

May 14, 2023  
Easter 6

**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: **Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21.** *Readings for next week, Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11. 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.**



**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 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.  
**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

**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**.

**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 : Chris Schildt**

*Congregation Prayers for May 2023: Shon Cook; Carol and Terry Deneke & Bentley*

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**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 **Zion Lutheran Church/ Comstock Park; Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas**.

*Next week we pray for: Messiah Lutheran Church/Constantine; Rev. Thomas Pederson.*

**Hand sanitizer is located at several stations as well as masks**

**Adult Forum at 9:00 am. Coffee will be on! Please join us each Sunday!**

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Hello, families!

Our next Kids Klub fun will take place on May 21. I will be there by 9:15 and we end at 10:00 -- please join us at any time.

Our summer schedule will begin in June and will consist of utilizing the outdoor play area, weather permitting. I will send out an alert so you can plan on outdoor play clothes and shoes.

As always, if you have any questions, email me or call (517) 589-9974.

Thanks for letting me borrow your wee ones for a little while!

Amy Swope

**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....  
Non-Budget.....  
In & Outs.....  
Total Deposit.....  
Fund of the Month - April - Good Gifts

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

Budget Numbers will be updated upon the return of Curt Crouch.

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**Food Pantry Numbers for 5/10 - 115 families & 248 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 May 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.*

**14** On Mother's Day thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and expectant mothers, and pray for women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving, caring and faithful adults in the lives of children and youth.

**15** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (online) and Rocky Mountain synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**16** Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith that Jesus Christ lives in us and continues to shape us throughout life until the day when he returns for us.

**17** "Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight" (*ELW* 398). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, which awakens us to each day and sheds light on how we can live as children of God and followers of Christ, eager to share the gospel, serve our neighbors and radiate hope in the world.

**18** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**19** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**20** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (in-person), Oregon, East-Central Wisconsin, South-Central Wisconsin and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need

[SPARK!](#) is a cultural program for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. Programs are designed to keep participants actively engaged in their communities by providing experiences that stimulate conversations, provide peer support and inspire creativity through creative engagement, workshops and programs.

SPARK! programs are FREE for families to attend together in a comfortable environment led by specially trained staff and volunteers.

SPARK! programs typically last 60-90 minutes and group sizes are limited, so please pre-register for the programs you plan to attend. Each program is unique and include topics such as cooking, art-making, drama/dance, music/song, poetry and storytelling. SPARK! programs are designed to be offered on various days and times to encourage attendance at multiple locations in your region.

All SPARK! facilitators have been trained by Alzheimer's professionals and collaborate with community partners to continually enhance programming.

#### **SPARK! and The Playhouse**

In collaboration with the [Arts Council of White Lake-Nuveen Center](#), the Playhouse will be the host site for a [SPARK! program series](#) occurring on the fourth Thursday of each month.



Individuals with memory loss are invited to participate, along with a friend, family member, or care partner, in engaging conversations inspired by art and theater. Each program includes a creative, art-making activity.

The programs are free of charge, but [advance registration](#) is required.

*This FREE program is made possible by the Muskegon County Senior Millage, the Cheryl Whelan Family, the White Lake Community Center Fund, and the White Lake Lothmann Family Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.*

**The Next class is May 25, 2023. You may register for this course by calling:**

**ACWL-Nuveen Center at (231) 893-2524 or contact Nancy Armitage at: [spark@artswhilelake.org](mailto:spark@artswhilelake.org)**

### This Week's Calendar

<b>5/14 SUN</b>	10:15am 9am 3:30-5pm 5pm	<b>Happy Mother's Day</b> Communion Adult Forum Girl Scouts SCOUTS
<b>5/15 MON</b>	<b>9a-1p</b> 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Office Hours</b> Quilting Group Scouts (Lions) Scouts (Bears) Webelos 1
<b>5/16 TUE</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm	<b>Office Hours</b> AA Group ( Upper Hall) Girl Scouts ( Lounge)
<b>5/17 WED</b>	<b>9am—1pm</b> 9:30am-10:30 am 12:30-3:30pm	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)</b> Homeschool Group ( Upper Hall)
<b>5/18 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 6pm-7pm 6pm-9pm	<b>Office Hours</b> AA Group Historical Society Presentation
<b>5/19 FRI</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>5/13 SAT</b>		

#### Next Sunday May 21

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.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.