

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

THE LIGHT



April 2017

Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A Congregation of the North/West Lower
Michigan Synod,
Craig Satterlee, Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop*

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Rev. Douglas M. Ogden

Sunday Morning Worship
8:00 am & 10:15 am - Communion
9:00am - Adult Forum

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

**Newsletter Editor &
Bulletin Announcements**
Margaret Everling

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**“We are baptized members of God’s
Church, forgiven and set free by grace
through faith.**

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Pastor’s Notes

Lebanon worships together on Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7 pm, with a soup dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. I value the fellowship of these smaller more intimate worship services as time among friends. So let me say thank you to every who takes the time and trouble to come, to sing together, to pray together and to give thanks to Christ’s presence in our lives.

Easter (April 16) the celebration of the Resurrection, is a great time to make a point of being in worship with friends, neighbors, visitors and guests, all who want to give thanks for the grace of God. I keep thinking of people who go all week and never sing once, or hear a good Bible story. There is more and more competition for our Sundays - travel, family, sports. But Easter is not only remembering the resurrection of Jesus; it is the experience of the resurrection of our lives - life after cross, grace hidden in dark times, hope restored, for ourselves and for our world.

I am thankful for those who take time to be together in worship. I am thankful for those who use Simply Giving to make sure their offering gets to church even when they can’t. I am thankful for those who volunteer to make things happen Sunday through Friday.

And I want to be thankful with you, in your presence on Easter Sunday.

“So let us keep the festival to which our Lord invites us. Christ is the very joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to us imparts eternal sunshine to our hearts; the night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!

-- Martin Lutheran (1483-1546)
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Pastor Ogden



Congratulations to Mike and Sarah Schmalz and Ethan on the arrival of Charles Xavier Schmalz March 23, 2017. 8# 11 OZ.

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

WEBELOS II - 1st and 3rd Monday - 7 pm
WOLVES - 1st and 3rd Tuesday - 6:30 pm
TROOP 1048 MEETS WEEKLY AT 5 pm
Pack Meetings held the last Monday of each month

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.
Marcia Eyler, at home (of St. Alban Episcopal)
Bob and Vera Green, Green Acres Assisted Living, Mt. Pleasant
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 at home

Special Prayer Concerns:

Theresa Eastman, (Diane Eastman's sister-in-law), benign brain tumor.
Liz Hildenstein, (Barb Aardema's relative), starting treatment for uterine cancer.
Juanita Holmblade, recuperating from an auto accident 3/1.
Philip Holmblade, (Brian Holmblade's brother), with health concerns.
Sharon Honoré, with health concerns
Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering slowly, able to walk and take commands. Remains non-verbal
Jim Kienke, aggressive cancer. (Rick Hughes' brother-in-law)
Lara MacGregor, with health concerns.
Lorraine (Rick Hughes' mother). Who has a stroke while in Florida.
Pete & Jennie Palmer, with health concerns.
Hazel Palmer, with health concerns.
Rana Majeed & Amer ALSaji. Amer is in the Sanctuary @ McCauley
Tim Schrand, (Virginia DeMumbrum's brother), battling a very aggressive cancer.

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, April 2 - Lent 5

Musician: Liturgy Instruments

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 the 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.**

Sunday, April 9 - Passion Sunday

Musician: Ardy Bulthouse

Readings

Color: Purple

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Gold

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, April 23 - Easter 2

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: White

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, April 30 - Easter 3

Musician : Carol Rienstra

Readings

Color: White

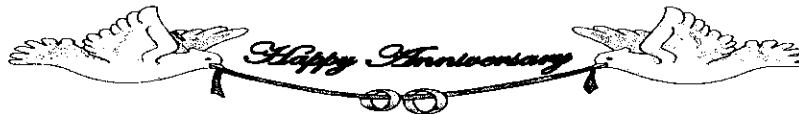
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

April



4/4 Brenda Koster	4/16 Jay Otto
4/4 Louanne Paquette	4/17 Nancy Miller
4/5 Doug Aardema	4/17 Carla Nessa
4/5 James Emms Jr.	4/19 Tony DeNicolo
4/5 Lisa Paquette	4/19 Jon Honoré
4/5 Elaine Skinner	4/20 Kelly Farnsworth
4/6 Sally Ferrentino	4/21 Flo King
4/6 Rachel Springer	4/22 Michael Stevens
4/6 Louis Vihtelic	4/22 Bryan Stevens
4/7 Erin Austermler	4/22 Michael Ferguson
4/7 Colby Eklund	4/23 Blake Brackmann
4/7 Kim Springer	4/24 Terry Kesteloot
4/7 Alexander Will	4/24 Scott Lamiman
4/8 Jeffery Civis	4/25 Pat Courneya
4/8 Stefanie Schmuker	4/25 Rebecca Parker
4/10 Brandon Jensen	4/27 Jim Kurtz
4/12 Jeff Otterman	4/27 Darrin Roesler
4/13 Kelly Shalifoe	4/27 Sarah Stacy Schmalz
4/13 Irene Parks	4/28 Kim Farnsworth
4/14 Erica Koster	4/28 Lois Fuller
4/14 Tonya Lauterberg	4/28 Rachel Balkema
4/14 Lief Eric Swenson	4/29 Katie Ferrentino
4/15 Rob Wahr	
4/16 Lois Hildebrandt	



4/4/87
4/5/69

Mike & Lisa Clark
Ray & Bev Veeder

4/23/11 Paul and Melissa Kroll
4/30/77 Curt & Cheri Crouch

Baptism Anniversaries



4/1 Marty DeNicolo	4/13 Drew Roesler	4/24 Sandy Robbins
4/1 Holly Hughes	4/14 Alyssa Hewitt	4/25 Helen Allshouse
4/2 Richard Carlson	4/14 Dean Hewitt	4/27 Holly Moog
4/3 Carol Mines	4/14 Taylor Hewitt	4/27 Heather Moss
4/3 John Parks	4/14 Mikelle Hitsman	4/27 Patrick Pearson
4/4 Richard Bernhardt	4/15 Louis Hosticka	4/27 Steve Pearson
4/5 Darrel Otto	4/16 Linda Decker	4/27 Jason Roesler
4/6 Helen Bartlett	4/17 Amy Griswold	4/28 Corey Collins
4/6 Hannah McLane	4/17 Tanya Herring	4/29 Jennifer Lanning
4/6 Nancy Peterson	4/17 Melissa Herring Kroll	
4/6 Sally Ferrentino	4/18 Mary Carlson	
4/7 Sheila Fretty	4/21 Holly Tenbrink	
4/7 Dwight Roesler	4/22 Dennis Roesler II	
4/9 Jim Coddington	4/23 Terry Beekman	
4/10 Addyson Bernhardt	4/23 Lois Fuller	
4/10 Trevin Bernhardt	4/23 Tyler Grover, Jr.	
4/12 Karl Holmstrom	4/24 Amanda Frale	

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.”

News & Notes



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.

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.

Holocaust Commemoration at Samuel Lutheran - Sunday, April 23 at 7pm. Guest: Dr. Renata Laxova, Kindertransport Survivor from Brno, Czech Republic AND Monday, April 24 at First Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

Forgotten Man Ministries is excited to announce the hiring of Rev. Danny Peoples to fill the role of lead chaplain at Forgotten Man Ministries at the Muskegon County Jail. Danny has been a longtime servant in the Muskegon community and we are excited to partner with him in the Lord's work at the jail. Please remember to keep FMM and Chaplain Danny in your prayers as we make this transition.

Rev. Nate DeWard
Asst. Director, FMM

Singing Opportunities are available for two big projects that are in the works for April and May. First Lutheran is working on production of "Jesus Christ, Superstar" for Good Friday, April 14th, at 7pm. If you are interested in joining on the chorus parts, they rehearse on Tuesday nights from 7-8pm. The production will consist of a combination of singing and dramatic reading.

The Other Big choral project is a play written by congregation favorite, Jay Beech. "Catechism Cataclysm," based on Luther's small catechism, will be performed by the "First Lutheran Players" on Friday and Saturday night, May 19 and 20. The evening will begin with dinner at 6, followed by a performance at 7pm. The more the merrier are needed for the choir! Rehearsals are Tuesday nights at 7pm.



February 14, 2017

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Dear Lebanon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$20.00 as part of the Season of Hope Fundraiser at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. As you indicated, your gift goes directly to our Metastatic Breast Cancer Research Fund. 100% of donations directed to this fund will support translational research to help those facing Metastatic Breast Cancer. The mission of Hope Scarves is to share scarves, stories and hope with women facing cancer. Research provides hope for me, and many others living with Metastatic Disease. Hope for better treatment options and better outcomes. Hope to see our kids grow up, to not live in pain and to live life to the fullest.

On behalf of all those living and dying of Metastatic Breast Cancer, thank you for recognizing the importance of supporting Metastatic Breast Cancer Research. I look forward to sharing our impact with you as we enhance this part of our mission.

We are in receipt of your donation on 12/8/16. This letter provides acknowledgement for your tax purposes. Our non-profit tax identification number is 45-3578278. Please note that no goods or services of any value were or will be transferred to you.

As Hope Scarves grows we will keep you posted on our activities through periodic updates. We are so thankful you reached out to Hope Scarves so that together we can do our part to support Metastatic Breast Cancer Research.

With Hope,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lara".

Lara MacGregor
Founder

A handwritten note in cursive script that reads "thank you for your continued prayers & support".

*Lend me your hope for awhile. A time will come when I will heal,
and I will lend my renewed hope to others. ~Eloise Cole~*

141 N. Sherrin Ave Suite 227 Louisville, KY 40207
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www.hopescarves.org



Sometime in April MDOT will begin resurfacing Colby Street and the Thompson Street causeway. Traffic cones already are appearing. As someone once said, "You know it's spring when the orange barrels are in bloom."

Please continue to come to Church! But April through late June, come from Montague via Hanson Street to Division Street, on Lake Street to Main Street.

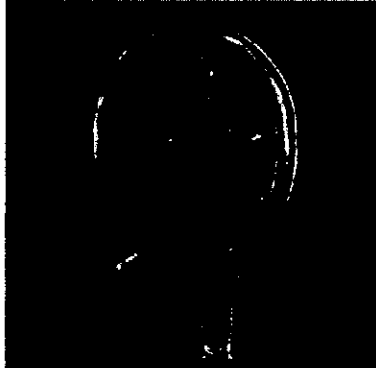
Coming from the east, you might want to use White Lake Drive instead of Colby Street.

Health Kits for Samaritas . We have made use of Lent Wednesday Vespers to collect the items to make 45 health kits for New American refugees and for foster kids who may come into a come with nothing. Thank you to all who participated!

Thank you to our Wednesday musicians Monica, Mike and Diane, and all who sang to make Evening Prayer possible.

Once again the White Lake Community has gathered for Wednesday lunches in Lent, featuring a church leader as speaker, a lunch provided by one local church, and an offering for the White Lake Area Food Pantry at Lebanon Lutheran.

Thank you to Donna Will for leading the team to host here at Lebanon.



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Ministry Update
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Empowering Leaders

As stated in our mission statement, we "proclaim Christ and prayerfully participate in Jesus's own work of reconciling the world to God's very Self". One of the most important ways we do this is by empowering leaders. By leaders, we mean both rostered ministers -pastors and deacons-and congregational leaders, which potentially includes all the baptized. Our goal is to attract, retain, and empower excellent leaders. Broadly speaking, the synod's work in this area is comprised of five components. First, we lead the candidacy process and first call theological education, by which rostered ministers are formed. Second, we provide continuing education opportunities for rostered ministers (Autumn Leadership Event, You Matter, Living Word) and congregational leaders (Walking Together, ELM), and opportunities for both to learn together (Synod Assembly, Living Fire, Learning with the Bishop). Third, we provide pastoral care for rostered ministers and, fourth, the Office of the Bishop provides oversight and discipline of rostered ministers.

The fifth area that bishops have been asked to take a leadership role in is encouraging congregations, pastors, and deacons to identify, encourage, and raise up congregational leaders, pastors, and deacons for our church. The ELCA is working hard to make seminary education both flexible and affordable so that quality theological education is available to all God's people. As such, we are seeking people who have gifts for ministry and I invite you to help by identifying individuals with these gifts and encouraging them to be open to the possibility that

God is calling them to serve Christ's Church. Planting a gentle seed in someone even as young as fourth grade can be very rewarding. Invite them to take a leadership role in worship; my daughter became my assisting minister at St. Timothy in Sturgis when she was in second grade. The council president also taught her how to count the offering. If you know a high school student with gifts for ministry, invite them to serve as my Bishop's Chaplain when I visit your congregation for worship; I've had great conversations when this has happened.

Additionally, I invite you to help by praying and asking the Lord of the Church to raise up leaders for his Church. At its most recent gathering, the ELCA Conference of Bishops adopted a resolution calling the church to prayer: "As the Conference of Bishops, we call our worshipping communities to pray for raising up leaders for this church. We ask that the petitions of every worship service include a plea that new lay leaders, deacons, and pastors be identified, invited, encouraged, and supported in responding to God's call to ministry."

Do you know someone who would make a fine pastor, deacon, or leader in your congregation? Would you pray for them this Lent and tell them what you see in them sometime during the Easter season? What a way to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection!

The Rev. Craig A. Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop



Lebanon will once again participate in the noon time Good Friday liturgy at St. James Catholic Church, Montague.

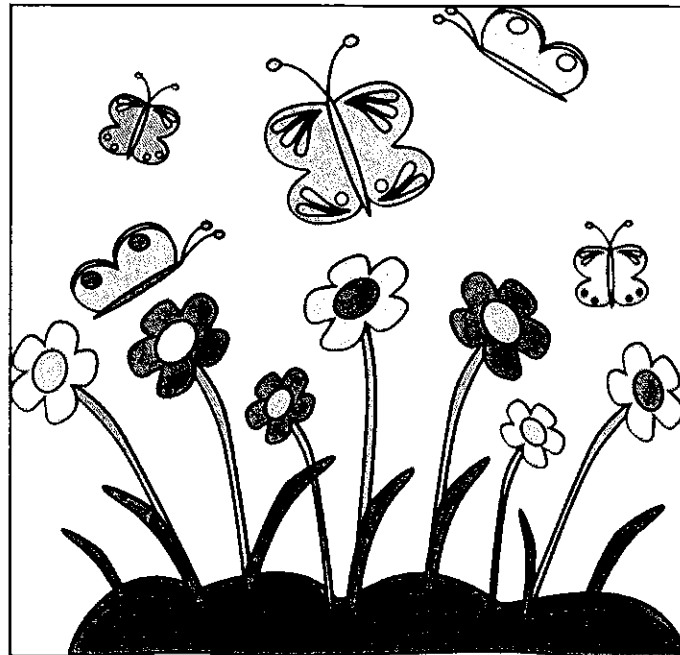
St. James uses Stations of the Cross at 12:15 pm and begins the full liturgy at 1:00 pm.

While it is still true that Protestants cannot receive Holy Communion at a Roman Catholic Church, I rejoice in the progress we have made together, locally and nationally, with the document “Declaration on the Way” adopted in 2016 and building on 50 years of dialog.

Lutherans and Catholics agree that in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, Jesus Christ himself is present — truly, substantially as a person, in his entirety, as Son of God and a human being.

Catholics and Lutherans agree that Eucharistic Communion is a pledge that our life in Christ will be eternal, our bodies will rise, the present world is destined for transformation, in the hope of uniting us in communion with the saints of all ages. (Declaration on the Way, page 15).

Good Friday evening worship will also be available at First Lutheran on Whitehall Road at 7:00 pm.



Spring Craft Fair
Saturday, April 29, 2017
10am - 3pm



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(*better*)
- office@lebanonlutheranchurch.com
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Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday - Soup at 5:30 pm
Worship at 7 pm

Good Friday - Community observance @
St. James Catholic, Montague—11:45a
First Lutheran at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 16 - Worship at
8 am and 10:15 am.