

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
Sunday 09/15/2024	
9:15 a.m. Confirmation	Gallery
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation	Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. Kids' Music—2-4 year olds	Nursery
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Bells	Music Room
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Monday 09/16/2024	
11:30 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Quilt Room
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 09/17/2024	Bulletin Deadline
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Clergy Meeting	Gallery
11:30 a.m. Muskegon County Garden Club	Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Lion's Club	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
8:00 p.m. Lion's Club Board Meeting	Gallery
9:30 p.m. Compline	On-line
Wednesday 09/18/2024	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Kids' Music—5-6 year olds	Music Room
6:10 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
6:30 p.m. Kids' Music—7 year olds and up	Music Room
Thursday 09/19/2024	Chimes Deadline
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Zoom & Gallery
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center or Outside
Friday 09/20/2024	
6:00 p.m. Crafty Group	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 09/21/2024	
9:00 a.m. Play Practice	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Highway Cleanup	Meet Here
11:00 a.m. Mem. Svc. for Ted Wierenga	Sanctuary
2:30 p.m. M.S./Confirmation Kids Bowling	Northway Lanes



17 Pentecost
Thursday, September 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 15, 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 Steve and Lisa Ferski in memory of Betty O’Toole’s birthday.

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
Junior Church	Emma Johnston
Song Leaders	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System	Jeff Thomas
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	Barb Bonifield, Jeanne Beardsley
Bus Driver	Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 09/22

Assisting Minister	Diane Madej
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Laura Lucht
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Teri Gust, Amy Werling
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Nolan, Phil Sielski Open
Junior Church	Ben Werling
Song Leaders	Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus
Sound System	Nate Johnston
Information Stations	Carol Parker, Connie Larson
Counters	Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
Communion Bread	Connie Larson
Communion Set-Up	Connie Larson
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Connie Larson
Coffee Hour Hosts	Barb Pellerin, Deb Roest
Bus Driver	Mike Sweet

The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in honor of her daughter-in-law Kim’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 has its first meeting 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.

If you would like to **order a First Lutheran t-shirt**, check out the table in the hallway by the memorial garden. There are some sample t-shirts there, plus the order forms. Questions? Email Amy Badley at abadley40@gmail.com. Orders are due by Sunday, September 29th. You can place your order in the tray on the table or bring them to the office.

Bring your **Pre-K through 5th grader** for some **Fall Fun!** We will meet after worship on Sunday, September 22 in the upper room for a fall craft and games. Questions? Contact Emma Johnston at 712-395-0502.

A **Red Cross Blood Drive** is schedule for Monday from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. You can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or through Kim Westerholm at 712-539-8536.

Announcements

There still may be room for you at our **marriage retreat** on October 11-13. See Pastor Bill if you are interested.

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 has begun and is** considering, “The Narcissism Epidemic: Following Jesus and Building a Healthy Self-Esteem.” Join us at 9:30 in the gym.

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).

The Grief Share Group will be starting back up on Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and will meet weekly for 13 weeks. If you would like to join, please email Evie DiPiazza at [evie.dipiazza@gmail.com.](mailto:evie.dipiazza@gmail.com), or you can call the office.

The **men’s and women’s breakfasts for September** have been canceled. We will reconvene on the third Saturday of October.

Kids Belong is sponsoring a fun night for foster families here at church on Saturday, October 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with food and games. Let Pastor Bill know if you can help.

A **Game Day** is planned for **High School youth** on Sunday, September 22 at noon until 3:00 p.m. Come play board games, card games, and sports games with us. Questions? Contact Laura Lucht at 616-638-2406.

Order of Service

“Hope Amidst Struggle”

Prelude		
Order of Confession		(screen)
Song	“Bread for the World”	(insert)
Greeting		(screen)
Prayer of the Day		
Special Music	“Guide My Feet”	Choir
First Reading		Isaiah 50:4-9a
Second Reading		James 3:1-12
Gospel Verse	“Change My Heart, O God”	#801 (red)
Gospel Reading		Mark 8: 27-38
Children’s Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church <i>This month’s Noisy Offerings will benefit the Dar Al Kalima School in Bethlehem.</i>		
Hymn	“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”	#721 (red)
Sermon		Pastor Khader el-Yateem
Hymn (6:00)	“Will You Come and Follow Me”	#798 (red) (vv. 1-2, 4-5)
Announcements		
Prayers	“For the Healing of the Nations”	(screen)
Peace		
Offering		
Offertory Song	“We Come to Your Feast”	(screen)

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving	(screen)
Holy, Holy	(screen)
The Lord’s Prayer	(screen)

Communion

“All are Welcome”	(screen)
“Come to the Table”	#481 (red)
“Lord of All Hopefulness”	#765 (red)
“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”	#774 (red)
“Lead Me, Guide Me”	#768 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Song	“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”	#400 (red)
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Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalms	Psalms 54
Second Reading	James 3:13--4:3,7-8a
Gospel Reading	Mark 9:30-37