

TO BRING GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER  
AND TO THE WORLD

# THE LIGHT



Pastor's Notes

June 2024

## Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A Congregation of the North/West Lower  
Michigan Synod, of the ELCA  
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**Rev. Douglas M. Ogden**

Sunday Morning Worship  
10:15 am in person  
YouTube Worship on the Web

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**"We are baptized members of God's  
Church, forgiven and set free by grace  
through faith.**

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June is an exciting month for the Ogden family. Stephen and Ariel will be married in a small ceremony led by Pastor Megan Crouch on June 21. Small because it will be in Mike and Kay Snell's back woods. Mike and Kay are Stephen's godparents. Pastor Crouch not only grew up at Lebanon and now serves the ELCA congregation in Gaylord, her real claim to fame is that she used to babysit Stephen. I will be away from Lebanon June 17-27 so I can drive to Ohio to bring my mom up for the wedding.

On Sunday, June 23 we welcome Deb Jellema to lead worship on the organ. It's been a long time since we've had an organist available. I'm really looking forward to her musical leadership. Those of you who have specifically asked about adding organ back into worship will want to put Sunday, June 23rd at 10:15am on your calendar.

We continue to make progress on our scout house / food pantry facility. We are very close to our financial goal, and a team has been meeting to put together all the details.

Thanks to some creative work by our new food pantry leader Paul Collins we have an additional supply source that brings the food pantry back into budget. In late June / early July we will receive the canned goods from Electric Forest. And no, at the time I'm writing this newsletter, we haven't been assigned a Slovak Summer student. But when we do, we know what to do. Those of you who would like to host a student for two weeks this summer, let John Parks know. It always happens fast.

Summer happens fast, and sometimes it seems to go by fast.

This year we want to remember to have a welcome party with all the host families at the beginning ( we kind of forgot last year).

Pastor Ogden



**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.



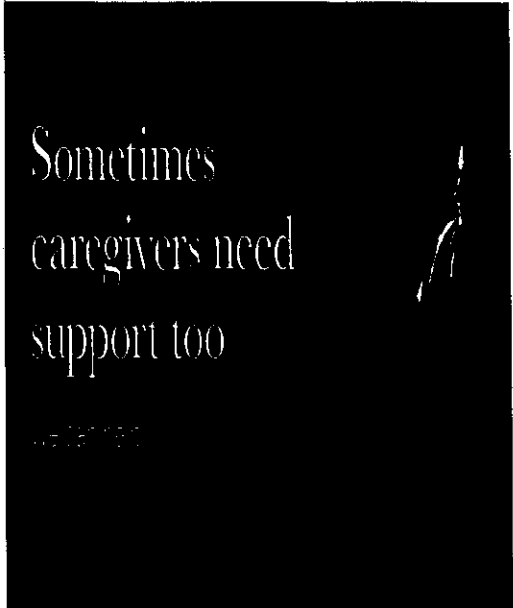
**June's Fund of the Month is the Slovak Program.**

The proceeds go towards a plane ticket, health insurance, and a stipend each week for our student. He or she will spend three months with us at Lebanon too learn how our church operates and how Americans live their lives. Our students come from Bratislava, Slovakia where they are at the Seminary to become either a pastor or teacher of religion.

We hope you are interested in helping to fund this program. Also we are asking to please consider being a host family for two weeks. We thank you for your generosity.

*Irene and John Parks*



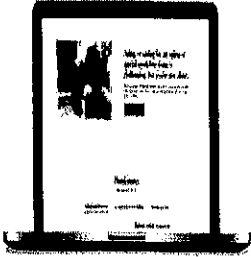


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## Prayer Concerns

**It is an important part of our ministry to be praying constantly for one another.**  
*We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality.* This month in your prayers, please remember:



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.  
**Sheila Fretty**, re-occurring cancer.  
**Elin Frietsch**, diagnosed with Lymphoma  
**Margaret Fountain**, (Mary Koenen's sister) diagnosed with multiple myeloma - currently in remission.  
**Dave Gross**, (Kathy Keller's brother ) hospitalized in Canada  
**Dan Hendrick**, (Curt Crouch's brother) battling cancer  
**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  
**Pastor Sarah Samuelson**, recently diagnosed with colorectal cancer  
**Wendy Shalifoe**, Surgery in December, now cancer free  
**Paul Vof**, (Ken and Sandy Kolb's son-in-law) hearing issues  
**Darlene Willbrandt**, knee replacement on April 22

**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



## Worship Notes

**Sunday, June 2 - Pentecost 2**  
**Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: Green**

**Musician:**  
**Monica Ogden**

**Readings**

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**  
**Psalm 81:1-10**  
**2 Corinthians 4:5-12**  
**Mark 2:23-3:6**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Caryn Koster**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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**Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost 3**  
**Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: Green**

**Musician:**  
**Monica Ogden**

**Readings**

**Genesis 3:8-15**  
**Psalm 130**  
**2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**  
**Mark 3:20-35**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Elaine Liska**

**Prayer of the Day**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



**Sunday, June 16—Pentecost 4**  
**Worship - 10:15am**

**Color: Green**

**Readings**

**Musician:**  
**Monica Ogden**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**  
**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**  
**2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13] 14-17**  
**Mark 4:26-34**

**Today we pray for:**  
**John & Mary Lundell**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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**Sunday, June 23 - Pentecost 5**  
**Worship - 10:15 am**

**Color: Green**

**Readings**

**Musician:**  
**Monica Ogden**

**Job 38:1-11**  
**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**  
**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**  
**Mark 4:35-41**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Ken & K.P. Mahoney**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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**Sunday, June 30 - Pentecost 6**  
**Worship - 10:15 am**

**Color: Green**

**Readings**

**Musician:**  
**Monica Ogden**

**Lamentations 3:22-33**  
**Psalm 30**  
**2 Corinthians 8:7-15**  
**Mark 5:21-43**

**Today we pray for:**  
**Linda Meier**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

2024



6/4 Megan Crouch	6/23 Thomas Swiatek
6/6 Brianna Clark	6/26 Lois Szczerbinski
6/7 Brianne Roesler	6/28 Sally Hollister Jackson
6/10 Ian Palmer	6/28 Jim King
6/11 Katherine Keller	6/29 Alaina Moreau Leo
6/11 Ken Kolb	
6/12 Wayne Roesler	
6/14 Mary Ellen Larson	
6/15 Gina Holmblade Jenkins	
6/16 Virginia DeMumbrum	
6/16 Danielle Jacobs	
6/21 Jenny Lynn Girvan	
6/22 William Hildebrandt	
6/23 Christopher Lathrop	



6/1/68 Wayne & Sue Roesler	6/22/74 Doug & Barb Aardema
6/3/00 Jeremy & Holly Moog	6/23/90 Randy & Terri Fielstra
6/8/68 John & Irene Parks	6/25/83 Doug & Monica Ogden
6/15/91 Joel & Kerry Fretty	6/28/69 Ernie & Donna Stacy
6/16/73 Dan & Jenny Lynn Girvan	6/29/85 Scott & Elaine Stevens
6/16/01 Brian & Laurel Wolf	6/30/63 Chuck & Ann Nessa
6/20/92 Steve & Cindy Albert	



## Baptism Anniversaries



6/1 Eric Nessa	6/14 Sharon Ackerman	6/21 Jon Honoré
6/1 John Lundell	6/14 Mallory Crouch	6/22 Thomas Cavis
6/6 Doug Ogden	6/15 Darrin Roesler	6/23 Andreas Holmblade
6/6 Steve Green	6/17 Nicholas Will	6/26 Megan Aardema Ahrenholz
6/10 Frank Hollister	6/17 Daniel Cavis	6/27 Ann Bloom
6/13 Rob Wahr	6/19 Catherine Shalifoe	6/28 Lorey Montgomery
	6/19 Robin Cavis	

Celebrate your baptism anniversary with a candle a meal or this prayer:

“Stir up within me the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and joy, on this day when I give thanks for my baptism in to Christ.”

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2. Find our Church by searching for our Church name:  
Lebanon Lutheran Church
3. Donate: to the General Fund

*Thank you for your generosity*

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## **Swim Lessons**

We are offering Swim Lessons for 2024!

**Session 2—1230 Schuler / North Muskegon  
July 22-25, July 29 –August 1  
Cost is: \$65 per child**

**Ages 3-5 - 1:30pm - 2pm**

**Ages 6-8 - 2pm - 2:30pm**

**Ages 9-12 - 2:30 - 3pm**

**Muskegon YMCA Certified swim instructors will be  
conducting the lessons.**

Register online at : [www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com) or pick up a form near  
the church office.

Call Lebanon Lutheran Church - 893-5745

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Session Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pool Owner's Name: Barron / Crouch

\$65.00 per registrant

Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Slots Open \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Enrollment in this program will automatically include the possibility of your child's photograph being published on our website: [www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com) - to opt out, please furnish a signed letter with this registration form. \***



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