

**December 22, 2024
Advent 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: **Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55 (Psalm 80:1-7), Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45[46-55].**
Readings for next week: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52. 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.

5337 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 suffered a relapse and waiting on new treatments. Prayers are urgently needed.

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

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

Pastor Sarah Samuelson, at home, diagnosed with colorectal cancer

Linda Umstead, (Carol Norwick's sister), with health issues

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: Shawn Erwin

Congregational prayers for December 2024: 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: St. John's Lutheran Church/Baroda; Rev. Kenneth Babcock**

Next week we pray for: St. Peter Lutheran Church/Battle Creek; Rev. Edward Ruble.

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.....	8,007.00
Non-Budget.....	103.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	8,110.00
Fund of the Month - December - Music	190.00
2024 Budget	214,000.00
Budgeted giving through 12/15/2024	209,659.01
Shortfall	4,340.99

Food Pantry Numbers for 12/18 – 102 families & 214 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.

22 Pray that — like Elizabeth awaiting the birth of John, and Mary awaiting the birth of Jesus — we will trust God and move forward through our uncertainties.

23 Remember those who serve our communities during the holidays, including church staff, first responders, retail and restaurant workers, health care providers, members of the military and those who maintain the infrastructure of our communities.

24 *Christmas Eve* “That there were shepherds, means that no one is to hear the Gospel for himself alone, but [everyone] is to tell it to others who are not acquainted with it. For he who believes for himself has enough and should endeavor to bring others to such faith and knowledge” (Martin Luther, “Sermon for Christmas Day; Luke 2:1-14”). Promise to share the story of your baptismal journey with confidence and joy, so that others might find comfort in the good news of Jesus Christ.

25 *Christmas Day* God’s glorious light breaks through sin, death and despair to illuminate the gifts we receive through the birth of Jesus Christ — love, mercy, hope and new life. Praise God!

26 Kwanzaa begins this week. Give thanks to God for our siblings of African descent, and for the richness of their traditions, cultures, values, stories, faith and leadership.

27 Pray for those living with political conflict and instability, that they will grow in hope and resilience and experience lasting peace, justice and healing.

28 Give thanks for the enduring impacts of Christmas and the good news of Jesus Christ, letting them shape your life and guide you throughout the year.

29 “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” (Colossians 3:12-13). Promise to bear witness to God’s love for all people, a love unconfined and undiminished by national borders, political affiliations, human laws or social problems.



Thank you to everyone who took a mitten or two for the White Lake Giving Tree and those that filled the Toys for Tots box as well.

Many local children will wake up on Christmas morning with gifts due to your generosity!



Candles, Carols & Communion
7:00 pm
December 24, 2024

Thank You to everyone who helped me with the Christmas baskets.



We packed and delivered 23 baskets, that included 40 people.

Thank you to John & Irene Parks, Mary Carlson, Carol Norwick, K.P. Mahoney, Deb Statz, Donna Stacy & Wayne Roesler for all their help.

Thank You to everyone who donated “goodies” for the baskets. I couldn’t have done it without your help!

Sue Roesler

This Week's Calendar

12/22 SUN	9am 9-10 am 10:15am	Adult Forum Kids Klub Communion
12/23 MON	9am-1pm 10:30am	Office Hours Quilting
12/24 TUES	9am-1pm 7:00 pm	Office Hours Candles, Carols & Communion
12/25 WED		Christmas Day Church office closed / No Pantry
12/26 THURS		Church office closed
12/27 FRI	9am-1pm	Office Hours
12/28 SAT		

Next Sunday, December 29

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

January 1, 2025 - Church office closed / No Food Pantry



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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 1-800-273TALK.org
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.