

**November 27, 2022  
Advent 1**

**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: **Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44.** *Readings for next week, December 4: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12. 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 & in person - Sundays at 10:15am**

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

**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)  
**Erma Hinze**, with health concerns  
**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:*

**Cindy Albert**, with health concerns  
**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  
**Donna Jacobs**, (Don Jacobs mother) with kidney and heart issues  
**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) turns 106 years old on November 28.  
**Judy Kurtz**, with health concerns  
**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) had stem cell replacement in early May and is working through the healing process

**Bob Palmatter** (Cindy Albert's brother), with breathing difficulties.

**Roger Silk**, with health issues.

Ron, (Friend of Doug Aardema), with health concerns.

**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

**Each week we pray for one of our members or families. This week we pray for : Eric and Mary Odmark**

*Congregation Prayers for December 2022: Don and Kim Nelson, Alaina And Megan Leo, Kristine Jordahl, Nicole and Chris Farrar*



**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: **St. John's Lutheran Church / Three Rivers; Rev. James Smith.** *Next week we pray for: Bethlehem Lutheran Church / Traverse City; Rev. Paul Busekist and local congregations and leaders.*

**Hand sanitizer is located at several stations as well as masks**

**As of 3/22, Masks in the church building are optional with the exception of the sanctuary balcony during worship.**

**Adult Forum at 9:00 am. Coffee will be on! Please join us each Sunday!**

**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	3,580.00
Non-Budget.....	530.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,110.00

2022 Budget	196,575.00
Actual budget giving through November 13	180,178.55
Amount needed to make budget	16,396.45

Fund of the Month / November - Faith Formation - 185.00

**Counters for November 2022: Cheri Crouch and Wietse Schaafsma**  
Counters for December : Terry Beekman and Brian Jaekel

**Food Pantry 11/23 - 86 families and 207 individuals**

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

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Lebanon Lutheran Church
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**Take home - Prayer Ventures November / December 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.*

**27** *First Sunday of Advent* We will not be disappointed in our confidence in God's love and forgiveness, our anticipation of Christ's return or our welcome in the kingdom of God. Praise God!

**28** Give thanks for the diverse work of the 28 ELCA missionaries accompanying 18 church bodies and 18 companion organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean. Ask God to bless and guide our ministry together so that we might respond to the needs of our neighbors in need who are most vulnerable and might spread the good news of Jesus Christ, far and wide.

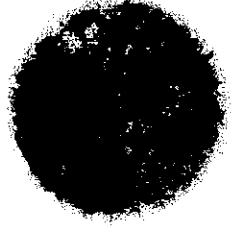
**29** Pray that the Spirit will deepen our generosity in sharing our resources and financial assets for the sake of our neighbors and the well-being of the world.

**30** Pray that we will be generous and respectful in responding to and caring for those who cannot find secure shelter, pay for food or medical care, or support the children or older adults dependent on them.

**1** *World AIDS Day* Today we join our neighbors, siblings in Christ and companion churches around the world in remembering all who have been and continue to be affected by HIV and AIDS. Give thanks for the progress we have made in effective prevention, treatment and care and in discouraging discrimination against those who are HIV-positive; pray that we will not grow complacent but continue to make progress; and give thanks for the ongoing work of the ELCA's HIV and AIDS ministry.

**2** Give thanks for our faith, which embodies hope and anticipation as well as confidence and joy in God's promises and grace, which were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

**3** *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* Pray for our neighbors here and around the world who live with disabilities, that they might be welcomed, respected, valued and fully included in every aspect of the church and society. Give thanks for the wide-ranging work of ELCA Disability Ministry, Lutheran Services in America–Disability Network and other ministry partners.



**Scrapbook and Photo Album Committee to  
Resume Work**

Continuing the 150-year celebration archive project, we plan to restart organizing the remaining collection of news clippings and photographs in November. We'll gather once a week (time and day to be determined by consensus).

Volunteers may also take home batches of clippings and/or photographs to sort and catalogue for placement during work bees. Please let Irene Parks or Barb Aardema know if you're interested, and whether 1 p.m. Friday might be a good time to meet. We welcome previous volunteers and new helpers! It's fun to relive old adventures and re-visit people pictured from the past.

'LET US COME BEFORE HIM WITH THANKSGIVING' Psalm 95:2

Thanksgiving is a special time to reflect on all our blessings.

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**Websites of Interest**

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

[www.mittensynod.org](http://www.mittensynod.org)

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

[www.whitelakescouting.com](http://www.whitelakescouting.com)

[www.whitelakechorale.com](http://www.whitelakechorale.com)

[www.hopescarves.org](http://www.hopescarves.org)

[LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org).

[www.samaritas.org](http://www.samaritas.org)

Suicide Hotline [1-800-273TALK.org](http://1-800-273TALK.org)  
[www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh suicide\\_prevention](http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh_suicide_prevention)

Every Woman's Place  
231-722-3333 or [www.everywomansplace.org](http://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.