

February 23, 2025

Epiphany 7

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: **Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38.**

Readings for next week: Transfiguratio of Our Lord: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]. 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.

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).

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: David & Emma Greenwood, Addie & Ryan

Congregational prayers for March 2025: Ted & Sharon Gribas; Sharon Barnes; Eric & Stephanie Hein; Charlie & Michaelanne Hendrixon; Alan & Vicki Hinks.



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/ Comstock Park, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas.

Next week we pray for: Messiah Lutheran Church / Constantine; Rev. Thomas Pederson and local congregations and leaders.

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.....	1,775.00
Non-Budget.....	2,828.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,603.00
Fund of the Month - February/Kids Klub	145.00

Food Pantry Numbers for February 19: 85 families & 187 individuals.

NOTE: PANTRY HOURS ARE 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

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.

23 “Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you” (Luke 6:27-28). Pray for humility and courage to love our neighbors as God has loved us.

24 In the dreariness of winter, when nature seems lifeless, give thanks to God for the people and little things reminding us that life endures, though we might think it depleted. God’s ability to create, revive and sustain life even in us — is cause for joy and thanksgiving!

25 Pray for synod bishops gathering for the spring Conference of Bishops in Itasca, Ill., that the Spirit will guide and enrich their time together for worship, study, mutual sharing, and conducting business. Give thanks for their guidance of our church and ask God to equip them for leadership, service and responding to the growing challenges of ministry in our 65 synods.

26 Give thanks for the work we do together through programs, ministries and initiatives of the ELCA and our synods. Pray that our church will thrive and that we will inspire faith and hope wherever we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

27 “Esteem [the Bible] as the precious fountain that can never be exhausted” (Martin Luther, *Table Talk*). What stories and texts in the Bible are most familiar to you? Pray for the Spirit to help you discover something new and revealing each time you read or hear those familiar texts.

28 Pray for the ministries unique to your community, that we will consider the people and needs they serve, value their staff and volunteers, and generously support their work.

Personal Care Kits Schedule

March 5-9 - bath towels
March 12-16 - combs
March 19-23 - nail clippers
March 26-30 - toothpaste

April 2-6 - toothbrushes
April 9-13 - bar soap
April 13 (Palm Sunday) 9am - Assembly



Looking for office coverage for
March 31st, April 1, 2, and 3rd.

If you can spare a few hours any of
those days, please let Margaret
know. Thank You!

and Lenten Midweek Events

March 5: 6:30 potluck and 7:15 pm Ash Wednesday worship

March 12 & 19: 6:30 potluck and 7:15 pm Holden Prayer for Healing

March 26 - April 16: potluck 6:30-7:15 pm and Peter Sagal
documentaries, *Constitution USA* 7-8 pm

Sundays

Dramas March 30 and April 6 in lieu of sermon

Passion reading for Palm Sunday, April 13

This Week's Calendar

2/23 SUN	9am 10:15am 3pm	Adult Forum / Bell Choir Communion Scouts / Pinewood Derby
2/24 MON	9am-1pm 10:30am	Office Hours Quilting
2/25 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
2/26 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
2/27 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm	Office Hours Craft Group (Upper Hall)
2/28 FRI		Office Closed
3/1 SAT		

Next Sunday, March 2, 2025—Transfiguration

9am	Adult Forum
10:15am	Communion



March 9, 2025

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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

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.