

**December 25, 2022
Christmas Day**

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 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12], John 1:1-14.** *Readings for next week, January 1, 2023 : Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21. 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 & in person - Sundays at 10:15am

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

Bible Study via Zoom on Thursday 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)
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
Ken Ahrenholz, (Megan (Aardema) Ahrenholz's father-in-law) 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
Shawn Jeffery, Corneal transplant 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.

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

Each week we pray for one of our members or families. This week we pray for : Nicole and Tim Farrar

Congregation Prayers for January 2023 - Jon & Jane Blyth; Arin & Dan Bowen, Ethan , Zachary and Hannah; Donna & Joni Will; Marlene Windbacher; Amy & Matthew Swope



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 *Grace Lutheran Church / Vassar; Rev. Paulette Cummings*Next week we pray for: *Lebanon Lutheran Church / Whitehall; Rev. Douglas Ogden.*

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.....	3,136.00
Non-Budget.....	184.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	3,320.00

2022 Budget	196,575.00
Actual budget giving through 12/18/22	190,974.30
Amount needed to make budget	5,600.70

Fund of the Month / December - Worship & Music 105.00

**Counters for December 2022: Terry Beekman and Brian Jaekel
Counters for January 2023 : Meg Eaton and Sarah Schmalz**

Food Pantry 12/21/22 - 86 families and 198 individuals

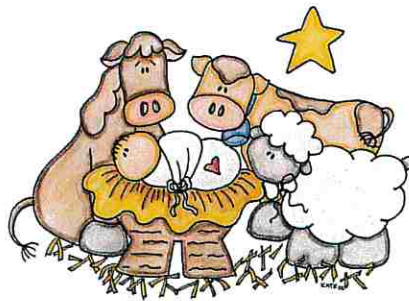
**NOTE: NEW PANTRY HOURS ARE 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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Lebanon Lutheran Church
3. Donate: to the General Fund

Thank you for your generosity!



Take home - Prayer Ventures 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.

25 Christmas Day All glory and praise to God — everything we have seen, heard and been taught about Jesus Christ, our hope and salvation, is true. Give thanks that God's love and mercy, present in the birth of Christ, have shaken the world and awakened our hope.

26 Kwanzaa Today begins Kwanzaa, a weeklong celebration of African culture and traditions that emphasizes family, community and shared principles. Give thanks for the rich and enduring traditions, celebrations and practices of our African American siblings and the global African community.

27 John, apostle and evangelist Give thanks for John and the other disciples, who trusted in and responded to Jesus' call, leaving behind their previous lives to experience God's presence and love through Jesus Christ and to do God's work in the world. Ask the Spirit to guide, inspire and equip us for sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor in a world of constant change and new challenges.

28 Hope, joy, love and faith are infectious. Pray that the hope and joy stirred by our faith in God's love and presence in the world will spill over into our personal and professional relationships and our interaction with strangers.

29 Pray that we will be ever mindful of our baptism, which brings us identity and purpose "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). Give thanks that we are equipped, encouraged and sustained by our siblings in Christ throughout our lifelong journey of faith.

30 The birth of Christ, manifesting God's love for humanity, changed everything, forever. We celebrate the joy and significance of Christmas and pledge our lives in constant witness to God, who embraces and loves us with all our flaws, complexities and questions.

31 New Year's Eve What do you hope for in the coming year? What are your aspirations? Give thanks for the assurance we receive through our baptism, that we might live in God's mercy and grace through the ups and downs of life, and pray that we will be supported during our journey by a vast and caring community of siblings in Christ.



Merry Christmas!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26.

Our Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, December 28 - 9:30 am to 10:30 am as a drive-thru.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped pack and deliver the Christmas Baskets to our homebound members: Irene Parks, Mary Carlson, Donna Stacy, Deb Statz, Mary Koenen, Laura Hollister and Wayne Roesler.

Also thanks to everyone who brought donations for the baskets.

I appreciate all your help!

Blessings, Sue

I would like to thank the ladies for the super great Christmas basket.

Seems each year the goodies are more & better.

I really appreciated all the sugar-free candy etc.

God Bless all of you!

Bev Statz

Thank you to Sue Roesler, and all the Christmas Elves who gathered to assemble baskets of Christmas cheer!

The goodies were very tasty and much appreciated! Thank you for thinking of me.

Margaret Everling

This Week's Calendar

12/25 SUN	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum
12/26 MON	10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Office Closed today Quilting Group Scouts (Lions) Scouts (Bears)
12/27 TUE	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group (Upper Hall) Girl Scouts (Lounge)
12/28 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru)
12/29 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group
12/30 FRI	9am-1pm	Office Hours
12/31 SAT		New Year's Eve

Next Sunday January 1 - New Year's Day

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum



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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.