

**January 19, 2025  
Epiphany 2**

**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: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10,  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11.**

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

**Cindy Albert**, implant surgery for sleep apnea

**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

**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: Karl & Shirley Glass**

*Congregational prayers for January 2025: Tom Foster*

*Congregational prayers for February: Virginia Foster; Tom & Sheila Fretty; Zachary & Megan Fretty; David & Emma Greenwood.*



**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: Immanuel Lutheran Church/Big Rapids; Supply Pastors**

*Next week we pray for: St. Matthew Lutheran Church/Bridgeport; Rev. Diane Sponheim.*

**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.....	2,427.00
Non-Budget.....	589.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	3,016.00
Fund of the Month - Quilting	210.00

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**NO Food Pantry January 15 - 100 families & 196 individuals**

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

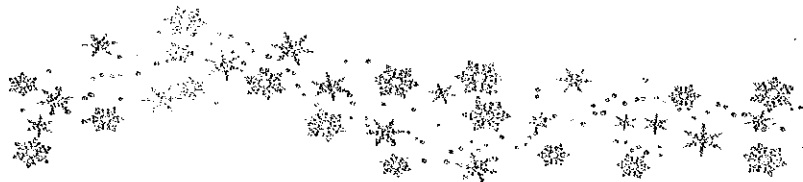
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Lebanon Lutheran Church
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## **Take home - Prayer Ventures January 2025**

*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.*

**19** Praise God for the inexhaustible grace shown to us throughout our lives and baptismal journeys.

**20** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Remember and give thanks for the life, teaching and advocacy of Martin Luther King Jr. for the sake of justice, inclusion and the value of all people, especially those who suffer persecution, racism, disdain or oppression. Pray that we will be inspired by our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are fearless and persistent in their advocacy and compassion for others.

**21** Thank God for the gifts given to us through the Spirit, and pray that others might recognize their own unique gifts and see where they are valued and needed.

**22** Pray for ELCA directors for evangelical mission, who serve as resources to synods in mission development, congregational renewal and stewardship.

**23** Pray for our church's grassroots Life of Faith initiative, meant to help us to live out our baptismal vocation in daily life, serve our neighbors and work for justice in the diverse contexts of family, workplace, school, community and the world.

**24** Pray that we will open all our senses to God's glory, power and voice as revealed in nature — the awe-inspiring and dynamic handiwork of our Creator.

**25** *Conversion of Paul* Give thanks that, for God, all things are possible, even when we do not envision the possibility of lives being changed, hearts softened or faith awakened.



Please check your mailboxes for your printed copy of our **2024 Annual Report** ahead of next Sunday's Annual Meeting!



**Thank you to Meg Eaton** for taking the reigns of our monthly newsletter *The Light*.

**Thank you to Toni Shillaci** for volunteering to help fold, stamp etc the newsletters. We are still looking for a few more people interested in helping with this monthly.

*Please let Meg Eaton or Margaret in the office know if you are interested!*

**This Week's Calendar**

<b>1/19/25 SUN</b>	<b>9am 9:30 am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum Kids Klub Communion</b>
<b>1/20 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm 10:30am 6pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Quilting WL Chorale Kick Off (kitchen - lounge / sanctuary)</b>
<b>1/21 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>1/22 WED</b>	<b>9am-1pm 9:30-10:30 am</b>	<b>Office Hours Food Pantry</b>
<b>1/23 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm 6pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Craft Group - Upper Hall</b>
<b>1/24 FRI</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>1/25 SAT</b>		

**Next Sunday, January 26, 2025**

<b>9am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum Communion</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING / POTLUCK 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.