

**September 13 , 2026
Pentecost 16**

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: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13,
Romans 14::1-12, Matthew 18:21-35.**

*Readings for next week: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8,
Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16.*

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).

John Parks, with health concerns

Bev Statz, with health concerns.

Sharon Swenson, (Bernie's widow) in rehab in Allen, TX

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: Doug & Barbara Aardema

Congregational prayers for September 2026: 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: Covenant Hospital Pastoral Care Department / Saginaw; Deacon Kathy Bonn.

Next week we pray for: Feast of Victory Church / Acme; Rev. Haley Vay Beaman.

**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.....	4,551.68
Non-Budget.....	1,175.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	5,726.68

Fund of the Month - September - Slovak	75.00
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2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through August (53.2%)	121,472.09
Actual budgeted giving through August	155,488.88

Food Pantry September 9: 108 families and 206 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 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.

13 "God's work. Our hands." Sunday Praise God for 10 years of this annual Sunday of service. Rejoice in the ELCA's history of proclaiming that we are one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor every day.

14 Give thanks for special education teachers, school psychologists and others who help children and youth develop skills and confidence in academic settings.

15 First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions, traditions, languages and rich cultural diversity of our Latiné neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray for the ELCA's Latiné congregations and ministries, the Latino Ministries Association and the Latinx Lutheran Leadership Initiative of the ELCA.

16 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries accompanying our companions in Latin America and the Caribbean and young adults serving as volunteers in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission programs in Mexico and Argentina/Uruguay.

17 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times for the church and society.

18 "Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times'" (Matthew 18:21-22). Who are you finding difficult to forgive right now? Pray for them and for yourself, that you will be patient, resolve your differences, forgive each other and strive for healing and a closer relationship.

19 Give thanks and pray for spiritual directors, coaches and companions in synods and congregations who deepen our faith and vocation, guide our discernment and equip us to help and encourage others.



This week we say see you later to our 2026 Slovak Seminarian, Viki.

We will post her contact information next week for those who wish to keep in contact with her.

Safe journeys home, and we look forward to when we will see your smile once again.

Thank you for all the joy you brought during your stay here at Lebanon.

This Week's Calendar

9/13 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum /Kids Klub /Bells Worship
9/14 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
9/15 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
9/16 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
9/17 THURS	9am-1pm 10am	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall Viki departs for Slovakia
9/18 FRI		Office Closed
9/19 SAT		

Next Sunday, September 20

9am 10:15	Adult Forum /Choir 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.