

**October 11, 2026
Pentecost 20**

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 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:109 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22.

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, with health concerns

Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantle 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

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: Brian & Kara Jaekel

Congregational prayers for October 2026: 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: St. Paul Lutheran Church / Alpena

Next week we pray for: St. John Lutheran Church / Baroda

**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.....	
Non-Budget.....	
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	
Fund of the Month - October - Samaritas	

**** Numbers will be updated upon Curt's return from vacation**

2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through September (62.8%)	143,391.87
Actual budgeted giving through September	168,346.48

Food Pantry October 7: 121 families and 290 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 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.

11 Ask God to help us go beyond the walls of our sanctuaries as we serve our neighbors in need and invite others to follow Jesus Christ. Ask the Spirit to stir our trust in God's ability to use our unique gifts, skills and passions for ministry, especially when we doubt ourselves.

12 Indigenous Peoples' Day Give thanks for Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas and other parts of the world for thousands of years. Pray that we will not overlook them in our telling of history and that we will honor our church's commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing, respect and unity as children of God.

13 Pray for adult leaders and congregations as they prepare for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble (for youth living with disabilities, and their caregivers). Ask the Spirit to guide their planning and stir their enthusiasm as they ready themselves to grow hope, build Christian community and inspire young people to boldly live their faith.

14 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Pray that we will be alert to what is good, kind and admirable in the world, and give thanks and praise to God!

15 Give thanks for the work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners to respond to the immediate and long-term needs of people and communities as they endure natural and human-caused disasters and crises here and around the world.

16 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:1-3). Our shepherd loves us deeply, renews our faith, guides us along paths of truth, and was willing to sacrifice everything to restore our relationship with God. Lift up prayers of praise, joy and thanksgiving!

17 Give thanks for the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology and its network of scientists, science teachers, rostered ministers and lay leaders, and other people committed to expanding awareness of and promoting conversations about the implications of science and technology for Christian faith and life.



Hayride & Potluck Dinner

When: October 18, 2026

****Rain date will be October 25, 2026 ****

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Stu Scholl Farm
5955 Eilers Road
Montague, MI 49437

No Pork BBQ this year - please consider main dishes!

Home cooked meals are strongly recommended and **NO plastic or disposable products allowed on the property.**



This Week's Calendar

10/11 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum / Kids Klub Worship
10/12 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
10/13 TUES	9am-1pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Office Hours Finance Committee Executive Board
10/14 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12 noon	Office Hours Food Pantry Homeschool Group
10/15 THURS	9am-1pm 10am 7pm	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall White Lake Historical Society
10/16 FRI		Office Closed
10/17 SAT	9am-2pm	Private Kitchen / Lounge (Roesler)

Next Sunday, October 18

9am 10:15am 4pm	Adult Forum Worship Hayride / Potluck @ Scholl Farms
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Upcoming Events:

10/24	Scout Halloween Party
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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.