

**July 12, 2026
Pentecost 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: Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13,
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.**

*Readings for next week: Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17,
Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.*

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

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

Bev Statz, with health concerns.

Bev Uetricht, waiting on 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.

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: Jeanne Berry

Congregational prayers for July 2026 :Savanhni Chittisane; Carol & Terry Deneke.

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: Immanuel Lutheran**

Church / Sutton's Bay; Rev. Jonathan Reid.

Next week we pray for: St. John's Lutheran Church / Three Rivers; Rev. Vicky Blough.

**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.....	11,043.00
Non-Budget.....	427.65
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	11,470.65

Fund of the Month - July - Backpacks	45.00
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2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through June (39.1%)	89,277.42
Actual budgeted giving through June	93,356.33

Food Pantry July 8: 96 families and 200 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 July 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 Pray for the Gathering Expeditions, regional retreats that enable youth and the adults who walk alongside them to step away from everyday life together and dive into questions of faith, purpose, identity and calling in preparation for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering.

13 “I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:15). Give thanks and praise to God for the boundless love, forgiveness and patience that enfold us just as we are — complex and wonderful children of God who nevertheless are often weak, broken and undisciplined.

14 Give thanks for ELCA Racial Justice Ministries. Ask God to bless and further its ministries, which equip leaders, provide anti-racism education, build relationships across differences, and develop resources to help congregations address racism and move toward reconciliation and healing.

15 Praise God for our life in Christ, which sets us free from the darkness and despair of sin and death, and for the Spirit, which dwells in us and keeps us focused on what pleases God — faith, humility, love, mercy and caring for our neighbors in need.

16 Remember in prayer the women gathering for worship, advocacy, inspiration, learning, service and relationship-building at the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa. Ask God to bless and advance the organization’s mission to mobilize women of all ages to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

17 Emanuel Nine Commemoration and Day of Repentance Reflect on the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, killed by a self-proclaimed white supremacist on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. Ask the Spirit for the power to be agents of change in society, confronting racism and injustice and living as children of God who value, respect and love one another.

18 Ask God to strengthen and expand the work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response as it provides emergency relief, supports disaster recovery and helps communities develop disaster preparedness and resilience. Give thanks that this work — our work — is mindful of people’s spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs, including food security, shelter, self-sufficiency and community.

Swedish Smörgåsbord



Lebanon Lutheran Church
1101 S. Mears Avenue
Whitehall

Thursday, July 16, 2026, 5:30 pm

Adults \$18.00 Children 5-10 \$10.00

Under 5 - Free

Tickets available at the church office or
at the door



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This Week's Calendar

7/12 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
7/13 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting Swim Lessons
7/14 TUES	9am-1pm 6pm 7pm	Office Hours Swim Lessons Finance Committee Executive Board
7/15 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 11am	Office Hours Food Pantry Smorgasbord prep begins Swim Lessons
7/16 THURS	9am-1pm 10am 5:30	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall Swim Lessons Swedish Smorgasbord Dinner
7/17 FRI		Office Closed
7/18 SAT		

Next Sunday, July 19

9am 10:15	Adult Forum Worship
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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.