

Activity	Location
<b>Sunday 12/15/2024</b>	
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
12:00 a.m. Elementary Kids Xmas Party	Upper Room
12:30 p.m. Rental-Lions Gift Wrapping	Family Life Center
2:00 p.m. Milwaukee Clipper Board Party	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Monday 12/16/2024</b>	
11:30 p.m. Quilters Group	Quilt Room
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. Gently Restore Yoga	Upper Room
<b>Tuesday 12/17/2024      Bulletin Deadline</b>	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
6:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
8:00 p.m. Lion's Club Board Meeting	Gallery
9:30 p.m. Compline	Facebook
<b>Wednesday 12/18/2024</b>	
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling	Meet Here at Church
6:00 p.m. Grief Share Group	Upper Room
<b>Thursday 12/19/2024</b>	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
<b>Friday 12/20/2024</b>	
6:00 p.m. Crafty Group	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Bunco	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Saturday 12/21/2024</b>	
11:30 a.m. Private Yoga Group Session	Upper Room



**3 Advent**  
**Thursday, December 12, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024**  
**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.

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The flowers on the altar are given by David Harrell in memory of Carol Harrell.

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/15

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

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/22

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Diane Madej
<b>Lector</b> Sun 10:30 a.m.	Teri Gust
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Teri Gust, Lori Archer
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jeff Lucht
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Jeff and Ethan Lucht
	Stan Daszko
	Christmas Program
<b>Junior Church</b>	Emily Traub, Emily Schoonover
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Jeff Thomas
<b>Sound System</b>	Barb Pellerin, Stan Daszko
<b>Information Stations</b>	Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
<b>Counters</b>	Jean Boxer
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Jean Boxer
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Jean Boxer
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Amber Thomas
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The eternal candle is given by Anna Alderman in memory of Ernie Alderman.



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 to our Progressive Dinner hosts last Sunday evening: the O’Connor, Smith, and Uetricht families. We are grateful that you opened your homes and your hearts to our amazing kids!

**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

We will **not be having Wednesday night dinners** for the next few weeks. We will resume on January 8th, 2025.

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

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** today (Sunday) after worship. Join us for games and snacks.

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

Join us for **Christmas caroling** this 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 pick a date to host coffee hour.

The church **office will be closed** on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday.

Our **chili cook-off** and **annual meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 26 following worship.

The **Endowment Committee** is meeting on Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m.

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# Order of Service

## “While We Wait”

- Prelude**
- Hymn**                    “Prepare, Prepare!”                    (screen)
- Order of Confession/Kyrie**                    (screen)
- Greeting**                    (screen)
- Prayer of the Day**
- Special Music**                    “Still, Still, Still”                    Bells
- First Reading**                    Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Psalm: Isaiah 12:1-6**                    (screen)
- Second Reading**                    Philippians 4:4-7
- Gospel Verse**    “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” (screen)
- Gospel Reading**                    Luke 3:7-18
- 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**                    “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”                    #244 (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)
- “Rejoice in the Lord, Always”                    (screen)
- “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”                    #272 (red)
- “He Came Down”                    #253 (red)
- “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”                    #256 (red)
- Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer**
- Hymn**                    “Joy to the World”                    #267 (red)
- Benediction/Dismissal**
- Postlude**

**Readings for Next Weekend**

First Reading	Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm	Luke 1:46b-55
Second Reading	Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel Reading	Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]