

**September 14, 2025
Pentecost 14**

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 : Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10,
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10.**

Readings for next week: Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13.

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:

Brianne Beekman, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diagnosed with multiple brain tumors.
Lucas Carlson, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.
Cheri Crouch, recuperating from surgical procedure on 9/12
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 Shalifoe, 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: Mary Lewallen

Congregational prayers for September 2025: Elaine Liska; Mallory & Keith Lothschutz, Tobias and Thea.



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: Lutheran Church of the Savior / Kalamazoo;
Rev. Alexander Steward.

Next week we pray for: Trinity Lutheran Church / Kalamazoo; Rev. Ken Johnson and Rev. Kjersten Sullivan.

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.....	4,390.00
Non-Budget.....	550.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,940.00
Fund of the Month - Sept. - Faith Formation	30.00
Roofing project -	11,739.43
2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving needed through May (38.2%)	79,654.26
Actual budgeted giving through May	69,144.96
Shortfall	10,509.30

Food Pantry Numbers for Sept. 10: 106 families & 250 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.

14 Pray that we will consider thoughtfully the wide-ranging impact of proclaiming that “all are welcome” in our congregations and the church.

15 *First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions, traditions and rich cultural diversity of our Latiné neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless the ELCA’s 147 Latiné ministries, which share the gospel, serve their neighbors, promote inclusivity and support rostered and lay leaders. Pray for the Spirit to guide and further the work of the ELCA Latino Ministries Association.

16 Take time to pray for the people and situations that first came to mind when you awoke this morning.

17 Give thanks and praise to God, who shows us mercy and patience, knows our gifts and stirs within us meaning and purpose for our baptismal journey.

18 Pray for ELCA World Hunger leaders, congregations and ministry partners participating in the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in Columbus, Ohio, that their sharing, planning and networking will enrich their work to address hunger and its root causes in our communities and the world.

19 “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises” (Psalm 98:4). Join your siblings in Christ in prayers of praise and thanksgiving for our amazing God!

20 Pray for Palestinians in Gaza, its surrounding areas and wherever they have fled in search of shelter and relief from war. Pray that the devastation and suffering will end and that leaders will commit to peaceful solutions, reconciliation, mutual respect and the rebuilding of communities that can thrive.



Lebanon will once again be a stop on the route from Traverse City to Muskegon.

The runners will arrive at the church in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 20th (approximately between 5-6 am)

Margaret will once again be here offer coffee, water and open up the use of our restrooms for the runners.

This yearly event has so many fun interactions with the runners.



This Week's Calendar

9/14 SUN	9am 10:15am 4:30-6:30 pm	Adult Forum Worship Scout Can Drive
9/15 MON	9am-1pm 6:30p-9pm	Office Hours WL Chorale potluck /sign-up
9/16 TUES	9am-1pm 10:30 am 6pm	Office Hours Quilting Church Council
9/17 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
9/18 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
9/19 FRI		
9/20 SAT	5am (TBD)	Ragnar Relay Group

Next Sunday, September 21

9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Communion
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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.