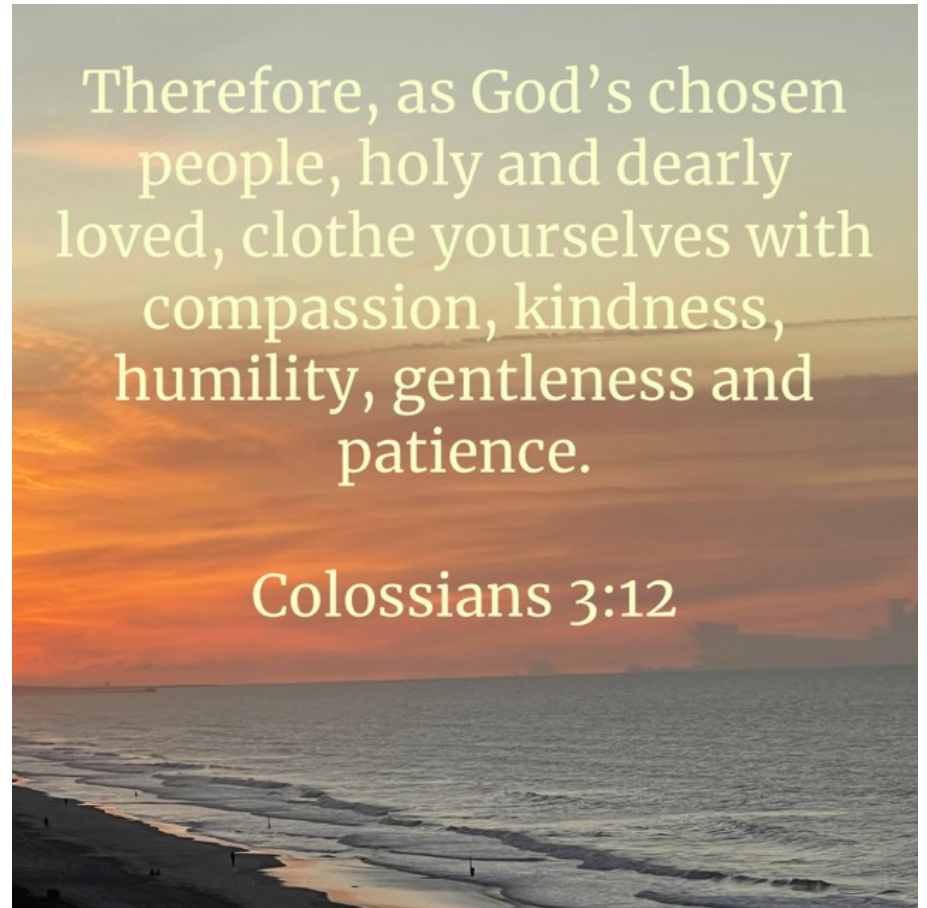


Activity	Location
Sunday 12/29/2024	
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Monday 12/30/2024	
11:30 p.m. Quilters Group	Quilt Room
6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Tuesday 12/31/2024	Bulletin Deadline
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
Wednesday 01/01/2025	Office Closed
Happy New Year!	
Thursday 01/02/2025	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
3:00 p.m. Clipper Preservation Meeting	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
Friday 01/03/2025	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 01/04/2025	
8:30 a.m. Care Team Meeting	Gallery



1 Christmas
Sunday, December 29, 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 Dick Miller in honor of his granddaughter Angela Martin.

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/29

Assisting Minister	Joel Dulyea
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling, Sandy Young
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
Head Usher	Open
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Phil Sielski, Bonnie Nolan
	Open
Junior Church	Holly Stewart
Song Leaders	Phil Sielski, Mike Sweet
Sound System	Nate Johnston
Information Stations	Connie Larson, Gary Hansen
Counters	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Communion Bread	Connie Larson
Communion Set-Up	Connie Larson
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Connie Larson
Coffee Hour Hosts	Barb Bonifield
Bus Driver Pick Up	Amber Thomas
Bus Driver Drop Off	Mike Sweet

THOSE WHO SERVE 01/05

Assisting Minister	Paula Dusseljee
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Annette Jack
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Stan Daszko, Diane Kroll
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
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
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Some Fun Facts About Christmas That You Never Knew You Needed to Know

- ◆ Italian children receive presents from a Christmas witch named La Befana.
 - ◆ “Jingle Bells” was the first ever song played in space.
 - ◆ All the presents in the 12 days of Christmas add up to 364.
 - ◆ Christmas decorating sends nearly 15,000 people to the ER.
 - ◆ Christmas tree lights were invented in 1882. No, not by Thomas Edison, but by Edward Johnson.
 - ◆ The song “Silent Night” was originally a lullaby.
- “A Christmas Carol” is the most adapted story in film history. There is a total of 135 versions of this movie!
- ◆ “Tinsel was originally made from lead!”
 - ◆ Donner and Blitzen originally were named Dunder and Blixem, which is German for thunder and lightning.

Announcements

Wednesday night dinners will resume on January 8th, 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 coffee hour.

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.

Bible studies resume on January 2 (Thursday) and January 8 (Wednesday.)

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

The church office and building will be **closed all day** on Wednesday, January 1 for **New Year’s Day**.

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.

The First Lutheran staff would like to thank the congregation for your generous financial gift at Christmas time. It is truly a joy to serve you all.

Order of Service

"Growing Up"

Prelude

Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" #269 (red)

Greeting (screen)

Hymn of Praise "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #275 (red)

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Special Music "Welcome to Our World" Sande Borushko

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52

Children's Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church
This month's noisy offering will benefit Muskegon Rescue Mission.

Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #276 (red)

Sermon

Hymn "What Child Is This" #296 (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)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #279 (red)

"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" #284 (red)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #288 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" #290 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm	Psalm 147:12-20
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading	John 1: [1-9] 10-18