

**December 14, 2025
Advent 3**

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 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25. 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: Randy & Cathy Nurmi

*Congregational prayers for December 2025: 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: Christ Lutheran Church, Michigan Center; Rev. Robert Martin.

Next week we pray for: Christ Lutheran Church, Michigan Center; Rev. Robert Martin.

**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.....	29,451.68
Non-Budget.....	1,715.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	31,166.68
Fund of the Month - Dec - Music	40.00

2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving through 12/7/25	221,299.43

Congratulations on making budget Lebanon! Thank you all!

Food Pantry numbers for Dec. 10: families & 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 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.

14 How will you tell others about your faith throughout Advent? Pray for the Spirit's inspiration as you articulate what God is doing in your life and how you have been changed by the embodiment of God's amazing grace in Jesus Christ.

15 Give thanks for far-reaching programs and ministries of our church and congregations that encourage hope, comfort and healing, grounded in God's infinite love and forgiveness.

16 Las Posadas This tradition uses lighted paths and processions from house to house to remember Mary and Joseph's journey through Bethlehem in search of shelter. Pray that this experience will prompt us to welcome, accompany and serve strangers, immigrants, refugees and neighbors in need.

17 Ask God to help us be patient and merciful with ourselves, our siblings in Christ and the people around us.

18 International Migrants Day Pray for immigrants and refugees around the world who seek safety, a welcoming community and a place to rebuild their lives. Give thanks for the ministries of our church and other organizations that enable us to respond with compassion, support and resources, including Global Refuge, Lutheran Services in America, LWF (Lutheran World Federation) World Service, and the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).

19 Pray that, throughout this season of celebration and gift-giving, our faith and the example of Jesus will inspire our generosity toward neighbors who suffer poverty, loneliness and isolation, especially during the holidays. Pray that our actions and words might reflect the light of God's love, stirring hope, joy and compassion.

20 Pray for Global Mission personnel and those serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program who celebrate Advent and Christmas far from home, and thank God for our global companions, whose traditions enrich our faith. **21** Winter solstice On this shortest day of the year in the Northern



Candlelight Yoga / Hope Scarves

Thursday, December 18, 2025
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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This Week's Calendar

12/14 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
12/15 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
12/16 TUES	9am-1pm 6pm 6pm	Office Hours Scouts Church Council
12/17 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry Holden Evening Prayer
12/18 THURS	9am-1pm 6-7pm	Office Hours Poinsettia Delivery today Candlelight Yoga /Hope Scarves
12/19 FRI		
12/20 SAT		

Next Sunday, December 21

9am Adult Forum

Upcoming events:

Dec. 24 - NO FOOD PANTRY
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Worship @ 7 pm
Dec. 27 - Private event (Kitchen/lounge)

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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.