



Announcements

April 30, 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:

- Compline
- Big Red Bagel Days
- First Friday Spaghetti Dinner
- Ithaca Gallery Night
- Music at St. Luke May 10
- Book Study
- Personal Care Kits
- Blue and Red Wagons
- Praying Together
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CONNECT in COMMUNITY

TONIGHT *Compline*

**Compline
(night song)** Experience prayerful music
by candlelight.
8:00 - 8:30 PM
April 30 at Immaculate
Conception Church.

Campus Ministry Updates!

Study Hours Discontinued for Spring 2026: We thank all the monitors at St. Luke who have graciously and generously hosted our end of the semester Study Hours in the past. But, over the years, the need for study space during study days and final exams has diminished (fewer final exams given) and our turnout has been low for several semesters. We have decided not to hold Study Hours this semester, but instead, will be having "Big Red Bagel Days" to support and celebrate our students.

Big Red Bagel Days on May 8th and 12th: Yes, St. Luke's Campus Ministry is once again celebrating the end of the semester with "Big Red Bagel Days". Students, come over anytime between 10 am and 2 pm to the Campus Ministry Lounge and enjoy FREE bagels, cream cheese, juice, coffee and tea! The first Bagel Day is during Study Days on Friday May 8th and the second Bagel Day is during Final Exam week on Tuesday, May 12th. St. Luke Lutheran is located at 109 Oak Ave. in Collegetown. The Campus Ministry Lounge is the first room on the left when you come through the main double-door entrance to St. Luke.



BIG RED BAGEL DAYS



Friday, May 8 & Tuesday, May 12 from 10am-2pm
St. Luke Lutheran Church, 109 Oak Ave, Ithaca

THIS FRIDAY - Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm!

**FIRST FRIDAY
SPAGHETTI
DINNER**

6PM

FREE SPAGHETTI
DINNER ON THE
FIRST FRIDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH 109 OAK AVE

ITHACA
GALLERY
NIGHT @

St. Luke
Lutheran Church

featuring work by Carl Whittaker
Friday, May 1 from 5pm-8pm

109 Oak Ave, Ithaca
stlukeithaca.org ~ ithacagallerynight.com

[St. Luke Lutheran Church](#) will be participating in the monthly [Ithaca Gallery Night](#) on May 1st from 5-8pm, with Drawings and Paintings by our own Carl Whittaker. The art on display will be a from Whittaker's "Art for Takayna" collection. Takayna/the Tarkine is a threatened Wilderness Area in Lutrawita/Tasmania. Art for Takayna is a project of the Bob Brown

Foundation, part of their campaign for protection for this area.



Community
CONVERSATIONS
WITH THE TOMPKINS CHAMBER

Collegetown

Join us at St. Luke Lutheran Church!
109 Oak Avenue
Ithaca, NY 14850



Wednesday, May 6th  **9:00-10:30am**

Join neighbors in Collegetown for networking, sharing local business and nonprofit insights, connecting with leaders, and discovering programs from Tompkins Chamber & Visit Ithaca. Free and open to all - but registration is requested.

[Register Here](#)



MUSIC AT ST. LUKE

On May 10th, top musicians from Ithaca College will present a chamber music concert at 4pm. Chopin's cello sonata and Smetana's piano trio are on the program.

HOPE THAT WILL NOT BE EXTINGUISHED



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOOK STUDY

STLUKEITHACA.ORG

Thursdays | 6:00 PM | Zoom | Start Date TBD

Order your book now and begin reading!

Written not only by a survivor of apartheid South Africa, but by a witness to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission—a process that laid bare some of the darkest realities of the human condition—this work dares to proclaim something deeper: that we are, at our core, made for goodness.

With Tutu and his daughter as our guides, we will explore how that spark of goodness remains alive within us—and how hope, grounded in truth, can shape the way we live, love, and act in the world.

Details:

- Thursdays at 6:00 PM (via Zoom)
- Start Date TBD: we want to wait until everyone has their books first! So order yours now and begin reading.
- First session: Introduction + Chapters 1–3

We encourage you to purchase the book locally from one of these shops:

- [The Protagonist Coffee & Books](#)
- [All My Friends Books](#)
- [Odyssey Bookstore](#)
- [Buffalo Street Books](#)

Come as you are. Bring your questions, your hopes, your doubts.
Because Easter does not deny the darkness—it proclaims, with clarity and courage, that it does not win.

Save the Dates for these upcoming events:

June 5: Ithaca Gallery Night from 5pm-8pm

June 14: Pride in the Park from 10am-6pm

June 17 : Show Tunes Singalong at 7pm

BEFORE



Maintenance work on our building's exterior stonework will be taking place this summer. The first step was concrete patching on the "downhill" side of the church; see the before and after photos.

AFTER



SERVE in COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK TAKE ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

The House Agriculture Committee has released a new Farm Bill. Voting could happen this week. The proposed bill includes positive bipartisan provisions to address hunger through SNAP (food stamps).

THIS WEEK sign a letter to your representatives by clicking here: [“Strengthen Hunger Provisions in Farm Bill”](#)

Why This New Farm Bill Matters to the ELCA and St. Luke Lutherans:

St. Luke and other congregations across the country operate food cupboards, partner with food banks, and are part of rural communities where livelihoods depend on stable agricultural

policy. The Farm Bill is one of the most consequential pieces of legislation for having a farm policy that serves both hunger programs and the livelihoods of people in rural areas.

Historically the Farm Bill has had the support of both Democrats and Republicans. The ELCA is working to pass the new Farm Bill NOW. It has provided the following links to inform Lutherans and enable their advocacy to eliminate hunger, as the U.S did in the 1970s during the Richard Nixon presidency. It all depends on what policies legislators pass and that depends on what they hear from us, the voters.

To learn more about the Farm Bill see:

[ELCA Farm Bill Engagementpagehttps://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/farm-bill-engagement/](https://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/farm-bill-engagement/)

PERSONAL CARE KITS UPDATE

Thank you so much for your generosity to help support the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits Program. Thanks to you we have met and surpassed our goal of 50 kits.

We have received - 54 towels, 112 bars of soap, 23 Nail Clippers, 6 combs and \$310 for the purchase of Clippers, combs and shipping.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN ITHACA

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard: For the month of May, please donate canned or dried beans, especially garbanzo beans and red lentils.

BLUE WAGON for the BLUE CABINET:

Spring is here and temperatures seem to be above freezing, so no more worries about cans exploding in our blue cabinet!

Please consider donating canned soups, tuna, and plastic jars of pasta sauce, peanut butter and jam. Cereal, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, protein bars and toilet paper are always welcome. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



DONATE TO IKC

We pray together...

... for Rev. Henry Gathagan and Carole Gathagan, Lu, Grace, Hravn, Terry and Diane. For Communities experiencing war, famine, and strife.

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, April 30

1:00 pm CCC Events Committee
8:00 pm Compline at Immaculate Conception Church

Friday, May 1

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell
5:00 pm. Ithaca Gallery Night at St. Luke
6:00 pm. First Friday Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, May 2

2:00 pm. Cornell on Fire

Sunday, May 3

10:00 am Holy Communion

Tuesday, May 5

12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study
6:30pm. Mostly Motown Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 6

9:00 am. Tompkins Chamber Conversation
10:00 am. Staff Meeting
1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective

Thursday, May 7

9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters
1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee

Friday, May 8

10:00 am. Big Red Bagel Days
10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

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

Give

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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