

**September 21, 2025  
Pentecost 15**

**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 : Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13.**

*Readings for next week: Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31.*

*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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**Altar flowers today are placed by Barb Aardema in memory of Suzanne, who loved flowers**

## **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  
**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.

**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: Elaine Liska**

*Congregational prayers for September 2025: Mallory & Keith Lothschutz, Tobias and Thea.*

*October 2025: Frank & Rita Lundell; John and Mary Lundell; Eric & Mary Odmark; Allie Ogden.*



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

**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: Trinity Lutheran / Kalamazoo; Rev. Ken Johnson and Rev. Kjersten Sullivan.**

*Next week we pray for: Bethany Lutheran Church / Kaleva; Rev. Zac Nelson.*

**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.....	13,814.37
Non-Budget.....	420.00
In & Outs.....	10.00
Total Deposit.....	14,244.37
Fund of the Month - Faith Formation	140.00
Roofing project -	11,749.43
2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving needed through August (59.6%)	124,277.32
Actual budgeted giving through August	122,937.41
Shortfall	1,339.91

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Food Pantry Numbers for Sept. 17: 109 families & 234 individuals.

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

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### **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.*

**21** Remember in prayer those recovering from devastating floods and grieving the loss of loved ones and neighbors. Give thanks for the work we do through Lutheran Disaster Response to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery and restore the vitality of communities. Ask God to strengthen and bless our partnerships with synods, congregations, local relief agencies and ecumenical relief programs.

**22** *First day of fall* "In this great and strange creation, with a breath God gives us birth: born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth" ("Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom," ACS 1064). Sing praise to God for creating and entrusting to our care the earth, its natural resources and the inspiring beauty of all living things, including humankind.

**23** Pray for church leaders as they gather for the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference in New Orleans to study and reflect on stewardship and to equip themselves for cultivating generosity in congregations. Give thanks for how God works through this partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the ELCA's stewardship and generosity team.

**24** Praise God that our church gathers and nurtures the gifts of so many through congregations, synods and special ministries to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need, equip and encourage one another, and invite all to experience the blessings of being valued members of faith communities.

**25** Remember in prayer those who are fighting cancer or experiencing a wide range of emotions upon receiving a cancer diagnosis. Pray that we and our faith communities will offer steadfast support, care and encouragement to them and their families.

**26** Pray that all people will know the love, peace and wisdom that comes from God, made real to us through the birth, life, suffering, death and resurrection of our true savior, Jesus Christ.

**27** "Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both," wrote Lutheran theologian Karl Barth (1886-1968). "But interpret newspapers from your Bible." Ask God to help us attend to our communities, nation and world, and remember that our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to foster peace, justice, love, forgiveness and healing among all people.



A new season of Feeding the Soul of the City concerts starts this month. To kick things off, we will feature the A Cappella Bella Chorus, a "Sweet Adelines" ensemble, on Tuesday, September 23, from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The concert is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served, and attendees may bring a bag lunch and/or covered drink to enjoy before or during the performance. For more information, please call (231) 722-2112 or visit [www.stpaulsmuskegon.org](http://www.stpaulsmuskegon.org).



**The White Lake Giving Tree** applications have begun ! Please watch for our tree filled with gift tags in the coming weeks.

If you are able, please take a tag (or ten) and return the unwrapped gifts with tags, by the deadline.

We are once again excited to participate in this program & make the holidays special for our community neighbors.

### **This Week's Calendar**

<b>9/21 SUN</b>	<b>9am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum Worship</b>
<b>9/22 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>9/23 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm 10:30 am</b>	<b>Office Hours Quilting</b>
<b>9/24 WED</b>	<b>9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am</b>	<b>Office Hours Food Pantry</b>
<b>9/25 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Good Neighbor Dinner</b>
<b>9/26 FRI</b>		
<b>9/27 SAT</b>		

### **Next Sunday, September 28**

<b>9am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum Communion</b>
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### **Upcoming events:**

<b>10/2</b>	<b>9am - Cooper's Carpet Cleaning here (lounge and entry carpets)</b>
<b>10/2</b>	<b>6pm-9pm - White Lake Sportsfishing Appreciation Dinner in Lounge</b>
<b>10/26</b>	<b>Hayride &amp; Potluck @ Scholl Farms</b>

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**Websites of Interest**

[www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com)

[www.mittensynod.org](http://www.mittensynod.org)

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

[www.whitelakescouting.com](http://www.whitelakescouting.com)

[www.whitelakechorale.com](http://www.whitelakechorale.com)

[www.hopescarves.org](http://www.hopescarves.org)

[LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org).

[www.samaritas.org](http://www.samaritas.org)

Suicide Hotline 1-800-273TALK.org  
[www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide\\_prevention](http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide_prevention)

Every Woman's Place  
231-722-3333 or [www.everywomansplace.org](http://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.