

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity

Location

Sunday 01/04/2026

9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	Family Life Center
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Monday 01/05/2026

12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Quilt Room
3:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Board Meeting	Gallery
4:30 p.m. P.E.O. Group	Narthex
6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Tuesday 01/06/2026

Bulletin Deadline

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook

Wednesday 01/07/2026

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery

Thursday 01/08/2026

12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming Class	Family Life Center

Friday 01/09/2026

5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Saturday 01/10/2026



2 Christmas
Sunday, January 04, 2026
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

CONTACT US

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You can scan the QR code for easy giving to First!

The flowers on the altar are given by Barb Bonifield in memory of Gordon.

THOSE WHO SERVE 01/04

Assisting Minister

Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

Lector Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.

Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.

Head Usher

Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.

Joel Westerholm

N/A

Andy Luther

Mark Thogerson, Annette Jack

Open

Open

Bill and Jan Naymick

Stan Daszko

Emma Johnston

Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus

Jeff Thomas

Robin Policka, Ruth Basch

Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty

Evie DiPiazza

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Barb Bonifield

Amber Thomas

Amber Thomas

Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bus Driver Pick Up

Bus Driver Drop Off

THOSE WHO SERVE 01/11

Assisting Minister

Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

Lector Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.

Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.

Head Usher

Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.

Diane Madej

Chris Patterson

Jordan Pruitt

Diane Kroll, Diane Madej

Open

Kent Johnson

Kathryn Hall, Tara Plekes

Ben Werling

Alicia Alger

Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub

Nate Johnston

Joanne Johnson, Stan Daszko

Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell

Lisa Le

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Open

Amber Thomas

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More Announcements

Bonnie Nolan's son Matt is running the Boston Marathon to raise money to fight cancer in her memory this coming spring. Please consider donating to honor her memory and support him here: <http://bit.ly/4pVV8vK>.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 13 which is when the Fellowship Ministry has planned a **"Fancy Fling"** to be held here in the Family Life Center. Plan on dressing up in fancy attire if you would like. There will be a photo booth with props, a music playlist for dancing and dinner. Sign up at either information station. Questions? Contact Deb Roest at 231-744-1936 or Diane Kroll at 231-567-4637. Also, look in your January Chimes for more information.

Ministry chairs are reminded to **turn their annual reports** into Lorey, our parish administrator, by Wednesday, January 21. These will be shared at our annual meeting. If you need help with your report, see me. (Lorey).

If you are looking for a safe **place to walk inside** out of the cold weather, you are welcome to come here and use the church to do so.

Confirmation Parents: It is time to **sign your child up to acolyte** for January through June. Sign-up is on Paula's office window, Google Drive, or email paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org. An acolyte is a vital part of the worship team!

If you have a child in or **entering first grade next fall**, we would love to have them be a part of the next **First Communion class**. Questions? See Paula or email her at the email above.

Announcements

We will **not be having Wednesday night dinners** until February 18, 2026.

Sign up to **host coffee hour** in 2026. The sign-up sheet is on the information station by the office.

The **2026 sign-up sheets for sponsoring altar flowers** and the **eternal candle** are posted on the bulletin board near the office. Sign up for the weekend you would like. If you sign up for altar flowers, the cost is on the sheet. You will not get billed for these. You can pay for your flowers in our office.

Our **leadership retreat** will take place on January 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. All council members and all members of our ministries are urged to be present. Our time together will end with lunch.

Our **chili cook-off** and **annual meeting** will take place on Sunday, February 1 following worship. Sign-up sheets for bringing soup or chili are on either information station.

The First Lutheran staff would like to thank you the congregation for your generous financial gift at Christmas time. It is truly a joy to serve you all.

A **sledding event** for middle school and high youth has been planned for Saturday, January 17 beginning at 1:00 Plan to join us!

Please **join us for a trivia night** on January 22 at 7:15 p.m. following Thursday worship. This is part of a synod-wide wellness event.

You are invited to participate in the next **adult Faith Formation class** that is titled "Of Men and Boys: Gender and the Future of the Church." This class will begin on January 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.

We are scheduled to **provide meals for Family Promise** families the week of January 11-17. If you are able to provide a dinner for one of those dates, contact Amy Werling at 616-648-9233.

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Order of Service

"Chosen"

Prelude

Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" #290 (red)

Greeting (screen)

Hymn of Praise "Once in Royal David's City" #269 (red)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music "Coventry Carol"
Eva Backus and Joel Westerholm

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading John 1:10-18

Children's Sermon/Dollar-A-Day/Junior Church
Dollar-A-Day monies will be used to purchase new carpeting for the building.

Hymn "Love Has Come" #292 (red)

Sermon

Hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #295 (red)

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Communion

"All Are Welcome" (screen)

"Lamb of God" p. 191

"What Feast of Love" #487 (red)

"Here Is Bread" #483 (red)

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #490 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn "The First Noel" #300 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend	(January 11)
First Reading	Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalms	Psalms 29
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-43
Gospel Reading	Matthew 3:13-17