version of the [commitment card and letter here](#).

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### **Tis the Season to buy Fair Trade Products from Equal Exchange**

This Advent, stock up on a variety of Fair Trade coffees, teas, hot cocoa mixes, bars of chocolate, and olive oil from Equal Exchange for your holiday gift giving.

Look for our table in the narthex on Sundays in December. Equal Exchange works directly with

growers and producers to give them a fair price for their products.

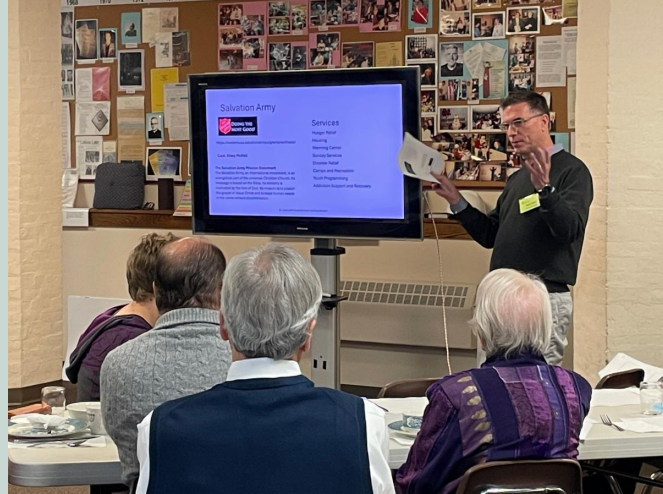
## Updates

### **LEAD UPDATE**

Thank you to those who came to the LEAD luncheon and listened as we shared the information we learned from our community partner conversations.



After chatting with various community partner organizations, the LEAD team discovered that there are more needs in our area than we realized. And some of those needs are common in every organization we talked to. At this next phase of the LEAD journey, we are seeking to identify alignment between the needs identified by our neighbors and the gifts/assets of St. Luke that might enable us to serve our community. The next step for us is to conduct an "experiment" and see if we can meet one of the needs that we discovered.



At the luncheon we had table cards with questions for all of you to ponder. We have **created a survey** with those questions for those who wanted to ponder more and for those who were not able to attend the luncheon. The LEAD team would love to hear from all of you as we need your help to figure out what St. Luke can do that would align with our core values. We would appreciate your responses by December 1...just click the "created a survey" link above to go to it.

Also, **HERE** is a document version of the projected slides from the presentation.

Thank you for your help,  
The LEAD team - Judy, Kevin, Susan, Beth, Bev, and Pastor Jason

## Connect with Ithaca



### Mittens 'N More Tree

Helping to keep hearts, heads, hands, and feet warm this winter! Donations of new store-bought or handmade hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks can be placed on the tree or in the box in the narthex.

All items will be given to the children of Enfield Elementary School.

Our goal is a dozen-dozen (144) items.

## Pray with us

We pray for: Debbie, Phyllis, and Emily. Additionally, we pray for our companion Synods of Zambia and Zimbabwe and for the National Workshop on Christian Unity.

**[Upcoming commemorations of saints, renewers of society, and other festivals can be found here.](#)**

*Prayers are added weekly to our list and will remain for three weeks. If you wish to extend the name of the person for whom we are praying please inform the office. To add someone to the prayer list please email the **[office](#)**.*

## Calendar

**Thursday, November 21**  
9am Quilters

6:45 Compline at Longview (no livestream)

**Friday, November 22**

10:30 Campus Ministry Tea and Tarot, ATH Founders Room

**Sunday, November 24**

10 Gratitude Sunday

After worship: nave decorating and council meeting

**Tuesday, November 26**

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

**Sunday, December 1**

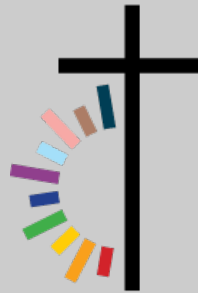
**10 The First Sunday of Advent**

**Coffee, cocoa, and crafts after the service**

Worship Online

Visit our Website

Make a Donation



**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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