

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Activity

### Location

#### Sunday 01/11/2026

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

#### Monday 01/12/2026

9:00 a.m. Muskegon Area Nurse Honor guard	Gallery
12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Quilt Room
3:00 p.m. Clipper Events Committee Meeting	Gallery
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 01/13/2026 Bulletin Deadline

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:30 a.m. 1st on 2nd Quilt Group	Gallery
10:00 a.m. Lion's Board Meeting	Library
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook

#### Wednesday 01/14/2026

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Sharing Hope & Joy After Loss Mtg.	Youth Room

#### Thursday 01/15/2026

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 01/16/2026

6:00 p.m. Crafty Group	Gallery
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room

#### Saturday 01/17/2026

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group	Gallery
8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group	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**

## WELCOME

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  
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### 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

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**  
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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  
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Roland and Karen Crummel  
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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](http://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
<b>Children’s Sermon/Noisy Offering/Junior Church</b> <i>This week’s noisy offering will be used for building repairs and maintenance.</i>	
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)
<b>Communion</b> “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