

**October 18, 2026
Pentecost 21**

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 45:1-7, Psalm 96:109 [10-13],
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22.**

*Readings for next week: Reformation Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34,
Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36.*

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), 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 mantel type (stage four).

Lori McElraith-Eslick (friend of Lisa Tallarico)- for a speedy recovery

John Parks, with health concerns

Bev Statz, with health concerns.

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

Bev Uetracht, 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: Mary Lewallen, Elaine Liska

Congregational prayers for October 2026: 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. John Lutheran Church / Baroda

Next week we pray for: St. Peter Lutheran Church / Battle Creek; Rev. Edward Ruble

**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 14: 93 families and 241 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.

18 Ask the Spirit to help us along our baptismal journey so we might speak truth rather than deceive, show empathy and caring rather than callousness and indifference, practice mercy and forgiveness rather than retribution, and inspire others through our faith, hope, joy and compassion.

19 Ask God to bless Mission Builders, a ministry of our church that gathers people with diverse construction skills to help congregations, schools and outdoor ministries build and renew worship spaces, retreat centers and other facilities across the country.

20 Give thanks for farmers, ranchers, agricultural workers and others involved in the production, tending and harvesting of food. Remember in prayer those in other countries who produce and distribute food to us and other people around the world.

21 "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3). Pray for siblings in Christ, congregations, synods and ecumenical companions with whom we share a common mission of proclaiming God's saving grace, following Jesus Christ and spreading love, mercy, peace, justice and hope in the world.

22 Give thanks and pray for the leaders, teachers and volunteers of faith-based daycare centers and preschools where children learn, play, socialize and experience the joy and good news of God's love and forgiveness.

23 Give thanks for the Resourceful Servants initiative of the ELCA, which encourages habits that strengthen the financial wellness of congregations, seminarians and rostered ministers.

24 Give thanks for the faith, gifts and wisdom that your synod staff shares with congregations, ministries and leaders, strengthening faith communities, serving neighbors in need, nurturing new ways to share the gospel, and doing God's work in the world with joy and enthusiasm.

Hayride & Potluck Dinner

When: TODAY!

**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

10/18 SUN	9am 10:15am 4:00 pm	Adult Forum Worship Hayride & Potluck @ Scholls
10/19 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am 6pm-8pm	Office Hours Quilting Scouts
10/20 TUES	9am-1pm 5:30pm	Office Hours Church Council
10/21 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12 noon	Office Hours Food Pantry Homeschool Group
10/22 THURS	9am-1pm 10am	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall
10/23 FRI		Office Closed
10/24 SAT		Scout Halloween Party

Next Sunday, October 25

9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
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Upcoming Events: