#### January 2, 2022 Christmas 2

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: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1: [1-9] 10-18. Readings for next week; Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. 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 <u>DO NOT</u> 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.

New.

**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: Ted & Sharon Gribas,

Congregation Prayers for January 2022: 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.—To-day we pray for: Next week we pray for:

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	3,013.31
Non-Budget	215.80
In & Outs	168.55
Total Deposit	3,397.66
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 & Mu	usic235.00
Fund of the Month / January150th Anniversary	

Food Pantry: 12/29 - 50 families and 116 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

We have had individuals tell us they are having issues using the app. The customer support number is: 888-237-7850 (7:30 am—6pm CT) or email them at: cs@vancopayments.com

Thank you for your generosity!

# Take home - Prayer Ventures 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.

- 2 Give thanks that, through Jesus Christ, we perceive God's grace, truth, creative might and will for humankind.
- 3 Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month Throughout this month, pray for those victimized by human trafficking, which disproportionately affects women and girls. Pray for an end to this global tragedy, and pray that all who suffer its abuse, injustice and oppression will find freedom, healing, support and safety, especially in our communities of faith.
- 4 Ask God to bless the studies, service and travel of college and university students involved in "J-Term" experiences. Pray that they will grow in faith, wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the world, and that their experiences will inspire their vocational discernment.
- **5** Praise God for attending to the needs of humanity through us, utilizing our diverse gifts and generosity to serve our neighbors in need, everywhere.
- 6 Ask the Spirit to make us bright lights in our communities and world, sharing the good news of healing and hope in Jesus Christ and demonstrating God's unbiased love through our actions, words and influence.
- 7 Thank and praise God for restoring our relationships as children of God, so that we can live with faith, hope and freedom as new creations and siblings in Christ.
- 8 After a two-year pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program is getting ready to send volunteers out into the world again. Pray that the Spirit will guide the prayerful reflection of young adults as they discern how to respond to God's call to service and ministry with our global companions and churches.





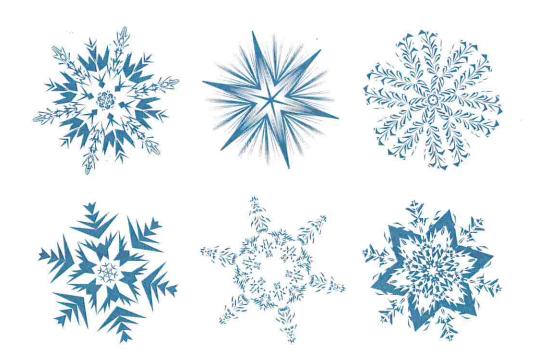
# Thank You

Thank you for the Christmas Basket. Everything was really good. I enjoyed it all!

Bernie Weidner

Thank you for the basket of Christmas goodies. It was all delicious & much appreciated.

Margaret Everling





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!





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