## January 28, 2024 Epiphany 4

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: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.** Readings for next week: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39. 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

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:

Cindy Albert, recuperating from recent gallbladder surgery 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.

Sheila Fretty, re-occurring cancer.

Elin Frietsch, diagnosed with Lymphoma

Margaret Fountain, (Mary Koenen's sister) diagnosed with multiple myeloma

**Dave Gross**, (Kathy Keller's brother) hospitalized in Canada

Frank Hollister, 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).

Deb Peabody (Statz), knee replacement January 18

Pastor Sarah Samuelson, recently diagnosed with colorectal cancer

Wendy Shalifoe, undergoing chemo treatment

Donna Stacy, recuperating from knee surgery.

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: Jenna Brown

Congregation Prayers for February 2024: Brad Carlson; Greg & Robin Civis; Chris Claus; Kathy Wiethoff



Afways Praying for Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA and Craig **New.** Satterlee, Bishop of the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod.

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: Redeemer Lutheran Church / Lansing; Rev. Janice

Next week we pray for: Emanuel Lutheran Church/Ludington, Rev. Domingo Shriver.

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	10,716.00
Non-Budget	965.00
In & Outs	0.00
Total Deposit	11,681.00
Fund of the Month - January - Quilting	205.00

Food Pantry Numbers for January 24 - 80 families & 181 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 January—February 2024

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.

- 28 Praise God that Jesus was born human and knows what our life entails, and that Jesus is the Son of God, revealing the immeasurable power, love and mercy of our Creator.
- 29 Remember in prayer those who serve in law enforcement in our communities and nation. Give thanks for the many ways they care for our well-being. Pray for their safety and ask the Spirit to nurture their wisdom, compassion and impartial judgment in the exercise of their responsibilities.
- **30** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding" (Psalm 111:10). Give thanks that, in this verse, fear isn't something negative, threatening or worrisome but instead means awe and respect for God and God's ways, which enable us to practice wisdom, compassion and justice throughout life.
- 31 Pray for leaders and organizations gathered at the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network Winter Meeting in Phoenix, that the Spirit will inspire and guide their work as they empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead their best lives in society, the church and the world.
- 1 Pray for synod hunger team chairs and other key ELCA World Hunger leaders participating in the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in Houston. Ask the Spirit to guide their work of energizing congregations and synods to end hunger and poverty in the world, bringing relief and hope to our neighbors.
- 2 Remember in prayer those who suffer from heart disease, heart failure and congenital heart defects. Pray for the doctors, nurses, surgeons, care providers, researchers and chaplains who provide treatment, care and encouragement to patients of all ages and their families.
- 3 Pray for your synod's leaders, congregations and special ministries. Ask the Spirit to sustain them and stir their creative wisdom in carrying out the mission of the church in a changing and challenging world.

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#### This Week's Calendar

1/28 9am Adult Forum / Bell Choir SUN 10:15am Communion **Annual Meeting & Potluck** 3pm-8pm Scouts Office Hours 1/29 9am-1pm 10:30 am MON Quilting 1/30 9am-1pm Office Hours **TUES** 1/31 Office Hours 9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am Food Pantry (Drive-Thru) WED 12:30-3:30pm Homeschool Group (Upper Hall) 2/1 **THURS** 9am-1pm Office Hours 2/2 9am-1pm Office Hours FRI 2/3

## Next Sunday, February 4

9am 10:15am Adult Forum Communion

**Upcoming Events:** 

SAT

February 10—Kids Hooked on Fishing

February 14 - Health Kits - Towels

February 21 - Combs February 28 - nail clippers

Lenten Lunches begin: February 21 - @ St. Peter's By-the-Lake 12 noon



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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 <u>1-800-273TALK.org</u> 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.