

**February 5, 2023
Epiphany 5**

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 58:1-9a [9b-12], Psalm 112:1-9 [10], 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16], Matthew 5:13-20.** *Readings for next week, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37. 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 McCauley Place (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.
Karl Glass, with health concerns
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 : Jackie Martin

Congregation Prayers for February 2023: Christie & Charles

Phillips and Lynzie; Ann & Mark Brooks; Jordan & Katie Vandebunte, Townes and Delia.



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 **Immanuel Lutheran Church / Allegan; Rev. Christopher Laughlin**. *Next week we pray for: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church / Alpena; Rev. Tom Orth.*

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.....	2,185.00
Non-Budget.....	1,249.91
In & Outs.....	2,580.90
Total Deposit.....	4,500.00
Fund of the Month - February - Good Gifts	
Fund of the Month - January 2023 - Quilting Group	450.00
2023 Budget	208,731.00
Budgeted giving needed through January (8.54%)	17,825.63
Actual giving through January	10,471.00
Shortfall	7,354.63

Counters for February 2023: Sarah Schmalz and Curt Crouch

Food Pantry attendance on 1/1/23 - 64 families and 141 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 February 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.

5 Jesus describes us as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Pray that, by sharing our faith and acting with compassion, justice and care for our neighbors, we might direct people's attention to our loving and generous God.

6 ELCA World Hunger works through the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and alongside global companions and agencies in Kenya to build the capacity of families to respond to and withstand worsening droughts. Pray for our neighbors in Kenya and for the immediate and long-term success of LWF initiatives, which include training farmers in climate-smart practices, building and repairing water wells, managing water supplies and promoting hygiene.

7 Remember in prayer those who have suffered tragedy, trauma or loss from recent winter storms, flooding and earthquakes. Pray that God will bring them hope and encouragement throughout their grieving, recovery and adjustment to the changes in their communities.

8 Pray for pastors and deacons who serve multiple congregations, and pray that congregations sharing leadership will flourish, discovering new partners, resources and assets for doing God's work in the world.

9 Pray that our compassion and advocacy, offered without prejudice or the expectation of any recognition or reward, might bring light, hope and relief to the world. "If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday" (Isaiah 58:9-10).

10 Remember in prayer the 1.3 million people serving in the military and the nearly 800,000 serving in the military reserves, many of them young adults.

11 Give thanks and pray for the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities), work that grows more critical every day as vulnerable youth yearn for assistance with the daunting task of finding safety, stability, respect and welcoming communities in our country.



*White Lake Area
Lenten Luncheons*

Wednesday, March 1
St. Peter's Episcopal
8435 Old Channel Trail, Montague
with special guest speaker Pastor Raully Donahue
from Ferry Memorial Reformed Church

Wednesday, March 8
Ferry Memorial Reformed Church
8637 Old Channel Trail, Montague
with special Guest speaker Pastor Donna Morton
from White Lake Congregational

Wednesday, March 15
White Lake Congregational Church
1809 S. Mears Avenue, Whitehall
with a special guest speaker Pastor David Meyers
from St. Peter's Episcopal

Wednesday, March 22
White Lake United Methodist Church - Whitehall location
117 S. Division, Whitehall
with special guest speaker Pastor Doug Ogden from Lebanon
Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 29
Lebanon Lutheran Church
1101 S. Mears Avenue, Whitehall
with special guest speaker Pastor Tim Dibble
from White Lake Methodist Church

**All lunches will be served at 12:00 noon.
proceeds from this year's luncheons will go to support the
food pantry at Lebanon Lutheran church**

This Week's Calendar

2/5 SUN	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum SCOUTS
2/6 MON	10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Quilting Group Scouts (Lions) Scouts (Bears) Webelos 1
2/7 TUE	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group (Upper Hall) Girl Scouts (Lounge)
2/8 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 12:30-3:30pm	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru) Homeschool Group (Upper Hall)
2/9 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group Pastor out of town
2/10 FRI	9am-1pm 1pm	Office Hours Scrapbook Committee Pastor out of town
2/11 SAT	9am-4pm	Kids Hooked on Fishing / WLSFA (Lounge/Upper Hall) Pastor out of town

Next Sunday February 12

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum
4:30pm-6:30 pm	Scout Can Drive in parking lot



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Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

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.