

**September 10, 2023  
Pentecost 15**

**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: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20. Readings for next week: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35. 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](mailto: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:*

**Anita Benes**, ("oboe sister" of Michele Wheeler), battling leukemia  
**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  
**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 : Rick and Holly Hughes**

*Congregation Prayers for September 2023: 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 : **Trinity Lutheran Church / Grand Rapids; Rev. Robert Linstrom, Rev. Daniel Shewe, Rev. Kari Fast.**

*Next week we pray for: St. John Lutheran Church/Grayling; Supply Pastors*

**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.....	3,873.00
Non-Budget.....	334.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,207.00
Fund of the Month - September - Faith Formation	75.00

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

**Food Pantry Numbers for September 6 - 77 families & 180 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.*

**10** *“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday* On the 10th anniversary of our annual day of service, give thanks for the chance to draw closer to our neighbors and embrace them as children of God, listening with respect and empathy and responding to their needs.

**11** Ask God to help us understand more fully how our lives and faith express God’s love, compassion and respect for the neighbor. “To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!” (*ELW* 546).

**12** “Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful” (Psalm 149:1). Praise God that worship and the sacraments renew, sustain and equip us as children of God living in communities of faith. Give thanks for the resources that guide and enrich our worship, including ELCA Worship and Faith Practices ministries, Augsburg Fortress publishing and our seminaries.

**13** Pray for those gathering for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Kraków, Poland—“One Body, One Spirit, One Hope.” Ask God to bless and guide our work together as a global Lutheran community for a just, peaceful and reconciled world.

**14** Remember in prayer African-descent siblings in Christ as they gather for the ELCA African Descent Ministries’ RECLAIM event in Minneapolis. Ask God to bless their work building community, teaching new ministry skills and approaches, sharing resources and rejuvenating preachers, teachers, professionals, young adults and laity.

**15** *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Thank God for the history, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino siblings. Pray for the growth and vitality of ELCA Latino Ministries, the Latino Ministries Association (Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA) and the 147 ELCA Latino ministries around the country as they work to share the gospel, encourage unity in Christ, fight racism and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA in a “community of communities” to do God’s work in the world.

**16** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, elect a new bishop and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and grow the church.



### **This Week's Calendar**

<b>9/10 SUN</b>	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum SCOUTS
<b>9/11 MON</b>	9am-1pm 6-9pm	Office Hours White Lake Chorale
<b>9/12 TUE</b>	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm 6pm 7pm	Office Hours AA Group ( Upper Hall) Girl Scouts ( Lounge) Finance Committee Executive Board
<b>9/13 WED</b>	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 7:45 pm	Office Hours Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru) Cub Committee
<b>9/14 THURS</b>	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm	Office Hours AA Group
<b>9/15 FRI</b>	9am-1pm	Office Hours
<b>9/16 SAT</b>	6pm?	Farewell Dinner for Host families and invited guests
<b><u>Next Sunday September 17</u></b>		
	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum NO SCOUTS
<b>9/21 -</b>	<b>7pm-9pm</b>	<b>WL Historical Society program</b>
<b>9/22</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>Ragnar Relay will be using our entire Parking lot thru 5pm</b>



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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.