

**January 1, 2023  
New Year's 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 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23.** *Readings for next week, Epiphany of Our Lord : Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12. 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.**

**\*\*Due to illness, the January Newsletter will be published a few days later than usual. We apologize for this delay and thank you for your understanding.**

**Bible Study via Zoom on Thursday 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  
**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!**

**\*\*No Adult Forum on January 1, 2023!**

**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	5,658.45
Non-Budget.....	1,130.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	6,788.45

2022 Budget	196,575.00
Actual budget giving through 12/25/22	196,632.75
Amount over budget	57.75

**Congratulations Lebanon, Thank You for your giving this year!**

Fund of the Month / December - Worship & Music	130.00
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**Counters for December 2022: Terry Beekman and Brian Jaekel  
Counters for January 2023 : Meg Eaton and Sarah Schmalz**

**Food Pantry Numbers for December 28 will be published in next weeks insert. \*\***

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

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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 January 2023**

*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.*

**1** *New Year's Day* Praise God for the grace and eternal life we receive through faith in Jesus Christ — gifts that free us from the dread of death so that we can fearlessly bear the gospel of love and hope into the world.

**2** Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for peace wherever there is conflict and violence in the world. Pray that the Spirit will sustain the faith, resilience and endurance of people impacted by war and conflict, and that we will persistently advocate for peace and provide relief and support to those suffering.

**3** Pray for young adults called to serve in the 2023-2024 ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program with our companion churches and organizations in nine countries. Give thanks for the yearlong opportunities YAGM provides them for service, learning and sharing the good news around the world.

**4** “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1). Thank and acknowledge God, creator of all that exists and source of the grace, forgiveness, hope and new life we experience in Jesus Christ.

**5** Pray for those planning the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the new Young Adult Gathering, and the tAble event for youth living with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

**6** *Epiphany* Give thanks that, through Jesus Christ's ministry, teaching and sacrifice, God reveals the vision, wisdom and values that help us live together as neighbors and children of God.

**7** Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Asia and the Pacific: the Rev. Chandran Paul Martin (India); Hailey Brenden (Nepal); the Rev. Suk Yeon Lee (South Korea); Samuel and McCall Dubelman (Hong Kong); and the Rev. Jessica Derise (Thailand).



Please get your Annual Reports in the church office as soon as possible! Deadline is January 8th!

**This Week's Calendar**

<b>1/1/23</b> <b>SUN</b>	10:15am 9am	Communion <b>NO Adult Forum</b> <b>NO SCOUTS</b> Happy New Year!
<b>1/2/23</b> <b>MON</b>	<b>10:30 am</b> 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Quilting Group</b> Scouts (Lions) Scouts (Bears)
<b>1/3/23</b> <b>TUE</b>	9am-1pm <b>6pm-7pm</b> <b>6pm-7pm</b>	Office Hours <b>AA Group ( Upper Hall)</b> <b>Girl Scouts ( Lounge)</b>
<b>1/4/23</b> <b>WED</b>	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am	Office Hours Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)
<b>1/5/23</b> <b>THURS</b>	9am-1pm <b>6pm-7pm</b>	Office Hours <b>AA Group</b>
<b>1/6/23</b> <b>FRI</b>	9am-1pm	Office Hours
<b>1/7/23</b> <b>SAT</b>		

**Next Sunday January 8**

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum

**Annual Meeting will be held on January 22nd**



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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.