

TO BRING GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER
AND TO THE WORLD

**Lebanon
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Lutheran
Church**

*A Congregation of the North/West Lower
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8:00 am & 10:15 am— Communion
9:00am - Adult Forum

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9:00 am—1:00 pm M-F (Margaret)
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm W, Th (Sue)

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Church, forgiven and set free by grace
through faith.**

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THE LIGHT



February / March 2017

Pastor's Notes

Due to our office manager's time off, this is a combined February and March newsletter. Pastor Ogden will also be unavailable.

We have a busy schedule. February 26th we will celebrate the Baptisms of Rachel and Corey Bartlett's children.

March 1 is Ash Wednesday - Dinner at 5:30pm, Worship at 7 pm

Lenten Evening Prayer begins March 8 - Dinner at 5:30 pm Evening Prayer at 7 pm.

Two important music events to highlight:

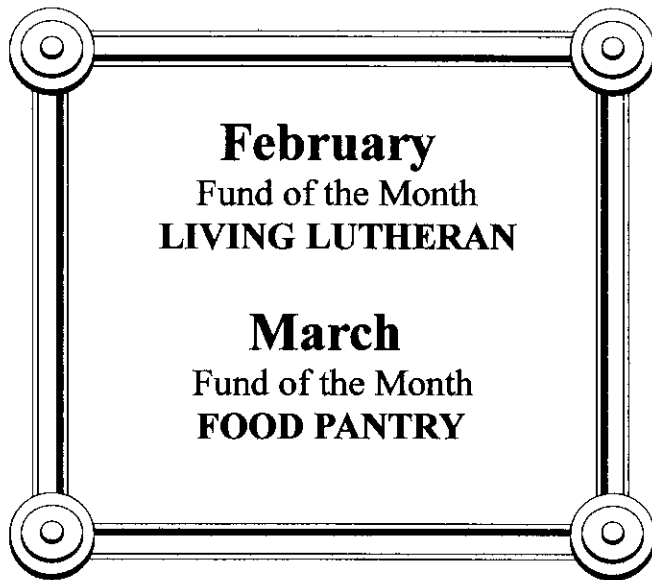
The Edukators "Music for Meals" at the Howmet Playhouse on Saturday, March 4. This is the Food Pantry's largest fundraiser of the year

And

To help celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the choir of Wittenberg University performs at First Lutheran Church, North Muskegon, Monday, March 6th. Wittenberg is one of 26 universities of the ELCA, located in Springfield, Ohio.

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Happy Valentine's Day!



Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

We recommend "Religion and Ethics
Newsweekly" on WGVU Sundays at 1 pm

Current and back episodes can also be seen
on-line at wgvu.org/television

SCOUT SCHEDULE : 2017 FEB / MARCH

5 pm - 1048 TROOP MEETING

2/12 - 5 pm - OA Unit

WEBELOS II - 1st and 3rd Monday - 7 pm

WOLVES - 1st and 3rd Tuesday - 6:30 pm

TROOP 1048 MEETS WEEKLY AT 5 pm

2/13 - COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:30 pm

2/26 - PACK MEETING - 1 pm

3/13 - COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:30 pm

3/27 - PACK MEETING - 7 pm

Prayer Concerns

It is an important part of our ministry to be praying constantly for one another. We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality. This month in your prayers, please remember:



Prayers for those who are homebound: *Our Minister*

Ken & Mary Bernhardt, at home.
Sandy Balkema, at Heartland Whitehall
Marcia Eyler, at home (of St. Alban Episcopal)
Bob and Vera Green, Green Acres Assisted Living, Mt. Pleasant
Rosemary Grubb, at DaySpring off Seminole (of St. Alban)
Lois Hildebrandt, at home (Marlene Holmstrom)
Nancy Peterson, at Heartland
Velma Roesler, at White Lake Assisted Living Center
Gini Kaines, (Michele Wheeler's mother), at Heartland, (Donna Stacy)
Ruth Nurmi, at home
Bernie Weidner, at Sanctuary of the Oaks.
Mike Szczerbinski, with health concerns @ Sanctuary at the Park.

Special Prayer Concerns:

Richard Albert, (Steve Albert's father), in a home in Grand Rapids.
Philip Holmblade, (Brian Holmblade's brother), with health concerns.
Sharon Honoré, with health concerns
Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering from a car accident.
Jim Kienke, aggressive cancer. (Rick Hughes' brother-in-law)
Lara MacGregor, with health concerns.
Pete & Jennie Palmer, with health concerns.
Hazel Palmer, with health concerns.
Tim Schrand, (Virginia DeMumbrum's brother), battling a very aggressive cancer.

Our hearts grieve with the family and friends of **Marlene Erdman**, who passed away on January 20th. A funeral was held on January 29th.

For our partners in faith, our companion synods in Latvia, Papua-New Guinea and Honduras & Slovakia, 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 for tolerance and unity after a contentious election period, in gratitude for a peaceful transition, an end to words which cause fear and intimidation and an end to violence.



Worship Notes

Sunday, February 5 - Epiphany 5

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Green

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday, February 12 - Epiphany 6

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Green

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Mark 1:40-45

Prayer of the Day

Oh God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**



Sunday, February 19 - Epiphany 7

Musician: Ardy Bulthouse

Readings

Color: Green

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Prayer of the Day

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday, February 26—Transfiguration of Our Lord

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: White

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, March 5 - Lent 1

Musician : Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Purple

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, March 12 - Lent 2

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Purple

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-7

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, March 19 - Lent 3

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Purple

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water as always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



Sunday, March 26 - Lent 4

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Purple

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Prayer of the Day

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, April 2 - Lent 5

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Purple

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Prayer of the Day

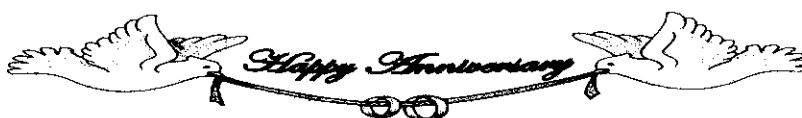
Almighty God, your Son came into this world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



February & March



2/2 Sharon Ackerman	3/1 Sheila Fretty	3/19 Louis Hosticka
2/2 Karl Holmstrom	3/1 Samantha Jo Hendrixon	3/19 Heather Moss
2/2 Isaac Otterman	3/1 Roger Silk	3/23 Braxton Murphy
2/7 Wendy Shalifoe	3/3 Karen Baker	3/23 Bryce Murphy
2/10 Holly Sorensen Davis	3/3 Lee Swenson	3/25 Mallory Crouch
2/13 Marilyn Schmuker	3/4 Dakota King	3/25 Anna DeNicolo
2/14 Beverly Statz	3/5 Mary Lewallen	3/29 Marty DeNicolo
2/15 Trevin Bernhardt	3/5 Mallory Gallihugh	3/29 Donna Knoth
2/16 Emma Greenwood	3/8 Thomas Civis	3/29 Brian Lathrop
2/16 Sally Ferrentino	3/8 Kelsey Fretty	3/29 Chuck Miller
2/19 Gregory Civis	3/8 Bernice Schuitema	3/30 Jane Blyth
2/19 Dustin King	3/10 Judith Brogren	3/30 Trey Gallihugh
2/19 Nancy Peterson	3/10 Sarah (Lathrop) Hosta	3/31 Eric Plewka
2/22 John Wahr	3/10 James Will	
2/23 Donna Will	3/11 Tim DeMumbrum	
2/24 Krysten Hosticka	3/13 Ethan Reynolds	
2/26 Frank Hollister	3/14 Sandy Robbins	
2/26 Allie Ogden	3/15 Tom Palmer	
	3/16 Don Erwin	
	3/17 Karl Glass	



2/10/10 Scott & Rebecca Veeder 2/23/52 Bob & Vera Green
 2/15/05 Richard & Carol (Riddle) Bonter 2/17/51 Lois and Charles Fuller
 2/22/02 Jim & Judy Kurtz

We remember that Marlene Erdman's birthday would have been February 5 and Donald Holmstrom's on February 19.

Baptism Anniversaries



2/8 Elly Hendrixon	3/10 Beverly Statz	3/24 Hazel Palmer
2/11 Julie Holmstrom	3/10 David Hendrixon	3/28 Eric Plewka
2/14 Franci Chamberlain	3/10 Dick Knoth	3/29 Traci Murphy
2/16 Brian Peterson	3/17 Irene Parks	
2/16 Joni Will	3/18 Linda Everitt	
2/19 Nichole Page Farrar	4/18 Charles Peabody	
2/21 Brenton Will	3/20 John Wahr	
2/24 Steve Albert	3/21 Mitchell Clark	
2/26 Barb Aardema	3/23 Braxton Murphy	
2/26 Brian Holmblade	3/23 Bryce Murphy	
2/26 Bruce Holmblade	3/24 Tom Palmer	
2/27 Stephanie Honoré		

Celebrate your baptism anniversary with a candle a meal or this prayer:

“Stir up within me the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and joy, on this day when I give thanks for my baptism in to Christ.”



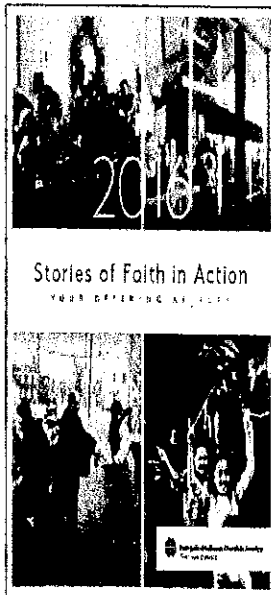
LYO Valentine's boxes will soon be packed. We need candy and goody donations as well as college and military addresses by **FEBRUARY 5TH!**

Please leave information and donations in the church office. Contact Flo King with any questions. Some of our college kids include: **Stephen Ogden, Mallory Gallihugh, Jacob Brackmann, Ariel Moss and Dakota King.**

Scouting For Food is March 18th!

Lenten Soup Suppers and Vespers will take place on March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Supper at 5:30 pm and Vespers at 7 pm.

WHY IS YOUR CONGREGATION INVITED TO GROW IN MISSION SUPPORT?



Your congregation is your home base, a missional outpost to do God's work. As every disciple yearns to grow in Christ, so too do congregations yearn to do more in the world. It is part of our calling – the Great Commission. Mission support is one way you can do both – sharing God's love and generosity by blessing others and extending the impact of your congregation around the country and the world. In this way you experience the power of being networked with more than 10,000 ministries and partners.

Sharing a portion of your regular offerings as Mission Support helps congregations, synods, churchwide ministries and global partners grow relationships and resources they can count on for doing God's work. These dollars answer the "how" of being church together. Your gifts ensure we can be a convener, bridge builder and advocate while responding nimbly and imaginatively to both promising opportunities and urgent situations. In this way you strengthen our witness to the gospel and affirm our shared confessional Lutheran identity.

News & Notes



Apply for a scholarship! The Community Foundation for Muskegon County awards over 1.5 million in scholarships to Muskegon area students. If you are a high school or homeschooled senior, current college student, early college senior, or someone entering college after a break, the Foundation may have a scholarship for YOU! The application for 2017 scholarships IS OPEN! More information and the online application located at 222.cffmc.org/scholarships. **Deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.**

West Michigan Concert Winds will present "A Prayer for Peace" Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 4:00 pm at the Reeths-Puffer Rocket Centre, North Muskegon. Adults - \$10; Seniors \$7; students and persons under 18 free with ticketed adult.

Next newsletter deadline for The Light will be March 15

WHY IS THERE - - - A sawhorse in the lounge? The lounge piano will get a new leg soon & temporarily will need a temporary lift!

Good Shepherd Preschool in Montague is accepting registrations for Fall 2017 classes. 3-year old program for \$100/month and 4-year old program \$120/month. Call Ellen Grimm at 894-8471 or 744-3408.

NEWSBOYS in Concert : All seats reserved.

L.C. Walker Arena, Muskegon, Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Ticket prices start at \$18.00 each. Ultimate VIP Experience Package : \$100; Premium Package: \$45.00; Reserved \$25; Friends and Family 4-Pack: \$20/ticket; and Groups of 10+: 18/ticket (plus 1 free ticket) .

For more information: Call 231-726-2400 or email support@premierproductions.com

Kitchen cleanup/Inventory

All interested parties are invited to join the **Kitchen Crew at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 1.** We will start where we left off in the fall. We'll take inventory, make a list of items needed, donate excess utensils and clean new areas of the room. Call Barb Aardema, 231-894-9378 for more information.

The picture of a Colorado Mountain that now hangs by the mailboxes was taken by Cheri Crouch's father, Wes Weithoff, and given as a gift to Lebanon. Thanks to the property committee for hanging it in its new place!

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It was wonderful to worship Christmas Eve with the White Lake Congregational members, who have a pastoral vacancy at the moment. When Pastor Koebel left, the parking lot hockey came to an end. Gabe DeMumbrum stepped up to continue it, with the help of Gabe's former scoutmaster Mike Couterier, who is also the President of the WLUCC. Gabe's leadership begins March 7.

Wednesday Night Bible Study looks at passages from the Gospel of John throughout February, with insights from Martin Luther added in.

The Sunday morning Adult Forum looks at "The Good Book; edited by Andrew Blamer, beginning on March 5.

Registrations for Summer Camp at Stony Lake are due now. Our week is June 25-30. Although youth can register for another week if they cannot go with our group. Parents should register on-line at : elcalivingwater.org and let the church office know it is complete so we can add our scholarship to it. Families are responsible for the initial deposit. Lebanon is holding on to 6 spots until February 24.

We welcome friends to go to, and will extend our scholarship to them as well.

We have also secured our week of DayCamp - July 16-20.

Pastor Ogden



Congratulations to the following congregation members who were appointed during our Annual Meeting on January 22nd.

John Parks; Financial Compliance Review

Al Wheeler Head Usher (8am)

Donna Stacy, Samaritas

Jack and Linda Lamoreaux, Muskegon County Cooperating Churches (MCCC)

Frank Hollister and Jone Benedict, 2017 Synod Representatives

World Hunger Jone Benedict

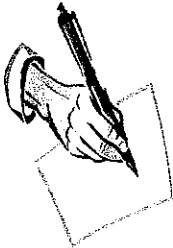
Endowment Committee Jon Blyth,

Alter Guild Darlene Willbrandt

Brian Jaekel, Thrivent Committee

Curt Crouch, Virginia DeMumbrum, Alan Hinks, Church Council

Gretchen Lane has moved. You may reach her at: 400 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126.



Gretchen writes : “ I love getting the “Light” and learning about my friends at Lebanon. It is too bad that most of them are on the prayer list, but that only means most of us are getting older”.

She gets around with a walker but trying to gain strength. “Please say hi to all my friends and tell them I miss the good times we used to have”.

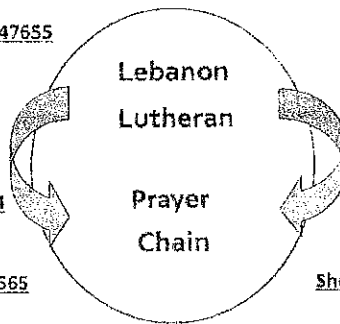
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Velma Roesler 893-3055

Sheila Fretty 329-3066

Sue Roesler 894-6157

1. For prayer requests, you may start the chain at any point.
2. If there is no answer, leave a message, but call the next person around the circle.
3. No medical information can be circulated without the person's permission. Confidentiality!
4. Prayers need not be for medical reasons only. Pray for whatever has been laid on the heart.



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