

**Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 10:15 am  
Lent 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: **Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.** *Readings for next week, Passion Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 27:11-54. 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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**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.**

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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!

**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  
**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 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.

**Lora Swenson**, hip replacement on March 17

**Gabrielle Swenson**, (Lora Swenson's niece) 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 : Ann Bloom**

*Congregation Prayers for April 2023: Doug and Dawn Brackmann; Darrel and Jeanette Otto, Brianna Clark, Mike and Kay Snell, Wendy and Andy Shalifoe.*



**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/ Battle Creek; Rev. Kjersten Sullivan.** Next week we pray for: *Messiah Lutheran Church / Bay City; Rev. Dan Stoneback.*

**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!**

**Thank you for allowing me to travel to attend my son's RETIREMENT from the military. I will update any information upon my return . If you have anything you need to leave for me, you may do so in the mail-box outside my office or email me, [office@lebanonlutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@lebanonlutheranchurch.com) I will be checking emails while I am gone.**

**Last Week at Lebanon**

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| Budget.....                            | 675.00   |
| Non-Budget.....                        | 1,993.48 |
| In & Outs.....                         | 1,105.00 |
| Total Deposit.....                     | 3,773.48 |
| Fund of the Month - March - Good Gifts | 167.00   |

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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   |

***\*\*\* These numbers will be updated in the first bulletin insert after Margaret's return to the office***

**Food Pantry Numbers for March 22 - families & individuals**

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

March 29th food pantry numbers will be added upon Margaret's return

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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 / April 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.*

**26** Amid solemn Lenten reflections, take heart and give thanks for the promise and proclamation Jesus made to Martha, the sister of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live" (John 11:25).

**27** Lift up prayerful sighs of relief and gratitude that God is our help and refuge, trustworthy and ever present. "My Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm" (*ELW* 333).

**28** How is the Spirit at work in you? Pray that we will be mindful of how the Spirit dwells within us and of the diverse and surprising results of its work.

**29** Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Slovakia: Megan Freudenberg, Naomi and Nicholas Sveholm, the Rev. Kyle and Anna Svennungsen, the Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Elizabeth Kuster, Michelle Laudermilk, Mitchell McDonald, John Rogers and Christina Sunstone.

**30** Give thanks for the Lilly Endowment grant that will enable the ELCA and ELCA Youth Ministry Network to collaborate on new models for youth ministry, equip 3,000 leaders for ministry with younger generations and provide ELCA congregations with accessible and affordable resources to engage youth in faith formation.

**31** Pray that our congregations will prove resilient to the severe weather that often comes with spring, serving as centers for relief, shelter and hope when disasters occur in their communities.

**1 Arab American Heritage Month** Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, stories and cultures of our Arab and Middle Eastern siblings in Christ, who remind us of the church's rich history and tradition. Ask God to bless the advocacy, witness, leadership development and ministry support provided by ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries and the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.



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 schol-  
arships 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

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| <b>3/26</b><br><b>SUN</b>   | 10:15am<br>9am   | Communion<br>Adult Forum<br>SCOUTS   |
| <b>3/27</b><br><b>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>3/28</b><br><b>TUE</b>   | 9am-1pm<br>6pm-7pm<br>6pm-7pm                              | Office Hours<br>AA Group ( Upper Hall)<br>Girl Scouts ( Lounge)  |
| <b>3/29</b><br><b>WED</b>   | 9am—1pm<br>9:30am-10:30 am<br>12 noon<br>6:00 pm<br>7:15pm | Office Hours<br>Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)<br>Lenten Luncheon @ Lebanon<br>Potluck (Last)<br>Vespers (Last) |
| <b>3/30</b><br><b>THURS</b> | 9am-1pm<br>6pm-7pm   | Office Hours<br>AA Group   |
| <b>3/31</b><br><b>FRI</b>   | 9am-1pm  | Office Hours   |
| <b>4/1</b><br><b>SAT</b>    |  |  |

#### Next Sunday April 2, 2023

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|         |  | <b>Palm Sunday</b> |
| 10:15am |  | Communion          |
| 9am     |  | Adult Forum        |

\*\*Margaret returns to the church office on April 3, 2023

\*\*\* White Lake Chorale rehearsal in Sanctuary - 6pm - 9pm



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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.