November 28, 2021 Advent 1

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, to Christians from every tradition, and to people new to the faith.

Welcome to you who have no church home, or who want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not know for sure what you believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

We welcome your questions and your beliefs

Welcome to Lebanon All are welcome in this place

Readings for today: Advent 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36. Readings for next week; Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6. Try reading these ahead at home and see if you can find what holds them together. We need a volunteer reader for Sundays.

Did you know

.....that you can always watch recent worship services on our website, and find the Yellow Pages for each week there too? www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

Worship on the Web - Sundays at 10:15am

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates when then occur.

Hand sanitizer is located at several stations. Please leave 6' distance between you and others that are not in your family. We ask that you kindly wear a mask whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Please email Pastor Ogden or Kathy Keller (Kellerk2@msu.edu) for the link

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

It is an important part of our ministry to be constantly praying for one another. We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality.

<u>Prayers for those who are homebound:</u> <u>Our Minister</u>

Helen Bartlett, at home Mary Bernhardt, at Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell) Marlene Holmstrom, at home Elaine Liska, at White Lake Assisted Living - Whitehall Ruth Nurmi, with health concerns Nancy Peterson, at Heartland, Room #405 B Bernie Weidner, at Sanctuary of the Oaks. (Danielle Jacobs) Marty Windbacher, at home

Special Prayer Concerns:

Steve Albert, with health concerns

- Tracey Allen, (Roger Silk's cousin) diagnosed with terminal brain cancer
- Jennifer Snowden Bossi, 34, (Ardy Bulthouse's granddaughter) diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Dan Girvan, with health issues

Cora Hendrick, (Curt Crouch's mother) diagnosed with cancer

Paul Honoré, recently diagnosed with cancer

Karecce Johnson, recuperating after surgery on his wrist.

Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering slowly, able to walk and take commands. Remains non -verbal.

Donna Knoth, with heart issues.

Jeff Knoth, recently diagnosed with cancer

- Amy Jean Knorr, (Brian Holmblades aunt in Tucson) turning 105 years old on November 28.
- Lara MacGregor, Cancer is aggressive, progressing and life threatening.

Mary, (Meg Eatons mother) with health concerns after a fall.

Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).

Shirley, (friend of Barb Aardema) recently diagnosed with cancer.

Tammy, (daughter of Wietse and Melanie Schaafsma) with brain cancer & diabetic. At home,

Jen, (Tammy's sister) suffered aneurysm, at home.

Lora Swenson, with health concerns

Darlene Willbrandt, undergoing chemo and radiation for oral cancer

Our hearts grieve with **Monica Ogden** and family on the death of her sister Claudia in Tennessee. Pastor Ogden will be gone 11/22—12/2

For our partners in faith, our companion synods in Salud para la Vida in San Pedro Sula, Honduras for their mission and ministry in their place as we fulfill our mission in our place; for all the churches of the Lutheran World Federation, for people of the gospel throughout the world

Each week we pray for one of our members or families. This week we pray for : Bernie Weidner

Congregation Prayers for December: Rick and Stephanie Hein; Philip Lombard, Rob Markewicz

Praying for Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA and **Craig New:** Satterlee, Bishop of the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod. Salem Lutheran, Flint and Pastor Monica Villareal.

As Jesus calls us to be one even as he and the Father are one, please remember these leaders, and judicatories in prayer on Sunday mornings. – Today we pray for: Trinity Lutheran Church / Kalamazoo; Rev. Ken Johnson and Rev. Jacob Lehman. Next week we pray for: Bethany Lutheran Church / Kaleva; Rev. Zachary Nelson and North/West Lower Michigan Deans, Rev. Gary Bunge, Rev. Julia Schneider-Thomas, Rev. Joan Oleson, Rev. Emily Olsen, Rev. Chrisy Bright, Rev. Scott Torkko, Rev. Sarah Samuelson.

Due to the increase in the Covid 19 Delta variant, masks are required to be worn correctly over nose and mouth when in the church building.

Masks are available at the church entrances should you forget yours. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our visitors and congregation safe.

Last Week at Lebanon

| Budget | 2,200.00 |
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| Non-Budget | 475.00 |
| In & Outs | 16.00 |
| Total Deposit | 2,691.00 |
| 2020 Budget | 183,353.00 |
| Budgeted giving needed through October (82.3%) | 150,899.52 |
| Actual budget giving through October | |
| Fund of the Month / NovemberFaith Formation | |

Food Pantry: 11/24 - 64 families and 136 individuals.

NOTE: NEW PANTRY HOURS ARE 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DONATE RIGHT FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Giving through our Vanco Mobile app is an easy and convenient way to donate to our church. It only takes a moment to set up and account:

- 1. Download the free Vanco Mobile app from the App store or Google Play.
- 2. Find our Church by searching for our Church name: Lebanon Lutheran Church
- 3. Donate: to the General Fund

Thank you for your generosity!



Pastor Ogden will be out of the office until December 2nd as he travels to Tennessee.

Take home - Prayer Ventures November/ December 2021

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

28 *First Sunday of Advent* Pray that we will not live in fear of the future but will anticipate with hope, joy and gratitude the day when we will be welcomed into the kingdom of God because of what Jesus has done for us out of pure grace and mercy.

29 Give thanks for the church's Mission Support network, through which our 65 synods and 8,900 congregations pool resources to love and serve the neighbor as no individual or congregation could alone.

30 Give thanks and praise to God for knitting us together as siblings in Christ, so that we might encourage and strengthen each other's faith, exchange care and support in times of need, and share our gifts, passions and wisdom to do God's good work in the world.

1 World AIDS Day Join in prayer with our siblings around the world to remember all in our communities who have been and continue to be affected by HIV and AIDS. Pledge to God that we will work together to raise awareness and recommit ourselves and the church to a faithful and dedicated response.

2 Give thanks for Advent wreaths and other faith traditions that remember and celebrate God's dwelling among us in Jesus, God's gift of eternal life, and Jesus' enduring presence and light in the world and within us.

3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities Pray that we will grow stronger and more aware in our church's commitment to seek full inclusion and equitable participation of all people within the life of society and the church, embracing the whole person — abilities, questions, life experiences, complexities and all.

4 "Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation" (Psalm 25:5). Pray that God will be patient with us as we strive to be faithful followers and students of Christ; ask the Spirit to stir our hunger for understanding the word of God and reveal its implications for our daily lives.



First Sunday in Advent



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