

**January 22, 2023
Epiphany 3
Annual Meeting & Potluck**

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 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23.** *Readings for next week, Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12. Try reading these ahead at home and see if you can find what holds them together. We need a volunteer reader for Sundays.*

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.
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 : Marlene Windbacher

Congregation Prayers for January 2023 - 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 **Sudanese Christ Lutheran Church/Wyoming; Rev. Julie Winklepleck**. *Next week we pray for: Feast of Victory Lutheran Church / Acme; Rev. Carol Heider.*

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.....	2,165.00
Non-Budget.....	2,235.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,400.00

Fund of the Month - January 2023 - Quilting 330.00

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

Counters for January 2023 : Meg Eaton and Sarah Schmalz

Food Pantry Numbers 1/18– 84 families and food for 191 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 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.

22 Ask the Spirit to help us respond when we are called to follow Christ into unfamiliar places and situations, attending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our neighbor.

23 Pray that we might press forward with the ELCA Future Church priorities to be a welcoming church that engages new, young and diverse people; a thriving church rooted in tradition but radically relevant; and a connected, sustainable church that shares in a common purpose and direction.

24 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

25 *Conversion of Paul* All things are possible through God, even the transformation of our heart, spirit and identity. Ask God to shape us for participating in God's work in the world and to make us faith-filled agents of change, healing and renewal for the sake of humanity.

26 Ask God to bless directors for evangelical mission, who coordinate the partnerships between ELCA synods and churchwide ministries to guide "new start" ministries, congregational renewal, Mission Support and stewardship, and missional vision and planning.

27 Pray that the Spirit and our siblings in Christ will embolden us to proclaim, "The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1). Pray that, through our words and actions, we will invite people to trust in the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ.

28 Ask the Spirit to help us plant seeds of faith, hope and grace in our communities and the world; pray that we will tend those seeds with care and patience and, as the French theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote, "trust the slow work of God."

THRIVENT MEMBERS:

Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars by March 31, 2023

It's CHOICE DOLLARS time again! Eligible Thrivent members who have 2022 Choice Dollars have until the end of March 2023 to direct them. Through the Thrivent Choice charitable grant program, you can contribute to organizations and causes you care about, including helping to support your church. Don't let your 2022 Choice Dollars expire!

You can direct them by going **online** to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) and click on Direct Choice Dollars **OR** by **calling** the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Press 1 and a representative will work with you.

Your Whitehall Financial Advisors, Marci Bentz and Tony De Nicolo can be reached to assist with questions by calling 231-894-8886, texting 231-760-8246, or email whitehalloffice@thrivent.com



Curt and Cheri Crouch would like to thank everyone for the kind words, prayers and support in regards to the passing of his mother, Cora Hendrick.

Looking for volunteers for office coverage on the following dates:

March 23 and 24

March 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31

I will be traveling to Georgia to attend my son's retirement ceremony.

Please let Margaret know if you can cover any of the above referenced days.

Thank you !

This Week's Calendar

1/22/23 SUN	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum SCOUTS ANNUAL MEETING/Potluck
1/23/23 MON	10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6pm-9pm	Quilting Group Scouts (Lions) Scouts (Bears) Webelos 1 WL Chorale Potluck and Rehearsal
1/24/23 TUE	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group (Upper Hall) Girl Scouts (Lounge) Pastor Ogden gone through 1/28
1/25/23 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 12:30-3:30pm	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru) Homeschool Group (Upper Hall)
1/26/23 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group
1/27/23 FRI	9am-1pm	Office Hours
1/28/23 SAT		

Next Sunday January 29

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.