

**December 29, 2024
Christmas 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: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148,
Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52.**

*Readings for next week: Christmas 2 : Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm
147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9] 10-18. 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 Glass, @ Edison Christian Health Care Center, 1000 Edison St., Grand Rapids, MI 49504. Room #382.

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: Margaret Everling

Congregational prayers for January 2025:



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. Peter Lutheran Church/Battle Creek; Rev. Edward Ruble.

Next week we pray for: January 5, 2025 - Trinity Lutheran Church/Battle Creek; Rev. Kjersten Sullivan and local congregations and leaders.

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.....	4,937.00
Non-Budget.....	120.00
In & Outs.....	2,629.46
Total Deposit.....	7,326.46
Fund of the Month - December - Music	250.00
2024 Budget	214,000.00
Budgeted giving through 12/15/2024	214,596.01
Surplus	596.01

Congratulations and Thank You Lebanon!

NO Food Pantry December 25 and January 1.

**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 / January 2025

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.

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.

30 Christ’s church is diverse and global, manifested in different Christian faiths and traditions. Pray for ELCA congregations and ministries, ecumenical partners, global companions and neighboring faith communities that join us in sharing the gospel and doing God’s work in the world.

31 *New Year’s Eve* Our faith, hope and joy in Christ do not ebb and flow with the seasons, the holidays or our church calendar. They are an ever-present reality, nurtured and strengthened

1 *New Year’s Day* Ask God to grant us strength, wisdom and patience to accomplish new goals this year. Give thanks for God’s forgiveness and for the support of others, which help us to continue when we fail, grow frustrated or are redirected in our pursuits.

2 “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Our newness in Christ is realized in our present life and in the future, when we enter the kingdom of God. Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our faith and to help us embrace our new selves — every day.

3 Pray for the Spirit to stir our patience, understanding and respect for others when we find ourselves in conflict with our neighbors or siblings in Christ.

4 Pray for our synod bishops attending the Bishop’s Academy in Puerto Rico as they study and reflect on the challenge and promise of Lutheran mission and theology in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR

This Week's Calendar

12/29 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Communion
12/30 MON	9am-1pm 10:30am	Office Hours Quilting
12/31 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
1/1/25 WED		New Years Day Church office closed / No Pantry
1/2 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
1/3 FRI		Office Closed
1/4 SAT		

Next Sunday, January 5, 2025

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

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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](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.