

December 19, 2021  
Advent 3

**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: *Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]. Readings for next week; Samuel 2:18-20,26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52. Try reading these ahead at home and see if you can find what holds them together. We need a volunteer reader for Sundays.*

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*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](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com)

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**Worship on the Web - Sundays at 10:15am**

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

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**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.**

**It is cold, flu and COVID season. Please DO NOT place your used tissue back into the box! Thank you!**

**Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.** Please email Pastor Ogden or Kathy Keller ( Kellerk2@msu.edu) for the link

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### **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.*

Prayers for those who are homebound:

Our Minister

**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.  
**Lucas Carlson**, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.  
**Diane**, (friend of Cheri Crouch) diagnosed with cancer.  
**Dan Girvan**, with health issues  
**Cora Hendrick**, (Curt Crouch's mother) diagnosed with cancer  
**Paul Honoré**, recently diagnosed with cancer  
**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).

**Irene Parks**, recuperating from heart valve replacement surgery, 12/16

**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.

**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 : Philip Lombard**

*Congregation Prayers for December: Rob Markewicz*

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**Praying for Elizabeth Eaton**, Presiding Bishop, ELCA and **Craig 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: **Ascension Lutheran Church/Kentwood; Father Michael Wernick.** *Next week we pray for: Advent Lutheran Church/Lake Ann; Rev. Timothy Jahn*

**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.**

This note was found in a canned goods donation recently.

A handwritten note is enclosed in a black rectangular border. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Donated in memory of Ubrren Tibbitts by a couple of friends that shared 'eating out times'. He is definitely missed." Below the text is a decorative flourish consisting of a horizontal line with a small vertical tick in the center.

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**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	4,486.00
Non-Budget.....	874.00
In & Outs.....	52.00
Total Deposit.....	5,412.00
2021 Budget	183,353.00
Budgeted giving needed through November (89.2%)	163,550.88
Actual budget giving through November	176,242.07
Fund of the Month / December .... Worship & Music	..... 100.00

**Food Pantry : 12/15 - 68 families and 152 individuals.**

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

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**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!*



## Take home - Prayer Ventures 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.*

**19** Rejoice in God our Savior, who shows us love and mercy and attends to the needs of people who are poor, hungry, ill, neglected or excluded by society. Pray that God will work through us, using our unique gifts and passions to respond to, serve and embrace our neighbors in need while respecting their dignity.

**20** *Katharina von Bora Luther (1499-1552)* Remember and give thanks for the witness, leadership and service of women who help strengthen our faith, share the gospel, grow and provide leadership for the church, deepen our understanding of Scripture, and serve neighbors in need around the world.

**21** *Winter solstice* As the days get shorter in our hemisphere, pray for people of all ages who suffer depression and loneliness, especially during the holiday season; pray that they will be comforted and uplifted by their faith and the knowledge that God is ever-present and sees our suffering, loneliness and despair; and ask the Spirit to help us be attentive, caring and empathetic friends and siblings in Christ for one another.

**22** Pray that God will hear and attend to our every prayer — spoken or silent, individual or communal — and that God will restore us, strengthen our faith, guide our lives and help us respond to perplexing problems in our communities and the world.

**23** Let our prayers echo Mary's song of praise for God's power, presence and life-giving activity in the world, and for looking upon humanity with undeserved love and mercy and blessing us with the promised messiah, Jesus Christ.

**24** *Christmas Eve* What an awesome gift has been given to us in the birth of a tiny, unassuming baby — the son of God, our true Savior and the redeemer of the world. "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14)!

**25** *Christmas Day* Sing and shout prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God for living among us in the person of Jesus to help us experience and understand the good news of God's saving grace, truth and amazing love for humankind and all creation. Again, we say, "Glory to God in the highest!"



### Christmas Eve Worship

6:30 pm and 11:00 pm.

Worship will be 1 hour . Masks are required to be worn and are available at several locations .



On December 10th, we packed and delivered 19 Christmas baskets to our homebound members.

Thank you to **Irene Parks, Mary Beekman, Barb Aardema, Deb Peabody, Donna Stacy, and Wayne Roesler** for your help and donations.

Thank you to **Scott and Kathy Keller and Barb Aardema** for their jam.

I couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks again,  
*Sue Roesler*



**Annual Reports** are due to the church office no later than January 15th.

Please make sure your reports are typed.

If you are head of committee, or group - please feel free to write a report of your 2021 activities!



No matter how you say it, we are so very thankful for all the donations the food pantry receives!

December donations for the food pantry have been a blessing! Ealy Elementary students supplied us with canned goods, Quilted Memories donated boxes of food items, and the White Lake Giving Tree donated their surplus baby foods and perishable items from their Christmas boxes.

We live in a wonderful and caring community! Thank each and every one of you!



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