



December 26, 2021
1st Sunday of Christmas

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NEWS NOTES

THIS WEEK at ST LUKE **1st Sunday of Christmas**

Preschool Closed
Christmas Break (Dec. 23- Jan. 2)

Sunday December 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word –
No Communion

Monday, December 27, 2021

7:00 p.m. NO Confirmation Classes

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. NO Online Chair Yoga
7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

Thursday, December 30, 2021

1:00 p.m. NO Young at Heart
7:30 p.m. NO Adult Choir

Friday, December 31, 2021

Happy New Year!

Saturday, January 1, 2021

The Young at Heart on Thursdays at 1pm is on break until January 6th.



**The Men's
Ministry Bible
Study Breakfast**
is on the 1st

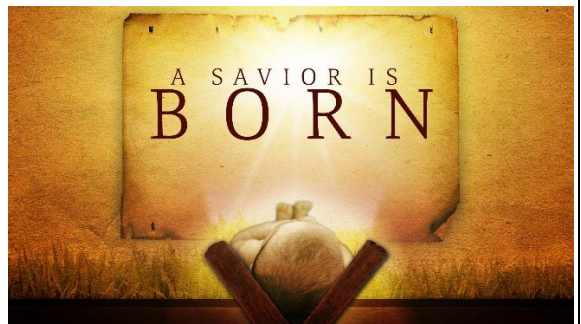
Saturday of the month at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary, led by Deacon Paul Elgert. Bring a breakfast item to share. All are welcome! Check your email for the content link.

The January bible study is moved to January 8th!



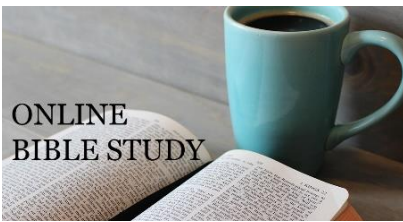
The Eternal Light is given by Preston Findlay in loving memory of Robert Hewitt.

To order Altar flowers or Eternal Light, Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Send in a check (payable to St. Luke Church)—Altar Flowers are \$20 per vase and the Eternal Light is \$5.



Join the women of St. Luke for breakfast, fellowship, service projects, and topics. **Meets every month** (except December) **on the 3rd Saturday at 9:00AM in the conference room in the Education Building.** All are welcome to join us!
Contact Anita Schabel: aschabel@yahoo.com

2022 Offering envelopes are in the family mailboxes at the back of the sanctuary. If you did not receive your envelopes or if you have never received envelopes in the past and would like a set for your weekly and seasonal giving, please contact Laura Werner in the church office. Email Laura@stlukedixhills.org to request your 2022 offering envelope set.



**ONLINE
BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday Online Bible Study
meets every week on Zoom at 10Am
**Bible Study on Proverbs
Resumes on January 5th**

Check your emails for the Bible Study Guide and the link to the Zoom Online Bible Study.

Chair Yoga on Tuesdays



**Chair Yoga will NOT meet on December 28.
Class will resume on January 4th.**

Chair Yoga meets online via Zoom at 10:00am on Tuesdays. Yoga class is led by certified Yoga instructor, Laura Fisher. We hope you will join us. Any changes to the schedule will be announced by email and Stay Current. Please check your emails for the link to the Online Zoom Class.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour. Sign up on the poster in the narthex. Let's keep this time of fellowship going all year long. Sign up today! For help and info Contact Nancy Osborn:
ndosborn66@gmail.com

The Epiphany Gathering scheduled for January 8th is cancelled due to mask mandates indoors



It Starts with a Gift and
leads to lives transformed through Jesus
Christ

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PROVIDED
GIFTS!
THE GIFTS WERE DELIVERED ON THURSDAY
12/16!
PICTURES COMING SOON..**



PICK UP TAGS IN THE CHURCH LOBBY



Offerings Received:

(total weekly offerings includes online giving)

December 19, 2021

Weekly Offerings Received: \$5,986.88

Total Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,865.38

Total Annual Offerings Received YTD: \$127,506.21

Total Annual Offerings Budgeted: \$305,000.00

The fiscal budget year ends on June 30, 2022

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

Thank you for your offerings to the Lord!



Support St Luke with eGiving

St Luke offers online giving
through our Website
www.stludedixhills.org
(look for the Giving tab)
and on the **Vanco Mobile** app
(Search for **St Luke Lutheran Church**)
We appreciate your generosity!

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support St Luke Lutheran Church. By giving electronically, you can Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Donate to one of our special project funds. Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again. Get started today! Visit our donations page to set up your online contribution: <https://www.stludedixhills.org/giving>

We pray for...

Prayers for the sick and rehabilitating

Linda Alfano, Gail Alquist, Anna Anastasiadis, Debbie Ascavi, Janet Boehme, Cassidy Bonner, Tova Chaplin, Crystal Copper, Danielle Costa, Dorothy DeCordova, Brian Devine, Barbara Forberg, Nora Foerster, Hannah Froehlich, Louis Goodman, Jeanine Hanna, Lauretta Kaessinger, Bill Kahn, Janet Kahn, Trish Klare, Beth Krass, Bob & Madeline Lamendola, Kathy Liconti, Baby Miles Max, Amy McClain, Kevin McDermott, Pat Meade, Wanda Miller, Samantha and John Natale, Barb Nelson, Lisa Norberg, Vincent Papa, Mildred Player, Preston Ross, Anna Louise Scandifio, Daniel Scarberry, Rosalind Shepherd, Lillian Slade, Alissa Slade, Jennifer Smith, Rev. Michael Staneck, Cathy Vatkin, Doug Wagner, Paul Walker, Barbara Weiss, Margaret Weinstein, Annie Wilkom, and Bishop Tim Yeadon.

Prayers for the Heroes

Please pray for the following essential workers risking their own safety for our health, safety and sustenance. God's blessings on all these very special people!

Bridget Adams RN, Lorie Adams RN, Karen Aschner RN, Linda Barnum RN, Josephine Bullaro RN, Alyssa Burns, MS RD, Denise Cianciotti OT, Crystal Copper PA, Adam Crilly MD, Janet Dei, Louis Devino, Sarah Tonan Donley, RN, Kathleen Elgert RT, Paul Elgert CT, Rachel Elgert RT, Amanda Fenty RN, David Grosskurth RN, Valerie Guidone RN, Megan Halloran RN, Ann Kahn RN, Jennifer Kelly RN, Keith Kerrane CO, Christian Lauchner RN, Gina LoPresti, Maryjean Buhse-MacDowell RN NP, Jaclyn Malone RN, John Mancino RN, Michael Mancino EMT, Caroline McHyman DO, Kristine Meyer RN, Rich Motta FDNY, Richard Motta EMT, Jillian Marsilio PA, Dr. Daniel Nekola MD, Dana Norman DO, Gabriella Quinn RN, Caity Randazzo RN, Marc Recio OCT, Tom Richardson FDNY Chief, TJ Richardson EMT, Tom Risalvato CO, Erica Russ RN, Michael Silber MD, Anita Schabel, ANP, Joy Schabel, MD, Scott Schabel, MD, Julie Smith CRT, Daniel von Thaden PO, Lauren von Thaden RN, Jeffrey Wagner, MD, Matthew Wagner, MD Jeffrey D Wagner PA, David Wenger DPT, Nancy Wibben RN, Ed Wong MD

SPECIAL PRAYERS

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., Rev. Kenneth Schnepf, Circuit Visitor, and Peace throughout the world, our former leaders Rev. Ronald Clawson and his family, Rev. Dr. Roy W. Minnix and family, Pastor Emeritus 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, Rev. Jonathan & Katy Crawford, Rev. Jim Dorner and his family, our Missionaries to Indonesia, Amy, Jareb, Kayla, Corin, Kimberly, Caden & Caleb

The History of the St. Luke Chrismon Tree

The stunning Chrismon Tree that graces the St. Luke sanctuary every year has a profound history within our church.

In 1983, one of our church members, Freda Cockshott, had a vision to enhance the St. Luke Christmas celebration by creating a Chrismon (Christ Monogram) Tree. Freda's inspiration came from the first Chrismon tree, originated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia in 1957.

The St. Luke Chrismon tree was a labor of love for Freda and her husband, John, a deacon of St. Luke. Freda hand-crafted more than 1,500 Chrismons and ornaments which currently adorn the tree, each made out of a combination of Styrofoam, beads, sequins, wire & other craft supplies. The Chrismons on the tree tell the story of our Lord's life and serve as a reminder of God's love for us through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Freda & John have both entered eternal life, but the tradition of the St. Luke Chrismon tree is carried on by their family.

This year's special helpers were Gregg Von Urff, Roger Von Urff, Crystal Singh, Cynthia Portela and Jessica Portela. Thank you!

The love that Freda & John had for their Lord and for St. Luke shines through the lights on the tree and may each Chrismon always remind us of God's greatest gift to us all, his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Please go to the website for a time lapse video of erecting and decorating the Chrismon Tree and read the digital copy of the booklet that explains the Chrismons and their meanings.



Department
of Health



NEW YORK STATE REQUIRES THAT

ALL PEOPLE MUST BE MASKED TO ENTER

REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Effective Dec. 13, masks must be worn in all indoor public places unless businesses or venues implement a full-course vaccination requirement.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. WE ARE NY



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