

TO BRING GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER
AND TO THE WORLD

**Lebanon
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church**

*A Congregation of the North/West Lower
Michigan Synod, of the ELCA
Craig Satterlee, Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop*

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Church, forgiven and set free by grace
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THE LIGHT



Pastor's Notes

June 2022

Sesquicentennial – that the name for a 150th anniversary celebration. Lebanon Lutheran was established in the Pentecost season, June , 1872. The original part of the current church building was constructed five years later. It became a member of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. Its first synod President was Tuve Hasselquist, and upon his death in 1891, congregations ere given large engravings of his portrait. Much to my surprise Lebanon still has that engraving. We have repaired and framed it, and it hangs in our narthex (fancy word for lobby).

This year – 2022 – we are a different congregation. The Swedish influence remains, but very few members keep an active Swedish identity. Sixty years ago the Swedish network of congregations joined the Lutheran Church in America (the LCA, formed in convention in Detroit in 1962) and cast its future with its American identity. In 1987 more Lutheran groups felt the urge to merge, and so 35 years ago formed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the ELCA, formed in Columbus, Ohio in 1987).

The way I describe the Swedish legacy on Lebanon in 2022 (besides its great smorgasbord) is:

1. Its priority to Global concerns
2. Its outward looking focus on serving its community
3. Its love of worship, music, liturgy, Bible and song
4. Its attentiveness to the wider church, Lutheran and otherwise
5. Its ability to be church, with reconciling skills despite disagreements, and hard issues,
6. Its support of Pastors, even when the Pastor was being difficult (it happens)

On Sunday June 5, Pentecost Sunday 2022 we celebrate, not the past, but we celebrate the future into which the past has brought us. We welcome Craig A Satterlee as our worship leader, Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, and will follow worship with a dinner, which weather permitting will be seated outside. Whitehall will hold its "Feet On The Street" beginning at 2 pm, a great time to greet people and to walk off the dinner. We have adopted the Marty Haugen song, "All Are Welcome" as our sesquicentennial theme song, whose lyrics you can read on the next page. Word of warning though, being welcoming is not the same as finding the lost, inviting in the neighbor, and seeking out our place in the world.

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We continue to be devoted to worship and music, continue to put our faith in God's graciousness, to be hopeful in good and hard times, to involve ourselves in our community, to have an arms-wide-open approach to the world, yet an eyes-wide-open awareness to its brokenness. The world needs a voice of hope, grace, reconciliation, and vision.

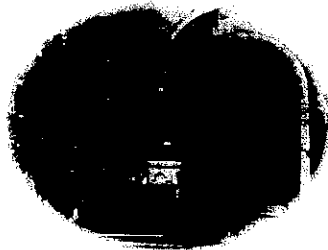
We are that voice.

Pastor Ogden

*Let us build a house Where love can dwell And all can safely live
A place where Saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

*Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*





June 2022
Fund of the Month
150th Anniversary



Celebrating
150
Years
1872 - 2022

Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

LivingLutheran.org.

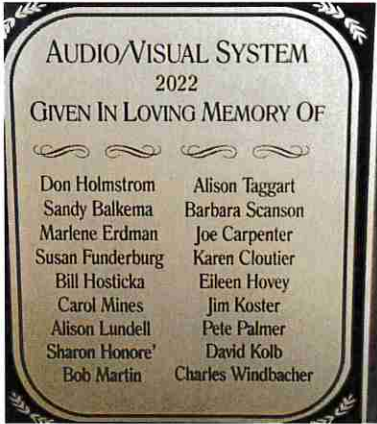
www.samaritas.org

Suicide Hotline 1-800-273TALK.org
www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide_prevention

Every Woman's Place 231-722-3333 or
www.everywomansplace.org

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.



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2022
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| Don Holmstrom | Alison Taggart |
| Sandy Balkema | Barbara Scanson |
| Marlene Erdman | Joe Carpenter |
| Susan Funderburg | Karen Cloutier |
| Bill Hosticka | Eileen Hovey |
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| Bob Martin | Charles Windbacher |

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The 150th Anniversary scrapbook committee will display scrapbooks filled with news clips and photo albums spanning more than the past 25 years along the entrance hall area during our June 5 celebration, and possibly into the next few weeks.

Take some time to peruse the books before worship or as you wait for the dinner to be served.

You'll likely see familiar faces and rekindle some memories!



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).

Hazel Palmer, under hospice care in Florida

Shirley, (friend of Barb Aardema) had stem cell replacement in early May and is working through the healing process

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.



Worship Notes

**Sunday, June 5, 2022 - Pentecost - 150th Anniversary Celebration -
Bishop Satterlee presides**

Worship - 10:15am

Musician: Aeden McCauley

Readings

Color: Red

Welcome Bishop Satterlee

**Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

**Today we pray for:
Franci Chamberlain**

Prayer of the Day

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, June 12 - The Holy Trinity

Color: White

Worship - 10:15am

Musician: Aeden McCauley

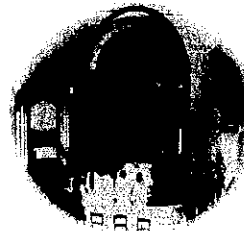
Readings

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15**

**Today we pray for:
Lora Swenson**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God; we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Sunday, June 19 - Pentecost 2 - Father's Day
Worship - 10:15am

Color: Green

Readings

Musician: Aeden McCauley
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Today we pray for:
Helen Bartlett

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday, June 26 - Pentecost 3
Worship - 10:15 am

Color: Green

Readings

Musician: Aeden McCauley
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Today we pray for:
Bev Statz

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



June



6/4 Megan Crouch	6/21 Jenny Lynn Girvan
6/6 Brianna Clark	6/22 William Hildebrandt
6/7 Brianne Roesler	6/23 Jenny Lynn Girvan
6/10 Ian Palmer	6/23 Christopher Lathrop
6/11 Katherine Keller	6/23 Thomas Swiatek
6/11 Ken Kolb	6/26 Lois Szczerbinski
6/12 Wayne Roesler	6/28 Sally Hollister Jackson
6/14 Mary Ellen Larson	6/28 Jim King
6/14 Peter Damm	6/29 Alaina Moreau Leo
6/15 Gina Holmblade Jenkins	6/30 Jeanette Otto
6/16 Virginia DeMumbrum	
6/16 Danielle Jacobs	



6/1/68 Wayne & Sue Roesler
6/6/15 Charles and Debra (Statz) Peabody
6/8/68 John & Irene Parks
6/16/73 Dan & Jenny Lynn Girvan
6/16/84 Brian and Kara Jaekel
6/20/92 Steve & Cindy Albert
6/22/74 Doug & Barb Aardema
6/23/90 Randy & Terri Fielstra
6/24/60 Darrel & Jeannette Otto
6/25/83 Doug & Monica Ogden
6/28/69 Ernie & Donna Stacy
6/29/85 Scott & Elaine Stevens

The Bishop's Newsletter will return next month!

Baptism Anniversaries

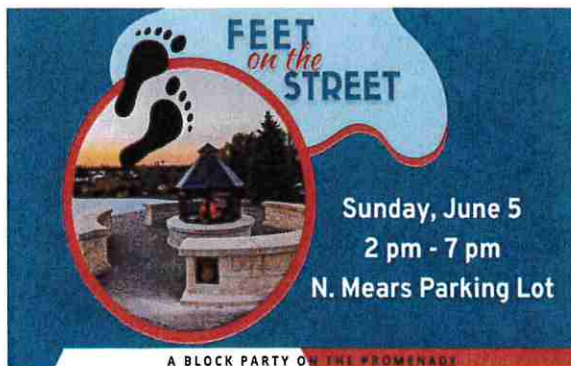


6/1 Eric Nessa	6/15 Darrin Roesler	6/26 Megan Aardema Ahrenholz
6/1 John Lundell	6/17 Nicholas Will	6/27 Ann Bloom
6/6 Doug Ogden	6/17 Daniel Civis	6/28 Lorey Montgomery
6/6 Steve Green	6/19 Catherine Shalifoe	
6/9 Brian Lathrop	6/19 Robin Civis	
6/10 Frank Hollister	6/21 Jon Honoré	
6/13 Rob Wahr	6/23 Andreas Holmblade	
6/14 Sharon Ackerman	6/24 Doyle Erickson Sr.	
6/14 Mallory Lothschutz		

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.”

After Lebanon’s 150th anniversary worship and lunch, how about a festival in town?”



Join us for Feet on the Street—A party on the promenade to kick off summer in the White Lake Area!

The people who make up the Montague and Whitehall area deserve a town party that the entire family can enjoy.

The White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Montague, and City of Whitehall are all partnering together to bring this family-friendly event to you.

Look forward to:

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Activities & Crafts (provided by local businesses & organizations)
- Montague vs. Whitehall Water Battles (with the help of the White Lake Fire Authority)
- And more! There will be something for all ages!

This will be held open-house style. Feel free to stop by any time between 2:00-7:00 pm, or stay for the whole time!

We can't wait to celebrate with all of you!

For questions or more information, contact the Chamber at 231.893.4585.

Check out our Facebook [event page here](#) for details on musicians, food trucks, and activities as they become available!



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Five ways to navigate market fluctuation



1. **Keep your long-term objectives and goals in mind.**

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2. **Don't react.**

Your first reaction to fluctuations may be to buy or sell immediately. Keep in mind that an apparent loss in your portfolio is only realized if you sell your holdings. If you're thinking about making changes to your portfolio because of market fluctuations, be sure to consult your financial professional first.



3. **Consider buying when the market is down.**

Yes, prices always could fall further, but if you're invested for the long haul, you may want to consider if this is a good time to add to your investment portfolio.



4. **Diversify.**

You've heard the old adage: Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Having a mix of investments can help during market fluctuations. Stocks and bonds seldom move in step with each other. Losses in one asset class may be offset by gains (or less severe losses) in the other. Diversifying your portfolio can't promise profit or guarantee protection against loss, but can help you over the long run.



5. **Seek expert guidance.**

If you're losing sleep at night and realize your risk tolerance has changed, talk with your financial professional. He or she can help you match your financial strategy to your priorities. Contact your Whitehall Thrivent Financial Advisors Marol Benz and Tony De Nicolo by calling 231-894-8886, texting 231-760-8246, or email whitehalloffice@thrivent.com to arrange for an appointment.

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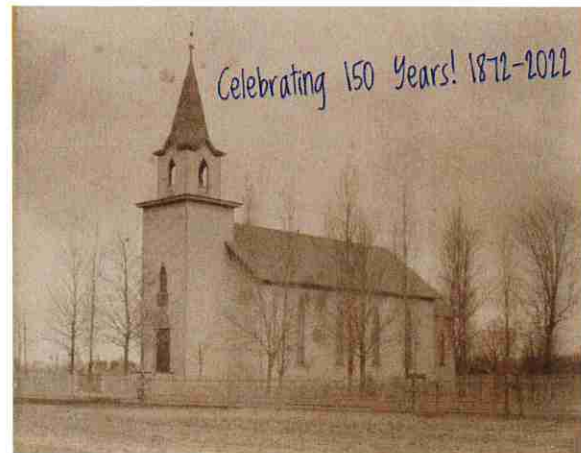
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