

**March 8, 2026
Lent 3**

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 :Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42.

Readings for next week: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.

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.

Easter Flower orders due today!

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: Jone Benedict

Congregational prayers for March: Jon & Danielle DeMumbrum, Elara, Finn 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: Lord of Life Lutheran Church / Portage; Rev. Martha Porter-Reid.

Next week we pray for: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church / Portage; Rev. Rachel Laughlin.

**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.....	4,243.00
Non-Budget.....	1,180.00
In & Outs.....	105.00
Total Deposit.....	5,528.00
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

Food Pantry March 4 - 102 families and 225 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 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.

8 When Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman drawing water at a well, he reveals himself to be the promised Messiah, the truth and source of living water — love, mercy, new life and salvation. Pray that we will demonstrate gratitude and joy to God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all people, including family, neighbors, friends, strangers, immigrants and refugees of all cultures, nationalities and life experiences.

9 Pray for the ministries and organizations that help us understand the value and fragility of creation and the environment. Bless their work as they remind us of our responsibility to be grateful, wise and responsible stewards of these gifts from God — gifts that nourish us and sustain all living things. Remember in prayer the ministries of synod creation care teams, Lutherans Restoring Creation, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, the Creation Care Network, ELCA Advocacy and Creation Justice Ministries.

10 Pray for Women of the ELCA to flourish in its ministry of helping women grow in faith, discover their gifts, and encourage one another to engage in ministry and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and world.

11 Pray that the Spirit will guide our Lenten reflections on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world. Pray that we do not shy away from making personal and community sacrifices to help us focus on loving and serving others, especially neighbors who long for relief and hope from poverty, hunger, illness and injustice.

12 Remember in prayer those in your community whose work does not earn them a living wage, that they will find meaningful employment that provides for their daily needs. Ask the Spirit to inspire and guide our acts of care, compassion and support, that they may be truly impactful and honor the dignity and gifts of our neighbor.

13 Pray for the ministry of deacons. Give thanks for the new agreement between The Episcopal Church and the ELCA that welcomes the exchange of deacons.

14 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times for the church and society.



Did you remember to change your clocks?



Easter Flower Orders are due today!

Please make checks payable to Lebanon Lutheran Church.

Thank you!

This Week's Calendar

3/8 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum / Nail Clippers Worship Installation of Council Members Easter Flower Order Deadline
3/9 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
3/10 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
3/11 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12 noon 12:30 pm	Office Hours Food Pantry Lenten Luncheon @ WL UMC Homeschool Group
3/12 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
3/13 FRI		Office Closed
3/14 SAT		

Next Sunday, March 15 - Toothpaste/toothbrushes

9am 10:15 am	Adult Forum Worship
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Upcoming events:

3/18	noon	Lenten Luncheon @ Lebanon
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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.