

**March 17, 2024  
Lent 5**

**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 51:1-12,  
Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33**

*Readings for next week: Palm Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47.*

*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 they occur.**

**Bible Study via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm.** Please email Pastor Ogden or Kathy Keller ( [Kellerk2@msu.edu](mailto: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  
**Barb Smith**, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall  
**Marty Windbacher**, At Poppin House

*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.  
**Dan Crouch**, (Curt Crouch's brother), battling cancer  
**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  
**Dwight Mead** (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).  
**Lois Szczerbinski**, with health issues  
**Deb Peabody (Statz)**, knee replacement January 18  
**Pastor Sarah Samuelson**, recently diagnosed with colorectal cancer  
**Wendy Shalifoe**, Surgery in December, now cancer free

**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 : Robert Eklund**

*Congregational prayers for March 2024: Jenny and Zoe Fretty; Joel and Kerry Fretty.*



**Praying for Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA and Craig 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 : Trinity Lutheran Church / Midland; Rev. Jeffrey Gramza, Rev. Danielle Shealy, Associate Pastor.**

*Next week we pray for: Trinity Lutheran church / Millersburg; Rev. Mary Hughes.*

**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!**

*Our Condolences go to the family and friends of Betty Hilliard, who passed away on 1/13/24.*

*A Memorial Service will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 14575 Wuokai Avenue, Kaleva, MI on Saturday, 3/23 at 10:30 am. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am and the service will be followed by a simple luncheon.*

*Memorial donations may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church or the charity of your choice.*

**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	3,898.00
Non-Budget.....	215.00
In & Outs.....	1,020.00
Total Deposit.....	5,133.00
Fund of the Month - March Good Gifts	107.00

2024 Budget	214,000.00
Budgeted giving needed through Feb. (12.5%)	26,750.00
Actual giving through Feb.	30,143.35

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**Food Pantry Numbers for March 13 - 90 families & 201 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 March 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.*

**17** Reflect on the people for whom you have concern. Pray for them and commit yourself to expressing your love and care in a personal way — an in-person conversation; a phone call offering help; a note, text or email.

**18** Pray for the work of the Creation Care Network, which connects the ELCA with ecumenical ministries and organizations that equip us to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

**19** *First day of spring* Praise our Creator and give thanks for the sun and the heavenly bodies of the universe, which impact every aspect of life and reflect the amazing creativity, mystery and power of God.

**20** Let our Lenten prayer for today be: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51:1-2).

**21** Remember in prayer youth, adults and congregations preparing for their faith-stirring experience at the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events in New Orleans this summer.

**22** Rejoice and give thanks for the wonderful variety of songs and musical styles that calm, energize, unite and inspire us.

**23** Pray for God to open our hearts and minds to the needs of our neighbors and to guide our responses of love, support and advocacy. Give thanks for the ways our church encourages and provides opportunities for service and volunteerism, including Young Adults in Global Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Young Adult Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response and "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.



Looking for volunteer help to cover the church office on these dates:  
May 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.  
If you can cover an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated.  
Please contact the church office with interest.  
\*\*this is a volunteer position only  
Thank you to Laura Hollister who has volunteered to cover the office  
5/15, 5/16 and 5/17

**This Week's Calendar**

<b>3/17 SUN</b>	9am 10:15am 3pm-8pm	Adult Forum / St. Patrick's Day Communion Scouts
<b>3/18 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 10:30 am	<b>Office Hours</b> Quilting
<b>3/19 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>3/20 WED</b>	<b>9am—1pm</b> 9:30am-10:30 am <b>12 noon</b> 12:30-3:30pm 6pm	<b>Office Hours</b> Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru) <b>Lenten Lunch St. James Catholic</b> <b>Homeschool Group (Upper Hall)</b> Potluck - bar soap
<b>3/21 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>3/22 FRI</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>3/23 SAT</b>		

**Next Sunday, March**

9am	Adult Forum
10:15am	Communion

**Upcoming Events: Samaritas Health Kits**

**March 27 - bags arrive**  
**Week of April 7 - Assemble kits**



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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  
[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.