

**February 2, 2025  
Epiphany 4**

**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: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,8-10, Psalm 19,  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21.**

*Readings for next week: Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84, Hebrews  
2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40. 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.**

## **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:

- Cindy Albert**, implant surgery for sleep apnea
- Brianne Beekman**, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diag-  
nosed 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 multi-  
ple 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

**Harry & Yolanta Swiatek**; Harry uses a wheelchair and is in a nursing home between Pentwater and Ludington. Yolanta is at the Medilodge of Ludington, 1000 E. Tinkham Ave., Ludington, MI 49431 after a fall resulted in hip & femur fractures.

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

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

**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: Virginia Foster**

*Congregational prayers for February 2025: Tom & Sheila Fretty;  
Zackery & Megan Fretty; David & Emma Greenwood*

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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: Zion Lutheran Church/Cadillac; Rev. Scott Torkko and Rev. Chrisy Bright; Assistant to the Bishop/NWLM Synod.**

*Next week we pray for: Peace Lutheran Church / Charlotte; Rev. Neil Brady.*

**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.....	3,251.00
Non-Budget.....	275.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	3,526.00
Fund of the Month - January/Quilting	405.00
Fund of the Month - February/Kids Klub	

2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving needed through January (7.3%)	15,221.89
Actual giving through January	10,209.00
Shortfall	5,012.89

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Food Pantry Numbers for January 29:  
108 families & 234 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 February 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.*

**2** The word of God brings joy and comfort to us yet is sometimes difficult to hear. Pray that we will reflect on how God's word strikes us, especially when it challenges what is safe, familiar and comfortable in our lives.

**3** Ask God to help us move beyond our apprehensions, anger and entrenched beliefs so that we might confess and address deeply rooted aspects of racism that poison relationships, workplaces, society and the church. Pray for the Spirit to remind us that we are children of God who live in grace and are called to love, respect and serve one another — complexities, differences and all.

**4** Among all our gifts and abilities, the most important is love for God and our neighbors — family, strangers and siblings in Christ alike. Praise God for teaching us what love entails through the selfless, unreserved and undeserved love of Jesus Christ for humankind.

**5** Pray for Federal Chaplaincy Ministries of the ELCA, which seeks, supports, nurtures and sends pastors and seminary students to serve as federal chaplains and chaplain candidates for the U.S. military, Veterans Affairs hospitals and federal correctional institutions. Give thanks for chaplains and the gifts that the Spirit nurtures within them as they serve in unique contexts.

**6** Lift up prayers and songs of praise to God for being the bright light in the world that illuminates the one true and enduring source of hope, guidance and eternal life — Jesus Christ.

**7** Use the words of Psalm 71:3 in your prayer to God today: "Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress."

**8** Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who labor in one or more jobs to meet basic daily needs for themselves and their families. Ask God to strengthen and sustain their spiritual and physical strength and to help us be supportive, caring and generous neighbors.

**9** Ask God to help us be attentive and responsive to how God speaks to us through Scripture, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the work of the Spirit and the encouragement and admonition offered by our siblings in Christ.



**Looking for a volunteer (or several) to cover the church office on Monday, March 31, April 1, 2, 3 while Margaret is on vacation. Anyone interested, please let Margaret know. Thank You!**

**This Week's Calendar**

<b>2/2 SUN</b>	<b>9am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum/ Bell Choir practice Communion</b>
<b>2/3 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm 10:30am</b>	<b>Office Hours Quilting</b>
<b>2/4 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>2/5 WED</b>	<b>9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am</b>	<b>Office Hours Food Pantry</b>
<b>2/6 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm 6pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Craft Group (Upper Hall)</b>
<b>2/7 FRI</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>2/8 SAT</b>	<b>8am-3pm</b>	<b>Kids Hooked on Fishing (entire building)</b>

**Next Sunday, February 9, 2025**

<b>9am</b>	<b>Adult Forum /Bell Choir</b>
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Scouts</b>

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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.