

**January 5, 2025  
Christmas 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9] 10-18.**

*Readings for next week: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17,21-22. 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 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) 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

**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: Virginia Farmer**

*Congregational prayers for January 2025: Stephen & Suzanne Troy; Karl & Shirley Glass; Tom Foster.*



**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: Trinity Lutheran Church/Battle Creek; Rev. Kjersten Sullivan and local congregations and leaders.**

*Next week we pray for: Messiah Lutheran Church/Bay City; Rev. Timothy Jahm.*

**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.....                          | 15,574.00  |
| Non-Budget.....                      | 955.00     |
| In & Outs.....                       | 0.00       |
| Total Deposit.....                   | 16,529.00  |
| Fund of the Month - December - Music | 560.00     |
|                                      |            |
| 2024 Budget                          | 214,000.00 |
| Budgeted giving through 12/29/2024   | 230,170.01 |
| Surplus                              | 16,170.01  |

**Thank you for your support this year!**

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**NO Food Pantry December 25 and January 1.**

**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 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.*

**5** Give thanks to God that Jesus Christ lived among us, that we might believe in God's grace and truth and be filled with joy and relief as children of God who are set free to live as Jesus did in service to our neighbors.

**6 Epiphany** "This star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing Christ, the way, the truth, the life" (*ELW* 301). Praise God for the gift of Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the way, truth and life of God's love, forgiveness and promises.

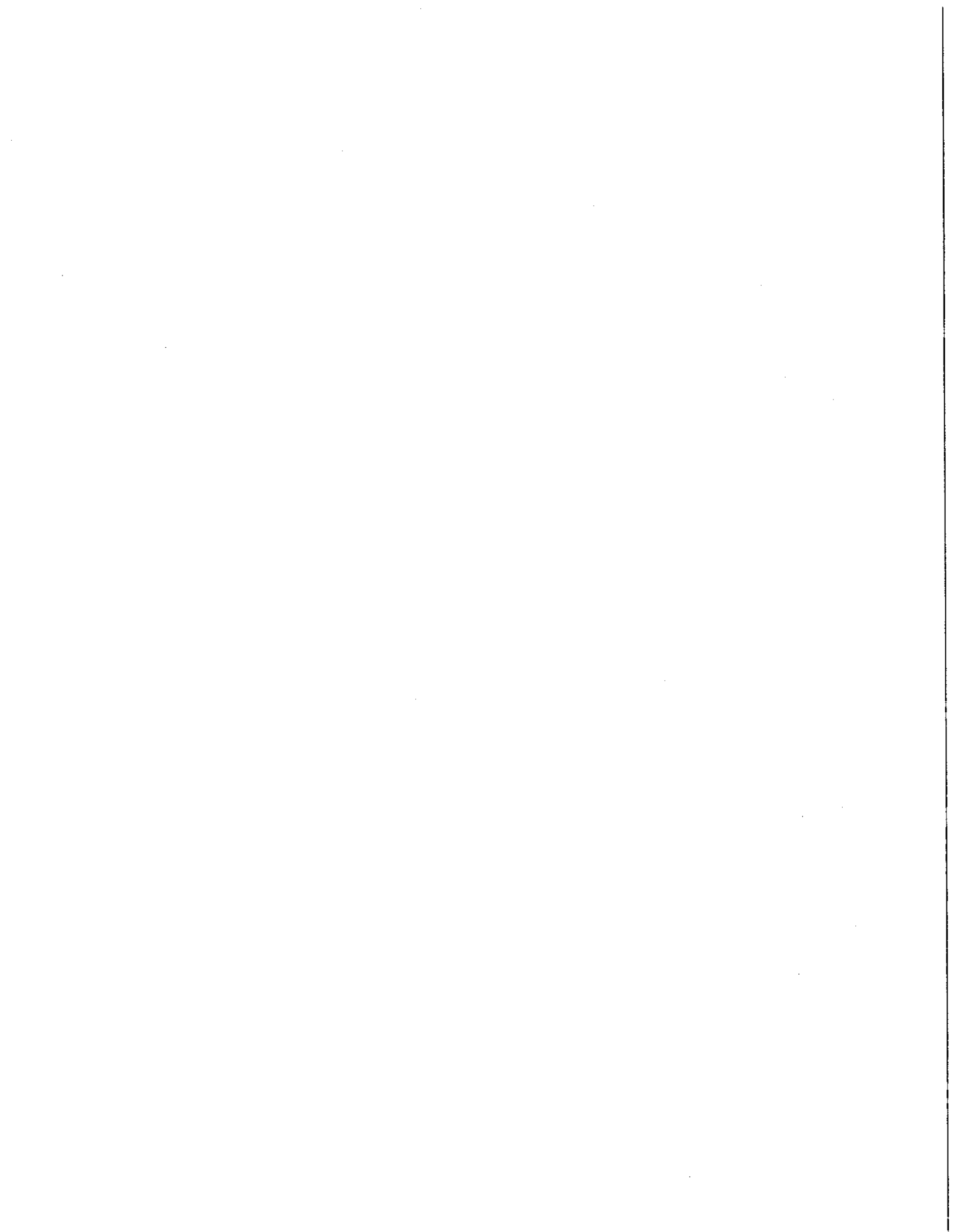
**7** Pray for a peaceful transfer of presidential power in the United States and that the Spirit will influence and guide our leaders to serve all people with compassion, wisdom and concern for justice and unity.

**8** "In [Christ] we have redemption through [Christ's] blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us" (Ephesians 1:7-8). God's boundless love and forgiveness are lavish indeed. Give thanks and praise to God!

**9** Remember in prayer college, university and seminary students taking part in winter J-term classes and service learning, that their experiences will deepen their faith, expand their knowledge and reveal how their gifts and passions can be used to do God's work in the world.

**10** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that we will respect our differences but embrace our unity in Christ so we can spread the gospel, serve our neighbor, and share leadership and resources for doing God's work in the world — together.

**11** Give thanks for God's grace and the work of the Spirit, which equip us with the tools, wisdom and courage needed to face the challenges of everyday life and to bear Christ's love and hope into the world.



**This Week's Calendar**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>1/5/2025<br/>SUN</b> | <b>9am<br/>10:15am</b>     | <b>Adult Forum<br/>Communion</b> |
| <b>1/6<br/>MON</b>      | <b>9am-1pm<br/>10:30am</b> | <b>Office Hours<br/>Quilting</b> |
| <b>1/7<br/>TUES</b>     | <b>9am-1pm</b>             | <b>Office Hours</b>              |
| <b>1/8<br/>WED</b>      | <b>9am-1pm</b>             | <b>Office Hours</b>              |
| <b>1/9<br/>THURS</b>    | <b>9am-1pm</b>             | <b>Office Hours</b>              |
| <b>1/10<br/>FRI</b>     |                            | <b>Office Closed</b>             |
| <b>1/11<br/>SAT</b>     |                            |                                  |

**Next Sunday, January 12, 2025**

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|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>9am</b>     | <b>Adult Forum</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.