

**August 23, 2026
Pentecost 13**

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 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20.

Readings for next week: Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28.

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, with health concerns

Tom & Sheila Fretty, health concerns.

Brian Holmblade, with heart issues

Pam Landis, friend of Barb Aardema, awaiting results from medical tests.

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 the family and friends of **Rick Witham**, a long-time scout leader. Visitation and Memorial times are listed in this insert.

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: Sally Kahlo

Congregational prayers for August 2026: Terry & Mary Beekman



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: Grace Lutheran Church / Vassar

Next week we pray for: Lebanon Lutheran Church/Whitehall; Rev. Doug Ogden

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.....	1,123.31
Non-Budget.....	459.43
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	1,582.74

Fund of the Month - August - Living Lutheran	95.00
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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 August 19: 132 families and 190 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.

23 “He asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’” (Matthew 16:13). Who do you say Jesus Christ is? How do you respond when someone asks about your faith? Lift up your questions and uncertainties to God and ask the Spirit to give you confidence and clarity when you share your faith story and proclaim Jesus Christ as the true savior whom you love, trust and follow.

24 Give praise to God and thanks for people, things and experiences that give you hope, joy and strength today.

25 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers who accompany global partners in Europe as they serve others in a diverse world and bear witness to the presence and work of a loving and merciful God. Pray that they may be emboldened to work for peace and justice and to care for those who suffer during this time of turmoil in parts of Europe.

26 Pray that our ELCA colleges, universities and seminaries flourish in their ministries of preparing students for lives of faith and vocation, equipping them to use their gifts in response to God’s call to share the gospel and love and serve neighbors in need.

27 Give thanks for the impact of congregations that celebrate a long history and presence in their community. Pray for the Spirit to help them grow, evolve and discern what God is calling them to be and do in their community.

28 The Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin) serves over 175 colleges and universities through ELCA and ecumenical campus ministry organizations, including congregations near campuses. Pray that students, faculty and staff are blessed by the work of LuMin, which builds community, deepens faith, expands minds and inspires service.

29 “When schools flourish, all flourishes” (Martin Luther, *Table Talk*). The Lutheran church has a long, rich history of commitment to faith-based and public education. Pray that we support and encourage education for all ages, abilities and backgrounds for the sake of nurturing students to become confident, skilled, wise, creative, compassionate and service-minded citizens and disciples of Christ.



When: Sunday, August 30th - 1:00 PM

Where: Hollister's The Water's Edge Resort,
6195 Murray Road, Whitehall, MI 49461

Who: Everyone. Frank says consider making the picnic an opportunity to invite your friends to experience Lebanon's hospitality.

What to Bring: A dish to pass and your own table service. There are picnic tables available, but you might enjoy your own lawn chair. There are lawn games, small boats, swimming, and friendly conversation.



School sessions have started once again. Please be mindful of the students who walk, ride bikes, or are driven to school.

This Week's Calendar

8/23 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
8/24 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
8/25 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
8/26 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
8/27 THURS	9am-1pm 10am 5pm	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall Slovak Dinner
8/28 FRI		Office Closed
8/29 SAT	1-3:00 pm	Witham Visitation

Next Sunday, August 30

9am	Adult Forum
10:15	Worship
1:00 pm	Congregation Picnic @ Hollister's The Water's Edge
3pm	Witham Visitation
4pm	Memorial Sercice
5pm	Dinner and reflections

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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.