

**December 28, 2025
Christmas 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 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

Readings for next week: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18. 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.

Shawn Erwin, hip replacement surgery on January 6, 2026.

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 Alice Hollister on the recent death of her brother, **Ralph**.

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: John & Chris Parman

Congregational prayers for January 2026:



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 / Millersburg; Rev. Mary Hughes.

Next week we pray for: January 4, 2026: Immanuel Lutheran /Mt. Pleasant; Rev. Dana Hendershot

**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

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| Budget..... | 4,091.00 |
| Non-Budget..... | 1,280.00 |
| In & Outs..... | 0.00 |
| Total Deposit..... | 5,371.00 |
| Fund of the Month - Dec - Music | 250.00 |
| 2025 Budget | 208,519.00 |
| Budgeted giving through 12/21/25 | 237,171.43 |

Thank you for all your donations and support!

No Food Pantry held on 12/24/25

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 / January 2026

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.

28 Pray that we might express the life-giving joy of Christmas and that Jesus Christ will continue to bring light, hope and salvation into the world for all people.

29 Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise that God illuminates our dark times, gives us strength to endure and surrounds us with love and mercy when we need it most.

30 Give thanks for our siblings in Christ and for our divine parent, who created all that exists and gathers us together.

31 New Year's Eve Our baptism sets us on a lifelong journey of thanksgiving, hope, generosity, learning, service and sharing the gospel. Pray for the Spirit to stir our faith in the year ahead and prepare us to continue our journey even though we don't know where it will take us.

**January 2026 Prayer Ventures are not available at the time of printing



Thank You !!

A Big Thank You to all who helped put together, donated to, and delivered those super great Christmas baskets.

I sure am enjoying the goodies in mine.

Thank you again. Bless you all!

Bev Statz



From the Choir Director:

There will be no vocal choir practice on December 28th, January 4th, or until further notice as I work out some health issues.

Diane Eastman

This Week's Calendar

12/28 **9am** **Adult Forum**
SUN **10:15am** **Worship**

12/29 **9am-1pm** **Office Hours**
MON **10:30 am** **Quilting**

12/30 **9am-1pm** **Office Hours**
TUES **6pm** **Scouts**

12/31 **9am-1pm** **Office Hours**
WED **9:30am-10:30am** **Food Pantry**

1/1/2026 **Office Closed**
THURS

1/2 **Office Closed**
FRI

1/3
SAT

Next Sunday, January 4, 2026

9am **Adult Forum**

Upcoming events:

Pinewood Derby set-up **1/16/26** **6-8 pm**

Pinewood Derby - Cubs - **1/17/26** **1pm**
Troop - **3pm**

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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.](http://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.