

**October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday**

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: Reformation Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36.

Readings for next week: All Saints: Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

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:

Esther Baldrige, currently at Butterworth hospital awaiting surgery.

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.

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: Art & Sue Plewka

Congregational prayers for November 2026: Ken Kolb, Scott & Kathy Keller, Wayne & Sue Roesler, Ray Lathrop, Lora Swenson.



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. Peter Lutheran Church / Battle Creek; Rev. Edward Ruble

Next week we pray for: Trinity Lutheran Church / Battle Creek

**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 21: 110 families and 266 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.

25 “[The lawyer asked,] ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ [Jesus] said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:36-39). Love is at the core of who we are as children of God and followers of Christ. Offer each morning a prayer of commitment to express your love for God and your neighbor through words and actions.

26 As of Sept. 8, there have been approximately 8,963 murders, 16,620 injuries and 327 mass shootings related to gun violence. Remember in prayer those impacted by gun violence, especially the families and friends of victims. Ask the Spirit to help us provide long-term care and support for those impacted and to guide and sustain our efforts to prevent gun violence in our nation.

27 “Give me strength to face my ill, to trust in skill and care, to bless the hands that help me heal and find your spirit there” (ACS 1021). Praise God for being present with us in times of need through those who care for us — spiritually, physically and emotionally. Ask the Spirit to help us attend to the needs of those around us and to respond with respect, sensitivity, compassion and support.

28 Remember in prayer students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds who study at our seminaries, that their faith, knowledge and skills will be strengthened and sharpened for a life of proclaiming God’s love and mercy, nurturing faith and caring for neighbors and siblings in Christ.

29 Pray for those who lack consistent safe shelter, especially parents with children. Give thanks for congregations and community organizations that provide temporary and long-term shelter along with housing, meals and social services. Pray that their ministries will grow, expand and inspire others to join in the work of providing shelter.

30 Pray for youth, adults and volunteers arriving at Camp Ewalu in Iowa for the Gathering Expedition event, a time for them to explore faith, identity, purpose and leadership in their journey toward the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

31 Reformation Day Give thanks for the work of Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers who were inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Spirit, Scripture and prayer to renew the church through five convictions: Scripture alone, Christ alone, faith alone, grace alone and glory to God alone. Pray for the Spirit to help us consider how we might reform and renew our church for the sake of doing God’s work in the world.

This Week's Calendar

10/25 SUN	9am 10:15am	Adult Forum Worship
10/26 MON	9am-1pm 10:30 am	Office Hours Quilting
10/27 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
10/28 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am 12 noon	Office Hours Food Pantry Homeschool Group
10/29 THURS	9am-1pm 10am	Office Hours Exercise Group / Upper Hall
10/30 FRI		Office Closed
10/31 SAT		Halloween

Next Sunday, November 1 - All Saints

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