

**January 11, 2026
Baptism of Our Lord**

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

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

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 the Will and Shalifoe families on the death of **Wendy Shalifoe** on January 4, 2026. Visitation is planned at Lebanon on 1/16 from 5-7pm and Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 11 am with a luncheon to follow at noon.

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

This week we pray for two families: **Mallory & Keith Lothschutz; Tobias and Thea and Nancy Dahl.**

Congregation prayers for January 2026: Earl Hertel ; Bev Statz



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: First Lutheran Church/ Muskegon; Pastor William Uetracht.

Next week we pray for: Harbor of Grace Church / Muskegon; Rev. Jake Ferra.

**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.....	6,334.00
Non-Budget.....	1,150.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	7,484.00
Fund of the Month - January 2026 - Quilting	50.00
2025 Budget	208,519.00
Budgeted giving through 12/21/25	237,171.43

Thank you for all your donations and support!

Food Pantry - January 7 - 111 families & 234 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 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.

11 The presence of Jesus Christ among us — God's love expressed in human form — makes the unimagined real. Praise God for the amazing gift of salvation and the freedom to live in this world as children of God who follow Christ!

12 Remember in prayer and give thanks for the ELCA's Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment program, which provides leadership, resources and advocacy for our church and society that is shaped by the unique voices and experiences of people across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality and age.

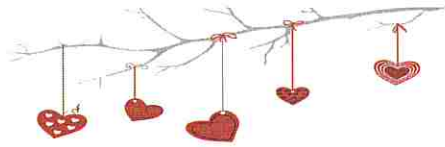
13 "Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere" (WOV 754)! Give thanks for the Spirit who creates and nurtures unique gifts in each of us that help us serve our neighbors and share the good news of Jesus Christ far and wide.

14 Pray that we awaken each day with renewed wonder, awe and respect for the complexity and beauty of God's creation, from microscopic organisms and human beings to towering mountains and vast oceans.

15 Ask the Spirit to help us grow more resilient so that we can navigate change and situations that are stressful, discomfoting and overwhelming. Pray that our efforts to teach children and youth skills that lead to greater resiliency will be fruitful and effective.

16 National Religious Freedom Day Give thanks that our nation supports the freedom to embrace religion, to worship and to share our faith according to our personal beliefs. Pray that we will respect the religious beliefs of our neighbors and support their right to practice their faith openly, without constraints, persecution or unfair advantage.

17 "A life steeped in generosity pours out love unconsciously" (the Rev. Peter W. Marty, Living Lutheran, 2015). Pray that we exercise a generosity that is not defined by financial wealth but flows from us as a daily expression of faith, with a spirit of gratitude for God's abundant grace and the belief that our gifts contribute to God's work in the world.



Flo King has the names of 6 Lebanon College Kids to send Valentine care packages this year.

Can you help out with items like candy, cookies, pencils, crayons, or silly stuff from the dollar store? If you aren't able to shop or don't know what to buy, Flo is able to do the shopping if you donate. **All items or donations are due to Flo by February 1st.** Thank You so much!

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 6

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

Margaret Everling

This Week's Calendar

1/11 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
1/12 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
1/13 TUES	9am-1pm 6pm	Office Hours Scouts
1/14 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
1/15 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
1/16 FRI	5-7pm	Office Closed Shalifoe Visitation
1/17 SAT	11 am 12 noon 6-8 pm	Shalifoe funeral Shalifoe Luncheon Pinewood Derby set-up

Next Sunday, January 18, 2026

9am	Adult Forum
1pm	Cub Pinewood Derby
3pm	Troop Pinewood Derby

Upcoming events:

January 24	Country Dairy Congregation Sleigh Ride
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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.