

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

## Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church

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9:00am - Adult Forum

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

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# THE LIGHT



November 2019

## Pastor's Notes

**All Saints Day, November 1, 2019 ~ Remembering those who have died**

*Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Virginia Dittenber	10/21/34 - 11/29/18
Nancy Miller	4/17/38 - 12-31/18
Eileen Hovey	9/23/28 - 2/28/19
Robert Schmidt	10/21/28 - 4/4/ 19
Susan Funderberg	4/8/55 - 1/17/19
Rozella Holmstrom	12/23/25 - 5/23/19
Lila Holmblade	5/26/23 - 6/25/19
Earl Nelson	10/10/19
Richard Knoth	9/2/33 - 1 0/14/19

**Christ The King, November 24 , 2019 ~ Celebrating those baptized**

*O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

SophiaGrace Ann Walters	12/24/18
Oliver Basil Wyatt	1/20/19
Kylor Dean	7/31/19

Pastor Ogden will be away November 5—15 representing the Synod at its Companion Synod Consultation in Antigua, Guatemala.

**November 2019  
Fund of the Month  
Faith Formation**



**Websites of Interest**

[www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com](http://www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com)

[www.mittensynod.org](http://www.mittensynod.org)

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

[www.whitelakescouting.com](http://www.whitelakescouting.com)

[www.whitelakechorale.com](http://www.whitelakechorale.com)

[www.hopscarves.org](http://www.hopscarves.org)

[LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org)

**Richard Louis Knoth**, born September 2, 1933, died peacefully at home on Monday, October 14, 2019.

Richard is survived by his wife of 62 years, Donna Quaife, his children Tanya (Brian, Zachary and Lucas), and Jeffrey (Denise, Jessica and Jacob), his sister Roberta Turlin, Clay and Judi Quaife, nieces, nephews, cousins and more.

There will be a private memorial. In you wish to donate please consider the [American Heart Association](#) or Franciscan Hospice.

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# 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 Eyerl**, 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 Jacobs)  
**Mike Szczerbinski**, was at Mercy, but home now.

## Special Prayer Concerns:

**Joanne Anderson**, (Cindy Albert's sister) diagnosed with breast cancer.  
**Tracey Allen**, (Roger Silk's cousin) diagnosed with terminal brain cancer  
**Jennifer Snowden Bossi**, 34, (Ardy Bulthouse granddaughter) diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.  
**Adrienne Clahassey**, health concerns  
**Ernest Cummings**, (Mary Lewallen's friend) with health concerns  
**Jimmy Estlund** - (Minnie Estlund's brother) with health concerns  
**Jo Ellen Francis**, (Laura Hollister's sister) diagnosed with Parkinsons.  
**Cora Hendrick**, (Curt Crouch's mother) , who fell.  
**Marie Hendrixon**, 2nd knee replacement surgery on October 30th.  
**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.  
**Jennie Lance**, surgery for breast cancer.  
**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).  
**Bernie Swenson**, (Lora Swenson's brother), with advanced cancer.  
**Tammy**, (Wietse & Melanie Schaafsma's step-daughter), undergoing treatment for breast cancer that metastisized to her brain and lungs & diagnosed with stage IV kidney failure.  
**Cheryl Whelan** ( friend of Doug and Barb Aardema) undergoing clinical trial for cancer that has returned.  
**Donna Will**, following up with injections in her neck.



## Worship Notes

**Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday**

Musician: Liturgy Instruments

**“For All the Saints who from  
their labors rest”**

**Readings**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

**Color: White**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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**Sunday, November 10 - Pentecost 32 - Veterans Day**

Musician: Aeden McCauley

Speaker: Warren Tibbitts

**Honoring Veterans,  
their families & all nations**

**Readings**

Job 19:23-27a  
Psalm 17:1-9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

**Color: Green**

This worship will NOT  
include Holy Communion

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgement. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Sunday, November 17 - Pentecost 33**

Musician: Ardy Bulthouse

**Speaker: Pastor Lloyd Ziebarth**

**Readings**

**Color:**

**Green**

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

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**Sunday, November 24 - Christ the King**

Musician: Aeden McCauley

**Christ is coming, the**

First-born of all creation  
With healing for all.

**Readings**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

**Color: White**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



November



11/1 Laura Sorensen  
11/1 SuLyn Dean  
11/3 Marie Hendrixon  
11/3 Sage Lynch  
11/5 Cathy Grover  
11/5 Kathryn Lathrop  
11/8 Lisa Holmblade  
11/9 Kathy Palmer  
11/10 Julie Holmstrom  
11/10 Mike Snell  
11/10 Katie Stacy Vandebunte  
11/10 Becky Stacy Chynowyth  
11/10 Charles Peabody  
11/11 Brian Hosticka  
11/15 Daniel Holmstrom  
11/19 Cecilia Mooren  
11/21 Jack Parks  
11/21 Elara DeMumbrum

11/22 Kara Jaekel  
11/22 Richard Carlson  
11/22 Lara MacGregor  
11/27 Christine Parman  
11/28 Corbin Berry  
11/28 Beverly Veeder  
11/29 Diana Griswold  
11/29 Jay Otto, Jr.



11/05/15 Jon and Danielle DeMumbrum



## Baptism Anniversaries



11/1 Brian Jaekel  
11/1 Sandra Kolb  
11/4 Mardi Otto  
11/4 Debbie Svensson

11/11 Katie Thompson  
11/8 David Roesler  
11/9 Jeffrey Hendrixon  
11/15 Cindy Albert  
11/20 Kerri Connell

11/20 Andy Hildebrandt  
11/20 Emily Snell Glass  
11/25 Nate Aardema  
11/26 Sarah Stacy Schmalz  
11/29 Robert Lathrop

Celebrate your baptism anniversary with a candle, a meal and 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.”

### **Community Foundation— Muskegon County**

#### **APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP!**

The Community Foundation for Muskegon

County awards over 1.3 million in new and renewing scholarships every year to Muskegon area students. If you're a high school / homeschooled senior, current college student, early college senior, or someone continuing their education after a break, the Foundation may have a scholarship for YOU! And it isn't just college—the Foundation has a number of scholarships for technical or trade school, too.

The Application for 2020 scholarships is OPEN! More information and the online application located at:

[www.muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships).

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 1, 2020.



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**Remembering Baptism**

Mr. John Yeager, a leader at Grace Lutheran Church in Lansing, gave Pastor Anderson a Petoskey stone accompanied by an insight. Mr. Yeager observed that Petoskey stones look beautiful and alive when they are wet. He then made the connection to baptism and our Living Stones initiatives. At their best, our Living Stones initiatives are grounded in, a response to, and empowered by God's gift of beauty and new life that we receive in the waters of baptism.

October brings Reformation Sunday. Rather than recalling theses nailed to a church door, what if we use the occasion to remember God's gift of baptism? After all, among Martin Luther's greatest contributions is what Evangelical Lutheran Worship calls "the baptismal life"—a baptismal spirituality, or even a baptismal way of living. From a Lutheran perspective, washing with water in the name of the triune God before the Christian assembly is at the center of one's whole life as a Christian, no matter when in life baptism occurs.

We might imagine baptism as the wellspring from which the entire Christian life flows. Using the words of John's Gospel, baptism is "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (4:14). This spring gushes up from the font, where, "by water and the Word in baptism, we are liberated from sin and death by being joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus." From the font, God's spring of living water flows through the congregation into every day of the Christian's life. The streams of the baptismal spring include nurture, formation, initiation, return, affirmation, vocation, remembrance, and, ultimately the completion of God's promise in the life to come, when the wellspring of baptism overflows in new life. Between the moment of our baptism and the moment of our death, we continually do that which baptism attests. "By God's gift and call, all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus are daily put to death so that we might be raised daily to newness of life" (UMG 17).

This baptismal way of life is as important to the life of the Church as it is to the life of the Christian. In addition to the source of the Christian life, baptism is also the wellspring from which congregations are gathered and in which Christian denominations find their shared life in Christ. Lately, I imagine the Living Stones initiatives as Petoskey stones in a baptismal font (On many days I have been thankful that Bishop Emeritus Schleicher left an old baptismal font in the corner of my office). Under the brooding of the Holy Spirit, these initiatives provide ways our Synod is daily put to death and is being raised with Christ to newness of life. This month, as we observe the Reformation, kindly allow me to suggest some ways we might use the Living Stones initiatives to remember God's gift in baptism:

Seven congregations start REVIVE, our two-year congregational vitality program, in November. To celebrate new life in baptism, pray for them. And explore being part of the class that begins in June.

Baptism confers a vocation to live as Christ's person in the world. Identify four people from your congregation to participate in our ELMM program in one of four tracks: (1) Lutheran Bible study leader; (2) stewardship specialist; (3) community evangelist/catalyst; (4) assisting minister. Perhaps you are one of those four. And I wonder: Do you know someone who should consider becoming a pastor or deacon? Tell them. And tell Pastor Rosanne Anderson. And if that someone is you, tell Pastor Rosanne. She is great at helping people figure these things out!



Baptism brings freedom. I am convinced that money or Mammon is the strongest power holding Christians and congregations captive, and the surest way to disempower Mammon in our lives and in the church is to give money away in the name of Jesus. We will award four debt reduction grants in 2020. For a few hundred dollars more, we can award five. Perhaps you can help. Perhaps you are a pastor or deacon and need to apply. Or, you might join 43 living stone givers by making an annual gift of \$500 to the work of our Synod for each of the next three years, or you might join many others making special one-time living stone gifts.

Baptism is about growing in grace and that often comes to learning. Attend an educational event this fall. There's a church music day on October 26 and in intergenerational stewardship demonstration and training in November. You might also send kids to a Synod or Living Water Ministries Youth event. And If you don't have kids in your congregation, how about sending some scholarship money or finding some kids in your neighborhood and sending them?

To celebrate God's welcome in baptism, learn more about or spend time with a child of God very different from you—a different race, a different religion, a different sexual orientation, someone who manages a disability, someone who does not enjoy legal status in our country. You might end up meeting Jesus. Or, perhaps this is the time that you tell someone dear to you who really needs God's love about Jesus.

To celebrate the unity of baptism, could your congregation invite a neighboring congregation, especially if the two congregations are struggling, to worship together, fellowship together, learn together, or serve together before the end of the year? Could Advent be a season of unity?

To help you figure out what the holy spirit might be inviting you to do, spend a few minutes praying at the baptismal font. Touch it and remember God's gift of love for you. If you happen to be by my office, I will show you the baptismal font in the corner and the Petoskey stone on my desk. And I will pray asking God to help you find a wonderful way to remember your baptism.

Peace,

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





Sunday, November 10, 2019 Warren Tibbitts will lead us in a Veterans Day program with music by Aeden McCauley.

Please join us in paying tribute to all who have served.

*"Throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain these core principles upon which our Nation's freedoms depend"*

~ George Bush

## Thank You

*For your Service & your sacrifice*



Leaders of the congregation will participate in the first session of the ELCAS REVIVE event November 1 & 2 in Gladwin. Josh Keller, Barb Aardema, Laura Hollister and Pastor Ogden



**Sunday, November 3**

**5:00 pm - Community Pot Luck**

**7:00 pm - Book Talk with author  
Keith Gave**

Join author Keith Gave for a pot luck and then he will speak on his experiences

**Lebanon Lutheran Church  
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Thanks to all of you who  
made delicious lunch  
AND served us, from Samaritanas  
Your kindness knew no  
bounds.

It was a joy to be able to  
visit Lebanon Lutheran Church.  
What a history to continue!

May the Lord bless each  
one of you as you continue to  
serve God.

In Christ,

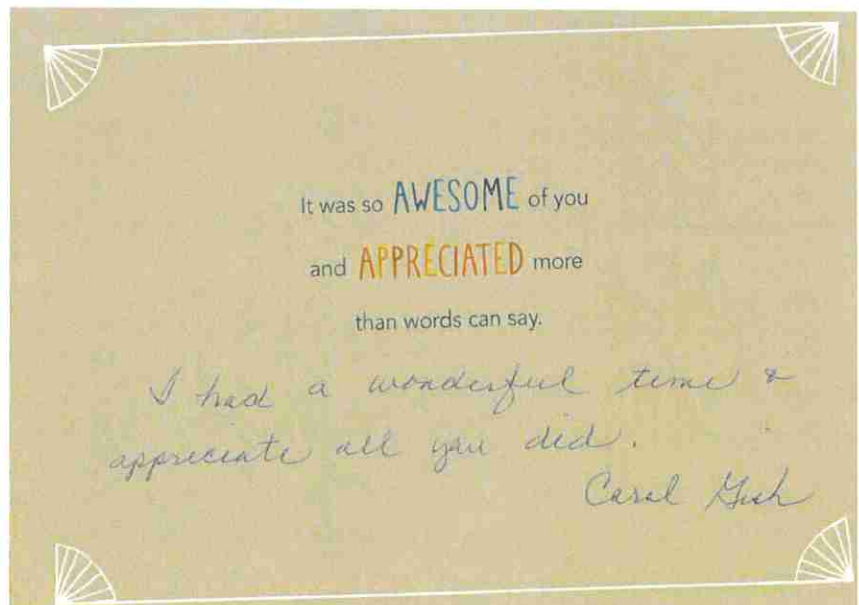
Elaine Cunningham

Special thanks to the one who  
gave me a copy of "Devotions".

On October 10th, we invited  
our friends at Samaritanas  
Senior Living to once again  
share in a great meal with us  
at Lebanon.

Thanks to Flo King and the  
faithful volunteers who dec-  
orate, cook and serve this  
greatly received event.

Residents of Samaritanas sent  
these thank you notes to us  
for our hospitality.





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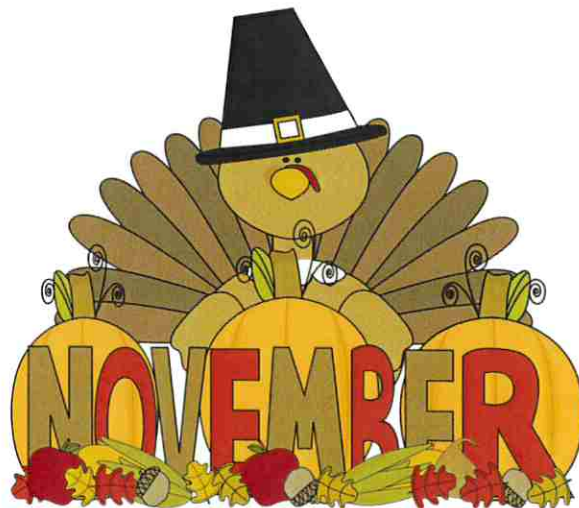
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(best)



Lebanon Office will be closed on Thursday,  
November 26 and Friday, November 27  
2019

No Food Pantry on Wednesday, 11/ 25  
Thursday, 11/ 26