

# Announcements

**June 18, 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:**

- Serving in Community
- Pride in the Park
- Book Study
- Summer Concerts
- Updates
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## SERVE in COMMUNITY



We are in need of volunteers to help assist with setting up and breaking down communion for Sunday services. There is a checklist available to help along the way as well as Pr. Jason. We need assistance most importantly on the **21st** while Pastor is away for Campus Ministry Leaders conference. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Erik at [office@stlukeithaca.org](mailto:office@stlukeithaca.org).

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## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN ITHACA

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard May update: People from

St. Luke generously donated a total of 99 items for the Kitchen Cupboard. Many items were personal care which is always greatly appreciated. Usage at the pantry for May was down 34% from the previous year. Usage of the fresh food in the gym was up 23% from 2025. The NY state Emergency Grant at the Southern Tier food Bank has ended, so the food bills will be larger as of June. The Kitchen Cupboard has still been getting donations which will pay for fresh food weekly this summer from West Haven Farm. This was a big hit last summer.



**RED WAGON** for Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard:

For June: please donate cans of chick peas and boxes of cereal.

**BLUE WAGON for the 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

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# CONNECT in COMMUNITY

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HOPE THAT WILL NOT BE EXTINGUISHED



**Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference**  
*Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu*

**ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**BOOK  
STUDY**

STLUKEITHACA.ORG

**Thursdays | 6:00 PM | Zoom | Starting May 28**

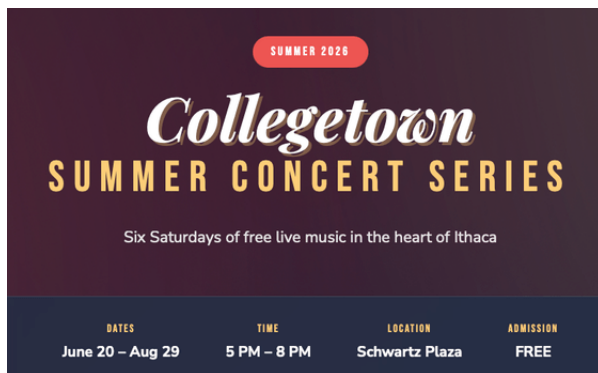
Written not only by a survivor of apartheid South Africa, but by a witness to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission—a process that laid bare some of the darkest realities of the human condition—this work dares to proclaim something deeper: that we are, at our core, made for goodness.

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.

Chapters 6-7 tonight! No book group next week (June 25th) while Pr. Jason is at the Luther Campus Minister Conference.

[Zoom Link for Book Study](#)

## Collegetown Community Collective Summer Concerts Series



**SUMMER 2026**

### Collegetown SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Six Saturdays of free live music in the heart of Ithaca

DATES	TIME	LOCATION	ADMISSION
June 20 – Aug 29	5 PM – 8 PM	Schwartz Plaza	FREE

This summer, the Collegetown Community Collective (which meets weekly at St. Luke) is hosting a summer concert series on Saturdays outside in Schwartz Plaza. The first concert is this Saturday from 5-8pm. Come and support local businesses and enjoy music with our Collegetown community!

[Learn More](#)





**by Suz Snedeker**

The Ithaca Pride Alliance is all about Pride in our Community. This not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization is run entirely by volunteers that build community, promote advocacy, and sponsor education for the queer community in Ithaca and Tompkins County. They bring a spirit of joy and belonging to the LBGTQA+ community and their allies and friends.

These are some of the events and activities sponsored by the Ithaca Pride Alliance:

Monthly Event Calendar: Their monthly event calendar includes events for the LBGTQA+ community of all ages, including sponsoring QSpace, Family Story Time, Spa Day, Craft Culture, the Tween and Teen Pride Graphic Novel Book Club and Round Table Discussions at the Tompkins County Public Library, Book Clubs at Buffalo Books, All Ages Karaoke Party, theatrical events (“Fun House”) at the Hangar Theatre, and available summer camps.

<https://www.ithacapridealliance.org/event-calendar>

Clothing Swaps: The last swap was in March 2026 and provided items (clothing, accessories, and shoes) that are an important resource for those who are changing wardrobes to match their gender expression. Clothing swaps are held periodically throughout the year. <https://www.ithacapridealliance.org/all-yall-clothing-swap>

Ithaca Pride Festival: A three-day festival celebrating and connecting the LBGTQA+ community and allies through musical performances, resource fairs, family activities, pride gear merchandise, and even a silent auction. St. Luke has participated in THREE Pride Festivals through our Pride in the Park booth, and our popular Music at St. Luke Show Tunes Singalong.

Community Empowerment Microgrants: With an application cycle that starts in February, these rolling grants of up to \$500 support individuals and groups to help build skills, enhance empowerment, and provide resources to achieve lasting solutions to social, cultural, economic, and political issues facing the LBGTQA+ community in Tompkins County.

Application forms can be accessed

here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgRRNioUTTj6hWTVz1ZD-3EazBosowEmnmW5qZJyO9Hj6sVg/viewform>

To keep informed about events and volunteer opportunities, please join the Ithaca Pride Alliance mailing list at: <https://www.ithacapridealliance.org/mailling-list>

The Ithaca Pride Alliance is always grateful for donations in any amount (donations are tax

deductible). <https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/ithacapridealliance2026>

Ithaca Pride Alliance is a sponsored project of the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. <https://www.ithacapridealliance.org>

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**Godly Play children's church is on break for the summer, but stay tuned for information about Communion Classes for kids soon!**

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## **Pastor Jason's Schedule in June**

Pr. Jason will be away for the annual Campus Ministry (LuMin) staff meeting June 21 -25 at University of Denver followed by a vacation with Craig. He will be back in town July 1st.

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**Bring Your Own Lunch BIBLE STUDY on Tuesdays is taking a break for the rest of June and will start up again on July 7.**

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# We pray together...

...Deborah, Andy, Judy, Dorothea, Christine, Rebekah, Ron & Lu, Kathleen, Keith, Grace. 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](#).*

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## Calendar

### **Thursday, June 18**

9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters  
1:00 pm CCC Events Committee  
6:00 pm. Book Study on Zoom

### **Friday, June 19**

10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

### **Saturday, June 20**

5:00 pm. CCC Summer Concert at Schwartz Plaza

### **Sunday, June 21**

10:00 am Holy Communion.

### **Tuesday, June 23**

*No Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study*

### **Wednesday, June 24**

1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective

### **Thursday, June 25**

1:00 pm. CCC Events Committee  
*No Book Study while Pastor Jason is at LuMin Conference*

*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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