

**January 18, 2026
Epiphany 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 : Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.**

*Readings for next week: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.*

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 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: Families Manor, 2743 S. Riverwood Drive, Twin Lake, MI 49457.**

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 mantle 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.

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: Earl Hertel

Congregational prayers for January 2026: Bev Statz

Congregational prayers for February 2026: Greg & Molly Morren, Wesley, Fiona and Cecilia.; Megan & Seth Ahrenholz, Alice, Lucy and 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 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: Harbor of Grace/Muskegon; Rev. Jake Ferra

Next week we pray for: Trinity Lutheran/New Era; Rev. Sarah Samuelson.

**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.....	690.00
Non-Budget.....	494.00
In & Outs.....	1,705.70
Total Deposit.....	2,889.70
Fund of the Month - January– Quilting	300.00

No Food Pantry held on 1/14/26: 94 families & 196 individuals

NOTE: PANTRY HOURS ARE 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

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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:

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Lebanon Lutheran Church
3. Donate: to the General Fund

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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

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.

18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:4-6). Pray with our siblings in Christ around the world that we will find strength and joy in knowing that we are of one body in Christ that is not confined or divided by individual institutions or leaders, religious traditions, cultures or denominations.

19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Give praise and thanks to God for courageous saints of the past and present who help bring about change. Pray that we value one another as children of God and that we are bold and persistent in confronting racism, injustice and inequity.

20 Remember in prayer ELCA campus ministries and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), inclusive faith communities on college and university campuses across the United States that nurture the faith of young adults through worship, study, fellowship and service. Give thanks for congregations that support and partner with campus ministries.

21 “I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness” (Psalm 40:10). How can we keep the good news to ourselves? Pray for enthusiasm and the courage to share the story of our salvation and faith — God’s story — through our words and actions. Let us give thanks for how the Spirit equips us for such work.

22 Pray for nations at war that are on the verge of peace and for those for whom a vision of peace is not yet clear.

23 Pray for partnerships that help spread the gospel and provide love and care for our neighbors and siblings in Christ, including companion churches, full communion partners, the Lutheran World Federation, ecumenical and interfaith organizations, Lutheran Services in America’s network, Global Refuge, the World Council of Churches and others.

24 Remember in prayer Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders who are recruiting young adults to serve in summer camp programs and are planting seeds of invitation in those who are unsure of how their faith, gifts and passions can be used to serve children, youth and adults of diverse abilities and backgrounds.

Want to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation? Come join the White Lake Chorale as we prepare a patriotic program for our spring concert! We especially encourage singers who have served in the military to give us a go!

The Chorale will be among choirs across the United States “uniting in harmony to renew democracy’s promise” under the umbrella organization Sing Democracy 250. According to its website, the music program for Sing Democracy 250 was developed by co-founders, Gary Aamodt and Celia Ellingson, and commissioned by Together in Hope Project. The full program includes two new major compositions by American composers: “Redeem the Dream” and “US,” as well as “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

“Redeem the Dream” is based on Langston Hughes’s 1935 poem “Let America Be America Again.” The poem reflects on the gap between the ideals of American democracy as articulated in the Declaration of Independence and the reality experienced by many people over our history. Yet the poem ends with hope that America can live up to its promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity for all.

“US” is based on Richard Haass’s book, *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens*. The text for this composition was developed and integrated by Celia Ellingson and Gary Aamodt, co-founders of Sing Democracy 250 and the Together in Hope Project, in coordination with Richard Haass.

Calling Sing for Democracy “a stirring musical odyssey commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence,” organizers anticipate participation by choirs throughout the land. White Lake Chorale will augment the Sing Democracy 250 program with its own favorite patriotic songs for the spring concert.

Anyone of high school age or older is invited to join the Chorale for this stirring session, reminiscent of our Salute to the Military several years ago. Rehearsals begin Monday, January 19, at Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears, Whitehall. Singers are asked to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to pick up music and pay the \$40 registration fee. Rehearsal will be 7-9 p.m. Scholarships are available. If you can’t make it on the 19th, come to Montague High School at 7 p.m. the next Monday, January 26.

For further information contact the Chorale manager at whitelakechoraleinfo@gmail.com.

This Week's Calendar

1/18 SUN	9am 9:15-10am 10:15am	Adult Forum Kids Klub Worship
1/19 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
1/20 TUES	9am-1pm 6pm	Office Hours Scouts
1/21 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
1/22 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
1/23 FRI	4pm	Office Closed Scouts
1/24 SAT	2pm-3pm	Country Dairy Sleigh Ride

Next Sunday, January 25, 2026 - Annual Meeting

9am	Adult Forum
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Upcoming events:

1/25/26	Annual Meeting & Potluck
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