

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

# THE LIGHT



**Pastor's Notes** **August 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  
(231) 893-5745**

**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)**

**Facebook: Lebanon Lutheran Church  
(ELCA)**

**Instagram—Twitter : #llcsofgrace**

The Lutheran World Federation is based in Geneva, Switzerland.

They will meet in Krakow, Poland on September 12-19, 2023. Its theme is "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope," with 355 official delegates from member churches around the world, ecumenical guests and volunteers.

The LWF is a global communion of churches of the Lutheran tradition, supporting people in need, promoting peace, human rights, gender justice, climate justice, women's empowerment and youth among 147 member churches in 99 countries.

The worldwide communion continues to grow. The German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine will be welcomed as the 149th, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Georgia, (the country, not the state) has applied to be the 150th. Both were part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and other states (ELCROS) but have become independent as a result of the war on Ukraine.

Two other churches have applied for membership - - the Lutheran Church in Cambodia and the Geraia Niho Keriso Protestant Church in Indonesia. Both were the result of mission activity by the Lutheran Church in Singapore.

We don't often circulate news from this world-wide Lutheran community. But participation and awareness is how we grow past the attitude that only US things matter, that only our culture, our perspective matters. Through the LWF and a global perspective, our diversity - comes together into "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope."

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

Welcome to our 21st student from Slovakia.

**August 2023  
Fund of the Month  
Backpacks**



**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.



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## ◆ Swim Lessons

### **\*\*Revised dates\*\***

Swim lessons begin August 9, 10, 11 and August 16, 17.

Lessons : 1:30 pm to 3:30pm

Session 1 - 1:30-2:00 - 5 & 6 year olds /  
beginners

Session 2 - 2:10-2:40 - 5 & 6 year olds /  
beginners

Session 3 - 2:45-3:30 - 7 & 9 year olds

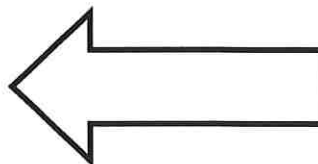
Pool Location: 1230 Schuler, Muskegon 49445

Limited to 6 students per session

Cost : \$60 per registrant

Certified swim instructor will be conducting  
the lessons.

Registration forms are available at the church office or or you  
may register by phone: 231-893-5745



Thank You !

We so appreciate Curt and Cheri Crouch for offering the  
use of their pool for our Swim Program once again.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to keep our area  
children safe in the water!

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Backpack Giveaway

AUG  
17

Free  
Hot Dog  
Dinner



5-7 PM

WHERE: Lebanon Lutheran Church \* 1101 S. Mears Ave.

PARKING: Additional parking available at Shoreline Elementary

WHEN: Thursday, August 17, 2023 – 5:00 – 7:00 PM

WHAT: 100 backpacks filled with supplies will be given away

HOW IT WORKS: Students must be present with their

Parent / guardian to receive backpack



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## 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  
**Ken Kolb**, with health issues  
**Sandy Kolb**, hip replacement surgery  
**Elaine Liska**, at White Lake Assisted Living - Whitehall  
**Phyllis Monte**, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall  
**Gil Norwick**, open heart surgery 8/4  
**Ruth Nurmi**, with health concerns  
**Nancy Peterson**, at Heartland , Room #405 B  
**Barb Smith**, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall  
**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.  
**Margaret Fountain**, (Mary Koenen's sister) with health concerns.  
**Karl Glass**, with health concerns  
**Ted Gribas**, knee replacement  
**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  
**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).  
**Bob Palmatter** ( Cindy Albert's brother), with breathing difficulties.  
**Pastor Sarah Samuelson**, recently diagnosed with colorectal cancer  
**Wendy Shalifoe**, undergoing chemo treatment  
**Roger Silk**, with health issues.  
**Brenda Smith**, (friend of Christie Phillips) hospitalized with health issues.  
**Verne "Barney" Sutherland**, with serious heart issues  
**Our hearts grieve** with the **Holmblade family** on the recent death of their aunt, **Amy Jean Knorr** who passed away at 106 1/2 years of age in Arizona.



## Worship Notes

**Sunday, August 6 - Pentecost 10**

**Color: Green**

**Worship - 10:15am**

**Musician:  
Monica Ogden**

**Readings**

**Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21**

**Today we pray for:  
Sandy Robbins**

**Prayer of the Day**

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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**Sunday, August 13 - Pentecost 11**  
**Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: Green**

**Musician:  
Monica Ogden**

**Readings**

**1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33**

**Today we pray for:  
Jenna Brown**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Sunday, August 20 - Pentecost 12**  
**Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: Green**

**Readings**

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

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**  
**Psalm 67**  
**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**  
**Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Brian Peterson**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us all disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Sunday, August 27 - Pentecost 13**  
**Worship - 10:15 am**

**Color: Green**

**Readings**

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

**Isaiah 51:1-6**  
**Psalm 138**  
**Romans 12:1-8**  
**Matthew 16:13-20**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Mike & Kathy Palmer**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



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8/2 Jackie Martin  
8/4 Kay Snell  
8/14 Lori Will  
8/15 Linda Blakemore  
8/15 Rob Rop  
8/16 Lisa Clark  
8/16 Doug Roesler  
8/16 Rikki Lee Will  
8/19 Jessica Gelvin  
8/20 Nicholas Will  
8/20 Jessica Knoth  
8/21 Cindy Albert  
8/21 Ethan Bowen

8/22 Brent Will  
8/23 Jeffrey Hendrixon  
8/24 Sandra Kolb  
8/25 Logan Montgomery  
8/27 Melissa Herring Kroll  
8/27 Rachel Wahr Bartlett  
8/28 Laurel Helveston Wolf  
8/28 Nichole Page Farrar  
8/31 Donna Stacy



8/3/74 Frank & Rita Lundell  
8/7/71 Andy & Wendy Shalifoe  
8/13/93 Randy & Cathy Nurmi  
8/13/11 Seth & Megan Ahrenholz  
8/21/82 Tony & Patty DeNicolo  
8/22/64 Tom & Sheila Fretty  
8/31/68 Harry & Yolanta Swiatek



## Baptism Anniversaries



8/1 Alaina Leo	8/9 Deb Statz Peabody	8/29 Bill Cloutier
8/2 Megan Crouch	8/14 Gabriel DeMumbrum	
8/4 Thomas Swiatek	8/18 Joel Fretty	
8/7 Jodi Nichols	8/28 Jenny Fretty	
8/8 Sue Roesler	8/29 Ronald Anderson	

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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1. Download the free Vanco Mobile app from the App store or Google Play.
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Lebanon Lutheran Church
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*This is the new version of the GivePlus app, and must be downloaded again from your App Store.*



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Lebanon's bell choir begins 9 am with an organizational meeting and rehearsal in the choir room (the basement under the sanctuary)

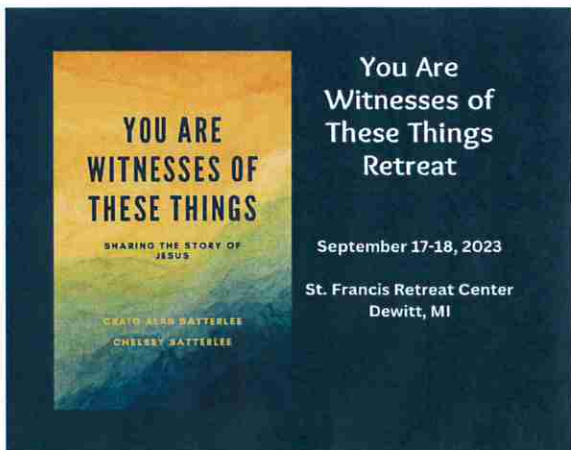
Sept 24. Rehearsals will continue Oct 15 and 19.

The choir welcomes people who've never played before but would like to try. It takes a group to make the choirs work

Lebanon has three octaves of bells. The more choir members the more we can put into play.

Emma Greenwood and Erica Koster will be leading. Kay Snell coordinates communication and scheduling.

Muskegon County Cooperating Churches is holding a Prayer Walk Against Gun Violence on Sunday, August 27, 2023 through downtown Muskegon. There have been too many sad instances of gun violence in our city, resulting in deaths and terrible grief for families, and trauma for our community. MCCC hopes to bring awareness to this problem, and seek solutions. The Walk will begin in Hackley Park. Please contact the office at 231-727-6000 for more details.



[You Are Witnesses of These Things Retreat Information and Registration Link](#)



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- [office@lebanonlutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@lebanonlutheranchurch.com)  
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