

Announcements

January 29, 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:**




- Interfaith Rally of Prayer and Protest
- ELCA Statements
- Feeding our Neighbors
- Spaghetti Dinner needs your help!
- Church Directory DRAFT
- Compline next Thursday
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Join faith leaders and community members as we unite in solidarity to raise our voices and take a stand against ICE this Sunday at 3:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church.

ELCA Statements on Current Events

 <p>WE WILL NOT GROW WEARY</p> <p>A joint pastoral video message from Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and all Minnesota synod bishops</p> <p>We will not grow weary</p> <p>Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and ELCA synod bishops from Minnesota share a joint pastoral message condemning recent immigration activity.</p> <p>Watch</p>	 <p><i>Canada, Denmark, and U.S. Lutheran bishops issue joint statement supporting Greenlandic people</i></p> <p>Canada, Denmark, U.S. Lutheran bishops issue statement supporting Greenlandic people</p> <p>The national bishops of Lutheran churches in the United States, Canada and Denmark sent the Greenlandic people their full support in an unusually difficult situation.</p> <p>Read more</p>	 <p>Statement on Venezuela</p> <p>ELCA Presiding Bishop Curry</p> <p>Bishop Curry Issues Statement on Venezuela</p> <p>As God's beloved, Christians share in Jesus' ministry and compassion for the vulnerable. Our prayers remain with the people of Venezuela.</p> <p>Read more</p>
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Presiding Bishop Curry and ELCA synod bishops from Minnesota share a joint pastoral

message. Watch it [here](#). The Bishops of Canada, Denmark, and the US have issued a statement on Greenland. And Bishop Curry has also issued a statement on Venezuela. Read them and more [here](#).

ELCA Statements

Feed the Hungry

Code Blue Shelter Needs: To support the winter homeless shelter we encourage donations of instant oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, and **100% Juice boxes (Note: not drinks with added sugar or corn / fructose syrup)** that can be placed in the Red or Blue Wagons. Thank you for supporting the homeless in our community.

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 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!



GIVE TO IKC



Campus Ministry Spaghetti Dinner: Urgent Request!

We need volunteers to host (cook) and help (clean up) for our First Friday Spaghetti

Dinner (starts at 6 pm) on February 6th. Campus Ministry will provide items for making spaghetti sauce and marinara sauce, bread, butter, pasta, gluten-free pasta, grated cheese, salad dressing, and dessert. Cooks provide finished regular (with meatballs or sausages) and marinara spaghetti sauces, and a green salad. Set up folks put out placemats and silverware for 15 people, help the cooks with serving, and clean up folks help with running the dish washing operations and putting away dishes and cooking equipment. And, Suz adds, it's really fun to interact with our students! Questions: please contact Suz Snedeker at smsnedeker@gmail.com



Church Directory is almost ready to print!



We are VERY close to finalizing the Church Directory! Two draft directories are printed and in the Narthex. Please check that your information is correct in *one* of the directories and either use a pen to correct it or email Kimberly with the updated info at communications@stlukeithaca.org. If you need a photograph of yourself or your family for the directory taken, Kimberly is also happy to do that for you. Just email her to arrange a time. Once the directory is finalized, a printed copy will be available upon request.

[Email Kimberly](mailto:communications@stlukeithaca.org)



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

Year End Giving Statements

You can find your year end giving statement in a box on the window ledge in the narthex. They are alphabetized. Anyone with questions or concerns can contact John Vakiner via email at treasurer@stlukeithaca.org.

December Treasurer's Report

- December income was \$48,642, or 163% of the budget plan of \$29,911. Regular offering for the month was ~\$42K, or about \$14k higher than our monthly budget plan.
- YTD income is \$335,372, or 93% of the budget plan.
- December expenses were \$32,334, or 108% of the budget plan of \$29,911.
- YTD expenses are \$346,850, or 97% of the budget plan.
- We finished 2025 with a deficit of \$11,478. Funds from our reserves will be allocated to cover this deficit.
- Our December month end balance in Tompkins Bank checking was \$144,893, down from \$144,974 at the end of November.
- At the end of December our Morgan Stanley investment values: Endowment (designated) @

\$1,806,962, down from \$1,810,106 at the end of November. Reserve (unallocated) @ \$266,666, up from \$264,263 at the end of November.

Fred Pritt

James Frederick (Fred) Pritt, a long-time parishioner of St. Luke, passed on to Glory about a year ago. His daughter, Katie, asked if we would share the news of his passing with the congregation. You can read his obituary here:

<https://www.rochestercremation.com/obituaries/james-pritt> . Reach out to Kimberly at communicatoins@stlukeithaca.org if you would like Katie's email or mailing address.

We pray together...

... Anne, 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](#).

Calendar

Thursday January 29

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

Friday, January 30

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot

Saturday, January 31

2:00 pm. Cornell on Fire

Sunday, February 1

10:00 am Holy Communion

3:00 pm. Interfaith Rally of Prayer and Protest

Tuesday, February 3

12:15 pm Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

6:30 pm. Grad School Student Meet-Up

Wednesday, February 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, February 5

9:00 am. Quilters
1:00 pm CCC Events Committee
8:00 pm. Compline at First Baptist Church

Friday, February 6

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot
6:00 pm. First Friday Spaghetti Dinner

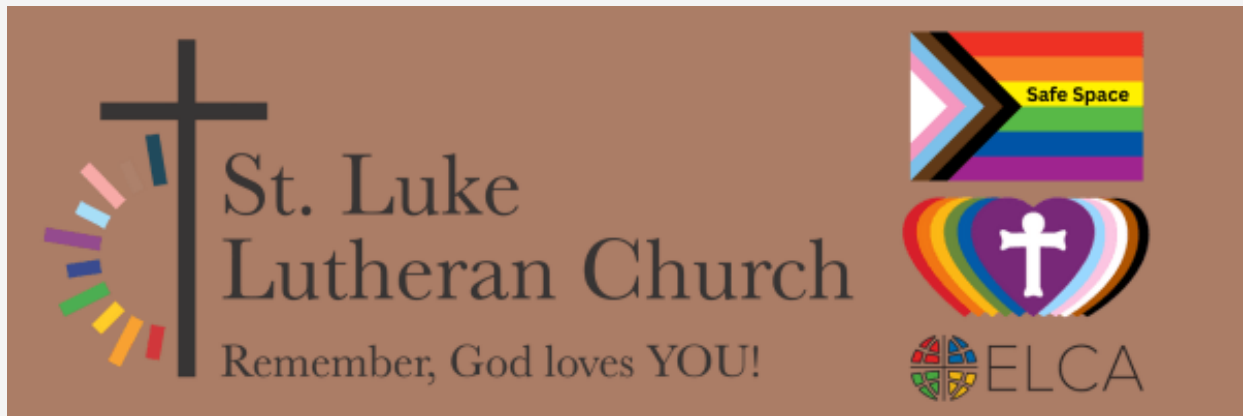
*The St. Luke Office is generally open: Mon. 1 pm-5 pm, Tues. 9:30 am-1 pm,
Wed. 8am-4pm, Thur. 9:30 am-5pm, Fri. 9:30 am-1pm*

***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!***

Website

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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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