

Sunday, March 19, 2023 - 10:15 am
Lent 4

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: **1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.** *Readings for next week, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45. 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.

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**The Mystery Dinner scheduled for March 24th, has been  
rescheduled to April 21st at 6:00 pm.**

The final noon Lenten Luncheon will take place on 3/29 at Lebanon.  
If you can, please sign up to bring soup or fruit. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary.

**Bible Study via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm.** Please email Pastor Ogden or Kathy Keller ( [Kellerk2@msu.edu](mailto: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  
**JoEllen Francis**, (Laura Hollister's sister), dealing with Parkinsons & having back surgery.  
**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 mantle 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.

**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 : Jeanne Berry**

*Congregation Prayers for March 2023: 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 **St. Peter Lutheran Church / Battle Creek; Rev. Edward Ruble**. Next week we pray for: *Trinity Lutheran Church/ Battle Creek; Rev. Kjersten Sullivan.*

**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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**Can you help?** Due to the order information from our usual greenhouse being lost in the mail ? We do not have any flowers for the Easter Season. The deadline has passed for us to get a good price on an alternative supplier & purchase through florist is too costly.

If anyone would like to contribute to Easter flowers for our altar, we would greatly appreciate it!

**Last Week at Lebanon**

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| Budget.....                            | 4,682.00 |
| Non-Budget.....                        | 1,354.00 |
| In & Outs.....                         | 0.00     |
| Total Deposit.....                     | 6,036.00 |
| Fund of the Month - March - Good Gifts | 135.00   |

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|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| 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   |

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**Food Pantry Numbers for March 15 - 94 families & 212 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!*

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**\*\*Budget numbers and Food Pantry numbers March 26th and April 2nd, will be updated on Margaret's return to the office on April 3rd.**

### **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.*

**19** Pray that, as our neighbors suffer misfortune, poverty, hunger, homelessness or physical or mental illness, we will not judge them, blame them or decide where they do and don't belong but will instead respond as Jesus did, with boundless mercy, respect, care and hospitality.

**20** Remember in prayer leaders meeting in Minneapolis for the Assistants and Associates to Bishops Gathering. Pray that their faith, lives and ministries will be enriched and supported by their time together.

**21** Give thanks that God has brought us out of darkness and into the light of Christ, which reveals what is good, just and pleasing to God.

**22** *World Water Day* Praise God for the gift of water in all its forms. Pray that we will not take water for granted or squander it. Ask the Spirit to guide and sustain our efforts to guarantee all people and communities access to clean, safe and abundant water, a life-nourishing resource and gift from God.

**23** Pray for the leaders across our church who serve on the ELCA Church Council. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire their deliberations and work, which support, shape and further the growth and mission of our church in the world.

**24** *Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador (1917-1980)* Give thanks for the life of Bishop Romero and those who demonstrate courage and persistence in their faith, public witness, compassion and advocacy. Pray for those who still suffer poverty, violence, oppression and injustice in Central America.

**25** With joy and thanksgiving, praise God for drawing us close and restoring our relationships, and celebrate that nothing can separate us from God's love, demonstrated to us through the life, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



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\*\*



### White Lake Women's Club Spring Flower Sale

WLWC is now taking orders for a variety of spring plants. They are \$20 each and come in 11" pots.

The money is used for scholarships for Whitehall, Montague and Career Tech Center.

Please see Minnie Estlund, Shawn Erwin, Donna Stacy or Donna Will to place your order.

Now through April 11th

Plants will be available for pick up in the NBC school parking lot, Montague on May 13th!

(This is day before Mother's Day)

**This Week's Calendar**

|                       |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3/19<br/>SUN</b>   | 10:15am<br>9am<br><br>3:30-5pm                                                  | Communion<br>Adult Forum<br>SCOUTS<br>Girl Scouts / Lounge                                                                                                                               |
| <b>3/20<br/>MON</b>   | 10:30 am<br>5:30 pm<br>6:00 pm<br>6:00 pm                                       | Quilting Group<br>Scouts (Lions)<br>Scouts (Bears)<br>Webelos 1                                                                                                                          |
| <b>3/21<br/>TUE</b>   | 9am-1pm<br>6pm-7pm<br>6pm-7pm<br>6pm                                            | Office Hours<br>AA Group ( Upper Hall)<br>Girl Scouts ( Lounge)<br><b>Church Council</b>                                                                                                 |
| <b>3/22<br/>WED</b>   | 9am—1pm<br>9:30am-10:30 am<br>12 noon<br><br>12:30-3:30pm<br>6:00 pm<br>7:15 pm | Office Hours<br><b>Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)</b><br><b>Lenten Luncheon @ WLUMC</b><br><b>117 Division location</b><br>Homeschool Group ( Upper Hall)<br><b>Potluck</b><br><b>Vespers</b> |
| <b>3/23<br/>THURS</b> | 9am-1pm<br>6pm-7pm                                                              | Margaret Out of Office<br>AA Group                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3/24<br/>FRI</b>   | 9am-1pm<br><br>4-6pm                                                            | Margaret Out of Office<br><b>Mystery Dinner - <u>rescheduled to 4/21</u></b><br><b>Jon Blyth Visitation @The Playhouse</b>                                                               |
| <b>3/25<br/>SAT</b>   | 11am                                                                            | <b>Blyth Funeral / luncheon</b>                                                                                                                                                          |

**Next Sunday March 5**

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|---------|-------------|
| 10:15am | Communion   |
| 9am     | Adult Forum |



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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.hopscarves.org](http://www.hopscarves.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.