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AND TO THE WORLD

THE LIGHT



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**"We are baptized members of God's
Church, forgiven and set free by grace
through faith.**

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This is your official invitation to Lebanon's 150th anniversary events.

Lebanon was founded on Pentecost Sunday, 1872 by Scandinavian Lutherans, eventually becoming members of the Augustana Synod.

Plan on worship Sunday June 5, 2022 with Bishop Craig Satterlee presiding. Of course we want as many people as possible to be involved in worship, so save the date! The choir is preparing a special anthem, and we will dedicate the 150 personal care kits we've made for Samaritas' New Americans and Foster Care children.

There will be a dinner to follow for members and our regular worship attenders. Weather permitting, it will be outdoors. Menu is barbecued pork, salads and Ryke's cake.

A cookbook/Photo-book is in the works with Lebanon's significant recipes, the ones we love to use at events, and the historic poem has been updated. Pages appear in the Friday emails and on our Facebook page.

We celebrated this winter with a day at Muskegon Luge adventure Park and another at Country Dairy sleigh ride. It looks like those will become new annual traditions.

Most importantly we celebrate by acknowledging the word's need for a voice of grace - love, acceptance, encouragement. We are that voice.

See you Sunday

Pastor Ogden

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**Armed Forces Day
May 21, 2022**



May 30, 2022



May 2022
Fund of the Month
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Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

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www.samaritas.org

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www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide_prevention

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The Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) young people.

Did you know?

May 1 - May Day

May 1 - Mother Goose Day

May 4 - Star Wars Day

May 4 - Bike to School Day

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 6 - Military Spouses Day

May 6 - National Nurses Day

May 7 - Kentucky Derby Day

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 14 - Dance like a chicken day

May 15 - National Chocolate Chip Day

May 18 - International Museum Day

May 21 - Armed Forces Day

May 24 - International Tiara Day

May 28 - Amnesty International Day

May 30 - Memorial Day

Prayer Concerns

It is an important part of our ministry to be praying constantly for one another. *We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality.* This month in your prayers, please remember:
Prayer Concerns and Announcements



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.
Cora Hendrick, (Curt Crouch's mother) diagnosed with cancer
Terri Hissong, (Margaret Everling's sister) health concerns
Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering slowly, able to walk and take commands. Remains non-verbal.
Clare Kierston, (Darlene Willbrandt's friend), recuperating from surgery.
Donna Knoth, with heart issues.
Jeff Knoth, recently diagnosed with cancer
Amy Jean Knorr, (Brian Holmblades aunt in Tucson) turned 105 years old on November 28.
Mary, (Meg Eatons mother) with health concerns.
Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).
Shirley, (friend of Barb Aardema) facing stem cell transplant in April.
Tammy, (daughter of Wietse and Melanie Schaafsma) with brain cancer & diabetic. At home.
Jen, (Tammy's sister) suffered aneurysm, at home.
Jon Stark (Erin Lewallen's brother-in-law), non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Jan Troeger, (Cindy Albert's sister), suffered a stroke.

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



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Our Need for Good Friday

"Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline," the document that establishes our church body's necessary guidelines for our conduct, actions, and ways in which we communicate with one another, was recently revised to include members of congregations, in addition to rostered ministers and congregations. You can read the document here: <https://bit.ly/38CqFQy>

The grounds for discipline of members of congregations seem obvious. They include persistent and public denial of the Christian faith; willful and/or criminal conduct grossly unbecoming of a member of the church; continual and intentional interference with the ministry of the congregation; and willful and repeated harassment, abuse, bullying, libel, or slander of another member(s) of the congregation, including rostered ministers (pastors and deacons) and staff.

It is a fact of human life, including life in the church, that we do not make rules until rules are needed. In other words, this document was expanded to include members of congregations because the kinds of behavior that are grounds for discipline are occurring in our church. Though the church is certainly a gathering of sinners, it is not a place where we sin free of accountability and consequence.

I share this for two reasons. First, we are currently experiencing a great deal of conflict in the congregations of our synod. We all need a reminder of the promise we make when a pastor or deacon is installed: "In all things, to strive to live together in the peace and harmony of Christ." We all need to pause and recognize that there is hurt, brokenness, accountability, and consequences when we do not.

Second, we receive this newsletter on Good Friday. We all need to contemplate how much even Christ's Church needs Jesus to save us and to raise us to new life. Whether we are emerging from the pandemic now or still waiting for that time to come, we will emerge having said and done things contrary to living together in the peace and harmony of Christ. Perhaps we can bring them to the cross this Good Friday, not to absolve ourselves and to move on, but so that we can confess our sins, seek forgiveness appropriately, amend our lives, and move on to new life together.

I am finding the Prayer of the Day for Ash Wednesday especially meaningful as I prepare to worship and preach on Good Friday:

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

I am also praying that, in our interactions, the church has the faith and courage to authentically and genuinely be Easter for itself and for the world.

Standing with you at the cross,
The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop



Worship Notes

Sunday, May 1, 2022 - Easter 3
Worship - 10:15am

Musician:

Readings

Color: White

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Today we pray for:
Jon & Danielle DeMumbrum
and Elara

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, May 8, 2022 - Easter 4 - Mother's Day
Worship - 10:15am

Color: White

Musician:

Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Today we pray for:
Kyle DeVries

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, May 15, 2022 - Easter 5
Worship - 10:15am

Color: White

Readings

Musician:

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Today we pray for:
Megan Crouch

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, May 22, 2022 - Easter 6
Worship - 10:15 am

Color: White

Readings

Musician:

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

Today we pray for:
Diane Eastman

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, May 29, 2022 - Easter 7
Worship—10:15 am

Color: White

Readings

Musician:

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Today we pray for:
Beth & Matt Stone and Jack

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

May



5/1 Darrel Otto	5/16 Andrew Hildebrandt
5/2 Eric Nelson	5/16 Barb Smith
5/3 Monica Ogden	5/18 Renae Silk
5/4 Jeremy Bernhardt	5/20 Dan Girvan
5/6 Ann Bloom	5/21 Mitchell Clark
5/6 Lauren Nelson	5/21 Minnie Estlund
5/7 Arin (Snell) Bowen	5/21 Juanita Holmblade
5/9 Kathleen Wiethoff	5/22 Phyllis Monte
5/10 Lauralee Kesteloot	5/25 Thomas Hildebrandt
5/10 Katie Shalifoe	5/28 Elaine Liska
5/11 Vicki Hinks	5/30 Art Plewka
5/12 Mary Wendell	5/31 Elaine Stevens
5/14 Don Nelson	
5/16 Megan Ahrenholz	



5/6/78
5/1995
5/30/87

John & Becky Wahr
Wietse & Melanie Schaafsma
Scott & Katherine Keller



Baptism Anniversaries



5/1 Elaine Skinner
5/2 Allie Ogden
5/4 Wendy Shalifoe
5/6 Ray Lathrop
5/6 Bernice Schuitema
5/7 Zoe Courneya
5/7 Krysten Hosticka
5/9 Bob Palmer
5/11 Todd Lamiman

5/12 Jay Otto
5/13 Brad Carlson
5/14 Jeannette Otto
5/15 Matthew Parman
5/16 Donna Knoth
5/19 Dakota King
5/19 Jim King
5/22 Nancy Dahl
5/29 Lisa Clark

5/30 Dean Roesler
5/31 Shawn Erwin
5/31 Taylor Hughes

Celebrate your baptism anniversary with a candle a meal or this prayer:

“Stir up within me the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and joy, on this day when I give thanks for my baptism in to Christ.”



Tire Collection Event
Sunday, May 8, 2022
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Lebanon Lutheran Church parking lot

Bring your old tires to be recycled - Limit 6



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