

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
<b>Sunday 12/07/2025</b>	
9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir-Pre-K through 5th	
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Lion's Club—Kids' Shopping Event	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Monday 12/08/2025</b>	
9:00 a.m. Muskegon Nurse Honorguard	Gallery
12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Gallery
3:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Board Meeting	Family Life Center
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
<b>Tuesday 12/09/2025      Bulletin Deadline</b>	
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
6:00 p.m. Clipper Preservation Group	Library
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook
<b>Wednesday 12/10/2025</b>	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. R.P. High School Choir Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday 12/11/2025</b>	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Robin's Grief Group Potluck	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. History Club	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
<b>Friday 12/12/2025</b>	
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Saturday 12/13/2025</b>	



**2 Advent**

**Thursday, December 04, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 07, 2025**

**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 David Harrell in memory of Carol Harrell.

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/04 and 12/07

### 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

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Bonnie Gouine

Larry Bringedahl, Lori Archer

Ethan Lucht

Open

Adam and Matthew Badley

Ed Wosinski

Laura Lucht

Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub

Karl Ziemelis

Ruth Basch, Amy Badley

Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins

Lisa Le

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

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Kathleen Cobler and Ellery

**Bus Driver** Pick Up

Amber Thomas

**Bus Driver** Drop Off

Amber Thomas

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/11 and 12/14

### 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

Bill Patterson

Mary Schoonover

Evie DiPiazza, Annette Jack

Ben and Noah Rop

Kent Johnson

Tara Plekes, Sandy Young

Ben Werling

Susan Besteman

Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott

Karl Ziemelis

Lisa Le, Jean Boxer

Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell

Amy Werling

Mary Will

Bert Goodman

Open

Amber Thomas

TBD

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

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## Announcements



- \* Our **"Adopt-A-Family"** tree tags are now available.
- \* All gifts should be returned by Wednesday, December 17 wrapped with tags attached.
- \* 20-30 families from area schools, and one family from the EXIT program will be helped.
- \* Two gifts will be provided for each child: one desired item and one needed item, plus each family will receive one gift card to help with food or additional needed items.
- \* The tree with the tags is in the entry by the office.

**The eternal candle is given by Eva Backus in memory of Eva Pauline Massey.**

### Staff Christmas Gift

- ♦ We are blessed with a wonderful staff and want to thank them for all of their hard work this past year. Please consider giving a gift of gratitude in honor of our staff: Pastor Bill, Paula, Lorey, Shar, Emma, Elise, Lisa, Karl, Tom, Laura, and Amber.
- ♦ You may place monetary gifts in the collection plate (in a separate envelope marked: "Staff Christmas Gift"), give to Ed Wosinski or Diane Madej, place in Diane's Treasurer mailbox in the administration hallway, or give them to Lorey in the office, by **December 22**.
- ♦ Please **do not make checks out to First Lutheran.**
- ♦ **If you are writing a check**, you may address it to **Diane Madej**, or use cash.

This week's **Wednesday dinner** will be hosted by **Reeths Puffer High School Choir**. They will be serving soup, salad, and desserts. After dinner, they will provide a concert for us in the sanctuary.

All **middle school and high school** young people are invited to the **annual progressive dinner** that is being held on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. Meet at the church.

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

**Reeths Puffer High School choirs** will provide a concert for us on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. following dinner.

Bring your Pre-K through 5th grader to an **Elementary Christmas Party** on Sunday, December 21st after worship. There will be crafts, games, and cookie decorating! RSVP to Emma Johnston via text at 712-395-0502.

Are you interested in **volunteering at the Love Café**? An informational meeting with Love, INC. will be held to discuss training for the various volunteer opportunities at the Café. Contact Kim Westerholm if interested at 712-539-8536 or email her at [kim.westerh@gmail.com](mailto:kim.westerh@gmail.com).

Our **Blue Christmas Worship** service will be held here on Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. This is a service that is intended especially for those for whom the holidays are emotionally difficult.

Experience with us an evening of **Christmas caroling** on Wednesday, December 17. Meet here at the church at 5:30 p.m. to take part in the fun! The event will end at the Samaritas building in downtown Muskegon for hot chocolate and snacks.

Please **join us in the Family Life Center** following worship service for our congregational meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes approval of the 2026 budget and election of officers.

# Order of Service

## "Beyond Hope"

Prelude

Hymn "Prepare, Prepare" (screen)

Order of Confession (screen)

Penitential Rite (screen)

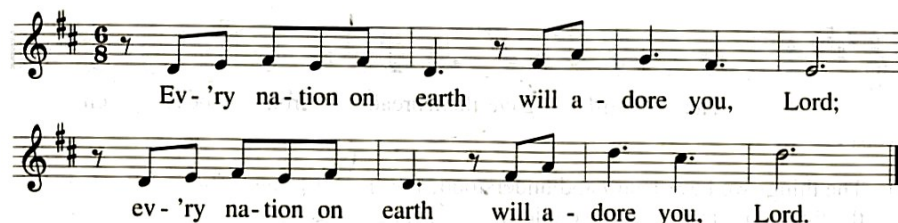
Greeting (screen)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Bells

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72



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Second Reading Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Verse "Prepare Ye" (screen)

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Children's Sermon/Dollar-A-Day/Junior Church

*Dollar-A-Day monies will be used to purchase new carpeting for the building.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light One Candle (screen)

Sermon

Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #249 (red)

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)

"Lamb of God" p. 191 (red)

"Comfort, Comfort" #256 (red)

"O Come O Come, Emmanuel" #257 (red)

(vv. 1-5)

"He Came Down" #253 (red)

Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn "All Earth is Hopeful" #266 (red)

Benediction/Dismissal/Postlude

### Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm Luke 1:46b-55

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11