

**March 23, 2025
Lent 3**

**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,
marital status, ability and challenge.**

We welcome your questions and your beliefs

**Welcome to Lebanon
All are welcome in this place**

**Readings for today : Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63.1-8,
1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9**

*Readings for next week: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians
5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. 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:

Brianne Beekman, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diagnosed with multiple brain tumors.

Esther & Roy Baldridge, Esther is starting chemotherapy treatment.

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.

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 now at home & thanks the congregation for the prayers for them both.

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.**

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

Our hearts grieve with Lisa Clark and family on the recent death of her father, **Mitch Johnson.** A funeral service was held at Lebanon on 3/22

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: Charlie & Michaelanne Hendrixon.

Congregational prayers for March 2025: 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.....	3,068.00
Non-Budget.....	50.00
In & Outs.....	113.00
Total Deposit.....	3,231.00
Fund of the Month - March - Good Gifts	245.00

2025 Budget 208,519.00

Food Pantry Numbers for March 19: 97 families & 211 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!

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

Today we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Earl Hertel.

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.

23 Let us repent our sins to God, just as we are, asking God's forgiveness, guidance and transformation.

24 Pray that our Lenten reflections and conversations will lead us to a clearer sense of our identity, our mission and our calling to proclaim the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

25 Give thanks for godparents and baptismal sponsors who encourage our faith, teaching us to live as children of God and followers of Christ throughout our baptismal journeys.

26 "O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you" (Psalm 63:1). Reflect on the longings of your soul and give thanks that the Spirit moves with us through Lent, leading us to the foot of the cross.

27 Give thanks for ELCA Ministries of Diverse Cultures and Communities, which works with ELCA congregations, synods, agencies and institutions to make the church more culturally diverse, anti-racist and inclusive of all God's children.

28 God's pardon of our human shortcomings and sin can never be earned or bought. Pray that, forgiven and freed in Jesus Christ, we will respond with gratitude, compassion and mercy for others.

29 Give thanks for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA), which supports, equips and encourages Lutheran educators, and for our congregations' faith-based day care centers and preschools, which provide safe and nurturing environments for faith formation.

Personal Care Kits Schedule

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 Thursday, April 3rd and to **Sue Roesler** who will be covering the office on March 31, April 1 and April 2!

I appreciate your help!

and Lenten Midweek Events

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

3/23 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum /Bell Choir Communion Hertel Baptism
3/24 MON	9am-1pm 10:30am	Office Hours Quilting
3/25 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
3/26 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12 noon 12:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Office Hours Food Pantry Lenten Lunch @ St. James Homeschool group (upper hall) Potluck Holden Evening Prayer
3/27 THURS	9am-1pm 10:00 am 6pm	Office Hours Deadline for news / yellow pages Craft Group (Upper Hall)
3/28 FRI		Office Closed
3/29 SAT		Margaret on vacation until 4/5

Next Sunday, March 30, 2025

9am 10:15am	Adult Forum / Bell Choir Communion
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Reminder: Margaret will be on vacation from 3/28 - 4/5. She will not be available by phone nor email.

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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.