

December 8, 2024

Advent 2

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: **Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6.**

Readings for next week: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18.

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. 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: Tim & Virginia DeMumbrum

Congregational prayers for December 2024: 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: St. Paul Lutheran Church / Alpena; Rev. John Shipman.

Next week we pray for: St. Paul Lutheran Church / Au Gres; Rev. Max Miller.

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.....	31,487.00
Non-Budget.....	1,560.00
In & Outs.....	268.00
Total Deposit.....	33,315.00
Fund of the Month - December - Music	65.00

2024 Budget	214,000.00
Budgeted giving through 12/2024	198,338.01
Shortfall	15,661.99

Food Pantry Numbers for 12/4 - 90 families & 207 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.

8 Thank God for the example of John the Baptist, who endeavored to spread the life-giving news of Jesus Christ and to encourage faith in a loving, forgiving God.

9 Pray that our faith and anticipation will be stirred by Advent candles, songs, art and Scripture that draw our attention to God's abundant love for humanity and amazing gift of Jesus Christ.

10 Give thanks for siblings in Christ who accompany us on our baptismal journeys and encourage our faith and understanding of God's ways. Pray that we will not hesitate to share the gospel or to show love, concern or mercy for others, as God does for us.

11 "I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I" (*With One Voice* 642). Praise God that our salvation does not depend upon our actions, the strength of our faith or our perfect understanding of what God has accomplished for us through Jesus Christ.

12 December is a time of anticipation and joyful celebration, expressed through shared meals, gatherings of friends and family, community events and special opportunities for worship. Promise to invite and welcome others, especially those in our communities who feel alone, ignored or forgotten.

13 Give praise and thanks to God for blessing us with Jesus Christ, our true Savior, Messiah, teacher, light and hope.

14 Pray that, day after day, we will grow more generous in responding to our neighbors in need, strengthening our communities, supporting our global companions and expanding the ministries and outreach of our congregations.



The craft group will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship area in church. Feel free to bring friends, problem projects, or just yourself to have a visit with other crafts curious people. All are welcome.

If this time doesn't work, but you are interested, let me know. We can always have another time set up as well.

Diane Eastman



ANNUAL REPORTS are due to the church office by December 13th!

Please make sure your typed Report is in the church office by end of day on the 13th to be included in the Annual Report.

Thank you.

This Week's Calendar

12/8 SUN	9am 10:15am 5pm-7pm	Adult Forum Communion Scouts
12/9 MON	9am-1pm 10:30am 3pm-5pm	Office Hours Quilting Voice Lessons (sanctuary)
12/10 TUES	9am-1pm 3-5pm 6-7:30pm	Office Hours Voice Lessons (Sanctuary) Choir Group (Sanctuary)
12/11 WED	9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 12 -3pm 6pm 7:15 pm	Office Hours Food Pantry (Drive-Thru) Homeschool Group (Upper Hall) Potluck supper Vespers
12/12 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm-7:30pm	Office Hours WL Chorale in Sanctuary
12/13 FRI	9am-1pm	Office Hours ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE
12/14 SAT	6:30pm	Christmas Concert @ Lebanon

Next Sunday, December 15

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

Upcoming Events:

12/19	Candlelight Yoga / Hope Scarves fundraiser @ 6-7pm
12/21	3pm-10pm Venture Crew Christmas Party Kitchen / Lounge



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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.