



# Announcements

**January 16, 2026**

**Welcome to our weekly  
Announcements email!**

Enjoy reading the important news  
and events at St. Luke Lutheran  
Church & Campus Ministry. And  
remember, God loves you!

**In this week's Announcements you can  
read about:**

- Former St. Luke vicar interviewed in Minneapolis
- Feeding the Hungry
- Mittens N' More final UPDATE
- Compline Spring Schedule
- Praying Together
- Calendar

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Hierald Orsoto, former vicar of St. Luke, was part of an  
NPR report on church activities connected with ICE activity  
in Minneapolis.

Read the article [HERE](#)  
and listen to the 4 minute report by  
clicking the NPR link below:

English. Pastor Heraldo Osorto cautions against portraying his congregation solely as fearful or reactive.

"I don't want our communities to only be responding to crises," Osorto said. "We need to be clear about who we are and why we exist where we exist."

That why includes serving neighbors in need, bearing each other's burdens, celebrating each other's joys and insisting on the dignity of all people.



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## How Minnesota faith communities are resisting aggressive immigration operations



Listen

4:36

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## Feed the Hungry

### **Code Blue Shelter Needs Breakfast Items:**

We will continue our ministry to the homeless this winter by providing breakfast items for the Code Blue Shelter that is now located on Cherry Street (old "Found" building). Items can be placed in either the Blue or Red wagons in the Narthex.

### **Items needed for Code Blue Shelter:**

100% Juice boxes, instant oatmeal packets, and breakfast and energy bars.

### **RED WAGON for the Ithaca Kitchen**

**Cupboard** items for January: Soup and Beans (cans and jars are fine as these items are not left outdoors).

### **BLUE WAGON for the BLUE CABINET:**

Winter is upon us and freezing weather means cans and glass containers could explode in our blue cabinet! For the next few months please bring packaged soups, tuna, and boxed dinners, instead of



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canned. Pasta sauce, peanut butter and jam should be in plastic jars. Cereal, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, protein bars and toiletpaper are always welcome. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



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## Mittens 'N More UPDATE

Mittens'N More 2025-26: As we close our our Mittens 'N More program in the season of Epiphany, we give thanks for the donation of **254 items** to keep the heads, hands, and feet warm of children in need in our Ithaca City School District (ICSD) Elementary Schools. This is the highest total number of items ever donated to the program in my 9 years as Coordinator. Heartfelt thanks from Suz Snedeker.



# Compline (nightsong)

Join us for a quiet and reflective  
service of prayer and song.  
8:00 - 8:30 PM on select  
Thursdays at various  
locations in Ithaca.



## Spring 2026 Compline Schedule

February 5 at First Baptist Church, 8pm  
*Featuring Lauridsen's O Nata Lux*

February 12 at Longview at 6:45pm  
*(same music as previous week, not live streamed)*

March 5 at Immaculate Conception, 8pm  
*Music for Lent*

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## We pray together...

... Dave Wohlheuter, Brenda, Kathy, people of Venezuela and other nations experiencing violence and unrest, and those affected by weather and natural disaster.

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](#).*

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## [Calendar](#)

**Sunday, January 18**

10:00 am Holy Communion

11:30 am. Godly Play

**Monday, January 19**

4:30 pm. Council

**Tuesday, January 20**

*No Bible Study Today.*

**Wednesday, January 21**

10:00 am. Staff Meeting

1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective

**Thursday January 22**

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

**Friday, January 23**

10:00 am. Tea and Tarot

**Sunday, January 25**

10:00 am Holy Communion

*The St. Luke Office is generally 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*

***If you would like to be removed from this list, please reply or [send us an email](#)  
with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. We will be sad to see you go.  
Remember, God loves you!***

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**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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