October 4, 2026
Pentecost 19

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 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthw 21:33-46.**

Readings for next week: Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

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 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

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: *Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church / Alpena*

Next week we pray for: St. Paul 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.....	2,897.92
Non-Budget.....	1,630.00
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,527.92

Fund of the Month - September - Slovak 548.95

Fund of the Month - October - Samaritas

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 September 30: families and 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.

4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Pray for the Spirit to stir within us humility, generosity and respect for our neighbors in need and for all living creatures — from microscopic organisms to massive whales. Give thanks for pets and service animals that provide joy, comfort, companionship and assistance.

5 Remember those who have suffered loss and are recovering from the devastation of earthquakes, floods, wildfires and tornadoes, especially in the Pacific Northwest, the western states, the Midwest, Colombia, Nepal and Venezuela. Give thanks for those who are quick to respond with emergency relief, support for immediate and long-term recovery, and grants, including Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, ecumenical partners, social ministry organizations and local relief networks.

6 Pray for the health and well-being of military personnel who are separated from family, friends and communities of faith while deployed for extended tours of duty around the world. Ask God to help us accompany and support their families and loved ones during their absence.

7 Remember in prayer immigrants and asylum seekers. Ask for guidance, wisdom and courage as we accompany these neighbors and siblings in Christ, helping them remain hopeful in the face of criticism and mistrust and supporting them through the complex process of becoming U.S. citizens.

8 "In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers From Prison). Ask the Spirit to help us show recognition and gratitude for those who enrich our lives through their care, wisdom, friendship, generosity and spiritual encouragement.

9 Give thanks for congregational ministries and community programs that attend to the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of older adults and that provide opportunities for them to use their gifts, faith, wisdom, experience and desire to serve others.



Please join us today to celebrate the groundbreaking for our new Food Pantry / Scout House building.

Where: South parking lot of Lebanon Lutheran Church , 1101 S. Mears, Whitehall

Time: 5:00 pm

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

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