

**September 3, 2023  
Pentecost 14**

**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: Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28. Readings for next week: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20. 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  
**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:*

**Lucas Carlson**, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.  
**Margaret Fountain**, (Mary Koenen's sister) diagnosed with multiple myeloma  
**Karl Glass**, with health concerns  
**Ted Gribas**, knee replacement  
**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).  
**Pastor Sarah Samuelson**, recently diagnosed with colorectal cancer  
**Wendy Shalifoe**, undergoing chemo treatment  
**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 : Karen and Dave Bruder**

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

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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 : **Faith Lutheran Church / Grand Rapids; Rev. Kevin Sullivan and local congregations and leaders.**

*Next week we pray for: Trinity Lutheran Church / Grand Rapids; Rev. Robert Linstrom, Rev. Daniel Shewe, Rev. Kari Fast.*

**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.....	3,283.00
Non-Budget.....	315.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	3,598.00
Fund of the Month - August - Backpacks	615.00
Fund of the Month - September - Stewardship	

2023 Budget	208,731.00
Budgeted giving needed through August (62.3%)	130,039.41
Actual giving through August	104,648.55
Shortfall	25,390.86

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**Food Pantry Numbers for : August 30 - 91 families & 210 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 September 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.*

**3** The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus may not seem logical to us. Pray for the Spirit to reveal the truth of God's profound gift to us through Jesus Christ — love, forgiveness, a new identity and eternal life.

**4** *Labor Day* On this day we pray for the work people do to sustain themselves and their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages and benefits, work in safe environments, receive respect and gratitude, experience joy and fulfillment in their labor and be renewed through times of sabbath. Remember in prayer also those seeking employment or unable to work.

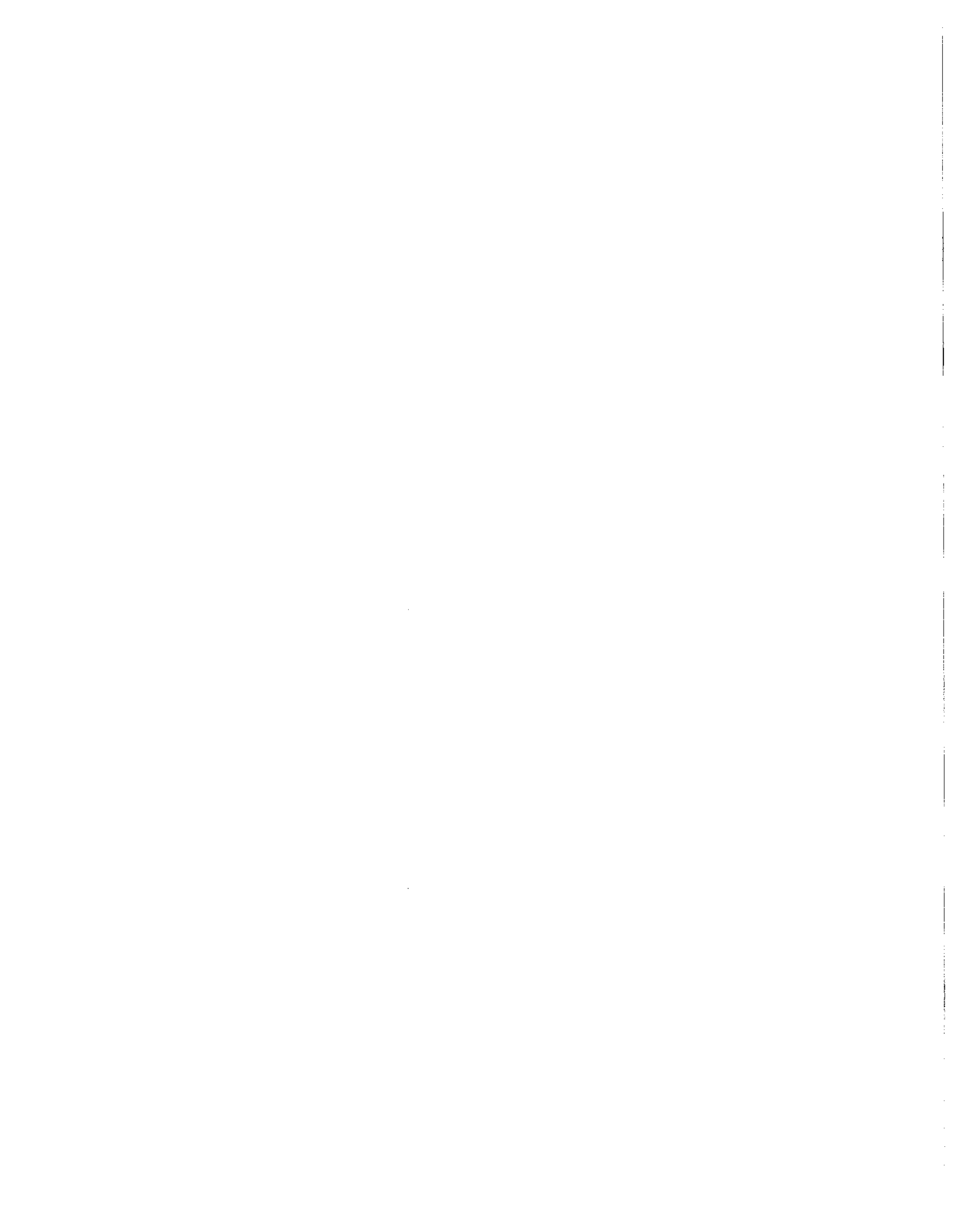
**5** Pray for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, an ELCA Worship partner organization, and the "Hearts Hands Voices" workshops offered across the country for church musicians to learn new skills, share best practices and build relationships.

**6** Pray for the strength and humility to treat others with love, respect and compassion, especially those whom we find difficult to love or whose politics, personal values, religious beliefs or worldview differ from our own.

**7** More than 828 million people in the world — including in the United States — experience hunger, and an estimated 2.3 billion face food insecurity, an increase over previous years. Pray that our concern will move us to action and generosity and that our work together through ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Federation and other organizations will bring relief and hope to our neighbors.

**8** "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). Pray for the word and wisdom of God to become part of our very being as we study Scripture, hear and share the gospel, and converse with our siblings in Christ.

**9** Remember in prayer young adult delegates gathering in Wisla, Poland, prior to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly to worship, build community, discuss concerns and priorities, and prepare for the event.



### This Week's Calendar

<b>9/3 SUN</b>	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum SCOUTS
<b>9/4 MON</b>		<b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>9/5 TUE</b>	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group ( Upper Hall) Girl Scouts ( Lounge)
<b>9/6 WED</b>	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am	Office Hours <b>Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)</b>
<b>9/7 THURS</b>	9am-1pm 9am 6pm-7pm	Office Hours <b>Coopers here to clean sanctuary</b> AA Group
<b>9/8 FRI</b>	9am-1pm	Office Hours
<b>9/9 SAT</b>		

#### Next Sunday September 10

	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum
<b>9/11</b>	5pm-9pm	WL Chorale Welcome Potluck and Rehearsal (kitchen / Lounge / sanctuary )



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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.