

**July 26, 2026  
Pentecost 9**

**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: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136,  
Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.**

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

*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.**

## **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**, hospitalized 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**. A Memorial Service will take place at Lebanon on Friday, July 31. Visitation at 10:00 am, service—11 am, followed by luncheon.

**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: Carol & Terry Deneke**



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

*Terry & Mary Beekman.*

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**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: Bethlehem Lutheran Church / Traverse City; Rev. Paul Busekist.**

*Next week we pray for: Augustana Lutheran Church / Tustin; Rev. Sharon Van Dam.*

**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**

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| Budget.....                              | 2,269.00   |
| Non-Budget.....                          | 2,880.50   |
| In & Outs.....                           | 25.00      |
| Total Deposit.....                       | 5,174.50   |
| <br>Fund of the Month - July - Backpacks | <br>325.00 |

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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  |

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**Food Pantry July 22: 77 families and 179 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!***

## **Take home - Prayer Ventures July/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.*

**26** Remember in prayer newly elected synod bishops, that God will grant them wisdom and strength for their ministry with their synods' leaders, congregations and special ministries.

**27** Pray for Stephen Ministries, which minister one-on-one with people experiencing grief, illness and other crises. Give thanks for Stephen Ministries lay volunteers in communities of faith, caring and supportive companions who walk alongside those in need, embodying Christ's call to love and serve our neighbors.

**28** Pray for the Spirit to remind us over and over again to be kind and merciful with others and ourselves.

**29** Give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response partners who together care for communities in times of crisis: synods, ecumenical partners, tribal nations, community-based organizations, social ministry organizations, global companion churches, Catholic Charities, the Lutheran World Federation and many others.

**30** "Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life" (ACS 1080). Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God for being an ever-present and dependable source of strength, courage and hope, particularly in times of struggle and crisis.

**31** Pray for leaders, diplomats, mediators and others involved in peacemaking and reconciliation efforts around the world, especially in the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Yemen and Haiti.

**1** Give thanks for the resources provided by Lutheran Disaster Response, faith-based organizations and community agencies. These resources help us prepare for disasters, develop resiliency and nurture networks of disaster response volunteers, all expressions of our love and care for our neighbors.



### Backpack Giveaway

Lebanon Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, August 12th

Set-up begins at 4:00 pm

More information will be coming soon!

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

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| <b>7/26<br/>SUN</b>   | <b>9am<br/>10:15am</b>            | <b>Adult Forum<br/>Worship</b>                                       |
| <b>7/27<br/>MON</b>   | <b>9am-1pm<br/>10:30 am</b>       | <b>Office Hours<br/>Quilting</b>                                     |
| <b>7/28<br/>TUES</b>  | <b>9am-1pm</b>                    | <b>Office Hours</b>                                                  |
| <b>7/29<br/>WED</b>   | <b>9am-1pm<br/>9:30am-10:30am</b> | <b>Office Hours<br/>Food Pantry</b>                                  |
| <b>7/30<br/>THURS</b> | <b>9am-1pm<br/>10am</b>           | <b>Office Hours<br/>Exercise Group / Upper Hall</b>                  |
| <b>7/31<br/>FRI</b>   | <b>10:00 am<br/>11:00 am</b>      | <b>Office Closed<br/>DeMumbrum visitation<br/>Memorial /luncheon</b> |
| <b>8/1<br/>SAT</b>    |                                   |                                                                      |

### **Next Sunday, August 2**

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| <b>9am<br/>10:15</b> | <b>Adult Forum<br/>Worship</b> |
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