

**July 19, 2026
Pentecost 8**

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

*Readings for next week: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136,
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 Uetracht, 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.....	1,084.00
Non-Budget.....	464.87
In & Outs.....	100.00
Total Deposit.....	1,648.87
Fund of the Month - July - Backpacks	185.00

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 15: 81 families and 168 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.

19 Who prompts joy in your life these days? What causes you to smile and laugh? Lift up prayers of gratitude and celebration for those people and things that lighten your spirit when life feels heavy and dark.

20 Remember in prayer those who serve in the military and are currently deployed overseas to areas of conflict and war. Pray for their safety, for the Spirit to strengthen their faith and hope, and for the support of their families and faith communities to comfort and renew them.

21 “Nothing helps more powerfully against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts than occupying oneself with God’s Word, having conversations about it, and contemplating it” (Martin Luther, the Large Catechism). Ask the Spirit to stir our desire to study and reflect on Scripture together with our siblings in Christ to find encouragement, guidance and strength for our lifelong baptismal journeys and doing God’s work in the world.

22 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries who return to the United States every two years for two months to gather with friends and family, renew themselves and engage with congregations that support them. Give thanks that the Spirit works through their witness, inspiring others to do God’s work in the world.

23 Pray for the Spirit to help us better understand God’s ways and wisdom and incorporate them into our daily lives as we strive to follow Christ, love and serve our neighbors and reflect God’s truth in everything we say and do.

24 Remember in prayer church musicians, music directors and worship leaders gathering at Augsburg Fortress Summer Music Clinics across the country, that the experience might nurture their skills, stir their creativity and enthusiasm, deepen their theology of worship and equip them with new resources to use in their congregations.

25 Give thanks and pray for our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ — our children, parents, siblings, elders, friends, co-workers and leaders. Pray that we will be persistent advocates and catalysts for intentional inclusion, full participation, and the valuing of diverse gifts and perspectives in the church and society.

This Week's Calendar

7/19 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
7/20 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
7/21 TUES	9am-1pm 6pm	Office Hours Church Council
7/22 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
7/23 THURS	9am-1pm 10am	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall
7/24 FRI		Office Closed
7/25 SAT		

Next Sunday, July 26

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.