

**September 17, 2023
Pentecost 16**

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: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35. Readings for next week: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16. 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:

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
Jill (Chuck Miller’s daughter) Knee replacement on 10/11/23
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 : Laura Hollister

Congregation Prayers for September 2023: Danielle & Don Jacob and family.

Congregation Prayers for October 2023 : Karecce Johnson; Carl & Jennifer Nordberg; Richard & Stephanie Bernhardt; Emily & Jeff Glass; Sheila & Tom Fretty.



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 : **St. John Lutheran Church/Grayling; Supply Pastors**

Next week we pray for: St. Paul Lutheran Church/Greenville; Rev. Betsy Kamphuis.

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.....	3,892.00
Non-Budget.....	1,132.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,961.00
Fund of the Month - Sept- Faith Formation	125.00

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 13 - 83 families & 194 individuals

NOTE: 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 September

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and out-reach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

17 Reflect on what hinders us from exercising forgiveness and patience with others, including those we see as adversaries. Ask the Spirit to recenter our lives and interactions with people in the boundless and undeserved mercy that God demonstrates with us.

18 Pray that students and teachers in our schools will be safe and that students who suffer trauma, anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns will have ready access to counselors, social workers and psychologists.

19 Pray for the congregations, youth and adults registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and for those who prayerfully consider participating.

20 “The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea’” (Exodus 15:20-21). Give thanks for the wonderful variety of instruments and musicians who help us praise God, and recall God’s activity in the world throughout history.

21 *International Day of Peace* With our global neighbors and siblings in Christ, pray for peace, reconciliation and unity wherever conflict divides our communities and the world.

22 Ask God for strength and boldness to fight the rising tide of hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, gender identity, and social and economic status.

23 What an amazing and reassuring gift it is to know that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love for all people, everywhere. Give praise and thanks to God!



Choir is starting back up again. First rehearsal is Today (September 17) at 12:00 noon (after the 10:15 worship service).

New voices are always welcome. There will be no try outs, just drop in. After all, the instruction is to

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Hope to see you there.

Diane Eastman
Choir Director

I'm currently running a Thrivent Actions Teams project to support Lebanon+Evangelical+Lutheran+Church, and I've created an online fundraising page for it!

Would you be able to share this page on social media and email? Sharing the page will help me make an even bigger impact for your organization: <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/846907/detail?src=crowd-fundraise-active-charity-mailto-185>

Terry Beekman

This Week's Calendar

9/17 SUN	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum / Kids Klub NO SCOUTS
9/18 MON	9am-1pm	Office Hours
9/19 TUE	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm 6pm	Office Hours AA Group (Upper Hall) Girl Scouts (Lounge) Church Council
9/20 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 5:30 pm-7pm	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru) Scout Sign-Up Leah leaves USA for home today
9/21 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 7pm- 9pm	Office Hours AA Group White Lake Historical / lounge
9/22 FRI	9am-1pm ALL DAY	Office Hours RAGNAR RELAY /parking lot
9/23 SAT		

Next Sunday September 24

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS ON
SEPTEMBER 22ND!**



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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](http://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.