

**August 30, 2026
Pentecost 14**

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: Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8,
Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28.**

*Readings for next week: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40,
Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20.*

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.

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: Terry & Mary Beekman

Congregational prayers for September 2026: Jenna Brown, Doug & Barbara Aardema, Frank & Alice Hollister, Charlie & Michaelanne Hendrixon, Samantha and Elly.



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: Zion Lutheran Church / Woodland; Rev. Ken Scheck.

Next week we pray for: Christ Lutheran Church / Wyoming; Rev. Rob Schmidt.

**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.....	4,668.77
Non-Budget.....	625.00
In & Outs.....	76.98
Total Deposit.....	5,370.75

Fund of the Month - August - Living Lutheran 200.00

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 26: 107 families and 224 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 / September 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.

30 "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are" (Romans 12:14-16). Paul seems to have written this for us today. Ask God to help us live by these words, which denounce vengeance, arrogance, indifference to neighbors and divisive conflict. Encourage us to be humble, forgiving, empathetic and to love our adversaries and those who are different from us.

31 Gift thanks for new members of our congregations. Pray that they experience belonging, growth, encouragement and opportunities to use their gifts together with those of siblings in Christ to do God's work in the church, their communities and the world.

1 National Suicide Prevention Month Suicide impacts people of all ages, especially youth and young adults. Pray for hope, relief from suffering and skilled, compassionate care for people who struggle with loneliness, depression and mental illness. Pray that they will find comfort and encouragement in knowing that God abandons no one. Ask God to bless and further the work of Lutheran Suicide Prevention Ministry and other organizations engaged in suicide awareness, education, collaboration and advocacy.

2 Pray that we will remember and affirm the diverse contributions of those who have helped shape and reform our nation throughout its history, especially as we celebrate its semiquincentennial. Ask the Spirit to help us learn from and change the laws, decisions and attitudes that oppress our neighbors, our siblings in Christ and all children of God.

3 Remember in prayer children whose families lack safe, consistent shelter, that they will find care, stability and security in school among their peers, teachers and school staff.

4 Ask God to stir nations and their leaders to seek peace where there is conflict and war, no matter how complicated or unattainable peace seems. Pray that peace accords, ceasefires and negotiations will foreground those who are displaced, terrorized and treated unjustly. **5**

Pray for congregations' fall programs and ministries, that their leaders and volunteers will strengthen people's faith, deepen their understanding of Scripture, discern their gifts and nurture their sense of community.

PICNIC



When: TODAY— 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.

This Week's Calendar

8/30 SUN	9am 10:15am 1:00 pm 3pm 4pm 5pm	Adult Forum Worship Congregation Picnic @ Hollister's Water's Edge Witham Visitation Witham funeral Funeral Dinner and reflection
8/31 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
9/1 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
9/2 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
9/3 THURS	9am-1pm 10am	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall
9/4 FRI		Office Closed
9/5 SAT		

Next Sunday, September 6

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.