

**October 5, 2025  
Pentecost 17**

**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: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.**

*Readings for next week: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19. 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.**

## **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**

**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 hand surgery.

**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.

**Darlene Willbrandt**, in treatment for re-occurring pancreatic cancer.

**Our hearts grieve** with **Carol Rood** and **Linda Blake**, friends & family of **Helen Bartlett**. Helen was Lebanon's librarian and long time member who passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2025. Funeral arrangements are tentatively scheduled for November 1, 2025.

**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: Frank & Rita Lundell**

*Congregational prayers for October 2025: John and Mary Lundell; Eric & Mary Odmark; Allie Ogden.*



**For our newly installed Synod Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas** and her new staff **Alex Aivars, Scott Torkko, and Kate Van Valkenburg.**

**For our newly elected Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry.**

**Presiding Bishop Curry** is to be installed October 4 at 2pm in Minneapolis. The event will be live streamed from the webpage [elca.org](http://elca.org).

**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: Mamrelund Lutheran/Kent City; Rev. Rob Johnson.**

*Next week we pray for: Two Churches (including Ascension Lutheran-Kentwood; Rev. Pauline Standley.*

**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.....	1,811.37
Non-Budget.....	275.00
In & Outs.....	0.57
Total Deposit.....	2,086.94
Fund of the Month - Sept.-Faith Formation	314.43
Roofing project -	11,750.00

2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving needed through September ( 69.6% )	145,129.22
Actual budgeted giving through September	145,245.58

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Food Pantry Numbers for October 1: 111 families & 264 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 October 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.*

**5** Pray for the Spirit to guide and inspire those gathered for the Conference of Bishops as they worship and study together, advise the presiding bishop on churchwide planning and ecumenical relations, review proposals for the ELCA Church Council, and work on matters related to rostered ministers.

**6** “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you’” (Luke 17:5-6). Praise God for judging us not by the depth of our faith but through a lens of love, forgiveness and concern for us as treasured children.

**7** Give thanks for ELCA Youth Ministry and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network. Pray for their faith formation programs, leadership training events and resources for youth, and for leaders serving in children, youth and family ministries.

**8** In the first eight months of this year, there were 292 mass shootings and more than 28,400 gun-related injuries and deaths ([gunviolencearchive.org](http://gunviolencearchive.org)). Pray for those who suffer grief and trauma due to gun violence or accidental shootings. Ask God to help us be steadfast and wise in our advocacy to end gun violence and our care for those impacted.

**9** Give thanks for our siblings in Christ — near and far — with whom we join in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, who frees us from the bondage of death, gives life, renews our hope and sets us on a path of compassion, service and generosity.

**10** Pray for musicians and worship leaders participating in the Music that Makes Community retreat in Albuquerque, N.M., that they will sharpen their skills for leading songs and instrumental music in faith communities.

**11** Ask God to bless the work of farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers. Give thanks for their vocations and the diverse roles they play in bringing food to our tables and around the world.



## *Annual Hay Ride*

*When: Sunday, October 26, 2025*

*Time: 4:00 pm*

*Where: Scholl Farms*

*5955 Eilers Road*

*Montague, MI 49437*

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



**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>10/5</b>	9am	Adult Forum
<b>SUN</b>	10:15am	Worship

<b>10/6</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>MON</b>		

<b>10/7</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>TUES</b>	10:30 am	Quilting

<b>10/8</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>WED</b>	9:30am-10:30am	Food Pantry

<b>10/9</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>THURS</b>		

**10/10**  
**FRI**

**10/11**  
**SAT**

### **Next Sunday, October 12**

9am	Adult Forum
10:15am	Communion

### **Upcoming events:**

10/26 - 4pm      Congregation Potluck & Hayride @ Scholl Farms

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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](http://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.