

**March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday**

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 : Procession with Palms : Matthew 21:1-11. Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Readings for next week: Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10.

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, The Cottages at Martin Lake 3088 S Van Wagoner Ave Fremont, MI 49412 (213) 307-4567

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, recuperating from surgery on 3/16

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: Dustin King

Congregational prayers for April 2026: 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: St. Paul Lutheran Church / Reed City; Rev. Marcy Miller.

Next week we pray for: Hope Lutheran Church / Rhodes; Rev. Roger Bauer.

**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!**



Thank You to Esther Baldrige & Barb Aarde-
ma for their office coverage while I am away on
vacation. Thanks as well to Pastor Ogden, Cheri
Crouch and Lebanon's Church Council.

Yellow inserts have been done in advance and
will be updated after April 6th once I return to
the office.

Thank you for allowing me to take time to
spend with my family .

Margaret



Last Week at Lebanon

Budget.....	1,753.86
Non-Budget.....	350.00
In & Outs.....	1,426.00
Total Deposit.....	3,529.86
Fund of the Month - March - Good Gifts	549.43

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

Food Pantry March 25 - 144 families & 272 individuals

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

****Margaret will update the food pantry numbers upon her return**

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 / April 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.

29 Palm Sunday Praise God that the humility with which Jesus enters Jerusalem demonstrates a powerful love for us that is down to earth yet undeterred by the stress, chaos, injustice and uncertainty of the world. As an act of faith, we give thanks and pray that we will follow his example.

30 Who are we? Imperfect people wonderfully created by a perfect God who calls us children, loves us dearly and is faithful to us. Offer up prayers of joy and thanksgiving!

31 Give thanks for faith-based preschool and early childhood education programs that provide safe and nurturing environments where children experience God's love and promises, grow confident, learn valuable skills and thrive.

1 Give thanks, for God has not left us alone stumbling in darkness, guilt and chaos. Time and time again, we are led to the cross and the empty tomb, where we are bound to, and set free by, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our lord, messiah and savior.

2 Maundy Thursday "When in the shadow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet of his disciples, he gave us a sign of love complete" (*ELW* 360). Ask God to help us understand the sacrificial love Jesus Christ had for his followers, neighbors in need and the world. Pray that we do likewise and that our actions of love, mercy and service inspire others.

3 Good Friday Pray that we deepen our understanding of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the ultimate demonstration of God's boundless love for *all* humanity. Ask God to forgive us when we seek or justify vengeance, isolation and dominance over people whom we see as adversaries, who unsettle us or whose beliefs differ from our own.

4 Pray for those who long for good news, hope, relief and liberation, including people of all ages who live in the midst of conflict and war, experience poverty and hunger, are imprisoned, suffer despair, and seek meaning and purpose.



This Week's Calendar

3/29 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum / Choir rehearsal Worship - Palm Sunday Health Kit Assembly Kids Klub
3/30 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting Esther Baldrige /office coverage
3/31 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours (Esther Baldrige/office coverage)
4/1 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12:30 pm	Office Hours (Barb Aardema/ office coverage) Food Pantry Homeschool group <u>Easter Flower Delivery today</u>
4/2 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours / Maundy Thursday- (Esther Baldrige/office coverage)
4/3 FRI		Office Closed /Good Friday
4/4 SAT		

Next Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

9am Adult Forum

Upcoming events:

4/7 Margaret returns to the office
4/12 11:30am Low Sunday Brunch

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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.