

**August 20, 2023
Pentecost 12**

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: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28.** *Readings for next week: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20. 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.

Bible Study via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Please email Pastor Ogden or Kathy Keller (Kellerk2@msu.edu) for the link

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
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, with health concerns - surgery 8/9
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
Jan Troeger, (Cindy Albert's sister), suffered a stroke.

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

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 : Brian Peterson

Congregation Prayers for August 2023: Mike & Kathy Palmer.

Congregation Prayers for September 2023: Dave & Karen Bruder; Rick & Holly Hughes; Laura Hollister; Don & Danielle Jacobs and family.



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: Immanuel Lutheran Church / Grand Ledge; Rev. Charles Foerster. *Next week we pray for: Bethlehem Lutheran Church / Grand Rapids; Rev. Karsten Voskull—RCA.*

Hand sanitizer is located at several stations as well as masks

Masks in the church building are optional

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

Last Week at Lebanon

Budget.....	8,368.00
Non-Budget.....	1,061.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	9,429.00
Fund of the Month - August - Backpacks.....	145.00

2023 Budget	208,731.00
Budgeted giving needed through July (54.9%)	114,593.32
Actual giving through January	87,102.00
Shortfall	27,491.32

Food Pantry Numbers for August 16 - 99 families & 217 individuals

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

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 August 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.

20 Pray that our Lutheran theology, traditions and practices will not present obstacles for our neighbors and people from other faith traditions. Ask the Spirit to guide what we do and say so that we communicate our faith clearly and simply, reflecting God's boundless love and forgiveness and demonstrating respect for our neighbor.

21 Pray for companion synod relationships, which connect ELCA synods and congregations with international companions, enabling them to nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

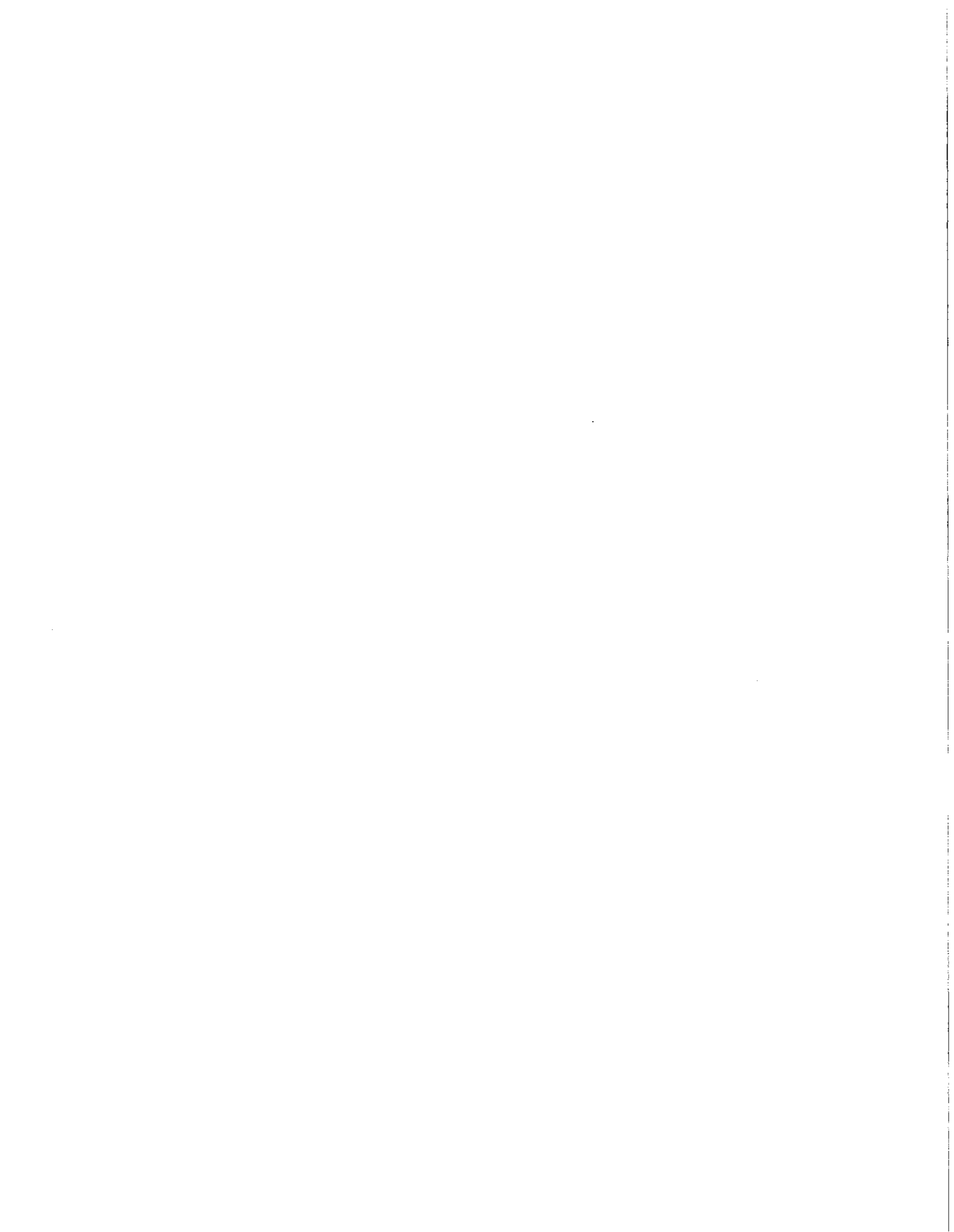
22 Pray for people of all ages and backgrounds who struggle with addiction, recovery and sobriety; pray that they will find effective immediate and long-term assistance and that they will have supportive and nonjudgmental people and communities to turn to — including us.

23 "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). It is human nature to notice how we are different from one another. Pray for the courage to trust in the new selves we receive in Christ and for the wisdom to recognize the blessings of living in unity.

24 Pray for the work of synod bishops, staff and volunteers as they equip and encourage church leaders and congregations in diverse contexts to share the good news of Christ, invite others to believe and follow, and respond with compassion and empathy to neighbors in need — no matter how complex those needs might be.

25 Pray that we will be wise, just and responsible in developing and using technology and will recognize that our faith, curiosity, intellect and creativity are gifts from God, to be used for the well-being of all people and for God's glory.

26 Give thanks for the six Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service welcome centers across the country, which provide asylum-seekers with case management, health care and counseling, legal assistance, school enrollment for children and youth, and emergency food, housing and financial assistance.



This Week's Calendar

8/20 SUN	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum SCOUTS
8/21 MON	10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Quilting Group Scouts (Lions) Scouts (Bears) Webelos 1
8/22 TUE	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group (Upper Hall) Girl Scouts (Lounge)
8/23 WED	9am--1pm 9:30am-10:30 am	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru)
8/24 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group
8/25 FRI	9am-1pm	Office Hours
8/26 SAT		Scout Movie Night

Next Sunday August 27

10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum Altar flowers placed by Margaret Everling in memory of her son, Michael .
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www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

LivingLutheran.org

www.samaritas.org

Suicide Hotline 1-800-273TALK.org
www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide_prevention

Every Woman's Place
231-722-3333 or 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.