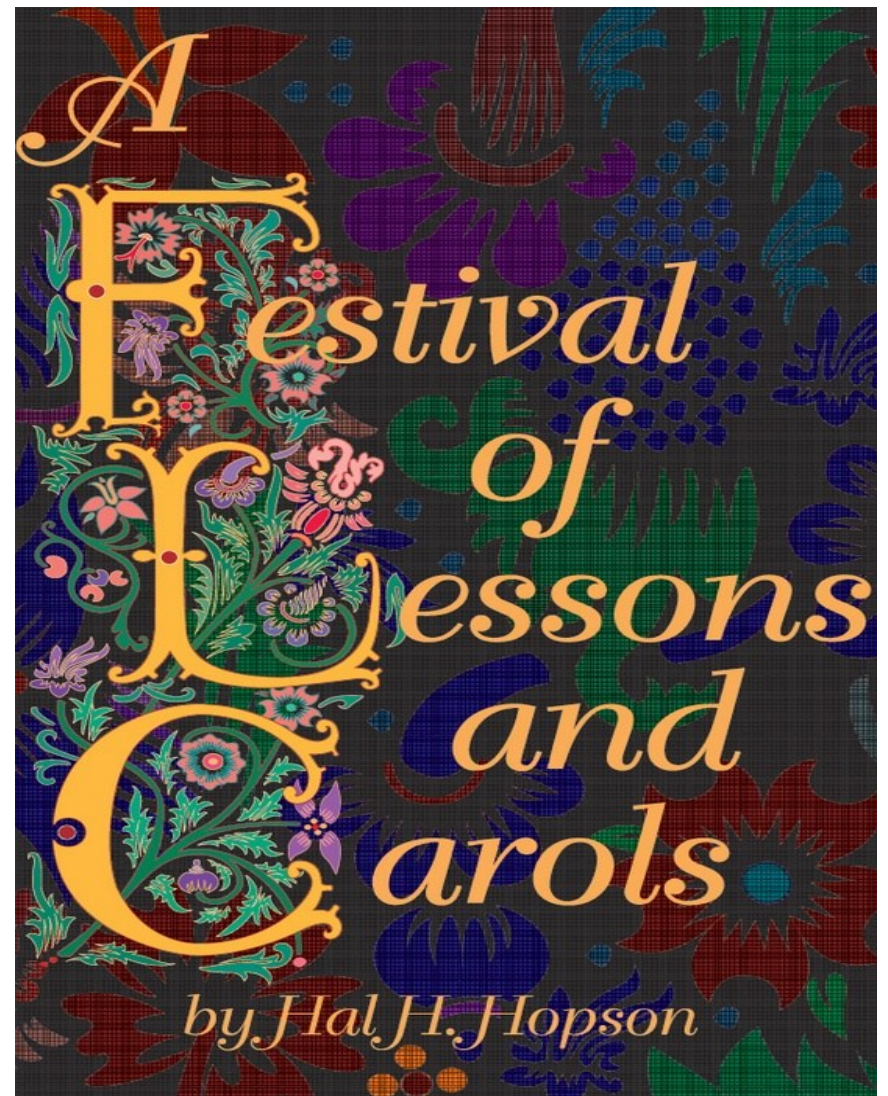


Activity	Location
<b>Sunday 12/22/2024</b>	
9:15 a.m. Confirmation	Gallery
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation	Family Life Center
10:30 a.m. Worship/Children's Program	Sanctuary & Online
6:00 p.m. Listening for the Word	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Monday 12/23/2024</b>	
11:30 p.m. Quilters 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
<b>Tuesday 12/24/2024</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary & Online
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary & Online
<b>Wednesday 12/25/2024</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Merry Christmas!</b>	
<b>Thursday 12/26/2024</b>	
10:00 a.m. Rental—Sutton	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
<b>Friday 12/27/2024</b>	<b>Building Closed Until 11:00 a.m.</b>
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Saturday 12/28/2024</b>	



**Lessons in Carols**  
**Sunday, December 22, 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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## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/22

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Diane Madej
<b>Lector</b> Sun 10:30 a.m.	Listed in Bulletin
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Teri Gust, Lori Archer
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ethan Lucht
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jeff Lucht
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerson, Joe Labiak
	Tara Plekes
	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.	Dick Miller and Stella Dial
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Amber Thomas
<b>Bus Driver</b> Pick Up	Mike Sweet
<b>Bus Driver</b> Drop Off	

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/29

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joel Dulyea
<b>Lector</b> Sun 10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling, Sandy Young
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
<b>Head Usher</b>	Open
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Phil Sielski, Bonnie Nolan
	Liam Simons
	Holly Stewart
<b>Junior Church</b>	Phil Sielski, Mike Sweet
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Nate Johnston
<b>Sound System</b>	Connie Larson, Bev Uetrict
<b>Information Stations</b>	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
<b>Counters</b>	Connie Larson
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Connie Larson
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie Larson
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Barb Bonifield
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Amber Thomas
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The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in memory of her husband Phil Pellerin.

Eighth Reading          Matthew 2:1-11          Sande Borushko

Peace/Offering

Song                      “From A Distant Home”                      Choir

Ninth Reading                  John 1:1-14                  Eva Backus

Communion Liturgy

	<u>Communion</u>	
	“All are Welcome”	(screen)
	“He Came Down”	#253 (red)
	“Once in Royal David’s City”	#269 (red)
	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	#276 (red)
	“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”	#284 (red)
	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	#290 (red)

Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn                      “Joy to the World”                      v.1 children

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

## 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.*

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!

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.

**There will be no Thursday night service** next Thursday, December 26th.

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

**No faith formation classes** on December 29. We will reconvene on January 5.

There will be **no Thursday Bible** study this coming Thursday (December 26). Wednesday (6:10 p.m.) and Thursday (noon) studies will start up again on January 2 (Thursday) and January 8 (Wednesday.)

**Thank you** for your continued **generosity** with our **Adopt-A-Family tree**. This year we served 18 families, which meant we had 80 tags to fill, doubling our usual amount. Your kindness is overwhelming!

### Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm	148
Second Reading	Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:41-52

# Order of Service

## “Lessons in Carols”

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>“Away in a Manger”</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Prepare, Prepare!”</b>	<b>(screen)</b>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</b>	<b>v.1 children</b>
<b>Prayers</b>		
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Genesis 3:8-15</b>	<b>Mary Beth Liskey</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“God Walked in Eden’s Garden Fair”</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Genesis 22:15-18</b>	<b>Holly Stewart</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“The God of Abr’am Praise”</b>	<b>(booklet)</b>
<b>Third Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:2,6,7</b>	<b>Barb Elliott</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Fourth Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9</b>	<b>John Jack</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Fifth Reading</b>	<b>Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38</b>	<b>Leaders</b>
<b>The Magnificat</b>		<b>(next page) ⇨</b>
<b>Sixth Reading</b>	<b>Matthew 1:18-23</b>	<b>Mike Sweet</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Seventh Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 2:8-16</b>	<b>Phil Sielski and children</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</b>	<b>v. 1 children</b>

### The Magnificat Luke 1: 46-55

*All:*

1.3. My soul pro-claims your  
2. You have cast the might-y

great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in  
down from their thrones, and up lift-ed the hum-ble of

you, heart, You have looked with love on your  
You have filled the hun-gry with

ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,  
Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,

strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more.  
strong is your jus-tice strong your love,

How you fa-vor the weak and low-ly one,  
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah and A-bra-ham,

hum-bling the proud of heart.  
kind-ness for-ev-er more.

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