

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
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Sunday 12/14/2025

9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir-Pre-K through 5th	
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Bell Choir	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Lion's Club—Kids' Shopping Event	Family Life Center
5:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner	Meet Here
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Monday 12/15/2025

6:00 p.m. Kids' Music Class—All Ages	First Floor Education Room
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 12/16/2025 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 12/17/2025

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling	Meet Here

Thursday 12/18/2025

12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center

Friday 12/19/2025

12:00 p.m. Rental—Citi Boi	Fellowship Hall & FLC
6:00 p.m. Crafty Group	Gallery
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Saturday 12/20/2025

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	Gallery
8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast	Upper Room
11:00 a.m. Rental—AAU Basketball Practice	Family Life Center



3 Advent
Sunday, December 14, 2025
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 and Laura Eller in memory of Gordon Bonifield.

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/14

Assisting Minister

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.

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

Paula Dusseljee
Mary Schoonover
Evie DiPiazza, Annette Jack
Ben and Noah Rop
Kent Johnson
Tara Plekes, Sandy Young
Ben Werling
Susan Besteman
Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Nate Johnston
Lisa Le, Jean Boxer
Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Amy Werling
Mary Will
Bert Goodman
Dick Miller and Stella Dial
Jim Elliott
Jim Elliott

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/18 and 12/21

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.

Junior Church

Song Leaders

Sound System

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Communion Bread

Communion Set-Up

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

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bus Driver Pick Up

Bus Driver Drop Off

Diane Madej
Joe Labiak
Mary Beth Liskey
Stan Daszko, Amy Werling
Peyton Mock
Jeff Cooke
Open
Larry Bringedahl
Christmas Program
Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus
Jeff Thomas
Bev Uetricht, Carol Parker
Diana Duell, Diane Kroll
Connie Larson
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Barb Bonifield, Jeanne Beardsley
Amber Thomas
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Christmas Week Schedule

December 28 No Faith Formation Classes
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
6:00 p.m.—Nursery Provided
11:00 p.m.—No Nursery

Join us for special music 15 minutes prior to both services.

December 24 Church Office Closed

December 25 Church Office Closed

January 1 Church Office Closed

The eternal candle is given by Anna Alderman in memory of Ernie Alderman.

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.

Announcements

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

All **middle school and high school** young people are invited to the **annual progressive dinner** that is being held this evening (Sunday) 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.

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.

The **men's and women's breakfast groups** will meet this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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.

During the **December 21 worship service**, we will experience the service of **Lessons and Carols**, involving the children of our congregation. Don't miss this special occasion!

No faith formation classes on December 28. We will reconvene on January 4.

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.

Order of Service

“What to Expect”

Prelude

Hymn “Prepare, Prepare” (screen)

Order of Confession (screen)

Penitential Rite (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music The Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Verse “Prepare Ye” (screen)

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

Children’s Sermon/Noisy Offering/Junior Church

This week’s noisy offering will be used for building repairs and maintenance.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light One Candle (screen)

Sermon

Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #257 (red)
(vv. 1-4)

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)

“What Feast of Love” #487 (red)

“Prepare the Royal Highway” #264 (red)

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People” #256 (red)

“He Came Down” #253 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn “People, Look East” #248 (red)

Benediction/Dismissal/Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25