

**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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6:30 pm – 9:30 pm W, Th (Sue)

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

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

**THE LIGHT**



**October 2019**

**Pastor’s Notes**

Welcoming people is not a political issue for us; it is a matter of faith. It is what we do.

Dear siblings in Christ,

As many of you know, last week the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a resolution that, among other things, declared the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) a sanctuary denomination. Many of you are asking, “What does this mean?”

Our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith. In our baptismal covenant we promise to strive for peace and justice in all the world. One of the ways we live out this vow is through our commitment to welcoming the stranger. With this declaration, we publicly state that walking alongside refugees and immigrants is a matter of faith.

We have prepared talking points to provide a better understanding and further clarification on what sanctuary means for you and your congregations. We acknowledge this will look different in different contexts across the ELCA.

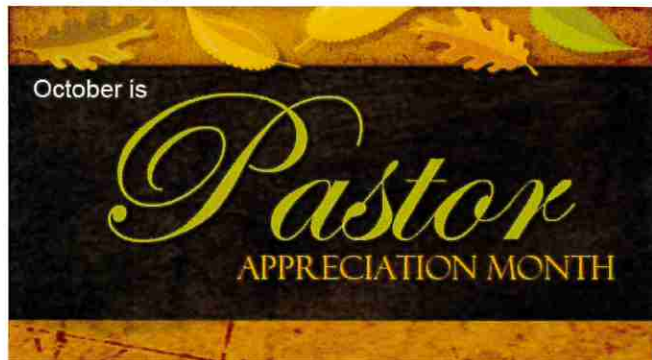
We also hope this resource will help guide conversations with your parishioners and your community about what our faith says about immigration.

*“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed  
you,  
for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7).*

In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop

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**October 2019**  
**Fund of the Month**  
**Samaritas**  
**Color Tour - Oct. 10 at noon**



**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.hopescarves.org](http://www.hopescarves.org)

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

**Scout Schedule— 2019/2020**

Each Sunday at 5:00 pm

Webelos II - Mondays at 6:30 pm

Bears - Mondays at 6:30 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:

**Joanne Anderson**, (Cindy Albert's sister) diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery on 9/16.  
**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.  
**Adrienne Clahassey**, sons **Patrick and Curtis** & step-children **Morgan and Connor**, after Adrienne's former husband passed away of a massive heart attack on August 10.  
**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.  
**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).  
**Denise Rumsey**, recuperating after hip surgery.  
**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.



## Worship Notes

**Sunday, October 6 - Pentecost 27**

Musician: Liturgy Instruments

### Readings

**Color: Green**

**New Member Celebration**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

God meets injustice

Psalm 37:1-9

living by faith

**CropWalk**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

### Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

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**Sunday, October 13 - Pentecost 28**

Musician: Aeden McCauley

### Readings

**Color: Green**

**Choir Practice today**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman battles his

Psalm 111

and his nation's

2 Timothy 2:8-15

pridefulness

Luke 17:11-19

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Sunday, October 20 - Pentecost 29**

Musician: Ardy Bulthouse

**Readings**

**Color: Green**

**Handbell practice at 9am**

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

“Jacob wrestles all night long”

**Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

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**Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Sunday**

Musician: Aeden McCauley

**Color: Red**

The Adult Forum looks at the October Living Lutheran

**Readings**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

If you continue in God’s word, you are truly a disciple.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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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October



10/3 August Frietsch	10/25 Meg Eaton
10/3 Kristine Jordahl	10/25 Karen Hosticka
10/5 Milan Jurik	10/25 Debbie Svensson
10/5 Sue Otterman	10/27 Verne Sutherland
10/6 Eric Rop	10/27 Donald Carrier
10/6 Linda Schenten	10/29 Stefanie Honoré
10/9 Carol Deneke	10/30 Anna Otterman
10/10 Curt Crouch	10/31 Jonathon Bartlett
10/12 Brian Holmblade	
10/12 Bruce Holmblade	
10/12 Andreas Holmblade	
10/12 Marlene Windbacher	
10/17 Shirley Glass	
10/18 Brian Peterson	
10/18 Christopher Darrin Roesler	
10/19 Rob Montgomery	
10/20 Linda Soraruf	
10/20 Becky Wahr	
10/22 Oliver Wyatt	
10/23 Tom Fretty	



10/5/13 Mallory & Keith Lothschutz	10/8/88 Lee & Debbie Swenson
10/6/12 Corey and Rachael (Wahr) Bartlett	10/13/84 Don & Kim Nelson
10/7/95 Rocky & Linda Decker	10/26/63 Bob & Sharon Ackerman



## Baptism Anniversaries



10/3 Kristine Jordahl

10/4 Minnie Estlund

10/10 Dave Gelvin

10/10 Charles Xavier Schmalz

10/10 Townes Ernest VandeBunte

10/10 Violet Mae Stacy Chynoweth

10/20 Frank Lundell

10/20 Rachel Wahr Bartlett

10/23 Lauralee Kesteloot

10/29 Pete Fretty

10/29 Megan Nelson

10/30 Cheri Crouch

10/30 Sally Hollister Jackson

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.”

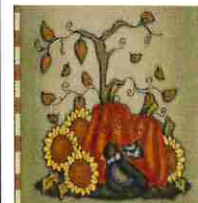
### Color Tour Luncheon

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at noon

Please join us for our Annual Color Tour Luncheon with the residents of Samaritas Senior Living!

Sign Up sheets will soon be up for both Volunteers, food item donations and attendance!

Donations of “trinkets” for bingo items for the residents are welcomed.







**North/  
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**In this Issue:**

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**Beginning Again**

I am humbled and honored to begin a second term as bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod and to serve as one of 66 bishops in the ELCA. As I did six years ago, I spent time this summer in prayer and reflection on how to most faithfully serve in this call. This time around, I had the benefit of experience, guided self-evaluation, and the perspectives of those who scheduled time with me to share their appraisal of my personality and ministry as bishop. Now it's time to move forward.

After much prayer and discernment, and in accordance with our Employee Handbook, I provided the Executive Committee my recommendations for a staffing plan that I believe best addresses the Synod's mission landscape—Living Stones, fewer call processes, changing expectations for routine Sunday visits in congregations by the bishop and assistants, and financial realities. This plan includes the Bishop, Director for Evangelical Mission, an Assistant to the Bishop, and assigning greater responsibility to the administrative staff. A synopsis of this model is posted on the Synod webpage (<https://bit.ly/2lJ3wn6>). The Executive Committee supports this plan.

Within days of our assembly and in keeping with churchwide procedures, the Domestic Mission Unit of our churchwide organization—the ELCA in Chicago—reached out to me to ascertain whether I desire Pastor David Sprang to continue as Director for Evangelical Mission, a churchwide position based in and serving our synod; I am pleased that Pastor Sprang will continue in this essential role.

The single Assistant to the Bishop will work closely and collaboratively with me in every area of synod ministry, in the same way that Pastor David Sprang and I work closely and collaboratively in the work assigned to the DEM. I am grateful that Pastor Rosanne Anderson has accepted the call to serve in this redefined position.

It is with thankful hearts that we bid farewell to Pastor Chrysanne Timm, who ended her call as Assistant to the Bishop for Synod Life on August 31. I am grateful for the gifts Dr. Timm brought to this synod and the ways we are stronger because of her service. Pastor Timm is currently in a call process. Please join me in praying for Chrysanne and God's people as they prayerfully discern whether the Holy Spirit is calling them to ministry together in service to the church and world.

Office Manager, Ann Stavros, and Executive Assistant, Renee Dixon, are working in tandem to carry out increased administrative responsibilities. The Lansing office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 AM-3 PM. Director of Communications, Chelsey Satterlee, is undertaking a renewed communication strategy and helping me to develop the "public voice" many in our synod have requested and been waiting for. As Director of Finances, Rebecca Bossenbroek is taking the lead in developing financial policies we've determined will be helpful, as well as keeping the books. Cathy Satterlee continues to drive me, provide onsite support, manage my travel, and lend a hand whenever needed.

Convinced that Michigan is a place where God acts in new ways to fulfill long-standing promises, because so many within and outside the church need a concrete experience of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, I ask our God to grant the staff and me grace so that everything we do somehow contributes to the proclamation of the gospel and empowers our congregations and leaders to prayerfully participate in Christ's own work of reconciling the world to God's very self. And so, even as I pray for myself and our staff, I am praying for you.

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

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Big life update:

News from Samantha Hendrixon:



I officially completed my degree at Michigan State this past August, I graduated with a BS in Statistics, a minor in computational math and engineering and another minor in environmental studies and sustainability.

Upon completing my degree I was offered a job with the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (where I interned for the last 2 years). The position is not here in Michigan and I will be leaving the last weekend in September to start a new chapter in Louisville Kentucky.

It's not exactly how I planned things but I am a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. Thank you to everyone who has supported me during school as well as during my move! If you are ever in the Louisville area be sure to send me a message!



**Hayride & Potluck  
Sunday, October 20, 2019  
5:00 pm**

**Location: School Farms / Montague**

Hot dogs and Baked Beans will be provided.

Dinner will be at 5:00 pm and the hayride will be later.

Meet at Lebanon at 4:45pm if you want to follow someone or carpool. I hope you'll consider coming. It'd be great to see you all there. It might get cool in the evening. There will likely be a bonfire.





## *Our Condolences*

**Reverend Earl F. Nelson**, of West St. Paul, MN, former pastor at Lebanon Lutheran, passed away on September 10, 2010 at the age of 91. He is survived by wife Betty; 3 children Lee Ann (James) Diedrick, Paul (Lydia) Nelson and Mary (David) Maycock; 6 grandchildren, Laura (Jonathan) Isenor, Michelle (Brian) Clark, Samuel (Marianne) Diedrick, Angela Nelson, Daniel Nelson and Hannah Maycock; 5 great-grand-children, Jack, Dorothy, Raymond, James and Madeleine. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Memorial Service 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 19th at the AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH 1400 So. Robert St, West St. Paul. Family will greet friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am Thursday, at the Church.

**Rob Markiewicz' father, Robert J. Markiewicz** died September 21, 2019. Rob is a very active leader in Lebanon's Scout Program, especially the Venture Crew.



A "Learn to Luge" workshop for kids 8 and up will be held on 10/10 from 6pm to 7:30 pm. Pastor Ogden has been the Youth Team coach since 2008.



### CROPWALK

**Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 pm  
White Lake Congregational Church**

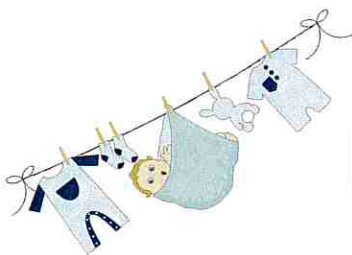
Walkers, pledgers are encouraged to show support of Eliminating World Hunger. Twenty five percent of all that is raised comes to the White Lake Area Food Pantry at Lebanon.

**Thank you to Jack Lamoreaux for his help in this effort.**

**Congratulations of Danielle Johnson and Don Jacobs,  
who will be married here on October 5, 2019.**



**Monica Ogden will have surgery on her left  
hand on Thursday, October 3rd.  
She will be unable to play piano or guitar in  
October or November. Aeden McCauley will  
cover most Sundays.**



**Rob and Laney Rop's baby is due on October  
6 to be named Calvin David Rop.**



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What does becoming a sanctuary denomination mean for the ELCA?

- \* In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.
- \* Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation or synod to engage in any illegal actions.
- \* We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.
- \* Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.
- \* Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.
- \* At our last churchwide assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).
- \* In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.



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