

November 19, 2023
Pentecost 25

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: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30** . *Readings for next week: Christ the King - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46. 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.

The choir anthem for today is " Gather by the River to Pray " arranged by Pepper Choplin

Altar flowers were placed by Barb Aardema in memory of her brother Eric on his birthday.

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:

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
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 : Tony & Patty DeNicolo

Congregation Prayers for November 2023 - Heather Wiethoff Welch



Praying for Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA and **Craig Satterlee**, Bishop of the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod. **Salem Lutheran, Flint and Pastor Monica Vil-**

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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: **Bread of Life Lutheran Church / Hudsonville.**

Next week we pray for: Immanuel Lutheran Church / Jackson; Rev. Kate Schroeder.

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.....	4,309.10
Non-Budget.....	90.00
In & Outs.....	47.00
Total Deposit.....	4,446.10
Fund of the Month - Nov. Generosity.....	75.00

2023 Budget	208,731.00
Budgeted giving through 11/12/23	155,913.40
Shortfall	52,817.60

Food Pantry Numbers for November 15: 97 families & 225 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!

Take home - Prayer Ventures 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.

19 Thank God for the example of Jesus Christ, who guides our understanding of generosity, for the sake of the world and our neighbors at the margins of society.

20 Pray for the success of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service's Preferred Refugee Employer Program, which helps employers offer support and services of particular benefit to the refugees in their communities.

21 Pray for youth, parents, youth leaders and congregations registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Ask the Spirit to stir their enthusiasm, guide their preparation for their experience in New Orleans, and help those who are discerning whether to participate.

22 Pray that our acts of generosity will come from a place of gratefulness to God and concern for our neighbor and will "produce thanksgiving to God through us" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

23 *Thanksgiving Day* "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering" (*ELW* 692). Pray that we will see every aspect of our life as an offering for the sake of our neighbor and the well-being of the world — an expression of thanksgiving for the blessings and resources that God has generously given to us.

24 *Native American Heritage Day* Praise God for the rich and diverse legacies of Native American neighbors and siblings in Christ. Give thanks for the continuing influence of Indigenous cultures, traditions, spirituality, arts and concepts of community.

25 Remember in prayer neighbors and siblings in Christ who are without safety, shelter, food or basic social services. Promise to be tireless, creative and respectful in providing immediate and long-term care for those who are homeless, and in boldly advocating for just laws that yield appropriate and truly affordable housing.

MAP Seeking New Executive Director: If you are looking for a new administrative leadership opportunity, MAP is now accepting applications for its position of Executive Director. The Job Description can be found on Indeed and at our web site, www.missionforareapeople.org. Applications are being accepted now through November 30. Check it out!



The White Lake Giving Tree Tags are here!

If you are able, please take a tag or two (Or more) and purchase items, return to Lebanon unwrapped with the tags attached.

Gifts must be received by 11/19.

This Week's Calendar

11/19 SUN	10:15am 9am	Communion/ John Jack Guest Speaker Adult Forum Scouts
11/20 MON	9am-1pm	Office Hours **Bulletin insert deadline
11/21 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
11/22 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 12:30-3:30pm	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru) Homeschool Group (Upper Hall)
11/23 THURS		Thanksgiving Office Closed
11/24 FRI		Office Closed
11/25 SAT		

Next Sunday November 26

10:15am	Communion
9am	Adult Forum
3:30pm/8pm	Scouts



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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

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.