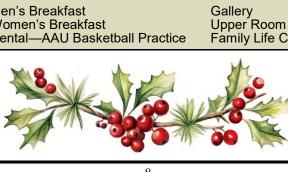
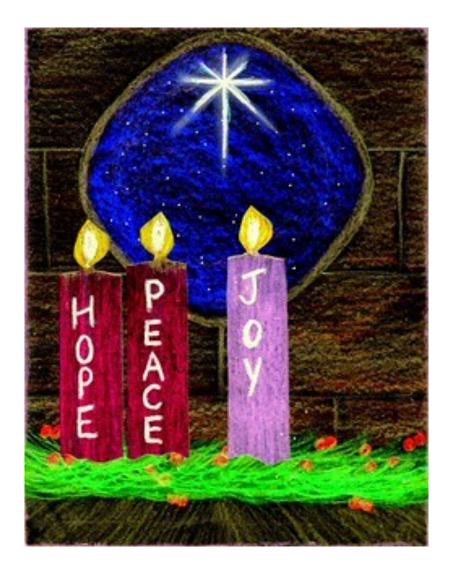
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE		
	Activity	Location
Sunday 12/14/2025		
9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Children's Choir-Pre-K through 5th Worship Service Bell Choir Lion's Club—Kids' Shopping Event Youth Progressive Dinner AA Meeting	Sanctuary & Online Sanctuary Family Life Center Meet Here First Floor Education Room
Monday 12/15/2025		
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Kids' Music Class—All Ages Overeaters Anonymous Cardio Drumming AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room Gallery Family Life Center First Floor Education Room
Tuesday 12/16/2025 Bulletin Deadline		
9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.		Family Life Center Gallery Fellowship Hall Music Room Music Room Facebook
Wednesday 12/17/2025		
12:00 p.m.	Pickleball Staff Meeting Christmas Caroling	Family Life Center Gallery Meet Here
Thursday 12/18/2025		
6:00 p.m.	Bible Study Worship Cardio Drum Class	Gallery Sanctuary Family Life Center
Friday 12/19/2025		
6:00 p.m.	Rental—Citi Boi Crafty Group A.A. Meeting	Fellowship Hall & FLC Gallery First Floor Education Room
Saturday 12/20/2025		
8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Women's Breakfast Rental—AAU Basketball Practice	Gallery Upper Room 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.

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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 Paula Dusseliee Sun. 10:30 a.m. Mary Schoonover Lector Servers Sun 10:30 a m Evie DiPiazza, Annette Jack Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m. Ben and Noah Rop Head Usher Kent Johnson Tara Plekes, Sandy Young Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m. Ben Werling

Junior Church
Song Leaders
Sound System
Information Stations
Counters
Communion Bread
Susan Besteman
Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Nate Johnston
Lisa Le, Jean Boxer
Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Amy Werling

Communion BreadAmy WerlingCommunion Set-UpMary WillClean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.Bert Goodman

Coffee Hour HostsDick Miller and Stella DialBus Driver Pick UpJim ElliottBus Driver Drop OffJim Elliott

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/18 and 12/21

Assisting Minister Diane Madei Thurs. 6:00 p.m. Lector Joe Labiak Sun. 10:30 a.m. Mary Beth Liskey Lector Sun.10:30 a.m. Stan Daszko, Amy Werling Servers Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m. Pevton Mock Head Usher Jeff Cooke Sun.10:30 a.m. Ushers Open

Larry Bringedahl

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Christmas Program
Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus
Jeff Thomas
Bev Uetricht, Carol Parker

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

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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 I 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: <u>"Staff Christmas Gift"</u>), 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 Christ-mas 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 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25