

**September 7, 2025
Pentecost 13**

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 : Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1,
Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33.**

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

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 Baldrige, Esther is now in remission and taking Maintenance chemotherapy. Continue to pray for a long remission. She and Roy are very thankful for your prayers through the tougher times.

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 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: Phyllis Monte

*Congregational prayers for September 2025: 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: Immanuel Lutheran Church / Jackson; Rev. Kate Schroeder.

Next week we pray for: Lutheran Church of the Savior / Kalamazoo; Rev. Alexander Steward.

**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.....	1,168.00
Non-Budget.....	725.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	1,893.00
Fund of the Month - August - Backpacks	353.00
Roofing project -	11,539.43
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

Food Pantry Numbers for Sept. 3 : 110 families & 244 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.

7 *"God's work. Our hands."* Sunday ELCA congregations join together today for our annual day of service, celebrating that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Pray for service activities around the country that unite people, ecumenical partners and community agencies as we serve our neighbors in need, strengthen our communities and demonstrate God's love.

8 Pray for the resolution of international conflicts that cause suffering, violence, mistrust, injustice, economic crises and political instability. Ask God to forgive us for sometimes playing a role in these conflicts, intentional or not.

9 Pray for our missionaries in Latin America and the Caribbean and for the Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers serving in Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay, that the Spirit will nurture their faith as they accompany global companions in ministries that include education, immigration and pastoral leadership.

10 Pray for faith in the ways and thoughts of God, which stretch beyond our comprehension and imagination yet stir awe and devotion.

11 Give thanks for deacons in congregations and faith-based organizations. Praise God for their gifts and service in a variety of ministries, including camps, nursing, music, education, administration, social service, and youth and family ministries.

12 Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our discipline so that we might better study and reflect on the Word of God and its significance in our daily lives.

13 Give thanks and pray for volunteers of all ages and abilities who serve in congregations, outdoor ministries, Lutheran social ministry organizations, ELCA Global Mission, Lutheran Disaster Response, Mission Builders and community social services.



Annual Fall Hayride & Potluck Event

We will gather at School Farms; 5955 Eilers Road,
Montague, MI 49437 on Sunday, October 26, 2025
at 4:00 pm

Please bring a dish to pass, chairs, and dress for the
weather!

This Week's Calendar

9/7	9am	Adult Forum
SUN	10:15am	Worship
	2pm	Congregation Picnic @ Water's Edge

9/8	9am-1pm	Office Hours
MON		

9/9	9am-1pm	Office Hours
TUES	10:30 am	Quilting
	6pm	Finance Committee
	7pm	Executive Board

9/10	9am-1pm	Office Hours
WED	9:30am-10:30am	Food Pantry

9/11	9am-1pm	Office Hours
THURS		

9/12
FRI

9/13
SAT

Next Sunday, September 14

9am	Adult Forum
10:15am	Communion

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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.