

**November 30, 2025
Advent 1**

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 : Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12. 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

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, StoryPoint West, 3121 Lake Michigan Drive, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Marlene Holmstrom, at home. 2643 Benston Road, Whitehall, 49461

Ken & Sandy Kolb, with health issues - 6755 W. Old Channel Trail; Montague 49437. Sandy is currently at: Optiva, 916 E. Lewis Street, Whitehall, MI 49461

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 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.

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: Chuck & Ann Nessa

Congregational prayers for December 2025: Gilbert & Carol Norwick; Randy & Cathy Nurmi; Ruth Nurmi; John & Chris Parman



For our Synod Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and her 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: Trinity Lutheran Church / Manton; Rev. Rosanne Anderson

Next week we pray for: All Saints Lutheran/ Mason; Rev. Gerald Ferguson

**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.....	9,441.00
Non-Budget.....	3,735.00
In & Outs.....	400.00
Total Deposit.....	13,576.00
Fund of the Month - Nov - Worship	374.43
2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving through 11/23/25	190,403.43
Needed	18,115.57

No Food Pantry on 11/26 due to Thanksgiving

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

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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 / December 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.

30 First Sunday of Advent Pray that, in the upcoming month, we will turn our attention to anticipating and rejoicing in the gift of God's son, Jesus Christ, brought into the world to shine a light on God's awesome love and forgiveness.

1 World AIDS Day and HIV/AIDS Awareness Month At the end of 2024, an estimated 40.8 million people worldwide were living with HIV, 1.4 million of them children and 39.4 million of them adults. Remember in prayer health care professionals and care providers who work in HIV/AIDS education, prevention, treatment and research.

2 Hanging Advent wreaths and lighting candles to anticipate the birth of the Messiah are Christian traditions that date back hundreds of years. Thank God for the gift of Jesus Christ that continues to change our identities, our lives and our understanding of life as beloved children of God.

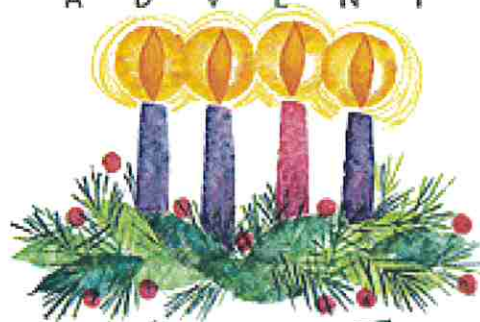
3 Pray for people and whole communities in the Caribbean that have suffered devastation and loss from Hurricane Melissa, especially across Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba and the Bahamas. Ask God to strengthen their faith as they recover and rebuild and to bless them with support, resources, funding, volunteers and prayers for the duration of their recovery.

4 Pray that, throughout this season of gift-giving, we will be mindful of those, nearby and far away, who lie beyond our familiar circles of family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

5 LWF (Lutheran World Federation) World Service is composed of 154 churches, in 25 countries, that embrace the Lutheran tradition, including the ELCA. Pray for the LWF's humanitarian and development work, which promotes peace, justice, reconciliation and dignity for individuals and communities.

6 Pray that we will exercise hospitality and generosity by inviting others to be part of our Advent traditions, worship, meals and celebrations.

A D V E N T



O come . O come . Emmanuel

This Week's Calendar

11/30 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
12/1 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
12/2 TUES	9am-1pm 6pm	Office Hours Scouts
12/3 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
12/4 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
12/5 FRI	9am 4pm	Financial Compliance Review Yule Go Nuts / Scout overnight
12/6 SAT	8am-12noon 2pm	Breakfast with Santa Scouts / Yule Go Nuts White Lake Christmas Parade

Next Sunday, December 7

9am Adult Forum

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.