

**November 16 2025**

**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 : Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98,  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19**

*Readings for next week: Christ the King - Jeremiah 23:1-6,  
Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43  
Try reading these ahead at home and see if you can find  
what holds them together.*

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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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## **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

**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.

**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 mantle 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 the family and friends of **Barb Smith**, whose Memorial service was held yesterday, November 15, and with **Lucy Grover** and the **Grover family** on the recent death of her brother **Lon**.

**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: Julie Ostrander**

*Congregational prayers for November 2025: Don & Kim Nelson;  
Chuck & Ann Nessa.*



**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.**

**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: Emanuel Lutheran Church / Ludington; Rev. Domingo Shriver**

*Next week we pray for: Victory Lutheran Church / Ludington; Rev. Ron Iris.*

**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.....                            | 8,204.00   |
| Non-Budget.....                        | 1,650.00   |
| In & Outs.....                         | 0.00       |
| Total Deposit.....                     | 9,854.00   |
| Fund of the Month - November - Worship | 185.00     |
|                                        |            |
| 2025 Budget                            | 208,519.00 |
| Budgeted giving through 11/2/24        | 177,056.32 |
| Amount needed                          | 31,462.68  |

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Food Pantry Numbers for Nov. 12: 129 families & 281 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 November 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.*

**16** Pray that our faith in God's enduring promises about our future is strong and that we respond to God's persistent call to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to love and serve our neighbors. Ask the Spirit to free us from fixation, fear, prediction of signs and speculation about when and how Jesus will return, bringing God's kingdom to Earth.

**17** Pray for the Spirit to teach and embolden us to be tireless advocates and bearers of peace, mercy and compassion into our communities, nation and world.

**18** Pray for the ELCA initiative Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel. Ask God to bless and further its work with partners in the Holy Land and congregations in the United States to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in establishing and supporting the justice required for peace.

**19** How has God's presence and activity in the world surprised you? Pray that we might open our hearts and minds to work of the Spirit that we don't expect, imagine or even understand.

**20** Praise God for the 20 new ELCA missionaries now serving alongside our global companions in 11 countries as pastors, teachers, Horizon International interns, ministry coordinators and other roles.

**21** "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord" (Psalm 98:4-6). Let joy and praise permeate your prayers today. Acknowledge God as the source of all good things, especially the boundless, life-giving love we experience through Jesus Christ.

**22** Give thanks to God and pray for those who attend to our physical, emotional, social and spiritual health, helping us to live life as fully as possible: doctors, nurses, medical technicians, hospice workers, researchers, pharmacists, therapists, social workers and others.

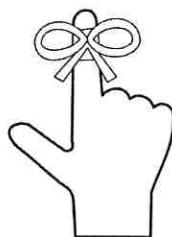


We are bringing back an old tradition.

On Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Congregation Fellowship cookie hour. Please bring some cookies or a dessert that you enjoy at the Holidays.

Also, bring a copy of the recipe (I will make extra copies) to hand out if others want to try your recipe at home. Can't wait to see what everyone brings.

*Flo King*



Annual Report info is in the mailboxes. If you would like to write a report, please see Pastor Ogden or Margaret for more information.

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

|                        |                                        |                                                                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>11/16<br/>SUN</b>   | 9am<br>9:15—10:00 am<br><b>10:15am</b> | Adult Forum<br>Kids Klub<br><b>Worship</b>                                 |
| <b>11/17<br/>MON</b>   | <b>9am-1pm</b><br>10:30 am             | <b>Office Hours</b><br>Quilting<br><b><u>Poinsettia Order Deadline</u></b> |
| <b>11/18<br/>TUES</b>  | <b>9am-1pm</b>                         | <b>Office Hours</b><br>(Margaret will be late/dentist)                     |
| <b>11/19<br/>WED</b>   | <b>9am-1pm</b><br>9:30am-10:30am       | <b>Office Hours</b><br>Food Pantry                                         |
| <b>11/20<br/>THURS</b> | <b>9am-1pm</b>                         | <b>Office Hours</b>                                                        |
| <b>11/21<br/>FRI</b>   |                                        |                                                                            |
| <b>11/22<br/>SAT</b>   |                                        |                                                                            |

### **Next Sunday, November 23**

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 9am     | Adult Forum                      |
| 10:15am | Communion                        |
| 3pm     | White Lake Chamber Music Concert |

Upcoming events:

**There will be NO Food Pantry on 11/26**

We will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

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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.