

**May 17, 2026  
Easter 7**

**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 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35,  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11.

*Readings for next week: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b,  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23. 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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**Altar flowers today in are placed by the King family in honor of Minnie Estlunds 92nd birthday. Happy Birthday Minnie !**

## **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.

**Lucas Carlson**, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.

**Diane Eastman**, recuperating from surgery

**Sheila Fretty**, re-occurring cancer, and health concerns.

**Brian Holmblade**, with heart issues

**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: Charles & Sally Jackson, Matthew and Sylvia.**

*Congregational prayers for May 2026: Tommy Foster; Minnie Estlund.*



**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: Our Savior Lutheran Church / Saginaw**

*Next week we pray for: Resurrection Lutheran Church / Saginaw*

**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!**



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25,  
in observance of Memorial Day.

**Last Week at Lebanon**

Budget.....	1,326.27
Non-Budget.....	3,078.00
In & Outs.....	313.22
Total Deposit.....	4,717.49
Fund of the Month - May - Synod Benevolence	65.00

2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through April (26.5%)	60,507.72
Actual budgeted giving through April	61,465.83
Shortfall	952.91

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**Food Pantry May 13 - 122 families and 257 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!*

**Save the Date!**

Annual Swedish Smorgasbord will take place on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm. More details will be forthcoming.

## **Take home - Prayer Ventures 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.*

**17** Pray for leaders, voting members and others as they gather for the Southeastern Iowa 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.

**18** Pray for our siblings in Christ, both in our congregations and around the world, who share our heritage and accompany us in our baptismal journeys as we do God's work in the world together.

**19** Give thanks for the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology and for scientists, science teachers, researchers and church leaders who work to explain the implications of science and technology for Christian faith.

**20** Ask God to bless the work of ELCA Global Mission, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Advocacy Network, AMMPARO, ELCA Racial Justice Ministries and other programs and ministries of our church.

**21** Remember in prayer young adults and professional leaders as they prepare to serve campers of all ages and abilities in Lutheran outdoor ministries across the country. Pray for the Spirit to nurture their enthusiasm for doing God's work this summer.

**22** Give thanks for the ELCA Prison Reentry and Advocacy Network, which provides leaders, resources and opportunities for congregations and individuals to accompany people in prisons, jails and juvenile detention centers. Pray that our congregations will welcome and support those working to reclaim their lives after incarceration.

**23** "In hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" (Romans 8:24-25). Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in God's promises and in what Jesus Christ taught us. Pray for reassurance when we feel pressured to prove our faith and defend our beliefs.

**We are offering Swim Lessons for 2026!**

**July 6-10 and July 13-17  
11:30 am—1:30 pm  
(group times TBD by  
swim instructor)**

**Cost: \$65 per child**

**Pool Location:  
1230 Schuler /  
North Muskegon 49445**

**Ages 3-4 (11:30 am - noon)**

**Ages 5-8 (shallow) (12:00 pm - 12:30 pm)**

**Ages 5-8 (deep) (12:30 pm –1:00 pm)**

**Ages 9-12+ (1:00—1:30 pm)**

**Muskegon YMCA Certified swim instructor will be conducting the lessons.**

Register online at: [www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com) or pick up a form near the church office.

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### **This Week's Calendar**

<b>5/17 SUN</b>	<b>9am 10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Forum Worship</b>
<b>5/18 MON</b>	<b>9am-1pm 10:30 am</b>	<b>Office Hours Quilting</b>
<b>5/19 TUES</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>5/20 WED</b>	<b>9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12:30</b>	<b>Office Hours Food Pantry Homeschool Group</b>
<b>5/21 THURS</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
<b>5/22 FRI</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>5/23 SAT</b>		

### **Next Sunday, May 24**

9am                      Adult Forum

### **Upcoming events:**

May 25                      Church office closed in observance of  
Memorial Day.

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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.hopscarves.org](http://www.hopscarves.org)

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

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

Suicide Hotline 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.