

October 22, 2023
Pentecost 21

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 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22.** *Readings for next week: Reformation Sunday - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36. 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.

**Poinsettia order forms are included in this insert. Please note the deadline for ordering is no later than November 15th.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Annual Report time is coming soon. Please submit your TYPED Reports to the church office before December 14 at noon.

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
Ruth Nurmi, with health concerns
Nancy Peterson, McCauley Place, E. Sherman, Muskegon #407 A
Barb Smith, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall
Marty Windbacher, at home under Hospice Care

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
Mary Lewallen, with home & pet issues
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 : Emily & Jeff Glass

Congregation Prayers for October 2023: Sheila & Tom Fretty.

Congregation Prayers for November 2023: Katie & Nick Wallace; Ardy Bulthouse (Kroes), Tony & Patty DeNicolò; Heather Wiethoff



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: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church / Holland; Rev. Jessica Rivera Walker.
Next week we pray for: Peace Lutheran Church / Holland; Rev. Clay Bates.

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!**



**Hayride at the Scholl Farm
Sunday, October 29, 2023
4:30pm to dark
5955 Eilers Road, Montague 49437**

Potluck Dinner - Please bring a dish to pass! Pulled Pork will be provided.

Last Week at Lebanon

Budget.....	5,087.00
Non-Budget.....	200.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	5,287.00
Fund of the Month - Oct - Samaritas	110.00

2023 Budget	208,731.00
Budgeted giving needed through Sept. (72.2%)	150,703.78
Shortfall	33,337.98

Food Pantry Numbers for October 18: 90 families & 211 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!

Thank you to Flo and Jim King for organizing the Smorgasbord 2023! Thank you as well to John and Irene Parks, Mary Carlson, Terry Beekman, Sue Roesler, Minnie Estlund and all who helped with donations of food.

Take home - Prayer Ventures October 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.

22 Pray that we will be obedient and loyal to God and, at the same time, respond to God's call to live as responsible, involved citizens in our communities and the world.

23 Give thanks for Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA, and pray for their ministries, which nurture faith, promote healing and wholeness, help people discern their spiritual gifts and vocations, and equip them to serve as disciples of Christ.

24 Pray for our congregations and synods, affiliated ministries and organizations, and full communion partners that we might encourage and support one another, share resources and ideas, and work together to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

25 Pray that God will further the work of our church's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) for welcoming and protecting migrant children and their families, accompanying them in court, advocating for just and humane immigration policies and supporting companions in Latin America who care for deported and returned migrants in their countries of origin.

26 "Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples" (Psalm 96:2-3). Ask the Spirit for the words we need to share our faith and tell God's story of love, hope and forgiveness.

27 Ask God to make us a dynamic and engaged church of the present and future, driven by God's redemptive love to be attentive to the world and culture and agile in how we proclaim the gospel and do God's work in the world.

28 Give thanks for grandparents who inspire our faith, share their wisdom and gifts, care for grandchildren and enrich our communities of faith with diverse perspectives and ideas.

November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month

Thrivent introduces CareForward: a long-term care solution with a life insurance benefit

CareForward is a powerful new approach for extended care planning because it can help to safeguard your family's future with a combination of long-term (LTC) insurance and life insurance. CareForward allows you to pay for qualified expenses should you ever need care, while also providing a death benefit if you don't.

CareForward offers these benefits:

- Dual features**—Able to receive benefits for long-term care expenses and a death benefit—depending how much care you need.
- Care preference**—You decide if you want to receive care at home, in a facility—or both if your situation changes.
- Premium stability**—Your premiums are guaranteed to never go up.
- Cash value**—CareForward offers guaranteed cash value that will grow—even if interest rates change or markets decline.
- Elimination period**—CareForward has a 0-day elimination period for both home care and adult day care and 90 days for residential care facilities.

Having a plan to cope with long-term care needs helps our families face potential hardships as we age.

That's why it's so important to start long-term care planning today.

For more information on this exciting product from Thrivent, contact your Whitehall Thrivent Financial Advisors, Marci Bentz and Tony De Nicolo by calling 231-894-8886, texting 231-760-8246, or email whitehalloffice@thrivent.com.

We have a member in need of a up-to-date computer or laptop for applying and working remotely. Please let the church office know and we will give you contact information. Thank you

This Week's Calendar

10/22 SUN	10:15am 9am	Communion Adult Forum
10/23 MON	9am-1pm	Office Hours
10/24 TUES	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm	Office Hours Girl Scouts (Lounge) Church Council
10/25 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru)
10/26 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
10/27 FRI	9am-1pm 6pm - 7pm 4pm	Office Hours Gentle Yoga (Upper Hall) Scout Overnight weekend
10/28 SAT		Scouts Overnight

Next Sunday October 29

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum / Bell Choir
2pm	Cub Pack meet
4:30 p to Dark -	Hayride & Potluck @ Scholl Farms



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Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

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.