

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity

Location

Sunday 12/21/2025

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
12:00 p.m. Christmas Party for Elementary Kids	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Monday 12/22/2025

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 12/23/2025

Bulletin Deadline

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook

Wednesday 12/24/2025 Office Closed All Day

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary & Online
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary & Online

Thursday 12/25/2025 Office Closed All Day

11:00 a.m. Rental—Vaulter Family	Family Life Center
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Friday 12/26/2025

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room
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Saturday 12/27/2025



4 Advent

HOPE.
PEACE.
JOY.
LOVE.

4 Advent

Thursday, December 18, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21, 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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You can scan the QR code for easy giving to First!

The flowers on the altar are given by Eva Backus in honor of her 19th wedding anniversary.

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.

Diane Madej
Joe Labiak
Mary Beth Liskey
Stan Daszko, Amy Werling
Peyton Mock
Jeff Cooke
Open

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

Larry Bringedahl
Christmas Program
Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus
Jeff Thomas
Bev Uetrict, Carol Parker
Diana Duell, Diane Kroll
Connie Larson
Connie Larson
Connie Larson
Barb Bonifield, Jeanne Beardsley
Amber Thomas
Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/28

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.

Bert Goodman
N/A
Mark Thogerson
Mary Schoonover, Bev Uetrict
Peyton Mock
Jeff Lucht
Bill and Jan Naymick
Liam Simons
Lisa Ziemelis

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

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bus Driver Pick Up

Bus Driver Drop Off

Mark Thogerson, Mike Sweet
Mark Besteman/Nate Johnston
Robin Policka, Joanne Johnson
Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
Connie Larson
Connie Larson
Jean Boxer
The Polickas
Amber Thomas
Amber Thomas

The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in memory of her husband Phil Pellerin.

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (p.m. Services)

Assisting Minister (6:00 and 11:00 p.m.)	Paula Dusseljee
Lector 6:00 p.m.	N/A
11:00 p.m.	Deb Wosinski
Servers 6:00 p.m.	Laura and Elizabeth Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Ed and Deb Wosinski
Acolytes 6:00 p.m.	Matthew and Sofia Besteman
11:00 p.m.	Peyton Mock
Ushers 6:00 p.m.	Kathryn Hall, Ethan Lucht, Jeff Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Stan Daszko, Ed Wosinski, Mark Thogerson
Song Leaders 6:00 p.m.	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
11:00 p.m.	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System 6:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
11:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
Communion Bread 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
Communion Set-Up 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
Clean-Up 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Deb Wosinski

Announcements

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

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

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.

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.

Christmas Week Schedule

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

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

January 1 Church Office Closed

Order of Service

Hymn **“Prepare, Prepare”** **(screen)**

Penitential Rite (screen)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Second Reading (6:00 p.m.) **Romans 1:1-7**

Gospel Reading **Matthew 1:18-25**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn **“Emmanuel”** **#36 (purple)**

Children's Program (10:30 a.m.)

Hymn (6:00 p.m.) “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #279 (red)

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-23