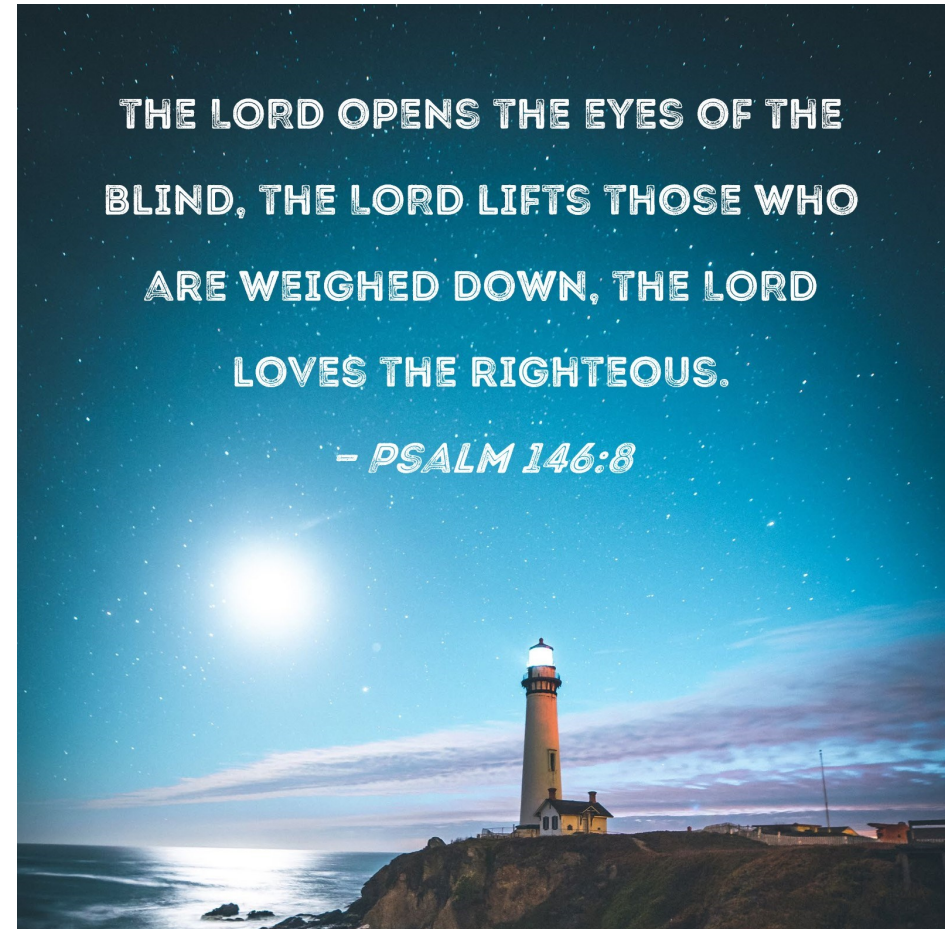


THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
Sunday 09/08/2024	
9:15 a.m. Confirmation	Gallery
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation	Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. 2-4 year old Kids' Music	Nursery
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Church Picnic/160th Anniv.	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Monday 09/09/2024	
6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Tuesday 09/10/2024	Bulletin Deadline
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. 1st on 2nd Quilt Group	Gallery
3:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal	Music Room
9:30 p.m. Compline	On-line
Wednesday 09/11/2024	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Lion's Club Officer's Meeting	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Al-Anon District Meeting	Library
Thursday 09/12/2024	Chimes Deadline
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Zoom & Gallery
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Private Group Meeting	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center or Outside
Friday 09/13/2024	
5:30 p.m. Bunco	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 09/14/2024	
9:00 a.m. Play Practice	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Breakfast with Pastor El-Yateem	Fellowship Hall



**THE LORD OPENS THE EYES OF THE
BLIND, THE LORD LIFTS THOSE WHO
ARE WEIGHED DOWN, THE LORD
LOVES THE RIGHTEOUS.**

- PSALM 146:8

16 Pentecost
Thursday, September 05, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 08, 2024
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 Bert Goodman in memory of her brother Steve Wood.

THOSE WHO SERVE 09/08

Assisting Minister	Paula Dusseljee
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Sandy Young
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Elizabeth, Laura Lucht
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Matthew Besteman, Megan Badley
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Matthew Badley, Stan Daszko Jeff Lucht Susan Besteman
Junior Church	Susan Besteman
Song Leaders	Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus
Sound System	Karl Ziemelis
Information Stations	Joanne Johnson, Amy Badley
Counters	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Communion Bread	Kim Westerholm
Communion Set-Up	Kim Westerholm
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Kim Westerholm
Coffee Hour Hosts	Barb Bonifield, Carol Parker
Bus Driver	Kevin McClurken

THOSE WHO SERVE 09/15

Assisting Minister	Paula Dusseljee
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Michael Thomas
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Sandy Young, Annette Jack
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Jordan Pruitt
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ed Wosinski, Steve Byrd Tara Plekes Emma Johnston
Junior Church	Emma Johnston
Song Leaders	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System	Karl Ziemelis
Information Stations	Robin Policka, Bev Uetrict
Counters	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Communion Bread	Lisa Le
Communion Set-Up	Lisa Le
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lisa Le
Coffee Hour Hosts	Fellowship
Bus Driver	Amber Thomas

The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in honor of her granddaughter Carrie's birthday.

Announcements

Registration is now open for the Youth CHARGE retreat which is taking place from 11-08-24 to 11-10-24 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. The cost is \$95 per person. Sign up by October 6 with Emma Johnston at 712-395-0502 or Laura Lucht at 616-638-2406.

“Listening for the Word” Group starts up on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. and meets every other Sunday. Laurie P. Short’s video series/Bible study on Romans eight will be studied. Questions? See Jan Naymick or Diana Duell.

If you plan to attend the **“Anything Goes” Variety Show** on September 28, please sign up at either information station so we have a count for the catered meal. The cost will be \$20 per person, or \$50 for a family, which means immediate family only. There will not be tickets sold as we will take your payments at the door the night of the show.

Many thanks to the 160th Anniversary Committee for all the work they have done for the sake of our 160th anniversary. Committee members are:

Sande Borushko
Anna Alderman
Gary Hansen
Pat Shafer
Sandy Hutchins
Amy Badley
Scott Gearhart
Diane Kroll
Mary Schoonover
Deb Roest
Bill Uetricht

Announcements

Our **marriage retreat** has been scheduled for the weekend of October 11-13 in Grand Rapids. You need to sign up today to participate in this meaningful experience that will bless your relationship.

Our **new members class** will begin on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:10 p.m. and will last for four weeks. Those of you who are already members of our congregation and yet would like to brush up on Lutheran thought and practice are invited to attend. The new members potluck will take place on October 20 after the Sunday service.

Our adult **Faith Formation class** will consider, “The Narcissism Epidemic: Following Jesus and Building a Healthy Self-Esteem” and will start on September 8 at 9:30 in the gym.

If you would like us to pray for someone in our public prayers, we ask you to fill out prior to the service the yellow prayer cards that you will find near both of the entrances to our sanctuary. Those cards will be shared with the assisting ministers who then will pray on behalf of the one(s) for whom you are seeking prayer.

Please sign up for brunch and a **special dialogue** with Pastor El-Yateem on Saturday, Sept. 14. We will be serving Debby Jaquith’s famous French toast!!!

Our **first Wednesday Night Dinner** will take place on September 18 at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to share this weekly gathering with us. We also will begin **Wednesday Bible Studies** on this night. Join us as we explore the lectionary texts for the coming weekend. (The same Bible study is offered on Thursdays at noon).

Our first **men’s and women’s Saturday Bible studies** will be on Saturday, September 21. All men and women are welcome.

(more announcements on page 6)



Order of Service

"I Can See Clearly Now"

Prelude

Song "Praise to the Lord, Almighty" #858 (red)

Greeting (screen)

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Special Music "Find Us Faithful"

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146 (screen)

Second Reading James 2:1-10, 14-17

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading Mark 7: 24-37

Children's Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church
This month's Noisy Offerings will benefit the Dar Al Kalima School in Bethlehem.

Hymn "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" #519 (red)

Sermon

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #793 (red)

Announcements

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Communion

"All are Welcome" (screen)

"Come to the Table" #481 (red)

"Amazing Grace" #779 (red)

"Healer of Our Every Ill" #612 (red)

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #860 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Song "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #836 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-9
Second Reading	James 31:1-12
Gospel Reading	Mark 8:27-38