

**Lebanon
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church**

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

**1101 S. Mears Avenue
Whitehall, MI 49461
(231) 893-5745**

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

Church Council

Curt Crouch
Virginia DeMumbrum
Meg Eaton Sheila Fretty
Alan Hinks Brian Jaekel
Scott Keller Kay Snell

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

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

**Facebook: Lebanon Lutheran Church
(ELCA)**

Instagram—Twitter : #lcsignsofgrace

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

THE LIGHT



August 2019

Pastors Notes

I can’t get the story of Abraham and the approaching travelers out of my mind. How rather than waiting for the travelers to come to his tent and ask him for water and bread, Abraham rushed from the comfort of his tent and asked if he could serve them.

We don’t usually put ourselves out there, approaching the other to meet their needs.

And yet we celebrate August with the privilege of giving away not a calf, “tender and good”, but backpacks and school supplies.

We celebrate August by teaching kids to swim.

I am always looking for ways to put myself out there, because grace is always discovered, and faith is the steps we take while it unfolds around us. I’m always looking for ways to encourage others (perhaps you) to do the same.

To discover how much God loves the widow, the orphan, the stranger who sojourns in our land. No wonder that they then discovered how they were in the company of angels, but unaware.

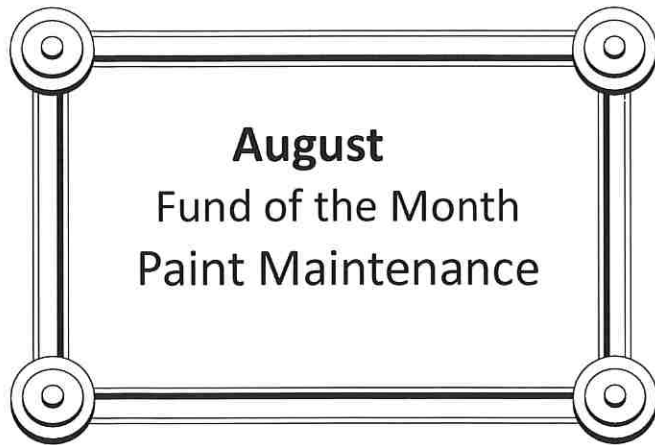
In the movie *Lost Heart* that a part was filmed here, we heard the main character say about God’s presence, “You won’t believe it until you see it.”

I am preparing for Alaina Moreau’s wedding August 3, Lila Holmblade’s funeral August 9, Sulyn Dean’s wedding August 10 and perhaps a baptism, and the beautiful music of new friends in Avalon August 7-10.

When graciousness seems in such short supply in some aspects of life, I live for the next test of that grace.

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured—(the second reading for September 1, 2019) .

Pastor Ogden



Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopscarves.org

LivingLutheran.org

Scout Schedule— 2019

Each Sunday at 5:00 pm

Webelos II -	Mondays at 6:00 pm
Webelos I -	Mondays at 6:00 pm
Bears -	Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
Wolves -	Mondays at 6:00 pm
Tigers -	Mondays at 7:00 pm
Lions -	Every 3rd Monday at 6:00 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

Helen Bartlett, At home recovering from a mini stroke.
Mary Bernhardt, Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell)
Marcia Eyler, at home (of St. Alban Episcopal)
Vera Green, Green Acres Assisted Living, Mt. Pleasant
Lois Hildebrandt, at Bush Creek (Lora Swenson)
Val Johnson, (Lisa Clarks mother) at home.
Nancy Peterson, at Heartland , Room #415
Velma Roesler, at White Lake Assisted Living Center, #24
Bernie Weidner, at Sanctuary of the Oaks. (Danielle Johnson)
Mike Szczerbinski, with health concerns at home

Special Prayer Concerns:

Cindy Albert, recuperating at home after shoulder replacement surgery
Tracey Allen, (Roger Silk's cousin) diagnosed with terminal brain cancer
Jennifer Snowden Bossi, 34, (Ardy Bulthouses' granddaughter) diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
Jimmy Estlund - (Minnie Estlund's son) with health concerns
Jo Ellen Francis, (Laura Hollister's sister) diagnosed with Parkinsons.
Cora Hendrick, (Curt Crouch's mother) Recuperating at home. Using walk and doing ok.
Marlene Holmstrom, with back spasms
Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering slowly, able to walk and take commands. Remains non-verbal .
Amy Jean Knorr, (Brian Holmblade's aunt) 102 years old and recovered well from hip fracture.
Linda Lamoreaux, recuperating at home after heart surgery.
Lara MacGregor, Living life over metastatic breast cancer. New cancer site found.
Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).
Seth Pike, (Roger & JoAnne Silk's grandson) being monitored for heart issues.
Tammy Plescher, (Jim and Flo King's niece), having a brain tumor removed.
Bernie Swenson, (Lora Swenson's brother), with advanced cancer.
Cheryl Whelan (friend of Doug and Barb Aardema) undergoing clinical trial for cancer that has returned.
Donna Will, at home, following up with injections for neck pain.

Lila Holmblade Funeral will be held at Lebanon Lutheran on August 9, 2019 at 11:00 am .



Worship Notes

Sunday, August 4 - Pentecost 18

Musician: Liturgy Instruments

Readings

Color: Green

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sunday, August 11 - Pentecost 19

Musician: Ardy Bulthouse

Readings

Color: Green

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday, August 18 - Pentecost 20

Musician: Aiden McCauley

Color: Green

Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday, August 25 - Pentecost 21

Musician: Aeden McCauley

Color: Green

Readings

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know hat as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



**North/
West Lower
Michigan Synod**

2900 N. Waverly Rd.
Lansing, MI 48906

517-321-5066

In this Issue:

Churchwide Assembly

Upcoming Events

Congregations in Transition

Churchwide Assembly

The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will take place from August 5–10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We gather under the theme “We Are Church”. The assembly will hear reports and review the work of Churchwide officers, leaders and units; receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies; elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws; establish ELCA Churchwide policy; worship together; and adopt a budget.

At this assembly, we will elect a Presiding Bishop—Bishop Eaton is available to serve a second term. We will also elect a Secretary—Secretary Boerger, who is with us at our assembly, is not available to serve a second term. For both elections, we will follow the same ecclesiastical ballot process that we used in our bishop election.

We will consider the Faith, Sexism and Justice social statement, an Inter-Religious Policy statement, and a Declaration to people of African Descent. You might recall that hearings on the social statement were held in our synod. You can read it at <https://elca.org/womenandjustice>. We will also decide whether our church will ordain deacons; our church currently consecrates deacons.

I am most looking forward to a celebration of Holy Communion every day before lunch and a Bible study after lunch. I am looking forward to dinner as a synod on Thursday evening and a celebratory reception, banquet, and program for the 50th Anniversary of Women’s Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Friday evening.

Those elected by our 2018 Synod Assembly to attend as voting members from our synod are: Mr. Connor Ashley (Saron/St. Joseph), Ms. Rebecca Bossenbroek (St. Stephen/Lansing), The Rev. Rachel Laughlin (Prince of Peace/Portage), Mr. Nayamukora Christophe Maganza (Trinity/Grand Rapids), The Rev. Marilyn Robinson (Resurrection/Saginaw), Bishop Craig Satterlee, Ms. Anna Scheck (Grace/Hastings), VP Sandy Schlesinger (Trinity/Midland), The Rev. Andreas Teich (Messiah/Bay City), and Mr. Rich Weingartner (Faith/Okemos).

You can learn more about the Churchwide Assembly at <https://www.elca.org/churchwideassembly>.

The ELCA invites us to enter into six weeks of prayer in anticipation of the Churchwide Assembly. I confess I missed the first two! But I am going to take up the invitation and I invite you to join me.

Week 3 (July 14)

Almighty God, grant to your Church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name may abide to the end. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by your wisdom, as this church prepares to gather in assembly. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Week 4 (July 21)

Loving God, through holy baptism you continue to make us new and gather us together across all human divisions reconciling us to yourself in one body through the cross. Strengthen us by your presence, that our thoughts and actions may be rooted and grounded in your love for us. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by your reconciling love, as this church prepares to gather in assembly. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1

Week 5 (July 28)

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by your Word, as this church prepares to gather in assembly. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Week 6 (August 4) Sunday before the Assembly

Let us pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and its members who gather this week in its Churchwide Assembly. Inspire the celebration of God's varied works throughout the church. Instill your peace in the midst of the work you have called us to and the deliberations that will take place. Shape the work of the church according to your will for the whole world. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

For those traveling to the assembly: O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a start you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make the ways safe and the homecomings joyful for those traveling to the Churchwide Assembly and bring us all at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Week 7 (August 11) Sunday after the Assembly

Holy One, you formed the church to announce the words of eternal life to the world. Equip the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which concluded its Churchwide Assembly yesterday to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Gather the church together into one body for the sake of our shared mission to tell of the love of God. Filled with your Word, turn the church inside out so that we might live lives that proclaim your freedom and renewal to all the world. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Peace,

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



singer - songwriter - smartypants - somethingelse
AMY ENGELHARDT
The "It's Foster's Fault" Show

**Sunday August 11
7:30PM**

Lebanon Lutheran Church
1101 S Mears Ave, Whitehall, MI

**Suggested Donation
\$15**

"Carole King meets Weird Al...she's got the craft down cold... brilliant, funny and exceedingly empathetic... I said EMPATHETIC!"

August



8/1 Hazel Palmer
8/2 Jackie Martin
8/4 Kay Snell
8/14 Lori Will
8/15 Linda Blakemore
8/15 Robbie Rop
8/16 Lisa Clark
8/16 Doug Roesler
8/16 Rikki Lee Will
8/16 Jon Blyth
8/19 Jessica Gelvin
8/20 Nicholas Will
8/20 Jessica Knoth

8/21 Cindy Albert
8/21 Ethan Bowen
8/22 Brent Will
8/23 Jeffrey Hendrixon
8/24 Sandra Kolb
8/25 Logan Montgomery
8/27 Melissa Herring Kroll
8/27 Rachel Wahr Bartlett
8/28 Laurel Helveston Wolf
8/28 Nichole Page Farrar
8/31 Donna Stacy



Baptism Anniversaries



8/1 Alaina Moreau
8/2 Megan Crouch
8/4 Thomas Swiatek

8/7 Jodi Nichols
8/8 Sue Roesler
8/8 Helen Workman
8/9 Deb Statz Peabody

8/14 Gabriel DeMumbrum
8/18 Joel Fretty
8/28 Jenny Fretty

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.”



8/3/74
8/7/71
8/8/11
8/13/93
8/13/11

Frank & Rita Lundell
Andy & Wendy Shalifoe
Benjamin & Sarah Hosta
Randy & Cathy Nurmi
Seth & Megan Ahrenholz

8/16/52 Charles & Marlene Windbacher
8/21/82 Tony & Patty DeNicolò
8/22/64 Tom & Sheila Fretty
8/31/68 Harry & Yolanta Swiatek



Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign Committee members are Glenn Eaton, Kristine Jordahl, Mike Snell, Pastor Ogden and Curt Crouch.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We have enough pledges to schedule our second project, putting a new roof on the Sanctuary.

Following Kristine's temple talk last week two different families stepped up and pledged the difference so that we can begin the project. Glenn Eaton is in contact with our roofer and will get us on his schedule for late August or September. A huge thank you goes out to all for making this happen.

Also thank you to Flo King and her crew for making Smorgasbord a big success again this year. Proceeds have been designated to the Capital Campaign. The exact total was not available as of this writing.

Our pledge total is at 14. It is never too late to pledge, turn in your card or talk to Curt Crouch, who is keeping track of the donations. Our total as Sunday, July 14th is \$18,575. Our goal for the new sanctuary roof is \$23,000 plus the cost of the lift to reach the steeple.

There are many ways to make donations, use your envelope or one from the pews, you can donate through Simply Giving (label it building), or simply write a check with Capital Campaign on the memo line.

Thank you for your contributions so far and if you have any questions, just ask a committee member.

Capital Campaign Committee

White Lake Chamber Music Festival Concerts at Lebanon Lutheran Church

August 5 - 7:30 pm - \$10 - Detroit Symphony Trio

August 7 - 7:30 pm - \$15 - Avalon String Quartet

August 10 - 7:30 pm - \$15 - Avalon String Quartet

Lebanon Lutheran Church Backyard Pool Swim Lessons

SPONSORED BY LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH
INSTRUCTED BY THE MUSKEGON YMCA

For Swim Levels and Times Offered at this Site Please See Back of Sheet

- WHO:** Children 3-12 years.
- WHEN:** Class begins August 5, 2019
Monday thru Friday for 5 Lessons
- WHERE:** At Curt and Cheryl Crouch's pool
1230 Schuler Road, North Muskegon
- HOW:** Everyone is to meet at the pool at the time listed for your skill level – If a ride from Lebanon to pool site is needed, please call us @ 231-893-5745.
- COST:** \$50 for first child \$25 for additional family members

FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION CONTACT:
Jeannette Bytwerk jbytwerk@muskegonymca.org / 231-722-9622 x203
Or Pastor Doug @ Lebanon Lutheran Church at 231-893-5745

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com to Register online!

Swim Levels Offered At this Site

- School Age Water Acclimation Swim - 9:30 – 10**
Bible Study - 10 – 10:30
6-12 years
For beginners who are just learning the basic swim skills
- Preschool Water Acclimation – Bible Study – 9:30-10**
Swim – 10:05 – 10:35
3-5years
For beginners who cannot swim on their own
- School Age Water Movement – Swim – 10:40 – 11:10**
Bible Study – 11:10-11:40
6-12 years
For beginners who can swim 5 feet or more and float on their back
- Preschool Water Movement – Bible Study – 10:40-11:10**
Swim – 11:15 – 11:45
3-5years
For beginner who can swim 5 feet on their front and float on back
- Water Stamina – Swim – 11:50-12:20**
Bible Study – 12:20 – 12:50
6-12 years
For intermediate beginners who can swim 15ft on their front and back



Lebanon Lutheran Church

1101 South Mears Avenue
Whitehall, MI 49461

Living in God's Amazing Grace

The Light is published monthly by Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears Avenue, Whitehall, MI 49461. Submissions are accepted through the 15th of each month. Submissions **MUST** include your name and a way to contact you in case of questions.

2 ways to submit your information:

- yellow folder in Margaret's office
(better)
- office@lebanonlutheranchurch.com
(best)



Backpack Event
Thursday, August 15, 2019
5pm - 7pm
Assembly -
Tuesday, August 13