

**April 26, 2026
Easter 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: Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10.

Readings for next week: Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14: 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:

Cindy Albert, suffering from dizziness

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.

Each week we pray for one of our members or families. This week we pray for: Franci Chamberlain

Congregational prayers for May 2026: Ginny Farmer, Chuck & Ann Nessa; Charles & Sally Jackson, Matthew and Sylvia; Tommy Foster; Minnie Estlund.

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.



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: Bethany Lutheran/Northport; Rev. Chrysanne Timm.

Next week we pray for: Faith Lutheran Church / Okemos; Rev. Megan Floyd.

**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.....	6,755.20
Non-Budget.....	1,000.00
In & Outs.....	80.00
Total Deposit.....	7,835.20
Fund of the Month - April - Good Gifts	1,924.43

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

Food Pantry April 22 - 137 families and 314 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 April / May 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.

26 Ask God to help us discern between voices that serve themselves, divide us, and turn us against one another and the voice of Jesus Christ — the one true shepherd, teacher, liberator and savior whom we can trust explicitly. Pray that by his example we may unite to build communities of love and mutual care.

27 Give thanks for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association, a network that encourages, inspires and equips educators, pastors, principals, directors and board members of Christ-centered, grace-filled schools and early education programs.

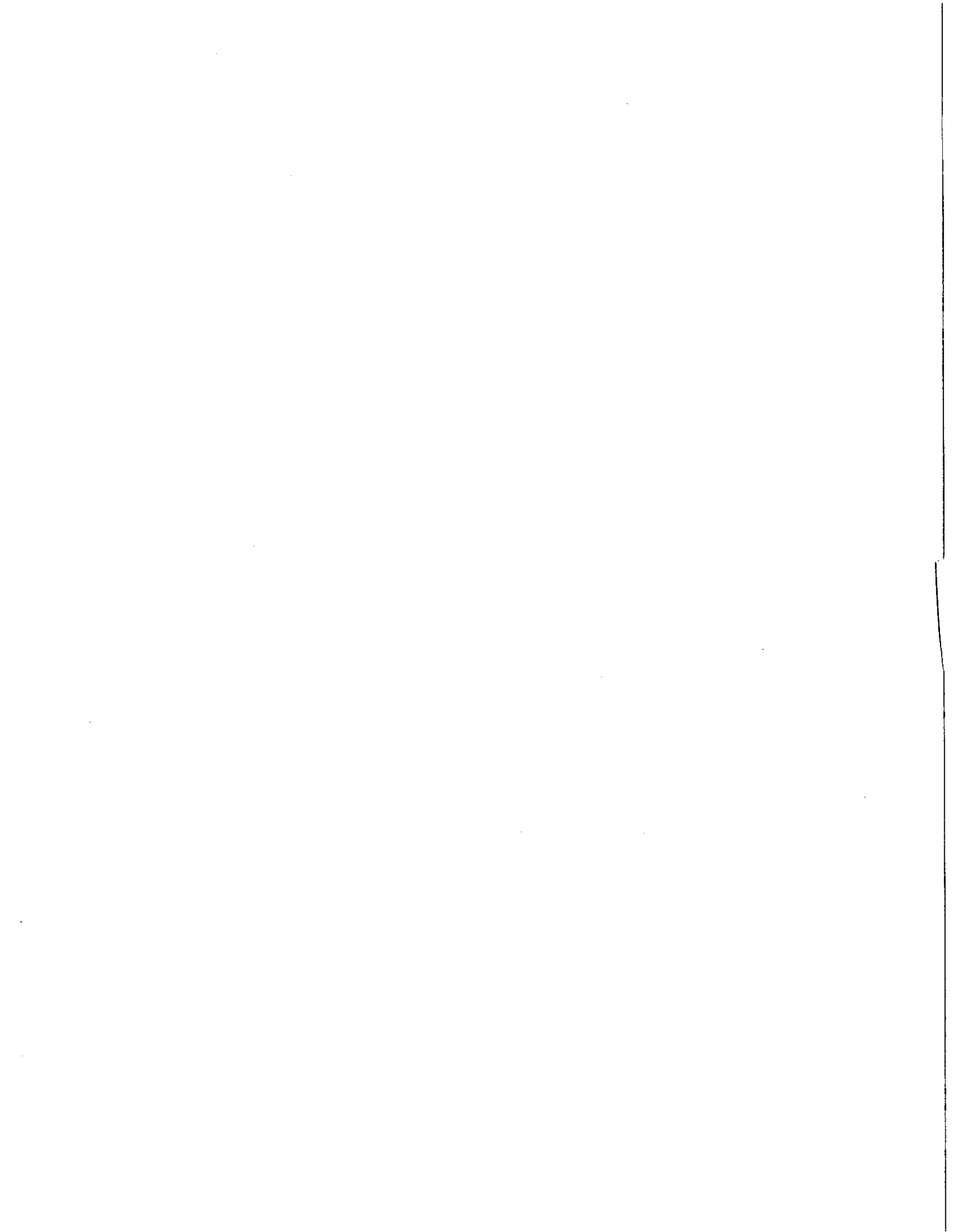
28 “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Praise God for being present in our lives to guide and sustain us, especially when we feel alone, overwhelmed, frightened and adrift. Give thanks that the Spirit helps us respond with care and concern for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are going through difficult times.

29 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner since 1997. 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.

30 Pray for ELCA missionaries, global personnel and Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers who are often separated from family, friends, home congregations and communities for long periods of time. Pray that they will feel connected and supported while serving alongside our global companions and that the Spirit will inspire us to express our love and support in tangible ways.

1 Pray for leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Minneapolis Area and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

2 Pray for leaders, voting members and others as they gather for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.



This Week's Calendar

4/26 SUN	9am 10:15am 5pm	Adult Forum Worship Eagle Court of Honor
4/27 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am 6-9 pm	Office Hours Quilting Scouts
4/28 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
4/29 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12:30	Office Hours Food Pantry Homeschool Group
4/30 THURS	9am-1pm	Office Hours
5/1 FRI		Office Closed
5/2 SAT		

Next Sunday, May 3

9am	Adult Forum
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Upcoming events:

5/2	10:00 am	Kitchen Clean Up Crew
5/2	9-12 noon	White Lake Women flower delivery
5/10	4:30pm	Scout Can Drive
5/15-16		Synod Assembly

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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.