

**December 15, 2024  
Advent 3**

**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: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6,  
Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18.**

*Readings for next week: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55*

*(Psalm 80:1-7), Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45[46-55].*

*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?*

*[www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com)*

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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.**

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## **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

**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

**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: Anna & Michael DeNicolo Gaiser; Nora & Ellis.**

*Congregational prayers for December 2024: Shawn Erwin; Margaret Everling*

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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: St. Paul Lutheran Church / Au Gres; Rev. Max Miller.**

*Next week we pray for: St. John's Lutheran Church/Baroda; Rev. Kenneth Babcock*

**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!**

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**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	3,314.00
Non-Budget.....	410.00
In & Outs.....	1,450.00
Total Deposit.....	5,174.00
Fund of the Month - December - Music	135.00
2024 Budget	214,000.00
Budgeted giving through 12/8/2024	201,652.01
Shortfall	12,347.99

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**Food Pantry Numbers for 12/11– 82 families & 190 individuals.**

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

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**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.*

**15** Promise to be a faithful, generous and merciful follower of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed and doing God's work in the world.

**16** *Las Posadas* Las Posadas ("the Inns") is a Mexican Christmas tradition in which worshipers reenact the experience of Mary and Joseph as they searched for a place where Mary could give birth. Remembering Mary and Joseph's difficult journey, promise to embody hospitality, compassion, generosity and justice in responding to modern-day homelessness, poverty and immigration.

**17** Pray for students returning home from colleges, universities and seminaries, that they will experience joy and renewal as they reconnect with family, friends and faith communities.

**18** *International Migrants Day* Remember our neighbors and siblings in Christ who seek refuge and welcoming places to rebuild their lives. Pray for those held in refugee camps and waiting at border crossings, that they will be treated with love and respect and supported in their difficult journeys. Give thanks for the work of our church in partnership with Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service).

**19** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). To worry is normal, especially in these times. Know that you are not alone and that God listens to our prayers, caring for us through faith communities and our siblings in Christ.

**20** *Katharina von Bora Luther (1499-1552)* Give thanks for Katharina Luther, Martin Luther's source of inspiration and trusted partner in life. Let us thank God for partners and spouses who accompany us in our baptismal journeys and help us to do God's work in the world.

**21** *Winter solstice* Praise God for the mysteries of creation, the cycles of life and the reflection they inspire.



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



**Candlelight Yoga  
Fundraiser for Hope Scarves  
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
December 19, 2024  
@ Lebanon Lutheran**

**This Week's Calendar**

<b>12/15 SUN</b>	<b>9am 10:15am 5pm-7pm</b>	<b>Adult Forum Communion Scouts</b>
<b>12/16 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm 10:30am</b>	<b>Office Hours Quilting</b>
<b>12/17 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>12/18 WED</b>	<b>9am—1pm 9:30am-10:30 am 12-3pm 6pm 7:15 pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Food Pantry ( Drive-Thru) Homeschool Group (Upper Hall) Potluck supper Game Night / Decorating</b>
<b>12/19 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm 5pm-10 pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Candle Light Yoga (6pm-7pm) Kitchen/lounge area</b>
<b>12/20 FRI</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>12/21 SAT</b>	<b>3-10pm</b>	<b>Scout Christmas Party (Kitchen/Lounge )</b>

**Next Sunday, December 22**

<b>9am</b>	<b>Adult Forum</b>
<b>9-10am</b>	<b>Kids Klub</b>
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Scouts</b>

**December 24 - 7:00 pm - Candles, Carols & Communion**

**December 25 - Christmas Day - Office closed - No Food Pantry**

**December 26 - Church office closed**



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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.