

April 12, 2026  
Easter 2

**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 : Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31.**

*Readings for next week: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35.*

*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**, 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

**Mike Schmalz**, recuperating from surgery

**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: Bill and Ruth Baxter**

*Congregational prayers for April 2026: 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: Hope Lutheran Church / Rockford**

*Next week we pray for: St. James Lutheran Church / Rogers City; Rev. Mary Hughes.*

**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.....	4,712.00
Non-Budget.....	460.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	5,172.00
Fund of the Month - April - Good Gifts	1,594.43

2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through March (18.6%)	42,469.57
Actual budgeted giving through March	41,516.66
Shortfall	952.91

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**Food Pantry January 21 - No pantry due to weather**

**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 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.*

**12** After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples who were hiding behind locked doors with fear and uncertainty. Instead of reprimanding them, a patient and reassuring Jesus gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask for forgiveness when fear and doubt creep into your thoughts and faith. Pray for the Spirit's reassurance that we are indeed God's beloved children who need to embolden one another to embrace and share the good news of the risen Christ.

**13** Remember in prayer those traveling to South Africa and Zimbabwe to witness the life-changing work of our Lutheran companions. Hold them in prayer as they learn how ELCA global personnel and gifts to ELCA World Hunger support community development, women's empowerment, youth leadership, responses to HIV and AIDS, climate resilience and peace-building.

**14** Pray for leaders gathered to explore the theme "The Feast of Creation: Liturgy as Creation Groans" during the annual Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso (Ind.) University. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire their deliberation on the intersection of liturgy, theology and climate justice.

**15** Pray for the Spirit to equip and stir us to live out our faith and baptism as followers of Christ who implement justice, act with kindness and walk humbly with God.

**16** Remember in prayer our neighbors and siblings in Christ who live in rural areas of our country. Pray that their communities and congregations will thrive and create new ways to attend to their unique contexts, strengthen faith, care for neighbors in need and stir hope.

**17** "Although you have not seen [Jesus Christ], you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). Give praise to God for stirring our faith and joy with the wonder-filled good news and mystery of our salvation through Jesus Christ. Give thanks that the gift of salvation is not dependent on our having complete understanding.

**18** Ask God to instill in us confidence that peacemaking is not a sign of weakness but rather a faith-driven endeavor that entails strength, mutual concern, perseverance and wisdom for the sake of all people.



Please join us after worship for a low Sunday brunch.

Thank you to all who have planned and prepared this gathering meal.



### This Week's Calendar

<b>4/12</b> <b>SUN</b>	9am <b>10:15am</b> <b>11:30</b> 5:30pm	Adult Forum <b>Worship</b> <b>Low Sunday Brunch</b> Scouts
<b>4/13</b> <b>MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 10:30 am	<b>Office Hours</b> Quilting
<b>4/14</b> <b>TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 6pm 7pm	<b>Office Hours</b> Finance Committee Executive Board
<b>4/15</b> <b>WED</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b> 9:30am-10:30am 12:30	<b>Office Hours</b> Food Pantry Homeschool Group
<b>4/16</b> <b>THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>4/17</b> <b>FRI</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>4/18</b> <b>SAT</b>		

### Next Sunday, April 19

9am	Adult Forum Scouts
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### Upcoming events:

4/21	6pm - Church Council
4/26	5pm - Eagle Court of Honor
4/27	6-9pm - Scouts

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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.