

**February 22, 2026
Lent 1**

**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 : Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans
5:12-29, Matthew 4:1-11.**

*Readings for next week: March 1 - Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121,
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17.*

*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

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

John Parks, with health concerns

Bev Statz, with health concerns.

Katie VandeBunte (Ernie and Donna Stacy's daughter) being treated for Stage II breast cancer
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: Toni Schillaci

Congregational prayers for March 2026: Adrienne Clahassey, Jone Benedict, Jon & Danielle DeMumbrum, Elara, Fim and Gemma; Jim & Flo King; Dustin King



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: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church / Petoskey;
Rev. Sherry McGuffin

Next week we pray for: Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church/Plainwell;
Rev. Nicole Smith.

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.....	2,064.00
Non-Budget.....	712.51
In & Outs.....	41.00
Total Deposit.....	2,817.51
Fund of the Month - Feb - Kids Klub	310.00

Food Pantry February 18 - 111 families and 236 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.

22 Is there some realm of life right now where you feel as if you're in a wilderness and being tested? Ask God for strength, wisdom and guidance, and lean into the faith given to you by the Spirit.

23 Give thanks for ELCA Witness in Society, the advocacy ministry of our church that works to change public policy through our collective and individual voices, which are shaped and guided by biblical values of peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease.

24 Pray for our 65 synod bishops gathered at the Conference of Bishops meeting for worship and study, mutual sharing and encouragement, and to conduct business on our behalf for the purpose of being responsible stewards of the church, sharing the gospel and doing God's work in a world that is always changing.

25 "Prayer must not be based on or depend on your personal worthiness or the quality of the prayer itself; rather, it must be based on the unchanging truth of God's promise" (Martin Luther, *Faith Alone*). Pray for whatever is on your mind today; be in conversation with God and trust that your words — imperfect, spoken and silent — are heard and attended to.

26 Gun violence continues to afflict our society. In 2025, there were 38,741 deaths related to gun violence and 408 mass shootings (gunviolencearchive.org). Ask God to give us the strength to be diligent in our work and advocacy to end such violence and care for those who suffer grief and trauma due to gun violence and accidental shootings.

27 Give thanks and praise to God for strengthened faith, blessings and the confidence we receive through God's word, water, bread and prayer, which equip and encourage us to go out into the world and do God's work — together.

28 Pray for the ELCA's directors for evangelical mission, the leaders who help coordinate the partnership between churchwide ministries and the 65 synods of our church. Pray for the work we do together to develop new-start ministries, revitalize congregations, practice stewardship and generosity, and develop and equip leaders for mission and ministry.



Now that we have kids old enough to acolyte for worship service, pastor would like to offer a class after Sunday service showing the kids what it means to be an acolyte. It's a great way for them to feel like they're part of the service. Acolytes are responsible for lighting and extinguishing the candles before and after service. It could also include assisting in worship service by helping to collect empty communion cups, distributing bulletins or helping collect offering.

This responsibility is open to kids in 2nd grade or older. If you're child would be interested, please email me back with some dates that work best for you and we'll pick a Sunday when we can all meet after service.

Thanks, Toni Schillaci

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This Week's Calendar

2/22 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
2/23 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am 6-9pm	Office Hours Quilting Scouts
2/24 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
2/25 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12 noon 12:30pm-3:30pm 6pm 7:15pm	Office Hours Food Pantry Lenten Luncheon @ Ferry Memorial Homeschool Group Soup Holden Evening Prayer
2/26 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
2/27 FRI		Office Closed
2/28 SAT		

Next Sunday, March 1

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.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.