

Announcements

October 16, 2025

Welcome to our new weekly Announcements email! Every week you can look forward to catching up on the important news and events at St. Luke Lutheran Church & Campus Ministry via this announcements newsletter.

In this week's Announcements you can read about:

- Service of Justice and Peace and @Forum on THIS SUNDAY
- Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard
- Reformation Sunday
- Faith-Based Advocacy
- Stewardship Bible Study
- Treasurer's Report
- Prayer Requests
- Calendar of Events

You Won't Want to Miss This Sunday!

Service for Justice and Peace and Forum@ on Faith and Civic Life

Mark your calendars! On October 19 we'll gather for our **Second Annual Service of Justice and Peace**, a meaningful time of worship, reflection, and commitment to God's call for justice in our world. But that's not all — right after worship, **stay for a timely and vital conversation** led by Brad Wendel. He will guide us through the **newly adopted ELCA Social Statement, *Faith, Civic Life, and Our Democracy***, which was overwhelmingly adopted at the most recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly. This is a moment to dive into what this



significant teaching means for us, as people of faith called to civic engagement. This Forum@ event, sponsored by our Social Ministry Committee, will launch our fall season of thoughtful dialogue, discovery, and community. Join us as we engage together around faith, democracy, and our calling in the world.

Learn
more
here.

Feeding the Hungry



The month of September was a good one for St. Luke! There were 108 food donations and 22 personal goods for the [Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard](#). This is a big help for the Cupboard since pantry use was up 42% from 2024. Fresh food use in the gym was down 17% from the previous year. There was an average of 93 people who took advantage of the food from the Kitchen Cupboard. We are a great help to the people who come to the Cupboard! Most of them express their gratitude to the volunteers when they come in. You are a big help with the donations we collect every month in the red wagon. Pictured is an empty red wagon that is ready for you to fill this Sunday. Bring any of these when you come to church this weekend: canned soups, especially tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom, and vegetable soup. Thank you!

Blue Wagon for the Blue Cabinet: This cabinet is re-filled 3-4 times a week as food insecurity has been growing even here in our Collegetown Neighborhood. All non perishable food items are welcome but the most popular items are soup, peanut butter, mac n' cheese, and protein bars.

Reformation Sunday & Confirmations : October 26

Wear red to celebrate the Reformation!

This Sunday we are also hosting the Fall Assembly for the Southern Tier Conference at 3:00 pm. At the gathering we will discuss the redistricting efforts for the Upstate NY Synod's conferences as well as hear from Bishop Miller and one another as we raise up the work of our eight congregations.



What is faith-based advocacy?

Learn why and how to do it.

NYS Council of Churches will hold a Regional Advocacy program designed to equip clergy and lay members to:

- address pressing issues in their communities
- communicate with elected officials, and
- build lasting networks

When: October 24 and 25: Friday, 1-4 pm and Saturday 9am-5pm.

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 315 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY

What: worship, workshops, storytelling, keynote addresses and discussions.

Opening prayer by our Upstate NY Synod Bishop Lee Miller II.

Why: Learn how charitable work which aids individuals and meets basic needs and social justice work which removes root causes and improves structures complement each other.

[Learn more or register here.](#)

Stewardship Bible Study

October 19, 2025 – “Possessions”

Reading: Acts 2:44-47

Question: How do we use what we have?

Many of us are blessed with more than enough. What is the purpose of this bounty? Be encouraged to think about the question in terms of your own experience. Where is God in that experience? Is there excess? Is your understanding of how you use those possessions healthy? In what ways does that understanding have room to grow?

Prayer: Lord, lead me not into temptation, but faithfulness. Through Christ, Amen

September Treasurer's Report

- September income was \$25,222, or 84.3% of the budget plan of \$29,911. Regular offering for the month was ~\$21K, or about \$6k lower than our monthly budget plan.

- YTD income is \$237,393, or 88% of the budget plan.
- September expenses were \$24,350, or 81.4% of the budget plan of \$29,911.
- YTD expenses are \$256,400, or 95% of the budget plan.
- YTD we are running a deficit of \$19,008.
- Our September month end balance in Tompkins Bank checking was \$42,086, down from \$48,597 at the end of August.
- At the end of September our Morgan Stanley investment values:
Endowment (designated) - \$1,791,942, up from \$1,753,311 at the end of August.
Reserve (unallocated) - \$264,273, up from \$260,595 at the end of August.

We pray together...

... for the family and friends of Diane Conneman, and also for Kathy, Brenda, Linda, Becky, Ernie, Carl, and Jenna. We also remember in prayer all who suffer from violence, war, famine, and genocide.

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 Communications Manager](#).

Calendar

Friday, October 17

10:00 am Tea and Tarot at Anabel Taylor Hall, Founder's Room

Sunday, October 19

10:00 am Service for Justice and Peace

11:30 am @Forum discussion on *Faith and Civic Life* in the Lounge

Monday, October 20

6:30 pm Poe by Candlelight in the Sage Chapel Crypt

Tuesday, October 21

12:15 pm Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Collegetown Community Collective

6:00 pm Diving Paradox Group C

Thursday, October 23

1:00 pm CCC Events Committee

Friday, October 24

10:00 am Tea and Tarot

Saturday, October 25

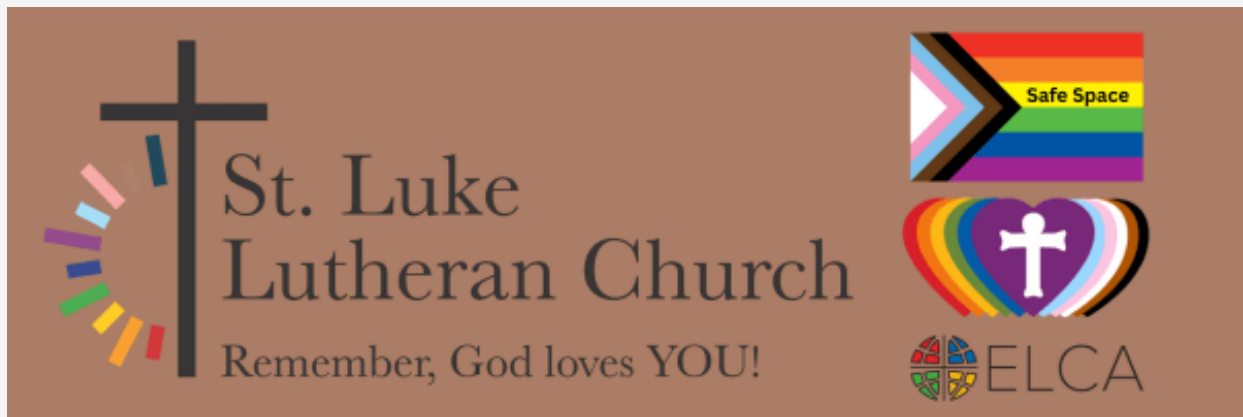
1:30 pm Diane Conneman Memorial Service

*St. Luke Office is open: Mon. 1 pm-5 pm, Tues. 9:30 am-1 pm,
Wed. 8am-4pm, Thur. 9:30 am-5pm, Fri. 9:30 am-1pm*

[Website](#)

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[Calendar](#)



Service of Holy Communion ~ Sundays at 10:00 am

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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