

**February 8, 2026  
Epiphany 5**

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

*Readings for next week: Transfiguration of Our Lord - Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17: 1-9. 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**

**Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates when they occur.**

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## **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, 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  
**Bev Statz**, with health concerns.  
**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: Megan and Seth Ahrenholz; Alice, Lucy & Silas**

*Congregational prayers for February 2026: Amy Swope, Toni Schillaci.*

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



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**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: Faith Lutheran Church / Okemos; Rev. Megan Floyd.**

*Next week we pray for: Hope St. John's / Oscoda*

**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.....	5,042.00
Non-Budget.....	5,014.14
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	10,056.14
Fund of the Month - Feb - Kids Klub.....	45.00

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**Food Pantry Feb 4 - 101 families and 208 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 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.*

**8** “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Give thanks for those who have inspired your faith. Pray that you are also a light for others, giving glory to God and shining bright with love, mercy and hope.

**9** Pray for the ELCA’s Congregations Lead Initiative, which equips and inspires congregations with innovation and tools that renew their ministry and community partnerships to create adaptable, relevant and thriving faith communities.

**10** “The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail” (Isaiah 58:11). Give thanks and praise to God who is ever-present and sustains our faith, spirit and strength so that we can navigate times of adversity and uncertainty.

**11** Give thanks for your synod staff who help equip, support and encourage congregations and leaders to share the good news of Jesus Christ, serve neighbors in need and do God’s work in the world.

**12** As ELCA members, we are called to respond to our neighbors in need here and around the world. Pray that the impact we have with individuals and communities will grow with the work we do together through ELCA World Hunger, HIV and AIDS Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response, AMMPARO Migrant Ministry and social ministry organizations.

**13** Remember in prayer unsheltered neighbors and siblings in Christ, that they will have safe, secure and consistent places to live each day. Give thanks and pray for those who are part of the Homeless and Justice Network of the ELCA, a coalition of ministries called to serve people on the margins who are struggling with homelessness, poverty and justice issues.

**14** Pray for the members of your congregation, their relationships and marriages, that they will experience love, forgiveness, joy, respect and mutual care.



Thank you to Esther Baldrige and Barb Aarde-  
ma to volunteering to cover the church office in  
my absence.

Your willingness to help out is very much appre-  
ciated.

Margaret



The council is working on starting a team or committee to come up with and write an Emergency Preparedness Plan. Looking for individuals who might fit with this group. People in the medical field, firefighters, EMT's, law enforcement. Once we have the team established I am going to have outside help as well. Police chief Brandon Mahoney has already stated he will help. I will also reach out to Chief Johnson from Montague. I will continue to reach out to Pete McCarthy. Please let Dave know if you are interested. Thank you.

David Dusenberry

### **This Week's Calendar**

<b>2/8 SUN</b>	<b>9am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum Worship</b>
<b>2/9 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm 10:30 am</b>	<b>Office Hours Quilting</b>
<b>2/10 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>2/11 WED</b>	<b>9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12:30pm</b>	<b>Office Hours Food Pantry Homeschool Group</b>
<b>2/12 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>2/13 FRI</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>2/14 SAT</b>		<b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>

#### **Next Sunday, February 15**

**9am                      Adult Forum**

#### **Upcoming events:**

**Lenten Luncheons ( see insert)  
Begin February 25, 2026 at noon**