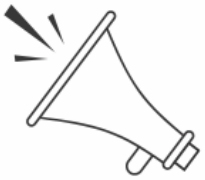
St. Luke Lutheran Church



# Announcements

## November 19, 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:**


- Annual Congregational Meeting
- Welcoming New Members
- Beware of Email Scams
- Multi-Faith Service of Thanksgiving
- Mittens N' More
- Giving Estimate
- Freezing Temps = no glass or cans!
- Praying Together
- Readings for this week
- Calendar


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# Brad Wendel

It is with deep sorrow that we acknowledge the sudden passing of Brad Wendel on Wednesday morning this week. Brad was a faithful member of St. Luke, a Professor of Law at Cornell University, and loving husband and father. A memorial service will be planned for December, and we will share that information as soon as it is available.

Brad was recognized by the Upstate New York Synod this past spring with the Synod's Discipleship Award. Pastor Jason nominated Brad for the award because of his longstanding service to the wider church, particularly his leadership as co-chair of the ELCA's Task Force on Women and Justice, which guided the work that ultimately resulted in the social statement "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action." His work helped the church think more deeply about gender justice, human dignity, and faithful discipleship in our time. Brad also contributed to the work of the Lutheran World Federation, bringing a global perspective to questions of justice, ethics, and Christian witness. We honor Brad not only for his professional accomplishments but for the ways he lived out his faith through scholarship, service, leadership, and a deep commitment to the Gospel's call to justice and reconciliation.

Let us continue to hold closely his wife, Liz, and their two children in prayer.

You can read articles about Brad and the impact he had as a professor at Cornell University from the Law School and Daily Sun below.

Daily Sun Article

Cornell Law School Article

# CONNECT in COMMUNITY

## Annual Congregational Meeting THIS SUNDAY

In preparation for the Annual Meeting after worship on November 22, you are invited to view a DRAFT of the 2026 Annual Report. Paper copies will also be available this Sunday for you to have on hand during the meeting. The document linked here has been updated since last week's Announcement email.

Click here to read the DRAFT Annual Report for 2026

## Pastor Jason will be away through until November 21st due to the passing of his mother-in-law.




Advent begins a new church year as we look with hope toward the coming of the Christ child. On the **Second Sunday of Advent, December 6,** we will joyfully welcome new members and friends into the St. Luke community during worship.

Perhaps you are a student who maintains membership in congregation back home but would like to be recognized as a friend of St. Luke. Perhaps you are considering transferring your membership or making this your church home. Whatever your circumstances, we would love to formally welcome you and celebrate the gifts you bring to our life together.

If you are interested or simply have questions, please reach out to Pastor Jason. He would be happy to gather newcomers for coffee after an upcoming Sunday service or meet individually during the week.

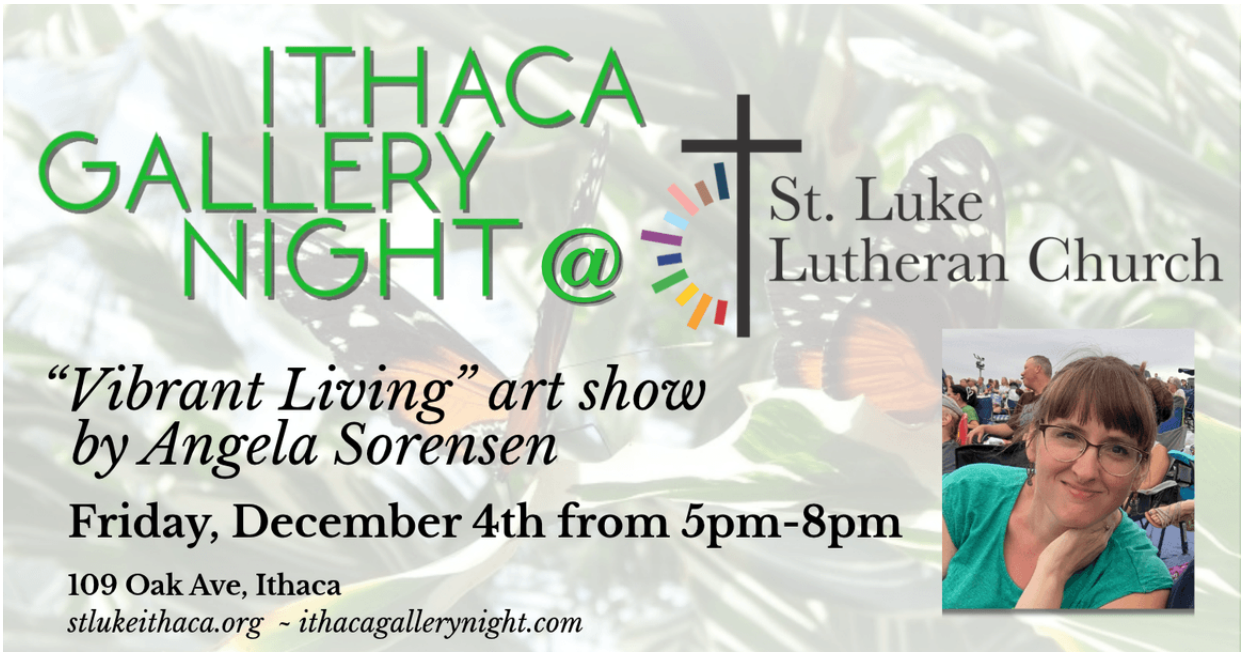
You already belong here. This is an opportunity to celebrate that belonging together.

Email Pastor Jason about Membership

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# SERVE in COMMUNITY

## Mittens N' More

We have begun collecting for our Mittens N' More tree! Last year we collected a record number of mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and




socks, a total of 254 items, which were distributed to students in need at Enfield and Caroline Elementary School. Can we do it again? This year community members (ladies at Kendall and a neighbor of a St. Luke member) have started us off with generous donations of hats and scarves. Please donate handmade or new store-bought items, and place items on the Mitten Tree in the narthex (look for the bright red mitten topper) or in the collection boxes. Alternatively, order items on-line, or send your handmade items directly to St. Luke (send to: Suzanne Snedeker, Mittens and More, 109 Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.) Let's keep the heads, hands, feet, and hearts of children warm again in 2026-27.

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As we plan for the year ahead at St. Luke, your giving estimate helps us build a thoughtful and responsible budget for our ministry together. This is not a binding commitment — simply your best estimate of what you hope to give this year. You may submit this at any time during the year. If you're uncertain, you may choose to enter the total amount you gave last year if you plan to give at least that much again. Complete the form by clicking below or fill out the paper form on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Giving Estimate Form

# Feeding our Neighbors

## Blue Cabinet: NO GLASS or CANS!






First of all, let me thank you all for supporting our blue cabinet by donating hundreds of nonperishable food items this year. We shop regularly to keep the cabinet supplied and your monetary donations have helped us to fill the shelves. As the freezing weather approaches we cannot put canned items in the cabinet as they could burst if they freeze. And of course, glass bottles are not safe at any time of year. The picture here shows some of the more popular item, including: beef stew, tuna, mac and cheese, soup, peanut butter, oatmeal and protein bars.

## Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard (Red Wagon) UPDATE

Every month the IKC orders food through the Southern Tier Food Bank. Grants, like one received recently from P&C Fresh, make it possible for IKC to buy items the regional food bank doesn't supply. Pantry usage was down 18% in October, however we are recognizing that diapers and baby wipes are a big need right now. The Latter Day Saints church recently did a diaper drive and donated about 700 diapers to IKC. For November and December, IKC is tracking what size/quantity diapers families use so it can determine how much it would cost to provide them regularly.

**IKC items needed for November:** Personal care items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes, etc.

DONATE TO IKC

# Let us pray together for...

... Liz and her family, Lu, Craig and his family, Diane R, Kathy and Keith, Anne, Andy, Bishop Curry and his family.

*On Sundays, please feel free to write your prayer requests on the back of the gold colored Contact Cards and place it in the offering plate or the mailbox outside the main office door.*
*Upcoming commemorations of saints, renewers of society, and other festivals can be found here.*

# Readings for November 22

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

- **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** *God will shepherd Israel*
- **Psalm 95:1-7a** *We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)*
- **Ephesians 1:15-23** *The reign of Christ*
- **Matthew 25:31-46** *The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats*

# Calendar

**Thursday, November 19**
9:00 am. Peace by Piece Quilters
10:15 am. Open Hours for Co-Working and Study (until 3pm)

**Friday, November 20**
10:30 am. Tea and Tarot at Cornell

**Sunday, November 22**
10:00 am Holy Communion
12:00 pm. Annual Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, November 24**
12:15 pm. Bring Your Own Lunch Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 25**
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm. Collegetown Community Collective
5:30 pm. Open Hours for Co-Working and Study

**Thursday, November 26**
*Office closed for Thanksgiving.*

**Friday, November 27**
*Office closed for Thanksgiving.*

**Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent**
10:00 am. Holy Communion

***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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