

**December 4, 2022
Advent 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: **Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12.** *Readings for next week, Isaiah 35:1-10, 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 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)
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).

Renee, (friend of Barb Aardema)

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.

Each week we pray for one of our members or families. This week we pray for : Don and Kim Nelson

Congregation Prayers for December 2022: Alaina & Megan Leo, Kristine Jordahl, Nicole & 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: **Bethlehem Lutheran Church / Traverse City; Rev. Paul Busekist and local congregations and leaders.**

Next week we pray for: Augustana Lutheran Church / Tustin; Rev. Sharon Von Dam.

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.....	3,205.00
Non-Budget.....	3,324.48
In & Outs.....	505.00
Total Deposit.....	7,034.48

2022 Budget	196,575.00
Actual budget giving through 11/27/22	183,383.55
Amount needed to make budget	13,191.45

Fund of the Month / December - Worship and Music

Counters for December 2022: Terry Beekman and Brian Jaekel

Food Pantry 11/30- 83 families and 197 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

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.

4 Pray that, like John the Baptist, we will share the good news of Jesus and the love of God with boldness and humility and will invite all people to believe and be baptized into a new life in Christ, free from the confines of sin, despair and death.

5 Give thanks for the ELCA's Good Gifts catalog, which lifts up the diverse needs of our neighbors and offers opportunities to respond with gifts that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives around the world — from honeybees and irrigation systems to trauma counseling and vocational training for entrepreneurs.

6 “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7). Pray that the Spirit will help us live in unity and celebrate the faith that binds us together as siblings in God's family; pray that we will invite and welcome people into our communities of faith so that they too might experience the gifts of joy, grace and mutual care as siblings in Christ.

7 Give thanks and pray for the work and enthusiasm of those applying for ELCA World Hunger Education and Networking Grants, which help congregations and synods build partnerships, provide training and education, plan service learning and host events with people passionate about ending hunger.

8 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Africa: the Rev. Elisabeth Johnson and Anne and Willie Langdji (Cameroon); the Rev. Alex LaChapelle (Kenya); the Rev. Janelle Neubauer (Rwanda); and the Rev. Brian Palmer and Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo (Liberia).

9 Pray that God will work through us to help goodness, honesty, justice, peace, generosity and compassion flourish in the world.

10 Give thanks for scientists, researchers and teachers of science and math; they help us acquire skills for daily life, explore and better understand creation, expand our appreciation of God's handiwork, and develop new technologies for the health and well-being of humanity and our environment.

White Lake Chorale presents its traditional Christmas concert on Saturday, December 10, at 4 p.m. in the MAPS Center for the Arts at Montague High School, 4900 Stanton Boulevard. Admission is free, but freewill donations will be accepted.

An Evening of Joy reflects the Chorale members' feelings about finally being together again since the Chorale's 2020 spring concert was canceled due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Many new voices have joined the group, including several singers from the same families.

Cindy Moore is again on the director's podium, leading more than 50 singers through familiar carols and intriguing holiday pieces from other lands. *Jingle All the Way* presents a host of favorites in medley format. Watch for *The Holiday Tango*, a *Jamaican Noel* and a lovely version of the 16th-century French carol, *Bring a Torch*, on this year's program. Moore has directed public school choirs for over 30 years, and has brought her infectious enthusiasm to the Chorale since 2016.

White Lake Chorale consists of volunteers who hail from the White Lake area, Ottawa and Oceana counties. It's open to anyone of high school age or older who can carry a tune and loves to sing. The Chorale offers two concerts each year. Come to the Christmas concert, check us out, and consider joining us for the spring session! Watch Facebook for updates.



Advent



We will be regrouping in December. The first two practices will be today and December 11th. After our first practice, we can have a better sense of everyone's availability etc. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Kay Snell



Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Barb Gelvin** Funeral lunch: **Mary and Terry Beekman, Shawn Erwin, Mary Koenen, Donna Stacy, and Wayne Roesler.**

And Thank You to all those who provided food donations.

I so appreciate all your help!

Sue Roesler



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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](http://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.