

**December 1, 2024
Advent 1**

**Welcome to long-time Lutherans, to Christians from every tradi-
tion, 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, mar-
ital status, ability and challenge.**

We welcome your questions and your beliefs

**Welcome to Lebanon
All are welcome in this place**

**Readings for today: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10,
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36.**

*Readings for next week: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79,
Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6.*

*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 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
Jane Blyth, 28801 Jefferson Ave., Apt. 332; Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081
Chris Claus, American House - 17383 174th Avenue, Spring Lake, MI 49456
Karl & Shirley Glass, with health concerns, 3232 Richmond NW, Walker, MI 49534
Marlene Holmstrom, at home. 2643 Benston Road, Whitehall, 49461
Ken & Sandy 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.
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
Lon Grover, (Lucinda Grover's brother) with health concerns.
Frank Hollister, for continued healing
Dottie Holmblade, (Brian Holmblade's sister) for no side effects from chemotherapy restarted for cancer diagnosis

Karen Jarvis, (family friend of the Beekmans & Parks), diagnosed with colon cancer. (surgery scheduled in October).

Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).

Pastor Sarah Samuelson, at home, diagnosed with colorectal cancer

Paul Vos, (Ken and Sandy Kolb's son-in-law) hearing issues

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: Lance & Linda Decker

Congregational prayers for December 2024: Tim & Virginia

DeMumbrum; Anna & Michael DeNicolo Gaiser; Shawn Erwin; Margaret Everling



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: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church/Alpena; Rev. Tom Orth, UCC and local congregations and leaders.

Next week we pray for: St. Paul Lutheran Church / Alpena; Rev. John Shipman.

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!**

**Reminder: Annual Reports are due to the church office by 12/13!
Please get your typed or emailed report in on time to be included.
Thank You!**

Last Week at Lebanon

Budget.....	3,608.00
Non-Budget.....	300.00
In & Outs.....	238.30
Total Deposit.....	4,146.30
Fund of the Month—November - Worship	100.00
Fund of the Month - December - Music	
2024 Budget	214,000.00
Budgeted giving through 11/24/2024	166,951.01
Shortfall	47,048.99

Food Pantry Numbers for 11/27 - 98 families & 204 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 December 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.

1 First Sunday of Advent Give thanks for God's boundless love and mercy, made tangible and sure through the birth of Jesus Christ, and for the free gift of salvation and hope that sets us free and leads us to eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.

2 World AIDS Day (Dec. 1) If left untreated, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) can cause AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). In 2023, 39.9 million people were living with HIV and 630,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses. Pray for individuals, families and communities impacted by HIV and AIDS, and for health care workers, researchers, clinics and faith communities working to treat, prevent and eradicate HIV and increase awareness of HIV and AIDS.

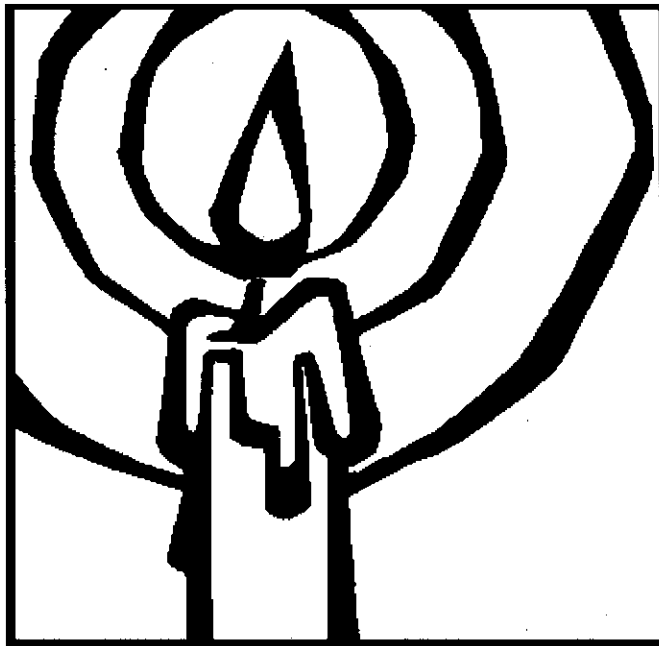
3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who live with disabilities, that they will be welcomed, respected, valued and fully included in every aspect of the church and society. Give thanks for the wide-ranging work of ELCA Disability Ministries and the 16 social service organizations that make up the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network.

4 "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:14-15). Pray for the Spirit to shape our lives, that our words and actions might embody the gospel, the heart of our faith.

5 Pray for those in Florida and the Gulf Coast who are grieving losses and recovering from hurricanes. Pray for assistance, resources and support to help them recover and rebuild, and thank God that our donations to Lutheran Disaster Response enable our church to respond to crises and care for those enduring trauma and devastation.

6 Give thanks for the ELCA Good Gifts catalogue, which helps us understand the needs and priorities of our neighbors and provides opportunities for us to respond with compassion and generosity in ways that promise great, immediate and longterm impact.

7 "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul" (Psalm 25:1). Lift up everything to God — your joys, concerns, questions, lamentations, confessions and praise



First Sunday of Advent

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This Week's Calendar

12/1 SUN	9am 10:15am 5pm-7pm	Adult Forum Communion Scouts
12/2 MON	9am-1pm 10:30am 11am 3pm-5pm	Office Hours Quilting Sanctuary piano tuning Voice Lessons (sanctuary)
12/3 TUES	9am-1pm 3-5pm 6-7:30pm	Office Hours Voice Lessons (Sanctuary) Choir Group (Sanctuary)
12/4 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 12 -3pm 3-5pm 6-7:30pm 6pm 7:15 pm	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru) Homeschool Group (Upper Hall) Voice Lessons (Sanctuary) Choir Group (Sanctuary) Potluck Supper Vespers
12/5 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
12/6 FRI	9am-1pm	Office Hours Scouts overnight / entire building
12/7 SAT		Scouts overnight / entire building Financial Compliance Review White Lake Santa Parade

Next Sunday, December 8

9am 10:15am 3:30pm	Adult Forum Communion Scouts
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Upcoming Events:

- 12/13 Annual Reports due to the church office**
- 12/14 White Lake Area Choir Concert / Alexys Nevitt**
- 12/19 Candlelight Yoga / Hope Scarves fundraiser @ 6-7pm**



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Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopscarves.org

LivingLutheran.org.

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

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.