

December 26, 2021

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.*

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.

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

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.
Tom Doran, (Margaret Everling's uncle) with health concerns
Diane, (friend of Cheri Crouch) diagnosed with cancer.
Dan Girvan, with health issues
Cora Hendrick, (Curt Crouch's mother) diagnosed with cancer
Terri Hissong, (Margaret Everling's sister) health concerns
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.

Harry and Yolanta Swiatek, home recuperating from surgery complications
- prayers for continued healing.

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 : Rob Markewicz

Congregation Prayers for January 2022: Ted & Sharon Gribas, Bill & Ruth Baxter, Sharon Harris; Doug & Barb Aardema; Mary Bernhardt.



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: **Advent Lutheran Church/Lake Ann; Rev. Timothy Jahn**
Next week we pray for: St. John Lutheran Church / Lake City; Rev. Russell Logston, UMC.

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.....	2,533.55
Non-Budget.....	2,204.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,737.55
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 / DecemberWorship & Music185.00

Food Pantry : 12/22– 52 families and 120 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!



Take home - Prayer Ventures December 2021 / January 2022

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.

26 Pray that our life together in the church and as siblings in Christ will help us mature in faith, understand God's word and ways, face the challenges of daily life, serve our neighbor and be confident in inviting others to believe and have faith in Jesus.

27 Kwanzaa begins this week. Give thanks to God for the richness and significance of the traditions, cultures, values, stories, faith and leadership of our siblings of African descent.

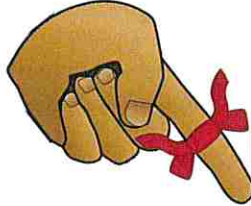
28 Let us join earth and the heavens in praising God, from whom all things are brought into being and imbued with life and purpose.

29 Pray that our lives will shine brightly with the love and mercy God has shown us, so that we are clear witnesses to the gospel and bold and unconstrained in serving our neighbors in need who yearn for hope, relief and good news.

30 In a world where anger, vengeance, division, impatience and self-interest are all too familiar, pray that we embrace together the freedom, new self and purpose that we have received in baptism, so that we, too, will take to heart the words of encouragement Paul wrote to the Christians in Colossae: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love" (Colossians 3:12-14).

31 *New Year's Eve* Give thanks that we are new creations in Jesus Christ and that we can begin each day of every year with hope, renewed faith and restored vision for the work that God calls us to do in the world.

1 *New Year's Day* Ask God to ground our aspirational resolutions and ventures in the promise that, through Christ, we will live in grace and freedom, knowing we are not alone in our endeavors.



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!





Lebanon Lutheran Church

1101 S. Mears Avenue
Whitehall, MI 49461
(231) 893-5745
Rev. Douglas M. Ogden

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com
#llesignsofgrace