



Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016

St. Luke Lutheran Church
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NEWS NOTES

THIS WEEK at ST LUKE

Sunday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Worship w/ H.C.
9:15 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 am Worship w/ H.C.
12:00 pm New Member Class
2:00 a.m. SAT PREP
6:00 p.m. The Shire

Monday, April 11

6:30 p.m. Beginner Handbells
7:00 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:45 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday, April 12

3:30 p.m. Yoga for Seniors
6:30-9:30 p.m. Deacon Class
7:30 p.m. E.G.A.

Wednesday, April 13

10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Alpha Program
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 14

1:00 p.m. Young @ Heart
4:30 pm Cherub Choir
7:30 p.m. The Gathering
7:30 pm Senior Choir
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday, April 15

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at I-HOP

Saturday, April 16

Need Offering Envelopes? We can fix that!

Contact Laura in the church office.

laura@st-luke-lutheran.org

or (631) 499-8656



The Altar flowers are given by the **Robert & Elizabeth De Pass** in loving memory of our mothers, **Marie Cheser & Erika De Pass**



The **Eternal light** is given by the **Robert & Elizabeth De Pass** in loving memory of our mothers, **Marie Cheser & Erika De Pass**

Bible Studies:

Wednesday morning Bible study at 10:00 am led by Pastor Minnix.

Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. led by Pastor Minnix

1st Saturday of the month Men's Ministry Bible study at 8:30 a.m. led by Paul Elgert

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS TODAY!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Pastor Minnix will lead a four week New Member Series of classes which at the end can lead to membership if you so choose. The classes will take place in the Memorial

Gathering Room after the late service. Lunch will be provided and babysitting is available upon request. Please let us know in advance.

The class dates are April 10, 17, 24 and May 1. New Members will be received by the St. Luke congregation at worship on May 15.

ALEC'S RUN XII

Saturday, April 23, 2016

**Half Hollow Hills High School West in
Dix Hills**

1K Children's Fun Run 9:00 AM

4 Mile Race 9:30 AM

Great Family Day!

T-Shirts, Food, Prizes to the top

finishers in all age brackets, Raffles, Games,

Mets Tickets to participants

Registration forms were sent by email and are available on the window sill in the narthex. Volunteers are needed also. Sign up in the narthex



Happening Now and Then...



Women's Ministry Breakfast meets on the last Saturday of each month. Coffee and Tea are provided. You may bring snacks and bring a friend too!

The Young at Heart for their devoted service each week folding the bulletins and so much more.



The Young at Heart include Mary Catalanotto, Judy Walden, Carol Burst, Marlene Langhart, Klara Loyola, Carole Martinus, Carol

Mohrman, Dot DeCordova, Karen Hall, Dorothy Ward, Eleanor Swift, Florence Staebler, Carolyn Martin, Arlene Heldberg, Martha Schiraldi, Pat Meade, and Patricia Wagner.



We need Coffee Hour Hosts Sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart on the wall in the narthex. Contact Diane Orlando for instructions. deedeeok@aol.com or 631-462-2958. Thank You!



SAVE THE DATES

The 45th Annual St. Luke Golf Outing is Monday, August 22, 2016. Woodside Acres Country Club in Muttontown, NY



Worship in the Park – June 5, 2016 at Caledonia Park in Dix Hills



SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED!

Help us defend the championship! The league-champion St. Luke softball team is looking for players for the 2016 season. Games are on Sunday afternoons or evenings, beginning in May, at Babylon Town Hall field in Lindenhurst. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Jonathan Halfmann at jmhalfmann@gmail.com or Ken Wenz at kwenz@optonline.net.

CARNIVAL UPDATE

The Carnival Committee needs baskets, any basket or container for assembling the raffle baskets. Plus, if you have time, pick a basket theme off the poster in the narthex and build a basket for us. Drop off completed basket in the church office.

Finally, to sponsor the Carnival, donate a gift or cash, please fill out a form (in your mailbox, the window sill, and on the website) and send it in to the church office. Thank you for your support! www.st-luke-lutheran.org



Yoga For Seniors

IT'S FREE!



Led by
Certified Yoga
Instructor
Laura Fisher

Weekly on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm
Memorial Gathering Room
Starts on March 1st

All are invited. Bring a friend.

Pass it on....



Save the Date!
Saturday May 7th
Spring Fix Up Day.

We are looking for volunteers to help with a number of small jobs that need to be completed around the property. We will post descriptions of the jobs in the Narthex. Please sign up if you can help. If you are interested, but aren't available on the 7th, we can work with you on scheduling. Please see Tony Fisher if you have any questions. Or email: afisher@h2m.com



In Christ Alone

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
NEW ORLEANS - JULY 16-20 2016

We Stand

High School Students: 8th -12th grade

Did you hear about the National Youth Gathering? It's an opportunity that happens once every three years. Don't miss it! Interested in going? Contact Jim Dorner for more information

Jdorner@st-luke-lutheran.org

May 6th & 7th
Friday 6PM - Saturday 1PM



YOUTH BOX CITY – Area Youth will gather at St. Luke for a night of sleeping in boxes, to gain understanding of the struggles the homeless face every day.



ST. LUKE VBS WEEK SUMMER 2016

Save the Dates!

Cave Quest

Following Jesus: The Light of the World

June 27-July 1

Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm

3 – 10 years old

\$20 per child

Flyer and registration forms are on the website and in the church office and preschool office

St Luke Preschool
Summer Now Enrolling!



God's Great Galaxy to the Heavens and Beyond!

6 weeks of Summer Fun!

July 5 – August 12,

Monday-Friday

Registration Forms available in the Preschool Office and on the website



The Evangelism Committee is having its Annual **Angel's Arms Baby Shower**. They will be collecting baby items to be distributed to young mothers in dire need of baby supplies. Collection runs 4/3 through 4/17. A suggested list of items will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Evangelism will host the Coffee Hour on the last day of collection 4/17

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like a name to be put on the list, please put the name on a prayer card in the narthex at the Usher Station. We will update the Prayer List weekly.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE AT HOME AND IN THE HOSPITAL

Members: Diane Bergaglio, Cianciotti Family, Dorothy DeCordova, Dill Family, Carol Elgert, Paul Elgert, John Gaccione, Geed Family, Debbie Gnad, Laura Guadagno, John Guiliano, Bill Haile, Karen Hall, Lisa Heldberg, The Kahn Family, Peter LaBarbera, Charlene Leo, Klara Loyola, Julia Manno, Manno Family, Ann McClave, Page Family, Mark Prowatzke, Rogener Family, Stentiford Family, Ross Family, Martha Schiraldi, Ginger Stillman, Ryan Stillman, The Slade Family, Doug Wagner and Danny Zufall.

Family & Friends: Aida Amato, Mike Amico, Peter Angelo, Judy Arvan, Baby Dino, Jeffrey B., Dottie Baumann, Susan Bitonti, Joan Brady, Peter Breuer, Lois Boulton, Carleen Burst, Lisa Carle, John Carroll, Carter Family, Kristin Casillo, Alicia Cassidy, Rosie Catania, Jessica & Michael Ciccarella, Nick Ciccarella, Rosemarie Cruz, Dylan Cuevas, Andy Donovan, Eleanor Drewes, Robert Drewes, Theresa Esposito, Emily Fry, Sharon Furcone, Tom Geed, Cynthia Jean Gerstner, Sandra Gil, Paul Gimeli, Mr. Omar Glaven, Marianne Gruskin, Yvonne Guella, Jean Heikaus, Isabella Hickey, Fred Hillmann, Charles Hoffstader, Katherine Holloway, Cathy Hofstetter, Carol Huber, Louis Iamunno, Ronna Jablow, Dennis Kanesse, Ursula Kastrop & family, Nancy & Jerry Kearney, John, Ken Lane, Maureen Lawless, Russell Leyra, Lou, Charles Maikish, Marie Manzella, Audrey Marr, Eleanor Marcus, Florence Martino, Maureen McCarthy, J. McKenna, Rosemarie Meithe, Tom Mooney, James Murphy Sr., Michael Muscat, Kay Napoli, Felice Nieves, Rev. Don Oliver, Louise Pasquale, Adele Persichilli, Bob Prummell, Tami Pryor, Steve Riff, Tara Riley, John Robinson, Len Scacalossi, Victoria & Gabriella Scaglione, Bill Shannon, Michael Szalay, Sue, Taylor Family, Loni Tomforde, Walter Tomforde, Ellen Tormann, Carol Torns, Clara & George Vlanis, Chris Weiler, Lauren Weiler, Elaine Witt, Marilyn Yagel, and Harry Young

EXTENDED CARE AND RECEIVING SPECIAL CARE

Jeanne Erb, Jill Petry, June Tonne, Lynn Tonne

Our Service Men and Women around the world, especially: Glen Bednarz, Anthony Bowdrie, Andy Byer, James Byler, Collier Boys, Patrick Engeman, Peter Harmon, Sgt. Darren Kempen, Brian McDuffie, Mark Meaney, Victor Nelson Jr., Christopher Petersen, Joe Piersante, Paul Rickmeyer, Capt. Alex Spencer, Daniel Stanton, Aaron Tisdale, Andy Vaughn, John Vigiano, Abbey & Steve Waldrop

The victims of war and oppression and an end to hatred and violence.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Rev. Jon Crawford, The victims and families of the 9/11 Acts of Terror, President Derek LeCakes and the Atlantic District, Rev. Victor Nelson, Resurrection, Cairo, NY, Rev. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Timothy Yeadon, New England District President, Rev. Rob Morris, Christ the King Church, Newtown, CT. and Peace throughout the world, our former leaders Rev. Ronald Clawson and his family, Rev. Charles & Kathy Froehlich and their family, The Messerschmidt family, Rev. Randy Miller and his family, Rev. Henry Schriever and his family, Rev. Michel Staneck and his family, our Missionaries to Indonesia, Amy, Jareb, Kayla, Corin, Kimberly, Caden & Caleb McClain, and Bill & Adriann Nelson. Those who choose not to worship, World Hunger, Helping Hands Mission, for our Missionaries throughout the world, Unity in the Church, Concordia University System and all of our College Students, The Church Council and the Boards, Morality; Persecuted Christians, Victims of natural disasters, especially Hurricane Sandy, for understanding among all families and The Lutheran Counseling Center.

**** Church Attendance and Offerings ****

Attendance

Thursday, March 31, 2016, 7:30 PM: 22

Sunday April 3, 2016
9:00 AM: 117 10:45 AM: 64

Offerings Received:

(total weekly offerings includes online giving)

April 3, 2016

Offerings: \$5338.00

Lent/Easter +Ash Wednesday: \$90.00

Total Weekly Offerings Received: \$5,428.00

Total Weekly Budget Needed: \$6,913.00

Total Annual Offerings Received YTD: \$220,892.00

Total Annual Needed YTD: \$248,868.00 (-\$27,976.00)

Total Annual Offerings Budgeted: \$359,500.00

The fiscal budget year ends July 31, 2016.

To help us meet our budget goals, we will report weekly and Year to date offerings.

Thank you for your offerings to the Lord!

**Either we follow God's ways
or our own. There is no
middle ground.**

“No one can serve two masters.
You cannot serve both God and
Money” (Matthew 6:24).



Christ's Ambassadors

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Some people find it difficult to believe in God because they cannot reconcile the evil and hurt in the world with a good and loving God. One person said, "If God were really good, all this misery would just break His heart."

It is then that we faithful point to Christ, our crucified Savior, and answer, "It did." The story of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ is truly the story of the breaking of God's heart. It is broken because the same sin that brings evil and misery into this world has also estranged us from our Heavenly Father.

Thanks be to Christ! He has paid the price for our sins. He has bridged the chasm that lay between us and our Father. By His Resurrection from the dead, He has triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. He has reconciled us to the Father.

In 2 Corinthians 5:15, we read, "*And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again.*"

Listen again to the words of the Apostle Paul: "*[We] should no longer live for [ourselves] but for Him Who died for [us].*" In light of what Christ has done for us, we stewards respond with a desire to serve and glorify Him. Paul says that God, Who has reconciled us to Himself in Christ, has now given us this ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:8). "*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,*" writes Paul, "*as though God were making His appeal through us*" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

We are Christ's ambassadors. Every day He places opportunities before us to speak of the great love of God that gave His Son for the sins of the world. He has equipped and enabled us through His Word and Sacraments (2 Timothy 3:16-17) to be His representatives. Let us, with broken and contrite hearts, seek His forgiveness when we fail to represent Him as we should and ask for His continued strength and presence to help us to carry out this task.



2016 is a Carnival Year!

The Elaine Backmeier Children's Carnival

on the grounds of
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Dix Hills
is coming on

Saturday, May 21, 2016

PROCEEDS FROM THE CARNIVAL SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL
HELP US FURTHER OUR CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES
BY DONATING TO THIS SPECIAL EVENT

YES, I'D LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR

CASH DONATION

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 OTHER _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH - DESIGNATE FOR CARNIVAL

RAFFLE PRIZE ~ PRIZES ~ GAMES

SPECIFY: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE / EMAIL: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OR PRESCHOOL OFFICE