

**March 16, 2025  
Lent 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 : **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-:4:1, Luke 13:31-35.**

*Readings for next week: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63.1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9. 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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Choir anthem: Write Your Word Upon My Heart by LLoyd Larson

## **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.

**Margaret Fountain**, (Mary Koenen's sister) diagnosed with multiple myeloma suffered a relapse. New treatment has begun.

**Lon Grover**, (Lucinda Grover's brother) with health concerns.

**Dottie Holmblade**, (Brian Holmblade's sister) for no side effects from chemotherapy restarted for cancer diagnosis

**Lauralee Kesteloot**, recuperating after a hip fracture

**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

**Our hearts grieve with Jake Frietsch, Anna & Elizabeth, and August**, on the death of **Elin Frietsch**. The visitation will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM, followed by the memorial service at 11:00 AM. Both events will be held at First Lutheran Church, located at 1206 Whitehall Road, Muskegon, MI 49445.

**Our hearts grieve with Glenn and Meg Eaton** and family on the recent death of Meg's mother, **Mary Wilson**.

**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: Eric & Stephanie Hein and family.**

*Congregational prayers for March 2025: 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: Christ United Church/ Dewitt; Rev. Alex Aivars.**  
*Next week we pray for: Evangelical Lutheran Church / East Jordan; Rev. Matt Deames.*

**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.....	1,014.00
Non-Budget.....	3,291.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,305.00
Fund of the Month - March - Good Gifts	245.00

2025 Budget 208,519.00

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Food Pantry Numbers for March 12: 91 families & 186 individuals.

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

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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!*

**Marie Hendrixon is looking for an experienced knitter to repair a cherished scarf. Please let Marie know if you can help!**

### **Take home - Prayer Ventures March 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.*

**16** “O God, you know all that we think or do, you know the pain we put each other through. Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, grant us peace” (*WOV 739*). Praise God for the boundless love and forgiveness that create a new spirit within us and enable us to change how we behave toward our neighbors.

**17** Remember in prayer the 240 ELCA missionaries who serve alongside global church partners in more than 40 countries, doing God’s work in the world and supporting the growth of new congregations, urban and youth outreach, theological education, pursuit of justice and peace, and leadership training.

**18** Remember in prayer congregations that are working through leadership transitions, assessing their missions and resources, and searching for pastors, deacons or others to become teachers and leaders.

**19** “The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me” (Martin Luther, *Table Talk*). Pray that the word of God in Scripture will lay hold of us and reveal something new to us each time we read the Bible, hear it read aloud or reflect on its implications for our daily lives.

**20** *First Day of Spring* Sing praises and lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the new life, light and hope that emerge with spring — awesome gifts from God, the Creator.

**21** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**22** Water is a gift from God and a vital resource that sustains all living things. Pray for wisdom and discipline that we might preserve, manage and restore water resources essential to food production and life itself for people around the world.

### Personal Care Kits Schedule

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



Thank you to **Barb Aardema** who volunteered to cover the church office on Wednesday, April 2nd and to **Sue Roesler** who will be covering the office on March 31, April 1 and April 3!

I appreciate your help!

### and Lenten Midweek Events

**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

<b>3/16 SUN</b>	9am <b>9:30 am</b> 10:15am	Adult Forum /Bell Choir <b>Kids Klub</b> Communion
<b>3/17 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 10:30am	<b>Office Hours</b> Quilting
<b>3/18 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 6pm	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Church Council</b>
<b>3/19 WED</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 9:30am-10:30am <b>12 noon</b> 12:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	<b>Office Hours</b> <b><u>Easter Flower Order Deadline</u></b> Food Pantry <b>Lenten Lunch @ WL Congreg.</b> Homeschool group (upper hall) Potluck Holden Evening Prayer
<b>3/20 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 6pm	<b>Office Hours</b> Craft Group (Upper Hall)
<b>3/21 FRI</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>3/22 SAT</b>		

### Next Sunday, March 23, 2025—Lent 3

9am	Adult Forum / Bell Choir
10:15am	Communion
	<b>Hertel Baptism</b>

Reminder: Margaret will be on vacation from 3/28 - 4/5. *She will not be available by phone nor email.* Please have anything you wish in the yellow insert to the church office by 3/27 at 10:00 am so that it can be included.