

**August 18, 2024  
Pentecost 13**

**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: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.**

*Readings for next week: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69.*

*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?*

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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.**

## **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. 95337 W. McMillan, N. Muskegon 49445

**Mary Bernhardt**, at Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell) 2650 Ruddiman, N. Muskegon 49445

**Chris Claus**, American House - 18100 174th Avenue, Spring Lake, MI 49456

**Marlene Holmstrom**, at home - 2643 Benston, Whitehall 49461

**Ken Kolb**, with health issues - 6755 W. Old Channel Trail; Montague 49437

**Elaine Liska**, Sunrise Senior Living—Sunrise of Troy; 6870 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48098-1704. Elaine Liska—Room 130.

**Phyllis Monte**, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall—1302 Warner Street, Whitehall 49461

**Ruth Nurmi**, with health concerns—308 E. Dayton Street, Fremont, 49412

**Barb Smith**, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall—1302 Warner Street, Whitehall 49461

### Special Prayer Concerns:

**Brianne Beekman**, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diagnosed with multiple brain tumors.

**Cody**, (Sharon Webb-Ziske's grandson) underwent heart transplant

**Lucas Carlson**, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.

**Cheri Crouch**, with health concerns.

**Sheila Fretty**, re-occurring cancer.

**Elin Frietsch**, diagnosed with Lymphoma— hospitalized for treatment.

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

**Karl Glass**, with health concerns

**Sandy Kolb**, diagnosed with 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).

**Tom Munn**, (Frank Hollister's friend), health issues.

**Lois Szczerbinski**, with health issues

**Pastor Sarah Samuelson**, recently diagnosed with colorectal cancer


**Paul Vof**, (Ken and Sandy Kolb's son-in-law) hearing issues  
**Billie Welch** (Cheri Crouch's nephew) with health issues  
**Mary Wilson** ( Meg Eaton's mother) hospitalized with hip fracture  
**Darlene Willbrandt**, with bone infection (leg)  
**Our neighbors in the White Lake Area, after devastating losses from the recent storms.**  
**For families dealing with dementia**

**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: Wayne & Sue Roesler**

*Congregational prayers for August 2024: Hannah Romain*

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 **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 : Peace Lutheran Church / Sparta; Rev. Julie Winklepleck**

*Next week we pray for: New Life Lutheran Church / Spruce; Supply Pastor*

**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.....	1,085.00
Non-Budget.....	577.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	1,662.00
Fund of the Month - Backpacks	375.00

2024 Budget	214,000.00
Budgeted giving needed through July (54.3%)	116,202.00
Actual giving through June	104,946.00
Shortfall	11,256.00

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**Food Pantry Numbers for August 14 - families & individuals.**

**NOTE: NEW PANTRY HOURS ARE 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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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 August 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.*

**18** Give thanks for the sacrament of Holy Communion, in which Jesus Christ comes to us with grace, love and forgiveness, nourishing and strengthening us for doing God's work in the world.

**19** Observe the world around us and give thanks for the multitude of little things that inspire our gratitude, stir our curiosity, make us smile, remind us of someone we need to reach out to, or draw our attention to God's presence in the world.

**20** Remember children and youth who will soon begin a new academic year; pray that they are filled with anticipation and will feel safe, cared for and supported by their parents, teachers and peers.

**21** "Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul," wrote Martin Luther. "It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." Praise God for the gift of music in your daily life and when you gather for worship.

**22** Remember in prayer pastors and deacons discerning God's call to service and accepting calls to new places where they are needed. Pray for the Spirit to open their hearts, give them wisdom and strengthen their families during their moves and transitions.

**23** Pray for the work of Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel (formerly Peace Not Walls), a new ELCA initiative of accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising with our partners in the Holy Land and in the United States, that together we will find the justice required for peace in the Middle East.

**24** Pray for youth and adults who experienced the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events, that they will bear spirited witness far and wide to God's love and presence in the world and that the Spirit will continue to nourish their faith and identity as bold disciples of Christ.



Choir will be starting up September 8, 2024. I have several songs in mind already and am looking forward to presenting them. We can always use new voices, so if you have been meaning to extend your singing from the shower to broader vistas, now is the time. There are no try outs, just enjoyment of singing and willingness to: " Make a joyful noise to the Lord "

Please join us after service on September 8th and beyond. See how singing in a group can be uplifting.

Diane Eastman, choir director

### **This Week's Calendar**

<b>8/18 SUN</b>	<b>9am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum Communion</b>
<b>8/19 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm 10:30 am</b>	<b>Office Hours Quilting</b>
<b>8/20 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm 11-3:30 pm 6pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Voice Lessons Church Council</b>
<b>8/21 WED</b>	<b>9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am</b>	<b>Office Hours Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru)</b>
<b>8/22 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>8/23 FRI</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>8/24 SAT</b>		

### **Next Sunday, August 25**

<b>9am 10:15am 5pm-6:30pm</b>	<b>Adult Forum Communion Scout Court of Honor / Grill/Potluck w/ congregation</b>
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### **Upcoming Events:**

<b>9/8</b>	<b>Lebanon Picnic @ Hollister's Waters Edge Lodge</b>
<b>9/19 5-8pm</b>	<b>WLASFA dinner—kitchen /lounge</b>
<b>9/21 5 AM</b>	<b>Ragnar Relay</b>



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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.