

**Lebanon
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Lutheran
Church**

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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)

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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



April 2020

Pastor’s Notes

This is a time of anxiety, worry, short tempers and irritation. Even people we are close to can feel irritating sometimes. It is also a time of grace and it would be a shame to miss that.

Sunday morning worship is being posted on our website at 10:15 am. www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com. Tell your friends.

The weekly “yellow pages” announcements are there too. Please make daily use of the prayers there. This is a great time to send “Thinking of you” cards and notes to homebound members and prayer recipients listed there. Church will not be open, and should not be open, April 5 (Palm Sunday) and April 12 (Easter). Beyond that, we wait, we wait & see.

Even if we are, we will keep things simple. So.....

We will finish our health kits when we re-convene, and Beth Birkhotz of Samaritas is to be here in May when we dedicate them.

Our Easter festivities will be May 10, (which is also Mother’s Day).

Thank you to those of you who use Simply Giving for your offering. It really helps. You don’ t need to be a Thrivent member to use it, so if you’d like to begin call Tony DeNicolo at 894-8884. It’s simple.

Thank you to Thrivent members who have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lebanon in March. Those funds make summer programs possible.

We have applied to receive a Seminarian from Bratislava Slovakia this summer, and are at the top of their list. If students are will to travel this summer we are ready for them.

Everything else will wait while we all do more important things. Safety, love and care for one another.

Pastor Ogden

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Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

LivingLutheran.org

Scout Schedule - cancelled for now

Webelos 2 - Mondays @ 6:30pm

Bears - Mondays @ 6:30pm

Webelos - Tuesdays @ 6pm
Todd Bowen—231-206-3729

Tigers - 1st and 3rd Monday @ 6:30pm
Julianna Grabbenstetter - 231-670-4680

Wolves - Mondays @ 6:30pm
Lewis Sibley - 231-292-6129

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 (Barb)
Mary Bernhardt, Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay)
Marcia Eyer, at home (of St. Alban Episcopal)
Lois Hildebrandt, at Bush Creek (Paul)
Nancy Peterson, at Heartland , Room #415
Velma Roesler, at White Lake Assisted Living Center, #24
Bernie Weidner, at Sanctuary of the Oaks. (Danielle)
Marty Windbacher, at home
Mike Szczerbinski, in McCauley

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 Bulthouses' granddaughter) diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
Adrienne Clahassey, recuperating after back surgery.
Alice Hollister, broke her collar bone
Marlene Holmstrom, with back spasms
Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering slowly, able to walk and take commands. Remains non-verbal .
Donna Knoth, with heart issues in Seattle
Amy Jean Knorr, (Brian Holmblades aunt in Tucson) with pneumonia. 103 years old
Julie Lanning, (Sandy Robbin's mother) @ Heartland after stroke
Linda Lamoreaux, at home
Jack Lamoreaux, at home
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).
John and Irene Park's niece, with breast cancer.





Worship Notes

Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday

Musician: Liturgy Instruments

Readings

Color: Red

Procession with Palms:

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 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 12 - Easter Sunday

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: White

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 29:1-10

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave away 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 everyday 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 19 - Easter 2

Musician: Ardy Bulthouse

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 fulness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, April 26—Easter 3

Musician: Aeden McCauley

Readings

Color: White

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of 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



<p>4/4 Brenda Koster 4/5 Doug Aardema 4/5 Hannah Bowen 4/7 Colby Eklund 4/12 Jeff Otterman 4/13 Irene Parks 4/14 Erica Wyatt 4/15 Rob Wahr 4/16 Lois Hildebrandt 4/16 Jay Otto 4/17 Carla Nessa 4/19 Tony DeNicolo 4/19 Jon Honoré 4/21 Flo King 4/23 Blake Brackmann 4/24 Terry Kesteloot 4/24 Scott Lamiman 4/27 Jim Kurtz 4/27 Sarah Stacy Schmalz 4/27 Tobias Lothschutz 4/28 Kim Farnsworth 4/28 Lois Fuller</p>	
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4/4/87	Mike & Lisa Clark
4/5/69	Ray & Bev Veeder
4/23/11	Paul and Melissa Kroll
4/30/77	Curt & Cheri Crouch

Baptism Anniversaries



4/1 Marty DeNicolo	4/18 Mary Carlson
4/1 Elara DeMumbrum	4/21 Holly Tenbrink Davis
4/1 Holly Hughes	4/22 Nancy Dahl
4/2 Richard Carlson	4/23 Terry Beekman
4/3 John Parks	4/23 Lois Fuller
4/4 Richard Bernhardt	4/23 Tyler Grover, Jr.
4/5 Darrel Otto	4/24 Sandy Robbins
4/6 Helen Bartlett	4/27 Heather Moss
4/6 Nancy Peterson	
4/7 Sheila Fretty	
4/15 Louis Hosticka	
4/17 Melissa Herring Kroll	



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.”





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Note to Self: Keep Lent

Dear Craig:

This Lent, you heard about Nicodemus, who came to Jesus by night. How regularly the virus, the stock market, the election, climate change, racism, discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community, gun violence, and, especially dear to your heart, your church's exclusion of persons who live with disabilities, not to mention the changes and chances that are part of individual, familial, congregational, synodical, and churchly life, have caused long stretches of your Lenten journey to feel like a moonless walk in the woods well after midnight.

How often you find yourself sitting where that woman with a bucket once sat, alone by a well, either as a consequence of your sin or because you are fed up with the self-righteousness of others. And you cannot avoid those moments when, like Mary and Martha, you stand outside the tomb of someone or something you love, reluctant to roll away the stone and breathe in the stench of the demise and decay of whomever or whatever you hold most dear.

How you want to offer a word that is profound, reassuring, emboldening. Even more, how you long to receive such a word. Stop and listen. Walking through the night, sitting by the well, standing outside the tomb, Jesus' word to you is simple and clear: "Keep Lent!" If you were preaching, you would repeat it: "Keep Lent!" This year do not keep Lent out of piety but out of necessity. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and acts of charity—the discipline of Lent—provide the compass that will guide you as you make your way forward through the woods on this moonless night. They are the bucket with which you draw living water from the spring of your baptism into Christ. They are the courage and force that roll away the stone and unbind the grave cloths that work so hard to entomb you. The Holy Spirit is using the disciplines of Lent to help you know Jesus is with you in the night, responding to your questions at the well, and calling you and those you love out of death to new life. From somewhere deep inside you, the spring of living water bubbles up in trust that Jesus is transforming despair into hope, fear into calm, chaos into conviction. Keep Lent. Keep keeping Lent.

This Lent, you heard that, after Jesus dismissed the devil, suddenly, angels came and waited on him. Perhaps the best decision you made was to keep Lent by being conscious of and grateful for the angels that wait on you. Cathy tops the list. How would you have managed your meeting in Chicago without her? And have you noticed how Chelsey always responds when you call? And I am glad that you count as grace a staff that works so well together and is moving in the same direction, rather than taking such things for granted. And there are the special angels that came to you this Lent: the pastor who left you a voicemail of encouragement, the pastor who left you a voicemail of prayer, the pastor daily calling and texting to make sure you are writing, exercising, and eating well.

Craig, keep Lent. Keep keeping Lent, not out of piety but out of necessity. You need to.

Peace, Craig



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Holy Week worship services will not be held. We will gather on May 10 (Mother's Day) to worship for Easter.

Stay tuned to our website - www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com for additional changes in the schedule.

You may also check our Facebook pages for more updates.

Dave Gelvin passed away 2/12/20 at home in Florida. A memorial is scheduled to be May 9, 2020. More details will be available as we know more.

Things to do from home:

Tune in to : msports.org for daily activities

The White Lake Community Library's facebook page has kids activities and sources for free e-books.



A Prayer During Times of a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors,
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips,
Remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are losing our marginal income
in the tumult of the economic market,
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home,
Remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be
the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



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