



SOCKTOBER- St Luke's is celebrating 115 years of faith, fellowship and reaching out to help others. Socktober is an event in October that focuses on collecting and donating socks to people experiencing homelessness. Socks are often overlooked but are crucial for warmth and hygiene, preventing foot infections and improving overall hygiene. Socks are one of the most requested and least donated items at homeless shelters. Let us take the challenge here at St Luke's and collect 115 pairs of socks for those in need: infants, children's, women's and men's. There will be a bin in the PAC for your donations. Thank you for reaching out and helping others.



Sunday, November 9th, we'll be celebrating the 115th Anniversary of St. Luke's with a German Luncheon after a special

10:00 worship service. In 1910 the worship service was conducted in German.

There will also be a presentation of memories from the past 115 years during the luncheon. The menu for the luncheon is: Appetizer-Bavarian Pretzel Bites with warm Craft Beer Cheese, Entrees - Chicken Schnitzel in White Wine and lemon butter, Classic Sauerbraten, Bratwurst, Knockwurst with Bakery Pretzel Buns, Sides- Spaetzle (Delicious German Style Egg Noodle Dumplings) Potato Pancakes with Applesauce, German Potato Salad, Fall Harvest Salad. And of course Dessert: Apple Strudel.

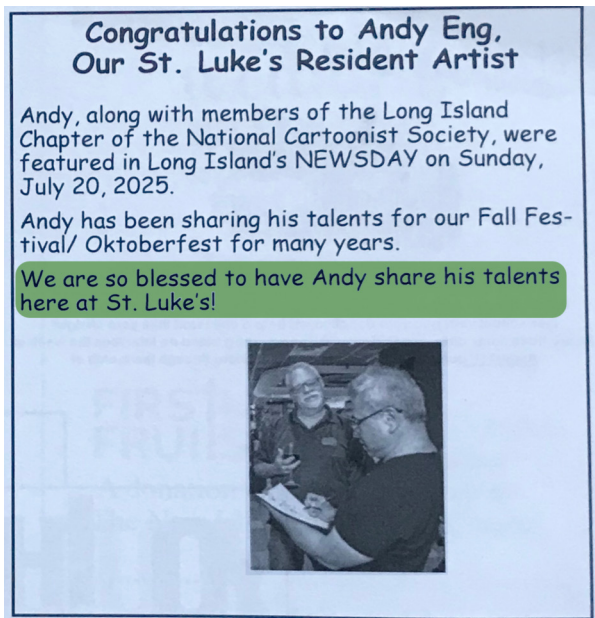
Coffee, Tea, Wine, and Beer will also be served.

The cost: Adults \$45.00, Children under 16 \$30.00.

RESERVATIONS are necessary. Checks may be made out to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Please list German Luncheon in the memo. Cash is also accepted. Please drop off your reservations by Thursday, October 30th, to the church office.

Any questions contact Irene Bossert or Doreen Andersen. We sure hope you'll attend this special St. Luke's celebration.

115th Anniversary Presentation-Do you have photos, memorabilia that you would like to share with others. Please drop these items off to the church office by Thursday, October 9th. Be sure to include your name and if need be what the photos etc represent. All items will receive great care and returned.



Andy says he is blessed to have St. Lukes!!

HELP FOR THE HUNGRY

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."
MATTHEW 25:35

One in five children on Long Island faces food insecurity. You can help. Next time you shop, consider adding something extra to your cart.

food donations can be dropped off at the church undercroft or at the PAC. Cash donations and checks made out to **Lutheran Family and Community Services** are also accepted

Some suggested items: 'cereal, pancake mix, maple syrup, juice, peanut butter, jelly/jam, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables, dried pasta, canned spaghetti and ravioli.



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025
www.stlukesfarmingdale.org

The Rev. Edward G. Barnett, Pastor
The Rev. Rodney L. Eberhardt, S.T.S., Pastor Emeritus

A Message from Pastor Barnett



Amidst the constant flux of our society, the Christian Church often appears somewhat uncertain or divided. While it's difficult to pinpoint exactly when this began, I believe it started in the early to mid-20th century. A subtle—sometimes overt—message from the wider culture encouraged churches to adopt societal values and political stances. The idea was that aligning with popular culture would foster growth and attract more members, much like corporations of that era worked to expand their market share. As a result, today's religious landscape offers diverse options for individuals, often reflecting their specific cultural and political preferences.

Standing at the heart of our community is St. Luke's Church. Throughout the years, we've remained a local, family-oriented church dedicated to serving our neighbors. We embrace a "broad church" approach, welcoming people from all walks of life. While there is a strong sense of continuity in who we are, both Farmingdale and St. Luke's have evolved over time. Even if you've been part of this congregation for many years, you too have experienced change. It's an inherent part of God's design for us—to grow, adapt, and walk forward together.

What has NOT changed is St. Luke's fundamental commitment to be that local TRADITIONAL church. By that I mean that we emphasize the continuity of core doctrines, liturgical practices, and historical roots that have shaped the faith over centuries. This deep connection to tradition provides us a sense of stability, reverence, and identity.

Many may believe they're searching for a quick spiritual fix or something to fulfill their spiritual sweet tooth, but what they genuinely seek is what the church has always provided: the true God revealed in Jesus Christ, who sends the Holy Spirit to build a genuine community of real people. Authentic people—sinners in need of Jesus's grace—coming together in flesh and blood. This is a true community rooted in reality, not a virtual illusion or a superficial facade.

This is the legacy of St. Luke's. I want to build more on this attribute. I hope you do too.

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." Isaiah 40:8

Pr Ed Barnett



This summer Pastor Baarnett presided over a number of Weddings and Baptisms. As you can see in this picture, he had his hands full.



Want to keep your thoughtful giving, reduce paper and eliminate some check writing each week or month? Using the VENMO App is an easy way to forward your weekly/monthly giving donations directly from your designated checking account electronically to our church account. Just go into the App store on your cell phone, download VENMO, search and accept St. Lukes as your recipient (you will note our church steeple in the bubble).

THE VOICE - via email: We are hoping to get more families to sign up to receive the newsletter via email. Not only do you receive it before those who get it in the mail, you get it in color and you are also saving the church money. Every penny saved helps. Please send your email to secretary@stlukesfarmingdale.org, call the church office or drop a note in the offering plate. DEADLINE FOR NEXT VOICE: The Voice is printed approximately every two months. The next issue will go out in November. If you have something to contribute please send your article and pictures, via email, to cheryllparisi@gmail.com or get in touch with Carol Manganaro at camsev@aol.com.



Here is the YouTube link to the St. Luke's Prime Timers video comprised of their pictures and clips to their trip to Woodloch earlier this year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak9aX1EwTAI>

JOIN THIS YEARS FUN AT WOODLOCH PINES

ANUARY 26 TO JANUARY 30, 2026

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW

YOUR DEPOSIT OF \$100 IS NEEDED BY SEPTEMBER 4TH

This trip is open to all St. Luke's members, family and friends. Everyone who attended in the past had a wonderful time. There are numerous daily activities for all ages. There is entertainment, cooking classes, an escape room adventure, an exercise room, sports, games, swimming in a beautiful indoor pool, tubing, and of course fabulous food (3 meals a day). The room prices below include all meals, activities and gratuities. Fill out the form below and include your deposit of \$100. Make your check payable to St. Luke's IPrime Timers. Bus transportation is provided. Cost to be determined.

Rooms in Greenbrier - Main Building - 2 queen beds, 1 bathroom

\$678 per person double occupancy

\$544 per person triple occupancy

\$812 per person single occupancy

Rooms in Springbrook - 2 queen beds, 2 bathrooms

\$698 per person double occupancy

\$560 per person triple occupancy

\$836 per person single occupancy

Include this form with your \$100 deposit per person by 9/4/25.

Make checks payable to St. Luke's Prime Timers.

Name _____ Cell Phone # _____

Address _____

Rooming With _____

Check room type and circle number of people in the room

_____ Double or Single in Greenbrier (Main Building)

_____ Double or Single in Springbrook

Call Irene Bossert at 516-293-9290 or text her at 516-382-6082.

Mail to: Irene Bossert, 349 N. Boston Avenue, Massapequa, NY 11758

TENTATIVE PRIME TIMERS FALL SCHEDULE

The Prime Timers meet weekly on Wednesday. Exercise is at 10:30 and the meeting and program starts at noon. Come out and join the fun. Coffee and cake is always served.

September 10 - Ice cream Sundaes and Game Day - Left-right-center

September 17 - The Amazing Life story of Ruth Kollar (100 years old)

September 24 - Visit to the Republic Airport Air Museum

October 1 - Bingo

October 8 - Flower Arranging with Brit and Peg

October 15 - Music with Ben and Bob

October 22 - Ruth Betz will explain changes in Income Tax Laws

October 29 - Halloween Party - Sandwiches and Salads served

November 5 - Crazy Tee Shirt Day

November 12 - Americana Day

November 19 - Sample Pies and talk about Thanksgiving Traditions

November 26 - No Meeting - Thanksgiving Eve

December 3 - Concert by the Long Island Winds Ensemble

December 10 - Cookie Exchange

December 17 - Christmas Luncheon

December 24 - No Meeting - Christmas Eve

December 31 - New Years Eve - No Meeting



A Message of Thanks from Bishop Eberhardt

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation of St. Luke's for the generous and kind gift of a cope on the occasion of my consecration as bishop of the Southern Diocese of the Lutheran Church International. It is a reflection of your continued appreciation for my years of ministry among you and our close bond in the love of Christ! I will use it in my ministry as Bishop reminded always of our bond in Christ.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the near future. Blessings and peace be with you as you continue your ministry for the sake of the gospel.

Yours In Gratitude, Bishop Eberhardt



Holy Land Solidarity & Accompaniment Pilgrimage

Join New York Christian Churches led by
on an 11 Day Solidarity & Accompaniment in the Holy Land



Rev. Khader Khalilia



Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner



Rev. Amaanda Hambrick Ashcraft

Duration - 11 Days Languages - English Denominational None Denominational Protestant Tours
FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 05, 2026
All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card - \$4,290.00
Adults Over 18+
For Information Contact:

Email info@goodshepherdtravel.com Website <https://goodshepherdtravel.com> Phone 1-844-659-5263

11 Day Itinerary:

Day 1: Departure from USA - Depart for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Meals will be served on board.
Day 2: Arrival Hotel Transfer
Arrive at Tel Aviv Airport meet your guide at the Airport, and drive to your Hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight in Tiberius. (B, L, D)
Day 3: Nazareth/ Cana/Mount Tabor
Start our visit to the Church of Annunciation and Cana of Galilee, with the opportunity to renew marriage vows. A visit to Mt. Tabor, the Mt of Transfiguration follows. Dinner and overnight in Tiberius. (B, L, D)
Day 4: Sea of Galilee
On a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, we will celebrate Holy Communion. We will visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the church of Multiplications of Fish & Loaves, Capernaum. Dinner and overnight in Tiberius. (B, L, D)
Day 5: Haifa/ Caesarea
Depart the Galilee area via the coastal plains, visit Meggido, then drive to Stella Marris at Mount Carmel to visit the church of Prophet Elijah, after lunch, we continue south to visit Caesarea Maritima, and from there we continue our way to Jerusalem. Continue to Bethlehem through Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, D)
Day 6: Shepherd's Field/ Bethlehem
Start the day with worship with the local Christian congregation. Visit the shepherd's field, the church of Nativity, the old city of Bethlehem, and Mount Herodian. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, D)
Day 7: the Dead Sea area
Full-day tour in the Dead Sea area, River Jordan, Qumran, and float in the Dead Sea, view the Good Samaritan Inn, St. George in the Judean Wilderness. Visit the old city of Jericho Elisha Spring and view Mount Temptation Monastery. Chance to meet with the ELCA YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission). Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, D)
Day 8: Bethlehem, Christian School
Today we will visit the local Christian school. In the afternoon we will visit the Tent of Nations, have lunch, and chance to plant trees. Visit the Walled off hotel, and walk by the Bethlehem Refugee Camp. Optional dinner with local Christian families or dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, D)
Day 9: Mount of Olives/ Mount Zion
Start our day visiting Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Lutheran World Federation on top of Mount of Olives, Walk the Palm Sunday Path, the church of Gethsemane, and the Kedron Valley. Visit the last Supper room, Mount Zion, Saint Peter in Gallicantu, and the Shrine of the Book & Model of Jerusalem time of Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem (B, L, D)

Day 10: Old City of Jerusalem
Visit the Wailing Wall, Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock & Al Aqsa Mosque, then visit the church of St. Anne and Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, and Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We will meet with Christian leaders. We will enjoy some free time in Jerusalem. Dinner at a Tent restaurant and enjoy traditional Palestinian folklore music and dance, overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, D)
Day 11: Departure
After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for our flight home or take the optional extension to Jordan. (B)
POST TOUR
OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION: March 05 – 08, 2026 PACKAGE PRICE: \$990
DAY 11 > DEPARTURE FOR JORDAN
Check out of our hotel and depart for Jordan. Cross the border at Allenby Bridge. Meet the guide and driver and transfer to Wadi Rum. Enjoy a 4 x 4 Jeep ride at Wadi Rum. Dinner and overnight in Wadi Rum (L, D)
DAY 12 > WADI RUM, PETRA
Transfer for a full-day tour of Petra. Transfer to Amman. Dinner and overnight in Amman (B, L, D)
DAY 13 > AMMAN
Madaba, Mt. Nebo. Amman city tour. Dinner and overnight in Amman (B, L, D)
DAY 14 > DEPARTURE
Depart for airport for our flight home, we will arrive back in the USA the same day.
Included/Excluded
Package price includes the following:
Round Trip Airline Ticket
Meet and Assist at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrivals and departures
Three nights' accommodation in Tiberius in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner
Six night's accommodation in Bethlehem in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner
Ten days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus
English Speaking government licensed Christian Guide.
All entrance fees to places of interests
Special dinner at a traditional local restaurant with folklore show
Lunches
Tips for hotels
Soft drinks
All Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Tips for Guide, Driver
All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card
More options
• Single Room (Private) \$990.00
• OPTIONAL POST-TOUR: Extension to JORDAN March 05 - 08 \$990.00



We are excited to kick off the 2025-2026 Sunday School year! Classes will begin at 10 am on Sunday, September 14th, and we look forward to seeing both new and returning students. This year will be filled with faith, fellowship and fun. Children can look forward to the return of favorite traditions such as pumpkin carving and Pretzel Sunday, along with some exciting new activities we can't wait to share.

We can't wait to learn, laugh, and grow together in God's love. See you on the 14th for a year full of fun and faith!

President's Message

Fall is here and life's pace picks up after the quieter days of summer. Here too at St Luke's many activities resume or pick up speed as we move forward thru 2025 and beyond.

We are always in need of volunteers for the many ministries here so please check the bulletin and reach out to us if you can help in anyway. Currently we need volunteers for coffee hour each Sunday after service and Altar Guild is looking for new members.

Come join us at Rally Day, bring your ideas for new ways for our ministries to grow in spreading God's word and for St Luke's to transform these words into action.

"But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my work" James 2:18



St. Luke's ECEC Summer Camp Fun 2025

This summer our kids had a ball! The weather cooperated so well, that we did not have one missed pool day! Whether it was gymnastics or creative art class or the pool, all children had great fun while learning. This is the optimal way for children to learn.

Kids and parents alike had a great time at our annual show, which had an aquatic theme this year, called the SS St. Luke's. Counselors were deckhands and the children played different parts including the pirates shown in the photo. Annaliese Perfetti and her mom Allison, headed up the design team for the excellent show, which included realistic looking jelly fish hung by the basketball hoops.

As usual, the pool was the center of activity this summer. Children get to swim twice a day, with lessons in the morning and free swim in the afternoon. The photo shown was from the annual lifeguard races in which kids cheer on their favorites and generally have a great time.



FALL 2025 SCHEDULE

This committee was developed to offer entertaining and educational events for all ages. Please join in and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

September 14 - Sunday - RALLY DAY - Join us for a free lunch and investigate opportunities to serve your church.

Our congregation is celebrating its 115th anniversary. The luncheon will be immediately after the 10AM service. There will be door prizes and activities for young children.

September 22 - Monday evening from 7:30 to 9PM - ESTATE PLANNING AND ASSET PROTECTION SEMINAR - Whatever our age, all adults should learn about laws regarding wills, avoiding probate. power of attorney, and trusts. Bill Carman, a local attorney for over 29 years specializing in Elder Care and Estates is the presenter. Beverages and dessert will be served.

November 1- Saturday 10AM - TRUNK or TREAT - We will need trunks from our members. Great fun for the kids and a last chance for them to enjoy wearing their costumes. Beverages and crafts available in the PAC.

November 9 - Sunday at 2PM in the PAC- German Luncheon in honor of our 115th history. Memorabilia will be shared. There will be a three course dinner with wine and beer. Look for more information in the Voice and Sunday Bulletins.

November 14 - Friday from 7:30 to 10 PM in the PAC. COUNTRY LINE DANCE JAMBOREE - This is an event for the whole family - Apple cider, donuts and seasonal country treats will be served Our instructor will teach us some fun dances.

November 23 - Sunday 2PM - Star Playhouse Musical - A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER - The theater is in Commack and car pools will be arranged.

December 6 - Saturday from 4 to 6 in the PAC - Our FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY AND TREE LIGHTING. This is St. Nick's Day so there will be activities for all ages. Seasonal FUN

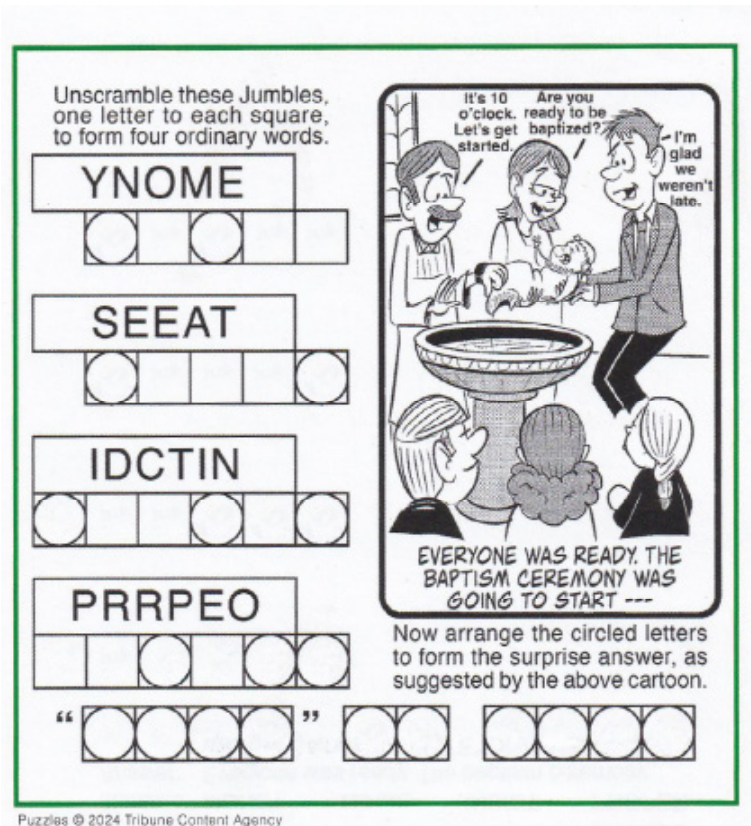
ARE YOU PREPARED?
HAVE YOU PROTECTED YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR ASSETS?

Make Plans to Attend the
ESTATE PLANNING & ASSET PROTECTION SEMINAR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 from 7:30 to 9PM
In the Parish Activities Center

You are never too young or too old to make plans for the future and make sure you are doing your best to protect your assets and make the right decisions. Whether you are working, planning to retire or are retired, learn about wills, trusts, power of attorney, avoiding probate and how the laws could affect you. Gain knowledge you can share with loved ones who are not prepared. Bill Carman, a local attorney for 29 years specializing in Elder Care and Estates is the speaker.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE SEMINAR
COFFEE and CAKE WILL BE SERVED
RSVP to the church office at 516-249-1220 or Irene Bossert at 516-293-9290





As this summer nears an end we would like to say, "Thank you," to all who donated food and school supplies. With your kindness over ONE TON of food was delivered, along with \$2,000.00 in cash donations! SIX hundred thirty school items along with 16 backpacks were donated. Many children, thanks to your caring and kindness returned to school with smiles on their faces knowing they would have essential school items to begin the year!



it's fall clean up time! Take a look around your attic, basement and closets. Is there "stuff" you no longer want or need? Bring your treasures and books to the Fellowship Hall stage on Sunday, September 21st and/or Sunday, September 28th from 8:30am to 12:00. Please make sure all items are clean and in working order. Remember OKTOBERFEST is Saturday, October 4th from 10:00 to 4:00.

St. Luke's at St. Johnland

On August 5th our dear friend Marge Manzo who resides at St. Johnland in Kings Park was visited and provided with some musical entertainment by The Ballads & Blues duo ~ Bob Baumann and Ben Claase from St. Lukes. The musical event was noted as a success putting smiles on peoples faces and encouraging folks to sing along with several of the ballads. Music included songs from Louis Armstrong, Elvis Presley to John Denver and John Prine and many others.

Bob and Ben have been visiting and playing at different nursing homes and seniors centers spreading the joy of music. In addition to her son Andrew, she was surprised by a few additional visitors of St. Luke's Irmgard Agne, Anita Godfrey and Hilda Carman. When you have a chance, go and pay her a visit, she loves seeing her St. Lukes friends.

Sincerely Ben C. & Bob B.



Ben and Bob at St. Luke's PAC Center.