

**August 2, 2026
Pentecost 10**

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: Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21,
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21.**

*Readings for next week: 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13,
Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33.*

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 - 18100 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 - **American House Spring Lake - Pebblebrook; 18100 174th Avenue, #10; Spring Lake, MI 49456**

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.

Don B, (Ernie Stacy's friend from the Lions Club), newly diagnosed with leukemia.

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

Diane Eastman, recuperating from surgery

Tom & Sheila Fretty, 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

Bev Statz, with health concerns.

Bev Uetricht, recuperating after transplant surgery

Katie VandeBunte (Ernie and Donna Stacy's daughter) being treated for Stage II breast cancer

Darlene Willbrandt, in treatment for re-occurring pancreatic cancer.

Our hearts grieve with Tim & Virginia DeMumbrum, Gabe, and Jon and Danielle DeMumbrum, Elara, Finn and Gemma on the recent death of Tim's father, **Bill DeMumbrum**.

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: Lucy Grover

Congregational prayers for August 2026: Steve & Cindy Albert; Rachel & Corey Bartlett, Jonathon and Abigail; Sally Kahlo.



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: Augustana Lutheran Church / Tustin; Rev. Sharon Van Dam.

Next week we pray for: St. Peter Lutheran Church / Unionville; Rev. Jeffery Bonn.

**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.....	3,838.55
Non-Budget.....	3,425.25
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	7,263.80

Fund of the Month - July - Backpacks	785.25
Fund of the Month - August - Living Lutheran	

2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through July (45.9%)	104,803.93
Actual budgeted giving through July	111,590.88

Food Pantry July 29: 104 families and 217 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 August 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.

2 Ask the Spirit to help us be attentive to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who suffer hunger and to stir us to respond with generosity, compassion and wisdom. Pray that, while responding to their immediate needs, we also work to address the causes of hunger and poverty that plague our society and the world.

3 Pray for God to strengthen families and ground them in the gospel, that they may foster relationships of love and forgiveness, encourage their children, nurture compassion, and accompany one another through the ups, downs and crises of life.

4 Remember in prayer those who are suffering in the aftermath of earthquakes in Venezuela, that they will find comfort as they grieve lives lost and receive support and resources to address their needs for medical care, shelter, safety, basic necessities and spiritual encouragement. Pray for Lutheran Disaster Response, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela, the Lutheran World Federation and other partners who are responding to immediate needs as well as undertaking the long-term work of recovery.

5 Praise God for being gracious and merciful toward us, present with us throughout life, slow to anger in response to our imperfections and attentive to our human needs and suffering.

6 Give thanks for the generosity of ELCA members, congregations and synods expressed through Mission Support, which helps us do God's work in our country and around the world — accomplishing more together than any one person or congregation can do alone.

7 Remember in prayer those who are incarcerated, imprisoned and leaving prison on parole to reenter our communities and rebuild their lives. Pray for the work of the ELCA Prison Reentry and Advocacy Network and Prison Congregations of America, which help us support, accompany and care for our neighbors and siblings in Christ in ways that exemplify God's compassion, justice and mercy for humankind.

8 "Earth is full of wit and wisdom, woven into harmony. Every creature has a purpose, every flower and bumble bee. Spider, human, redwood, gecko, monkey, chicken, mouse and snake live within a single fabric: cloth that only God could make" (ACS 1064). Lift up praise and thanksgiving to God for the wonders, wisdom and beauty of creation! Pray for God to open our eyes to the inextricable and intentional connection we have to creation and the environment.

Smorgasbord 2026 is in the books, and once again it was my favorite time of year. Every year brings its share of challenges, but when I look back, all I see is the amazing evening that we are blessed to be a part of together.

Someone asked me this year, "Aren't you nervous?" The truth is, I never am. I know in my heart that the event will always be wonderful because it is about so much more than a meal. It is about fellowship, community, and the lives that are touched along the way. Every year I hear stories of how this church has made a difference in someone's life, and those stories are what make this event so special.

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, supported, and gave of their time. Whether you have helped year after year or this was your very first Smorgasbord, thank you. Your efforts are what make this event possible.

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This Week's Calendar

8/2 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
8/3 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
8/4 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
8/5 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
8/6 THURS	9am-1pm 10am	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall
8/7 FRI		Office Closed
8/8 SAT		

Next Sunday, August 9

9am 10:15	Adult Forum Worship
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Upcoming Events:

**4pm - Backpack Set-up
5-7pm - Backpack Event**

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Rev. Douglas M. Ogden

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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.