

The Lebanon Letter

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Lebanon Lutheran Church

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November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Mt. 23:25-26 Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am) <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 	5	6 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am VOTE 	7 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm	8	9	10
11 Mt. 23:27-28 Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	12	13 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am Food+U 3pm	14 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm	15	16 Sheridan Story 9:30am	17
18 Mt. 23:29-32 Worship (9:30am) Congregational Mtg (10:45am) <i>Thanksgiving Bag Distribution</i>	19	20 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am	21 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm Council 4pm	22 THANKSGIVING 	23	24
25 Mt. 23:33-36 Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	26	27 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am	28 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm	29	30	

Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and, as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many...+William Bradford (Mayflower Passenger)



A Congregational Meeting is Scheduled for Sunday, November 18. See pg. 2 for details...



Day	First	Last
12	Shawn	Morrison
25	Christine	Peltier

Budget Report thru September

Income: \$ 51,420
Expenses: \$ 58,057
Shortfall: \$ 6,637

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HOMEBOUND LIST

Mardell Bingman, Gladys Johnson, Bette Christy, Gloria Bakken, Clarice Gudmunson, Lorraine Rindfleisch, Orville Hatlestad, Marion Phelps, Marilyn Tummelson, Fred Owens

Lake Street Outreach: Tuesdays @ 11am

Where: Lebanon

When: Tuesday

11:00am - 11:45am:

Prayer & Worship
*enter through double
doors on 21st Ave*

11:45am -- 2:00pm:

*we travel by cars a mile
north to Lake Street where
we minister to people in
Midtown Transit Station*

2:00pm - 2:30pm: Debrief



IDOP (International Days of Prayer) – Sun, Nov. 4

The persecuted church around the world needs our prayers. Specific information will be available **Sunday, November 4.**

ELECTION DAY -- Tue, Nov. 6

Remember to vote your Christian values!

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution – Sun, Nov. 18

The distribution will take place on **Sunday, November 18**, immediately following the worship service, for those who registered for a basket.

Congregational Meeting -- Sun, Nov. 18

What a blessing it is to consider that the Bible Study begun in 1911 continues today as Lebanon Lutheran Church! I truly believe that 107 years ago an 'Acts-like' moment was birthed, "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly" (Acts 4:31). The boldness of the early 20th Century Lutefisk-loving Swedish believers was contagious, even if their breath smelled ☺. Consequently, Lebanon Lutheran enjoyed the favor of God and man for nearly half a century.



And while we continue to see pockets of that grace, we also see decline in many areas. Today, our Sunday service averages 20 people in a sanctuary that seats 150. I praise God for the remnant that remains, but the reality is that we can no longer support the various ministries of our church, or the needs of the building.

Congregational Meeting Continued...

Yet, did you know that there is revival happening right here in this same building, just at different times? Three other churches call this location home, including Lirio de los Valles, which is enjoying a season of unprecedented growth, and is desiring to expand its ministry. God's hand of favor that was on the Swedish immigrants a century ago, is suddenly upon our Latino brothers and sisters today. Could it be that He is calling us to pass the baton for the sake of more effectively reaching our neighborhood?



Pastor Saul Mejia, with whom we have enjoyed genuine friendship for the past five years, has humbly approached our church Council with a prayerful offer to purchase the building. Our congregation would continue to meet here, but we would become the renters, and they would take over the maintenance and utilities of the building. This would free up our time and resources to be able to better focus on the current streamlined mission that God has called us to.

One particularly exciting aspect of our current mission is happening on Tuesdays, where believers from different churches are gathering for the Lake Street Outreach, a ministry of CiC (Candles in Corcoran). These messengers of the gospel are setting denominational differences aside for the sake of reaching the Corcoran neighborhood. With new messengers joining each week, it is exciting to think about the future of this ministry. Lebanon continues to play a supporting role in making this possible!



A congregational meeting will follow the worship service on **Sunday, November 18** for the purpose of considering and voting on the proposal from Lirio. Please plan to be present. Your voice matters!

One week prior, on Veterans Day, November 11, we will dedicate a significant portion of our worship service to praying for wisdom and guidance ahead of this big decision. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." Aren't we glad we have a wise and generous Savior for such a time as this? By His Wounds,
Pastor Russell