

St. Luke Lutheran Church "The Tidings"



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Special Points of Interest:

Clean water for Honduras

*Summer & Evening
Worship Service
Schedule*

Monday Evening "Bibleque"



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15AM

Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

10:45AM

1st & 4th Sundays - Traditional Worship
w/Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - Family Worship w/Holy Communion

3rd Sunday - Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30AM

BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays at 9:30AM - Led By Pastor Unger

Mondays at 7:30PM - Led By Pastor Froehlich

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 4:30pm - LWML
Women's Bible Study at the home of Evelyn Raffaele. Please
contact Evelyn for directions or info at 613-586-2922

Wednesdays at 10:00AM - Led By Pastor Froehlich

Dear Easter People,

As we make our way through the Easter season, I pray that we heed the words of Jesus to the women in Matthew's Gospel to "go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." This is the greatest news we could have ever received, and it is the great news of hope, which moves the church forward as we seek to engage God's people with that message of hope. We have so much work to do in the Lord's name, in sharing that good news in the world, where there is so much chaos, hatred and a lack of respect for one another.

Jesus' words to his disciples on the eve of the Resurrection, and then a week later as they were gathered together wondering what would happen next were "Peace be with you." He was not speaking of a peace that the world can give us, but a peace that is a gift from God in bringing about forgiveness and understanding between God's people. That peace comes to us through Christ and through our living and growing relationship with our Lord. The church lives to proclaim Christ and to be the hands and feet, the eyes and ears of Christ in the world. We don't exist for the glory of being a congregation, a district or a synod, but for sharing Christ and his ministry.

We also exist to equip people for that work of ministry through our worship, study of God's Word and through serving the Lord in many and various ways. It is important that we are all helping to make that ministry meaningful and sacrificial on behalf of our Lord. As we approach June, we will be asking all of the members of St. Luke to consider how you can serve the Lord through your congregation and community. There are many ministries that we, at St. Luke, are involved in. Many of you have helped in these various ministries over the past couple of years. At this time, we would like to relieve you of those duties while at the same time asking you to offer your services again, maybe in the same way, but perhaps in a way that you have never served before. We all have a variety of gifts and talents and it is exciting to see how we can use these gifts to make a difference in the lives of God's people. Please, in the next few weeks, give prayerful consideration to the way in which you will serve your Lord through your church.

I look forward to working with you in this exciting and challenging ministry as we are led by the Spirit of God.

Peace and love,
Charles W. Froehlich, Pastor



Easter Joy and Blessings to you from Christ Jesus our Risen Lord and Savior!

Throughout Lent, the youth of our church had several opportunities to strengthen their faith and serve the community around them. Fifteen of our Confirmation students raised almost \$4,000 for World Vision to help fight hunger in Haiti, while participating in our 5th annual 30 Hour Famine. They also partnered with the community around us to collect food donations for Helping Hands Mission in Huntington. Many of our youth also participated in a Lock-In where they talked about “Bridging the Gap” of poverty in the U.S. Many of our high school youth showcased their skills at our Talent Show, and served up some good food at our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast! It has been a fun month of activities here at St. Luke.

As we transition into May, we begin final preparations for our 8th grade students to become members of our church through the Rite of Confirmation. The fourteen students have been working hard to meet all their requirements over the last three years, and are looking forward to this special time in their faith journey. You can celebrate with them on Sunday May 29th at the 10:45 service.

May God continue to strengthen you in your faith, as we remember anew the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, and the life we now live together in His Resurrected Kingdom!

Sincerely
Jim Dorner
Youth and Family Minister



BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. LUKE

Sundays at 9:30am led by Pastor Unger– Focusing on The Book of Romans

Monday evenings at 7:30pm led by Pastor Froehlich—

Highlights on Matthew’s Gospel

This is the Gospel that most of the Gospel readings for the year will be taken from.

This study will be held every week that the Confirmation classes meet.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 4:30pm -LWML Women’s Bible Study at the home of Evelyn Raffaele. Please contact Evelyn for directions or info at

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Wednesday mornings at 10:00am led by Pastor Froehlich—

The Book of Romans



BROKEN

In the month of March, Japan was subject to an earthquake, tsunami, and exposed to nuclear radiation. As we all can imagine, suffering through just one of these disasters is bad enough. Having gone through all three at just about one time is beyond imagination and beyond the word disaster. My feeling is the photos and video shown on television do not really show the tragic magnitude of what the Japanese went through or are still going through. The lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people were destroyed along with their businesses. Relationships are lost and broken.

Let me focus on the word broken. Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden our relationship with God has been broken. In Romans 3:23 it is stated, *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*. Only through Christ can our broken relationship with God be renewed. However, this relationship and faith is not like an “on-off” switch. This faith is a gift from God that develops through the Holy Spirit. Jesus told this to Nicodemus in John 3:6-8, *“the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”* For some, this faith comes early in life and for others it is later in life. Regardless of when it comes we need to let the Holy Spirit lead us so we can grow in our faith. Through this leading of the Holy Spirit one will attend Worship Service, Bible Study and look for ways to serve God by using the talents He has given them. I saw a survey on the USA Today website. One of the questions was, “Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?” Some of the responses to once a week were: Total Population-23%, Evangelical-28% and Mainline-26%. What does this say about restoring the broken relationship with God and our risen Lord through Worship attendance? I would say we need to pray for the missing 78%.

As we continue to grow in our faith and grow in our relationship with the Triune God, I’d like to close with 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, *“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.”*

Deacon Brad Page



On Saturday, April 19th, we held the “Grand Re-Opening” of our Candlewood Christian Coffee House. Over 75 guests enjoyed listening to George & Terry Gelish and company perform wonderful songs about our Lord and our faith. We were also blessed to have Jim and Chelsea Dorner and Brenda Lentsch perform a few songs with the group.

The room was transformed with a “stage” fully equipped with our “Broadway” lights, candlelit tables, and a refreshment table with an array of refreshments that ranged from brownies and cakes to fruit and ice cream sundaes. We even had chocolate covered strawberries! Thanks to all those who volunteered to bake or bring refreshments for the evening.

It takes a great team of people to put the coffee house together and we thank everyone who helped to set up, decorate, serve and clean up.

If you weren't able to attend the coffee house, we hope you can join us for the next one, which will be held on Saturday, June 4th. We will be hosting our own “Uncle Paulie's Brigade” as well as a new and upcoming Christian singer, Tommy-Lee Sexton. Check the weekly bulletin as well as our website for more information for the June 4th coffee house.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the coffee house, please speak to either Kathy von Thaden or Debbie Gnad.

For our 40th consecutive year, St. Luke Lutheran Church is pleased to present its annual fundraising golf tournament and dinner on July 11, 2011 at Woodside Acres Country Club. More than 125 golfers and volunteers are expected to participate in this long running tradition of fun, fellowship and fundraising. Our fundraising efforts are directed toward three important community outreach projects: Robert Halfmann Memorial Scholarship Fund, Helping Hands Rescue Mission, and a family in need. Donations, monetary/gifts for the raffle are appreciated. Golfers: Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, See the website for more information. The cost for the day is \$165.00.



Please sign up for the Thrivent Habitat for Humanity build. We will be working on the Sow-Fall House in Bay Shore. Dates: May 14th and June 11th. Time: 9:00am-3:00pm. Any questions, please contact Sandi @sandib.mcder@yahoo.com

If you have something you'd like to share in “The Tidings” newsletter, please feel free to do so. It could be a story of faith, a cartoon, a poem, information on something that's happening at our church or something about your family that you would like to share such as special birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, accomplishments.....we would all love to hear from you!



We are so thankful that Kayla Fenty was not seriously hurt in an accident at the end of Alec's Run. Please pray for her as she recuperates with many bumps, bruises and scrapes.

Priscilla Smith is recovering nicely after knee replacement surgery.

We ask for your continued prayers forDebbie Gnad's granddaughter, Dakota Maass, who is recovering nicely after a very delicate surgery and for Eleanor Stentiford, who is also recuperating well....

Please pray for.....Bill Meade, Jane Guastafarro, Beverly Meyer the mother of Ginger Stillman, Chris Berger father of Bonnie Berger, and Walter and Grace Burwell the parents of Chris Geed....



We rejoice at the baptism of Anna Margaret Wenger daughter of Kirsten and David Wenger.



Congratulations to Paul and Carol Elgert on their 32nd Wedding Anniversary.

We give thanks for the life and ministry of Paul Elgert's father, Pastor Louis Elgert, who entered eternal life in Florida just prior to Holy Week.



Sunday May 29th at 10:45am we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for 14 young people as they reaffirm their Baptism. Please pray for these young people as they take this next step I their Spiritual journey.

A huge thank you from our family to all the church for their heartfelt prayers for our granddaughter Dakota's recovery. She is healing better than doctors expected and looks amazing. Thank you, Lord for this Blessing. My daughter is truly grateful for the prayer shawl and the many, many prayers.
Jim & Debbie



After a recent donation of baby items to the Life Center of Long Island, Deer Park NY we received the following letter:

To Pastor Froehlich, members of St Luke Church and Pre-school teachers/parents; On behalf of the young mothers' group here at Trinity Lutheran in Wyandanch, I want to say thank you for all the beautiful newborn and infant supplies you donated to us. They really appreciated them. May the Lord Bless you during this Lenten season.



**Archbishop Mack Smith
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch NY**



Thank you to those who have responded to our call to pick up some new padded folding chairs from Costco as we have already received 14 chairs or money to purchase some of them, and we needed them on Easter Sunday and hopefully in the Sundays to come. They usually cost \$14.99, and sometimes they have special sales for \$12.99 or \$13.99. We are asking that each family consider donating one folding chair either by picking one up when you go to Costco and then bringing it to St. Luke, or by making a donation of \$14.99 and we will pick up the chairs. Our goal is to replace 100 chairs. We are also looking to add 6 more 6 foot light weight tables for use in the Memorial Gathering Room and downstairs. These are both non-budgeted items that perhaps members of the congregation would be willing to help us with. If you have any questions speak with Pastor or Jeff Adee Chair of the Property Committee.



Thank you to all who helped with the mission project to supply clean drinking water in Honduras thus far. Again this June, Dot Mock, PA, and her son, Tim, will be doing a medical mission trip to Valle de Angeles in Honduras. This is Dot's 4th trip and Tim's 2nd to the same mountainous and impoverished area with others from the nonprofit Amigos de Honduras. They will continue to collect \$5 donations (or more) for "water drops" to supply water storage/filtering tanks to families in that area to help prevent disease. For more information and to see pictures of the Mock Family and Linda Proschaska in action on past medical mission trips, visit the website: www.amigosdehonduras.com.



St. Luke Lutheran Church

“Engage, Explore, Reflect”

“Speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in every way into Him, who is the head, into Christ.” Ephesians 4:15

Thursday Evening Worship will begin on May 26th at 7:30pm and will continue through Labor Day weekend. On Thursday June 2nd we will celebrate Ascension Day with a special service that evening.



Thursday
Evening
Service



Summer Worship
Schedule

Sunday June 12th is the last Sunday for two services until the Sunday after Labor Day. On Sunday June 19th we begin our 9:00am service for the summer.

Our Monday Night “Bibleques” will begin Monday June 27th at 6pm. The “Bibleques” are a great evening of Christian fellowship and Bible Study. They will be held from June 27th through mid August (except for July 4th).

We will do a general overview of the scriptures as we walk through the Bible. We hope you will join us!



The deadline for the
June newsletter is May 23rd.
To contribute an article, you can email me
at autumnvt@verizon.net
(please place in the subject line: “Newsletter”)
or you can place it in my mailbox (#133) at church.