

Activity	Location
Sunday 12/08/2024	
9:15 a.m. Confirmation	Gallery
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation	Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. Kids' Music—3-4 year olds	Nursery
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Bells	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. H.S. & M.S. Progressive Dinner	
6:00 p.m. Listening for the Word	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Monday 12/09/2024	
11:30 p.m. Quilters Group	Quilt Room
3:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Board Meeting	Gallery
5:45 p.m. Chair Yoga	Upper 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
7:15 p.m. Soul Flow Yoga	Upper Room
Tuesday 12/10/2024 Bulletin Deadline	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. 1st on 2nd Quilt Group	Gallery
11:30 a.m. Muskegon County Garden Club	Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
9:30 p.m. Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 12/11/2024	
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Lion's Club Officer's Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Grief Share Group	Upper Room
6:15 p.m. R.P. School Choirs Concert	Sanctuary
Thursday 12/12/2024	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Private Group Meeting	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
Friday 12/13/2024	
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Bunco	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Baton Class	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 12/14/2024	
8:30 a.m. Men's & Women's Breakfasts	Gallery & Upper Room
11:00 a.m. Rental—Deb Roest	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Restore Your Soul Yoga	Upper Room



2 Advent
Thursday, December 05, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 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 Barb Bonifield and her daughter Laura in memory of Gordon Bonifield.

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/08

Assisting Minister	Bert Goodman
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Lynda Ferry
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Emily & Elizabeth Lucht
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lauren Slater, Jordan Pruitt
Head Usher	Kent Johnson
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ben Werling, Liam Simons
	Jeff Lucht
	Laura Lucht
Junior Church	Eva Backus, Joel Westerholm
Song Leaders	Jeff Thomas
Sound System	Gary Hansen, Carol Parker
Information Stations	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Counters	Bert Goodman
Communion Bread	Bert Goodman
Communion Set-Up	Bert Goodman
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Bert Goodman
Coffee Hour Hosts	Kathleen Cobler and Ellery
Bus Driver Pick Up	Amber Thomas
Bus Driver Drop Off	Mike Sweet

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/15

Assisting Minister	Joel Westerholm
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Diane Kroll
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Diane Kroll, Larry Bringedahl
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Connor Goodwin, August Frietsch
Head Usher	Jeff Cooke
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerson, Joe Labiak
	Tara Plekes
	Alicia Alger
Junior Church	Phil Sielski, Mike Sweet
Song Leaders	Karl Ziemelis
Sound System	Lisa Le, Amy Badley
Information Stations	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Counters	Lisa Le
Communion Bread	Lisa Le
Communion Set-Up	Lisa Le
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lisa Le
Coffee Hour Hosts	Gloria Peterson
Bus Driver Pick Up	Amber Thomas
Bus Driver Drop Off	Mike Sweet

The eternal candle is given by Annette Jack in honor of John Jack’s birthday.



Tags for our “**Adopt-A-Family**” tree are now available! All tags need to be attached to the wrapped gift and returned under the tree by Wednesday, December 18.

This year, we will have tags from 20-30 families from Reeths Puffer, Holton, and North Muskegon school districts, one family from the EXIT program, and two from Kids Belong.

Adopt-A-Family offers each child two gifts, clothing items, and toy. We also have some tags with small gifts for the parents and a gift card for each family to help with food or additional gift items.

Thank you for your generous food donations and noisy offerings on behalf of Reeths-Puffer Schools for their food pantry. What a blessing it is to see a community come together in such a meaningful way and reflect the spirit of love and care that defines us as a church. We are blessed to be a blessing!

Staff Christmas Gift: We are grateful for our staff who work diligently to share the goodness of grace throughout the 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 give them to Lorey in the office, by **December 15**.

Please **do not make checks out to First Lutheran.**

If you are writing a check, you may address it to **Ed Wosinski**, and Lorey will place all gifts in a separate envelope.

Announcements

This week’s **Wednesday Night Dinner** will be hosted by Lisa Ziemelis and Reeths-Puffer’s choral groups, who will perform a Christmas concert after dinner at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be an assortment of homemade soups, salad, dinner rolls and dessert. Proceeds will benefit Reeths-Puffer choir program.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Note the time change for the first service.*

Our **congregational meeting** to approve our 2025 budget and to elect officers takes place today (Sunday) after worship.

A **Blue Christmas (Longest Night) service** will be held here on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the Thursday service for the week. This service is intended for those for whom the Christmas season is particularly hard emotionally. It is a time to be encouraged in our grief and sadness.

A **Christmas party** has been planned for **elementary kids** on December 15 after worship. Join us for games and snacks. Contact emma@firstlutheranmuskegon.org if interested.

During the **December 22 worship service**, we will experience the service of **Lessons and Carols**, involving people of all ages. Don’t miss this special occasion!

Join us for **Christmas caroling** on Wednesday, December 18. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

The **sign-up sheet** for hosting **coffee hour in 2025** is on the information station by the office. Please take a look and pick a date to host coffee hour.

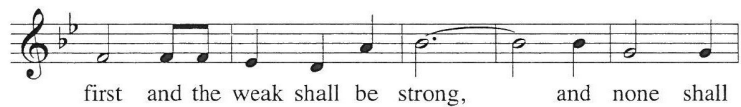
Both the **men’s and the women’s breakfast groups** meet this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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Order of Service

“Unrefined Refiner”

- Prelude**
- Hymn** “Prepare, Prepare!” (screen)
- Order of Confession/Kyrie** (screen)
- Greeting** (screen)
- Prayer of the Day**
- Special Music** “Comfort, Comfort” Choir
- First Reading** Malachi 3:1-4
- Psalm: Luke 1:68-79** #250 (red) (vv. 1,3)
- Second Reading** Philippians 1:3-11
- Gospel Verse** “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” (screen)
- Gospel Reading** Luke 3:1-6
- Children’s Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church**
This month’s noisy offering will benefit Muskegon Rescue Mission.
- Hope is a Star/Responsive Litany** (screen)



- Sermon**
- Hymn** “All Earth is Hopeful” #266 (red)
- Nicene Creed** (screen)
- Announcements/Prayers/Peace**
- Offering/Offertory Prayer**
- Great Thanksgiving** (screen)
- Holy, Holy** (screen)
- The Lord’s Prayer** (screen)
- Communion**
- “All are Welcome” (screen)
- “Lamb of God” p. 191 (red)
- “Come to the Table” #481 (red)
- “Prepare the Royal Highway” #264 (red)
- “He Came Down” #253 (red)
- “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” #249 (red)
- Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer**
- Hymn** “People, Look East” #248 (red)
- Benediction/Dismissal**
- Postlude**

Readings for Next Weekend

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| First Reading | Zephaniah 3:14-20 |
| Psalm | Isaiah 12:2-6 |
| Second Reading | Philippians 4:4-7 |
| Gospel Reading | Luke 3:7-18 |