

**August 31, 2025
Pentecost 12**

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 : Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Readings for next week: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33.

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 under Hospice care.

5337 W. McMillan, 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

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

Lois Szczerbinski, Robbinswood Assisted Living, 2650 Ruddiman North Muskegon, MI 49445

Special Prayer Concerns:

Esther & Roy Baldridge, Esther is in chemotherapy treatment.

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, and health concerns.

Margaret Fountain, (Mary Koenen's sister) multiple myeloma has relapsed. A new inpatient treatment at UM begins June 26. (prayers appreciated)

Brian Holmblade, with heart issues

Mary Lewallen, recovering from spinal surgery.

Deb Lothschutz, (Mallory Lothschutz' mother-in-law) with health concerns.

Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).

Martha Ogden, (Pastor Ogden's mother) health concerns

Wendy Shalfoe, recurring cancer & surgery recovery.

Bev Statz, with health concerns.

Stella Strong, 5 years old (friend of Donna and Ernie Stacy); in remission after battling cancer for 3 years.

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: Jack & Linda Lamoreaux.

Congregational prayers for September 2025: Phyllis Monte; Mary Lewallen; Elaine Liska; Mallory & Keith Lothschutz



Praying for Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA and **Bishop Satterlee, Christina Bright and Kjersten Sullivan** completing their call with our Synod. And with **Bishop-elect Julie Schneider-Thomas** as she anticipates installation

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: Bread of Life Lutheran Church / Hudsonville; Rev. David Besse and local congregations and leaders.

Next week we pray for:

**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.....	6,938.00
Non-Budget.....	968.55
In & Outs.....	500.00
Total Deposit.....	8,406.55
Fund of the Month - August - Backpacks	298.00
Roofing project -	11,539.43
2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving needed through July (52.5%)	109,472.48
Actual budgeted giving through July	102,197.41
Shortfall	7,275.07

Food Pantry Numbers for August 27 : 98 families & 223 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 September 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.

31 Ask the Spirit for the faith needed to be both confident and humble. Promise to focus on neighbors in need and to resist personal desires for reward, status or advantage.

1 Labor Day Praise the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, receive encouragement, be renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor. Pray for those who seek employment and for the care, support and well-being of people unable to work.

2 "Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:1-2). Pray that our fears, prejudices and ideologies will not prevent us from showing love, respect and hospitality to one another — friends, family and strangers alike.

3 Suicide Prevention Month Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who feel lonely, depressed and hopeless, that they will find compassion, support and spiritual renewal in times of darkness and suffering. Ask the Spirit to inspire and guide our care, support and counsel for those who are contemplating suicide, and for those who grieve the loss of someone to suicide.

4 Give thanks for the faithful service and leadership of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Pray that her faith, gifts and commitment will continue to inspire us to work for justice and peace, to love and serve our neighbors, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ in a world yearning for hope and renewal.

5 "Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments" (Psalm 112:1). Pray that we will find joy and guidance in the ways and commandments of God and be inspired by God's wisdom, love for humanity and concern for those who suffer.

6 The 2025 Churchwide Assembly has elected the Rev. Yehiel Curry to serve as the next presiding bishop of the ELCA. Pray that the Spirit will strengthen his faith, gifts and wisdom as he leads our church in its mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ, reflect God's abundant love and mercy for the world, and serve our neighbors in need.

This Week's Calendar

8/31 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
9/1 MON		Office Closed
9/2 TUES	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
9/3 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
9/4 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
9/5 FRI		
9/6 SAT	9am-noon	Women's Club flower pick up in Lebanon's parking lot

Next Sunday, September 7

9am	Adult Forum
10:15am	Communion
2pm	Congregation Picnic @ Water's Edge

Upcoming events:

Lebanon Lutheran Church

1101 S. Mears Avenue
Whitehall, MI 49461
(231) 893-5745
Rev. Douglas M. Ogden

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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.