

**February 1, 2026
Epiphany 4**

**Welcome to long-time Lutherans, to Christians from every tradi-
tion, 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 : Michah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12.**

*Readings for next week: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12],
Psalm 112:1-9 [10], 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16], Matthew
5:13-20. 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

Val Johnson, at White Lake Assisted Living 6827 Whitehall Road - Apartment 16 - Whitehall, MI 49461

Ken 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.

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.

Sheila Fretty, re-occurring cancer, and health concerns.

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

Bev Statz, with health concerns.

Darlene Willbrandt, in treatment for re-occurring pancreatic cancer.

Our hearts grieve with Mary Koenen and family, on the death of her sister, **Margaret Fountain**. Margaret died peacefully after a long bout with cancer on January 22. Thanks be to God for this good woman! Obituary can be found at kempffuneralhome.com

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: Greg and Molly Mooren, Wesley, Fiona & Cecilia.

Congregational prayers for February 2026: Megan and Seth Ahrenholz; Alice, Lucy & Silas; Amy Swope, Toni Schillaci.



For our Synod Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and her staff **Alex Aivars, Scott Torkko, and Kate Van Valkenburg.**

For our 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: Bethany Lutheran/Northport; Rev. Chrysanne Timm.**

Next week we pray for: Faith Lutheran Church / Okemos; Rev. Megan Floyd.

**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.....	3,040.00
Non-Budget.....	1,029.43
In & Outs.....	25.00
Total Deposit.....	4,094.43
Fund of the Month - Jan - Quilting	410.00
Fund of the Month - Feb - Kids Klub	
2026 Budget	230,284.00
Budgeted giving needed through Jan. (6.56%)	15,106.63
Actual budgeted giving through Jan.	11,838.00
Shortfall	3,268.63

Food Pantry January 28 - 96 families and 214 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 February 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.

1 *National Freedom Day and Black History Month* Today commemorates the abolishment of slavery in 1865 and recognizes past, present and future work to secure and protect freedom, justice, equality and respect for all people. It is also the first day of Black History Month. Pray for strength, humility and penitent hearts so we may acknowledge our nation's history and the mistreatment of people based on ancestry, race, religion and perceived differences. Give thanks that our sins and weaknesses are met with God's immense grace and the Spirit's ability to effect change and newness in us, our church and society.

2 Remember in prayer siblings in Christ and communities of faith in the Caribbean region, especially those who are engaged in long-term recovery from natural disasters. Pray for the Caribbean and Florida-Bahamas synods, that their work will bear abundant fruit as they support congregations and ministries in proclaiming the gospel in diverse contexts throughout the region.

3 Pray for nations experiencing violence and war, including Venezuela, Ukraine and Russia, the Middle East, South Sudan and others. Ask God to guide leaders, diplomats and peacemakers as they seek lasting solutions and peace. Pray for the Spirit to inspire us to be advocates and bearers of peace, hope and justice in our communities and the world.

4 The Lord "has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)? Ask God to help you understand the depth and breadth of justice, kindness, humility and love, which we are asked to exemplify in every aspect of our life and baptismal journey.

5 Pray for young adults who are discerning whether to say yes to serving in an outdoor ministry summer program. Ask God to give them confidence in their faith and the gifts that the Spirit has nurtured in them for service and ministry with children, youth and adults.

6 Ask the Spirit to provide us encouragement and guidance for our life and baptismal journey through Scripture, faith communities, the counsel and example of siblings in Christ, church leaders, people of faith who have gone before us, and prayer.

7 Give thanks and pray for the ELCA's partner church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and the challenging and hope-filled work of its school and ministries that serve both Christians and Muslims.

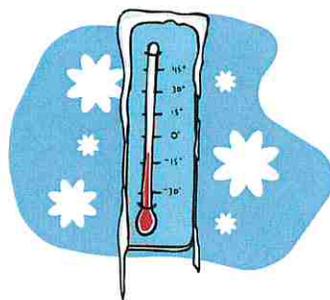


Seeking volunteers for the church office for vacation coverage on the following dates:

March 30, March 31, April 2, April 6

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

Margaret Everling



For anyone needing access to the church building during these frigid temperatures, please note that the key pad at the east entrance is frozen and waiting on service.

Please use the Mears entrance or plan to come during business hours, M-Th 9am—1pm.

This Week's Calendar

2/1 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
2/2 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
2/3 TUES	9am-1pm 9am	Office Hours Property Committee Scouts
2/4 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12:30—3pm	Office Hours Food Pantry Homeschool group
2/5 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
2/6 FRI		Office Closed
2/7 SAT	8am-12 noon	Kids Hooked on Fishing

Next Sunday, February 8

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.hopscarves.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.