September 27, 2026
Pentecost 18

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: **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32.**

Readings for next week: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthw 21:33-46.

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 - at home, 8755 W. Old Channel Trail, Montague, MI 49437
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: Charlie & Michaelanne Hendrixon, Samantha and Elly.

Congregational prayers for October 2026: Brian & Kara Jaekel; Mary Lewallen; Elaine Liska; Art & Sue Plewka.

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 / Allegan; Rev. Christoper Laughlin.

Next week we pray for: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church / Alpena

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.....	968.00
Non-Budget.....	265.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	1,233.00

Fund of the Month - September - Slovak 418.95

Fund of the Month - October - Samaritas

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 23: 106 families and 237 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 / October 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.

27 Ask the Spirit for words we might use to share with every generation the stories of God's presence in our lives and in the world throughout history.

28 Pray for ELCA Lay Schools for Ministry, which help individuals deepen their faith, explore theology, grow as leaders, discover opportunities for serving in congregations and communities, and continue their baptismal journey of doing God's work in the world.

29 Pray that, united in mind and spirit with our siblings in Christ, we might express our commitment to love, mercy, peace, justice, humility, generosity, caring for neighbors in need and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, the son of God and Savior of humankind.

30 "You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name" (ELW 817; WOV 784). Praise God for seeking us out wherever we are and inviting us to follow as Christ's disciples, called to trust, learn and serve — just as we are.

1 Pray for Lutherans Restoring Creation and the organization's "creation care ambassadors," who work with congregations and synods to protect natural resources entrusted to our use and to develop solutions for restoring and healing creation.

2 National Disability Employment Awareness Month Remember in prayer those living with disabilities who seek employment that affirms their gifts, abilities and passions. Ask for God's help in modifying work environments, equipment, tasks and employment policies to encourage diverse abilities, create employment and leadership opportunities, and foster success and fulfillment in the workplace.

3 Ask God to stretch our understanding of who our neighbor is. Pray that we will show up and respond to anyone in need or suffering, be they a sibling in Christ, a friend, a stranger or someone far away.

Welcome
October



This Week's Calendar

9/27	**9am**	**Adult Forum /Choir /Thrivent kits**
SUN	**10:15am**	**Worship**
9/28	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
MON	**10:30 am**	**Quilting**
9/29	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
TUES		
9/30	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
WED	9:30am-10:30am	Food Pantry
	12 noon	Homeschool Group
10/1	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
THURS	**10am**	**Exercise Group / Upper Hall**
10/2		**Office Closed**
FRI		
10/3		
SAT		

Next Sunday, October 4

9am	Adult Forum
10:15	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.