

TO BRING GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER  
AND TO THE WORLD

# THE LIGHT



Pastor's Notes

June 2023

## Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A Congregation of the North/West Lower  
Michigan Synod, of the ELCA  
Craig Satterlee, Bishop  
Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop*

1101 S. Mears Avenue  
Whitehall, MI 49461  
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Rev. Douglas M. Ogden

Sunday Morning Worship  
10:15 am in person  
YouTube Worship on the Web

Office Hours  
Please contact the church office for  
current hours

Newsletter Editor &  
Bulletin Announcements  
Margaret Everling

### Church Council

Meg Eaton	Cheri Crouch
Laura Hollister	Brian Jaekel
Sarah Schmalz	Wietse Schaafsma
Al Wheeler	

**"We are baptized members of God's  
Church, forgiven and set free by grace  
through faith.**

[www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com)

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(ELCA)

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Lebanon will plant a tree in Pastor Larry Foster's memory on Sunday, June 4 after worship.

We have a weeping cherry tree reserved, and a location near where the two parking lots meet.

Pastor Foster, Ginny, Tom and Mitch arrived at Lebanon September 7, 1975 and served for 18 years.

Memorial contributions received at Lebanon are welcome - - We will send them to the Memorial Fund at Trinity Lutheran, New Era, according to the family's wishes.

Larry's baseball card is in our display case. He was a right-handed pitcher, a left-handed batter with an 8-season career. His game in the majors was September 18, 1963.

Please use the "signs of God's Grace" time to share stories of your relationship with the Fosters.

Laura told me that it was Larry's custom, as it was for many pastors for many years, to pray before preaching from the words of Psalm 19.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer"

Maybe you would like to make these your words in prayer as well.

*Pastor Ogden*



**June 2023**  
Fund of the Month  
**Slovak**

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!**

***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.

There will not be a Finance and Executive Board meeting held in July.

No Church Council meeting in July.

**SUMMER**



**BRING YOUR CANS & BOTTLES!**  
*hosted by the  
 Scouts BSA Troop 1048  
 of the White Lake Area*

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 Need  
 YOU!**



**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  
 Troop 1048  
 of the  
 White Lake Area*

*Tell your neighbors  
 too, please!*




Congratulations to Charles "Skeets" Dusenberry on his graduation from Montague High School Class of 2023!

Open House will be held Sunday, June 11, 1pm-4pm  
 At Lebanon Lutheran Church—1101 S. Mears Avenue -  
 Whitehall 49461

**VBS for 5 to 8 year olds!**  
**July 16-20**  
**5:00 pm - Dinner**  
**6:00 - 7:00 pm - Program**

**Open to All, but limited to 25 children**  
 Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears





The Historical Preservation Committee recently displayed a congregational photo taken on Lebanon's 50th anniversary in the lobby. To cap our 150th anniversary year, we are arranging to have a photo of the congregation taken following the June 4 worship.

This is the same day we'll be dedicating a memorial tree in honor of Larry Foster, so we hope to have a big crowd. Please mark your calendars, and spread the word!



Beginning in June 2023, work will begin on Mears Avenue to upgrade the road and sewer lines. Construction will take place between Gibbs Street and the curve at Zellar Road. Please use the alternate route of Division Street to enter our Parking Lot. Please avoid parking on the Mears side of the church to facilitate the construction crew / traffic.

Gibbs, Division, Benston and Warner will be designated detour routes.

## Prayer Concerns

**It is an important part of our ministry to be praying constantly for one another. We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality.** This month in your prayers, please remember:



**Helen Bartlett**, at daughter Carol Roods' home now.  
**Mary Bernhardt**, at Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell)  
**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.  
**Cheri Crouch**, with health concerns  
**Margaret Everling**, with health concerns  
**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.  
**Ken Kolb**, with health concerns  
**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**, (Barb Aardema's friend), doctors are continuing to monitor health following stem-cell replacement 5/22.  
**John Parks**, with health concerns  
**Brenda Smith**, (friend of Christie Phillips) hospitalized with health concerns.  
**Billie Welch**, (nephew of Curt & Cheri Crouch), with health concerns  
**Kara**, daughter of a Chorale singer, facing breast cancer surgery in May.

**Our hearts grieve with Ginny Foster, Tommy and Mitchell Foster and family on the recent death of Rev. Larry Foster.**



## Worship Notes

**Sunday, June 4 - The Holy Trinity  
Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: White**

**Musician:  
Monica Ogden**

**Readings**

**Today we pray for:  
Meg & Glenn Eaton**

**Communion Bread  
Sheila Fretty**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**Sunday, June 11 - Pentecost 2  
Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: Green**

**Musician:  
Monica Ogden**

**Readings**

**Today we pray for:  
Sandy DeVries**

**Communion Bread  
Michele Wheeler**

**Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Roans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





**Sunday, June 18 - Pentecost 3**  
**Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: Green**

**Readings**

**Musician:**  
**Monica Ogden**

**Exodus 19:2-8a**  
**Psalm 100**  
**Romans 5:1-8**  
**Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Denise Rumsey**

**Communion Bread**  
**Sheila Fretty**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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**Sunday, June 25 - Pentecost 4**  
**Worship - 10:15 am**

**Color: Green**

**Readings**

**Musician:**  
**Monica Ogden**

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**  
**Psalm 69:7-10, [11-15] 16-18**  
**Romans 6:1b-11**  
**Matthew 10:24-39**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Doug & Kristen Roesler**

**Communion Bread**  
**Sheila Fretty**

**Prayer of the Day**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as your deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toll and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



June 2023



6/4 Megan Crouch  
6/6 Brianna Clark  
6/7 Brianne Roesler  
6/10 Ian Palmer  
6/11 Katherine Keller  
6/11 Ken Kolb  
6/12 Wayne Roesler  
6/14 Mary Ellen Larson  
6/14 Peter Damm  
6/15 Gina Holmblade Jenkins  
6/16 Virginia DeMumbrum  
6/16 Danielle Jacobs

6/21 Jenny Lynn Girvan  
6/22 William Hildebrandt  
6/23 Jenny Lynn Girvan  
6/23 Christopher Lathrop  
6/23 Thomas Swiatek  
6/26 Lois Szczerbinski  
6/28 Sally Hollister Jackson  
6/28 Jim King  
6/29 Alaina Moreau Leo  
6/30 Jeanette Otto

If you notice your birthday, anniversary or other information is missing from these lists, please contact the church office. It may be not be updated in our system. Thank you!



6/1/68 Wayne & Sue Roesler  
6/6/15 Charles & Debra (Statz) Peabody  
6/8/68 John & Irene Parks  
6/16/73 Dan & Jenny Lynn Girvan  
6/16/84 Brian & Kara Jaekel  
6/20/92 Steve & Cindy Albert  
6/22/74 Doug & Barb Aardema  
6/23/90 Randy & Terri Fielstra  
6/24/60 Darrel & Jeannette Otto  
6/25/83 Doug & Monica Ogden  
6/28/69 Ernie & Donna Stacy  
6/29/85 Scott & Elaine Stevens



## Baptism Anniversaries



6/1 Eric Nessa	6/14 Mallory Lothschutz	6/23 Andreas Holmblade
6/1 John Lundell	6/15 Darrin Roesler	6/26 Megan Aardema Ahrenholz
6/6 Doug Ogden	6/17 Nicholas Will	6/27 Ann Bloom
6/6 Steve Green	6/17 Daniel Civis	6/28 Lorey Montgomery
6/10 Frank Hollister	6/19 Catherine Shalifoe	
6/13 Rob Wahr	6/19 Robin Civis	
6/14 Sharon Ackerman	6/21 Jon Honoré	

Celebrate your baptism anniversary with a candle a meal or this prayer:

“Stir up within me the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and joy, on this day when I give thanks for my baptism in to Christ.”



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Lebanon Lutheran Church
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## ***Thrivent Update***

### ***SECURE 2.0 Aims to Brighten the Future for Retirement Savers***

*The \$1.7 trillion appropriations bill passed by Congress at the end of last year included some notable provisions affecting workplace retirement plans and IRAs. Dubbed the **SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022**, the new legislation builds on the sweeping Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act that was passed in 2019.*

The following is a brief summary of some of the most notable initiatives.

- Later age for RMDs. SECURE 2.0 raises the age from 72 to 73 beginning in 2023 and to 75 in 2033.
- Reduction in the RMD excise tax.
- No RMDs from Roth 401(k) accounts.
- Higher limits and looser restrictions on qualified charitable distributions from IRAs.
- Higher catch-up contributions.
- Roth matching contributions.
- Automatic enrollment and automatic saving increases.
- Emergency savings accounts.
- Matching contributions for qualified student loan repayments.
- 529 rollovers to Roth IRAs.
- New exceptions to the 10% early-withdrawal penalty.
- Saver's match.
- More part-time employees can participate in retirement plans.
- Rules for lifetime income products in retirement plans.
- Retirement savings lost and found.
- Military spouses.

***These provisions represent just a sampling of the many changes that will be brought about by SECURE 2.0. To learn more, contact your Thrivent Financial Advisors, Marci Bentz and Tony De Nicolo at the Whitehall office by calling 231-894-8886, texting 231-760-8246, or email [whitehalloffice@thrivent.com](mailto:whitehalloffice@thrivent.com)***



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(*better*)
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