

**March 12, 2023  
Lent 3**

**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: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42. *Readings for next week, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 1-41. 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.**

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**If you have anything to insert into the April Newsletter, please have it submitted to the church office no later than March 15th! Anything received after this time, may not be in the newsletter until the May edition.  
Thank You.**

**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  
**Marty Windbacher**, at home

### Special Prayer 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.  
**Dorothy Elliot**, (Brian Holmblade's sister), with inoperable cancer  
**Karl Glass**, with health concerns  
**Donna Jacobs**, (Don Jacobs mother) with kidney and heart issues  
**Shawn Jeffery**, Corneal transplant issues  
**Philip Holmblade**, (Brian Holmblade's brother), with health 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  
**John Lewallen**, (Mary Lewallen's brother-in-law) liver cancer

**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.

**Jan Troeger**, (Cindy Albert's sister), suffered a stroke.

**Our hearts grieve** with **Jane Blyth** and the Blyth family & friends on the recent death of **Jon Blyth** on March 7, 2023. Visitation will be held at The Playhouse at White Lake on Friday, March 24, from 4pm to 7pm. A funeral service will be held at Lebanon Lutheran on Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 am.

**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 : Erin (Lewallen) Stark**

*Congregation Prayers for March 2023: Jeanne Berry; Ann Bloom*



**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: **Trinity Lutheran Church / Barton City; Rev. Chrisy Bright.** Next week we pray for : *St. Peter Lutheran Church / Battle Creek; Rev. Edward Ruble.*

**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!**

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**Potluck 6:00 pm Wednesdays through March 29 followed by Vespers at 7:15pm**

**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	3,420.00
Non-Budget.....	25.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	3,445.00
Fund of the Month - March - Good Gifts	80.00
Fund of the Month / Feb - Living Lutheran	438.00

2023 Budget	208,731.00
Budgeted giving needed through February (14%)	29,222.34
Actual giving through February	20,281.50
Shortfall	8,940.84

**Food Pantry Numbers for March 8, - 81 families and 178 individuals**

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

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**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 March 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.*

**12** “I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live’” (*ELW* 611). Give thanks that God attends to our spiritual thirst through the life-giving gift of Jesus Christ, who restores and sustains us to face life’s challenges, share the gospel and do God’s work in the world.

**13** [Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Asia and the Pacific](#): the Rev. Jeffrey Truscott and the Rev. Charles Peterson (Indonesia), the Rev. Jessica Derise (Thailand) and Julie Gerrish (Malaysia).

**14** Pray that our prayer and song will express our joy, thanksgiving and praise to God — our creator, our defender and our source of salvation.

**15** Give thanks for mid-week Lenten meals that draw us together, that we might reflect on our humanness, find hope and comfort in God’s love and mercy, and strengthen our unity as children of God and siblings in Christ.

**16** Pray that, when we experience quarreling, division and hardship as a community of faith, we will trust one another as siblings in Christ and turn to God for reassurance, knowing that the Spirit leads us to reconciliation and unity.

**17** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999. 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.

**18** Give thanks to God for those who harvest the abundance of lakes, rivers and oceans to feed themselves and others. Pray that they will be safe, that their fishing will be successful and that they will wisely and generously steward our food resources and environment for the sake of all generations.

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## 2023 CALENDAR - EVERY 2nd SUNDAY

January 8	July 9
February 12	August 13
March 12	September 10
April 9	October 8
May 14	November 12
June 11	December 10

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS 4:30 TO 6:30**

Location: Lebanon Lutheran Parking Lot

1101 S. Mears Avenue, Whitehall  
Drive Thru - Drop Off - No Contact

Benefits:  
Scouts BSA  
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Tell your neighbors  
too, please!



Today



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 Duden 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

<b>3/12 SUN</b>	10:15am 9am <b>9:30 am</b> <b>4:30-6:30pm</b> 5pm	Communion Adult Forum <b>Kids Klub (old library)</b> <b>Scout Can Drive (Parking Lot)</b> <b>Court of Honor</b> SCOUTS
<b>3/13 MON</b>	10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Quilting Group Scouts (Lions) Scouts (Bears) Webelos 1
<b>3/14 TUE</b>	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm <b>6pm</b> <b>7pm</b> 7pm	Office Hours AA Group ( Upper Hall) Girl Scouts ( Lounge) <b>Finance Committee</b> <b>Executive Board</b> White Lake Sportsfishing (upper hall)
<b>3/15 WED</b>	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am <b>12 noon</b> 12:30-3:30pm <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>7:15pm</b>	Office Hours <b>Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)</b> <b>Lenten Luncheon @ WL Cong.</b> Homeschool Group ( Upper Hall) <b>Potluck</b> <b>Vespers</b>
<b>3/16 THURS</b>	9am-1pm <b>6pm-7pm</b>	Office Hours <b>AA Group</b>
<b>3/17 FRI</b>	9am-1pm	Office Hours
<b>3/18 SAT</b>		

#### Next Sunday March 19

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum
<b>3:30pm-7pm</b>	<b>BSA Troop</b>

**Church Council Meeting - March 21, 2023 - 6:00 pm**



*Lebanon Lutheran Church*

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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.