

Activity	Location
Sunday 01/05/2025	
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
6:00 p.m. Listening for the Word	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Monday 01/06/2025	
11:30 p.m. Quilters Group	Quilt Room
5:00 p.m. P.E.O. Group	Narthex
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
Tuesday 01/07/2025 Bulletin Deadline	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
4:30 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
9:30 p.m. Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 01/08/2025	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
Thursday 01/09/2025	
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 01/10/2025	
5:30 p.m. Bunco	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 01/11/2025	



2 Christmas
Thursday, January 02, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 05, 2025
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 First Lutheran in honor of our wonderful parishioners.

THOSE WHO SERVE 01/05

Assisting Minister		Diane Madej
Lector	Sun 10:30 a.m.	Annette Jack
Servers	Sun.10:30 a.m.	Stan Daszko, Diane Kroll
Acolytes	Sun.10:30 a.m.	Connor Simerick
Head Usher		Open
Ushers	Sun.10:30 a.m.	Joe Labiak, Jan James Sandy Young
Junior Church		Susan Besteman
Song Leaders		Emily Traub, Emily Schoonover
Sound System		Jeff Thomas
Information Stations		Jean Boxer, Carol Parker
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 Bonifield and Maureen Preston
Bus Driver Pick Up		Amber Thomas
Bus Driver Drop Off		Mike Sweet

THOSE WHO SERVE 01/12

Assisting Minister		Paula Dusseljee
Lector	Sun 10:30 a.m.	Pat Westjohn
Servers	Sun.10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling, Kim Westerholm
Acolytes	Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
Head Usher		Kent Johnson
Ushers	Sun.10:30 a.m.	Diane Kroll, Tara Plekes Erin Schmitz
Junior Church		Emma Johnston
Song Leaders		Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System		Nate Johnston
Information Stations		Lisa Le, Amy Badley
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		Open
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Some Fun Facts About New Years That You Never Knew You Needed to Know

- ◆ The celebration of New Year's Day dates back over 4,000 years to ancient Babylon.
- ◆ The month of January is named after the Roman god Janus, who had two faces.
- ◆ The first New Year's Day parade in the United States was held in Philadelphia in 1901.
- ◆ The Times Square Ball in New York City has been dropped every year since 1907.
- ◆ In some cultures, it is traditional to jump off a chair or other elevated surface at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve to symbolize leaping into the new year.
- ◆ In many cultures, it is traditional to make noise at midnight on New Year's Eve to scare away evil spirits and bring good luck for the new year.
- ◆ The Tournament of Roses Parade has been held annually on New Year's Day in Pasadena, California since 1890.
- ◆ The New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim, where people jump into icy water, is a tradition in many places around the world, including Canada, the United States, and the Netherlands.

Announcements

Wednesday night dinners will resume on January 15th, 2025.

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

Our **annual meeting** will be held on **Sunday January 26** following worship. A **chili and soup cook-off** will accompany the meeting. Plan on bringing your famous chili or soup to the cook-off. Also, please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food pantry.

Our **library has many puzzles** that are free to take. If you are a puzzler, stop in and grab one or two!

Ministry chairs are reminded to **turn their annual reports** into Lorey, our parish administrator, by Sunday, January 19. These will be shared at our annual meeting. If you need help with your report, see me. (Lorey).

All members of our **church council** and our **ministry teams** are reminded of our **leadership retreat** on January 18 from 10:15-1:15 here at the church. Lunch will be provided.

Confirmation parents: the new **acolyte schedule** is available via Google docs or posted by Paula's office. Please sign up your students today! Questions? Contact Paula.

If you are looking for a safe **place to walk inside** out of the cold weather, you are welcome to come here and use the church to do so.

The **2025 offering envelopes** are available. They are on a table in the hallway by the nursery. If you don't find yours, contact the office or write your name on the sheet of paper provided by the offering envelopes.

Order of Service

“Promises”

Prelude

Hymn “Praise the Source Who Sang Creation” (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie pp. 184-185 (vv. 1,4)

Hymn of Praise pp. 185-186

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Special Music “One Small Child”
Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147 (screen)

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Verse “Of the Father’s Love” Pastor Bill

Gospel Reading John 1:1-3a, 10-18

Children’s Message/Dollar-A-Day/Junior Church
Dollar-A-Day monies will be used to finish paying for the new curtain in the gym and for new carpeting in the building.

Hymn “Arise, Your Light Has Come!” #314 (red)

Sermon

Hymn “All is Ready Now” #4 (purple)

Announcements

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord’s Prayer (screen)

Communion

“All are Welcome” (screen)

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #275 (red)

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” #810 (red)

“Standing on the Promises” (screen)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn “We Are Marching in the Light” #866 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 29
Second Reading	Acts 8:14-17
Gospel Reading	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22