

October 29, 2023  
Reformation Sunday

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 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.** *Readings for next week: All Saints Sunday - Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10,22; 1 John 3:1-3; Mathew 5:1-12. 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.**

**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

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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  
**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:*

**Brianne Beekman**, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diagnosed with multiple brain tumors.  
**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  
**Elin Frietsch**, diagnosed with Lymphoma  
**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 : Sheila and Tom Fretty**

*Congregation Prayers for November 2023 : Katie & Nick Wallace; Ardy Bulthouse; Tony & Patty DeNicolo; 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 : **Peace Lutheran Church/Holland; Rev. Clay Bates.**  
*Next week we pray for: St. Luke's Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids; Rev. Galen Knutson.*

**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!**



November 5, 2023

**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	6,816.00
Non-Budget.....	200.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	7,016.00
Fund of the Month - October - Samaritas	115.00

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

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**Food Pantry Numbers for October 25 - 81 families & 175 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 October / November 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.*

**29 Reformation Sunday** Give thanks for Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers who, at significant risk, challenged traditions and practices of the church that strayed from Scripture and proclaimed that God's love and forgiveness are ensured through Jesus Christ.

**30** Pray for ELCA World Hunger's Education and Networking Grants, which assist congregations, synods and partner organizations throughout the United States and the Caribbean in developing education and service-learning programs that deepen our understanding of hunger and poverty.

**31 Reformation Day** "Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures" (Martin Luther). Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise for God's grace, which comes to us as a gift and sets us free, lifting our spirits and restoring our relationships with God.

**1 American Indian Heritage Month** Give thanks for our Indigenous neighbors and siblings in Christ, whose diverse gifts, traditions and wisdom help shape and enrich society and the church. Pray for Indigenous ministries and faith communities in the ELCA and the work of ELCA Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations, and ask God to guide and further the work of our church and society to build better, right and just relationships with Indigenous peoples.

**2** Pray for our neighbors who have experienced great losses and turmoil as a result of the earthquake in Morocco and the unprecedented flooding in Libya, that they will find hope, comfort, relief, resources and assistance for the difficult recoveries ahead.

**3** "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31:33). The new covenant that God made with us long ago permeates every aspect of our life and can't be broken or voided, because its foundation is God's enduring grace. Give praise and thanks to God!

**4** Remember in prayer those who have been impacted by recent tropical storms and hurricanes, that they might find relief, assistance and hope in the support provided by neighbors, faith communities, synods and relief agencies, including Lutheran Disaster Response. Ask God to strengthen our resilience and wisdom to meet the mounting challenges of natural disasters and climate change.



**This Week's Calendar**

<b>10/29 SUN</b>	10:15am 9am 2pm 4:30pm	Communion Adult Forum / Bell Choir Cub Pack Meeting <b>Hayride &amp; Potluck @ Scholl Farms</b>
<b>10/30 MON</b>	9am-1pm	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>10/31 TUES</b>	9am-1pm 6pm-7pm 6pm	<b>Happy Halloween</b> <b>Office Hours</b> Girl Scouts ( Lounge) <b>Church Council</b>
<b>10/25 WED</b>	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 12:30-3:30pm	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)</b> <b>Homeschool Group (Upper Hall)</b>
<b>10/26 THURS</b>	9am-1pm	Office Hours
<b>10/27 FRI</b>	9am-1pm 6pm - 7pm 4pm	Office Hours <b>Gentle Yoga ( Upper Hall)</b> <b>Scout Overnight weekend</b>
<b>10/28 SAT</b>		<b>Scouts Overnight</b>

**Next Sunday October 29**

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum

All Saint's Sunday - November 5  
Daylight Savings Time ends - Sunday, November 5



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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.