

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
Sunday 01/11/2026	
9:15 a.m. Faith Formation 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	Family Life Center Nursery Sanctuary & Online First Floor Education Room
Monday 01/12/2026	
9:00 a.m. Muskegon Area Nurse Honor guard 12:00 p.m. Quilt Group 3:00 p.m. Clipper Events Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	Gallery Quilt Room Gallery Gallery Family Life Center First Floor Education Room
Tuesday 01/13/2026	Bulletin Deadline
9:00 a.m. Pickleball 9:00 a.m. SHOP Group 9:30 a.m. 1st on 2nd Quilt Group 10:00 a.m. Lion's Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Band 9:00 p.m. Compline	Family Life Center Gallery Gallery Library Music Room Music Room Facebook
Wednesday 01/14/2026	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:00 p.m. Sharing Hope & Joy After Loss Mtg.	Family Life Center Gallery Youth Room
Thursday 01/15/2026	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming Class	Gallery Sanctuary Sanctuary Family Life Center
Friday 01/16/2026	
6:00 p.m. Crafty Group 7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	Gallery First Floor Education Room
Saturday 01/17/2026	
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group	Gallery Upper Room



Baptism of Our Lord
Thursday, January 08, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 11, 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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The flowers on the altar are given by the church as no one has signed up this week. We give them in honor of our wonderful parishioners!

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
Matthew and Sofia Besteman
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
Lisa Le
Lisa Le

Marie Webber, Pam Tilden
Amber Thomas
Amber Thomas

Junior Church

Song Leaders

Sound System

Information Stations

Counters

Communion Bread

Communion Set-Up

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

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bus Driver Pick Up
Bus Driver Drop Off

Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
Nate Johnston
Joanne Johnson, Stan Daszko

Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Lisa Le
Lisa Le
Lisa Le

Marie Webber, Pam Tilden
Amber Thomas
Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 01/18

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.

Paula Dusseljee
Sandy Young
Diane Madej
Tara Plekes, Laura Lucht
Ethan Lucht
Jeff Cooke
Ed Wosinski, Mark Thogerson
Sandy Young
Ben Werling

Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Jeff Thomas
Lisa Le, Jean Boxer
Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins

Bert Goodman
Bert Goodman
Bert Goodman

Roland and Karen Crummel
Amber Thomas
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More Announcements

The Fellowship Ministry has planned a “**Fancy Fling**” to be held here on Friday, February 13th 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 the office by Wednesday, January 21. These will be shared at our annual meeting. If you need help with your report, see me. (Lorey).

Sign up to give blood at the **Red Cross Blood Drive** taking place here on Monday, January 19 from noon until 5:45 p.m. You can sign up by calling Kim Westerholm at 712-539-8536, or online at www.redcrossblood.org.

The **Muskegon Nurse Honor Guard** is having a fundraiser spaghetti dinner here on Friday, February 6th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Deb Roest will have tickets you can purchase for the cost of \$10.00. They will have a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, and bake sale to raise money. See Deb if you have items and/or baked goods to donate. Proceeds will help support their trip to Arlington to place a wreath on the Veteran’s Memorial for nurses and also for nursing scholarships.

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? Contact Paula.

The “**Sharing Hope and Joy After Loss**” group will meet on Wednesday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the church youth room. This group meets to support each other in their grief. Soup and sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Robin Policka at 231-638-3055.

The “**Listening for the Word**” group will resume meeting on Sunday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. The discussion will be centered around the 5th set of two women of the Bible. Contact Jan Naymick at 231-744-5601 if you have any questions.

Announcements

Wednesday night dinners will resume on February 18, 2026.

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

Sign up to **sponsor altar flowers** and the **eternal candle** on the sign-up sheets 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 \$45. You will not get billed for these. You can pay for your flowers in our office. Make sure to take your flowers home to enjoy after Sunday worship.

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.

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.

Volunteers are needed to work on a **Habitat for Humanity** house. Work sessions begin on January 12th with some interior work. Contact Kent Johnson at 231-670-7758 if you are available.

We are scheduled to **provide meals for Family Promise** families the **week of January 25th**. If you are able to provide a dinner for one of those dates, contact Amy Werling at 616-648-9233.

Order of Service

“Baptism of Our Lord”

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism (screen)

Hymn “Baptized in Water” #456 (red)

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie pp. 184-185

Hymn of Praise pp. 185-186

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29 (screen)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Children’s Sermon/Noisy Offering/Junior Church
This week’s noisy offering will be used for building repairs and maintenance.

Hymn “Wade in the Water” #459 (red)

Sermon

Hymn “Song Over the Waters” #127 (purple)

Apostles’ Creed (screen)

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord’s Prayer (screen)

Communion

“All Are Welcome” (screen)

“Come to the Table” #481 (red)

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” #445 (red)

“Shall We Gather at the River” #423 (red)

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” #479 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn “Canticle of the Sun” (insert)
 vv. 1,3,5,6

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend (January 18)

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm Psalm 40:1-11

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel Reading John 1:29-42