

**January 4, 2026**  
**Christmas 2**

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

*Readings for next week: Baptism of Our Lord: Isaiah 42:1-9,  
Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17.*

*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**

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**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

**Val Johnson**, at Optiva, 916 E. Lewis Street, Whitehall, Mi 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.

**Jenna Brown**, at home recuperating after surgery

**Lucas Carlson**, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.

**Diane Eastman**, health concerns and awaiting test results.

**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**, at home under Hospice care  
**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: Immanuel Lutheran /Mt. Pleasant; Rev. Dana Hendershot**

*Next week we pray for: First Lutheran Church/ Muskegon; Pastor William Uetricht.*

**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.....	12,059.42
Non-Budget.....	4,317.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	16,376.42
Fund of the Month - Dec - Music	595.00
 2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving for 2025	<b>249,230.85</b>

**Thank you for all your support of Lebanon!!!**

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Food Pantry for 12/31/25 - 74 families and 156 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 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.*

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



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

Thank You !!

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 January 4th, or until further notice as I work out some health issues.

Diane Eastman



Seeking volunteers for the church office for vacation coverage on the following dates:

**March 30, March 31, April 1, April 2, April 8**

If anyone can help, it is greatly appreciated.  
Thank You!

Margaret Everling

### This Week's Calendar

**1/5**      **9am-1pm**      **Office Hours**  
**MON**      **10:30 am**      **Quilting**

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

**1/7 WED**      **9am-1pm**      **9:30am-10:30am**      **Office Hours**  
**Food Pantry**

**1/8 THURS 9am-1pm**

**1/9 FRI 4pm** **Office Closed Scouts**

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**Next Sunday, January 11, 2026**

### 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](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  
[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.