

**March 15, 2026  
Lent 4**

**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 : 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-14.**

*Readings for next week: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.*

*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. 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**, upcoming surgery

**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 mantle 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: Jon & Danielle DeMumbrum; Elara, Finn and Gemma.**

*Congregational prayers for March 2026: Jim & Flo King; Dustin King*

*Congregational prayers for April : Jim & Leslie Petersen; Bill & Ruth Baxter, Berniece Schuitema, Franci Chamberlain.*



**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: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church / Portage; Rev. Rachel Laughlin.**

*Next week we pray for: Leer Lutheran Church / Posen*

**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.....	4,742.60
Non-Budget.....	700.00
In & Outs.....	798.25
Total Deposit.....	6,240.85
Fund of the Month - March - Good Gifts	95.00

2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through February (11.1%)	25,344.74
Actual budgeted giving through February	23,184.68
Shortfall	2,160.06

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**Food Pantry March 11 - 96 families & 203 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 March 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.*

**15** Pray that the Spirit will strengthen our faith in God's ability to open our eyes to God's presence and activity in the world.

**16** Reflect on your baptism and give thanks that you were — and continue to be — born anew in God's love and forgiveness, welcomed into a community of those who follow Christ, and set free to love and serve all people.

**17** "For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true" (Ephesians 5:8-9). Lent can feel dark and dispiriting when we reflect on human inadequacy and Jesus' suffering and death, but the promise that we are children of light saved by the love of the risen Christ is wonderful. Give thanks and praise to God!

**18** Pray that the Spirit will guide and inspire those across the church who are planning the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, as well as the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, the tAble event for youth living with disabilities, and the Young Adult Gathering.

**19** Pray for leaders who serve on the ELCA Church Council as they gather to enable and support our church for doing God's work in the world with thoughtfulness, integrity, respect, and through partnerships with denominations and organizations that share a common vision.

**20** First day of spring Ask God to direct our attention to those things in nature and humanity that stir our hope, wonder and joy, reminding us of our awesome Creator from whom all things flow. Pray that we will radiate hope, compassion and the good news of Jesus Christ through our faith, values, words and actions.

**21** Give thanks and praise to God who walks with us throughout life to guide, comfort, nourish and restore us through its twists, turns and challenges.



*Hello Spring*



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**Websites of Interest**

[www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com)

[www.mittensynod.org](http://www.mittensynod.org)

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

[www.whitelakescouting.com](http://www.whitelakescouting.com)

[www.whitelakechorale.com](http://www.whitelakechorale.com)

[www.hopescarves.org](http://www.hopescarves.org)

[LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org).

[www.samaritas.org](http://www.samaritas.org)

Suicide Hotline [1-800-273TALK.org](http://1-800-273TALK.org)  
[www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide\\_prevention](http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide_prevention)

Every Woman's Place  
231-722-3333 or [www.everywomansplace.org](http://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.