

| Activity   | Location                   |
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| <b>Sunday 12/01/2024</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 p.m. Bells                                 | Sanctuary                  |
| 5:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight                  | Fellowship Hall            |
| 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting                             | First Floor Education Room |
| <b>Monday 12/02/2024</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 12/03/2024      Bulletin Deadline</b> |                            |
| 9:00 a.m. Pickleball                             | Family Life Center         |
| 11:30 a.m. MARSP Meeting                         | Fellowship Hall            |
| 4:30 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal              | Sanctuary                  |
| 6:00 p.m. Lion's Club Christmas Party            | Family Life Center         |
| 6:30 p.m. Choir                                  | Music Room                 |
| 9:30 p.m. Compline                               | Facebook                   |
| <b>Wednesday 12/04/2024</b>                      |                            |
| 9:00 a.m. SHOP Group                             | Gallery                    |
| 9:00 a.m. Pickleball                             | Family Life Center         |
| 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting                         | Gallery                    |
| 3:00 p.m. Clipper Preserv. Auction Comm.         | Gallery                    |
| 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner                 | Fellowship Hall            |
| 6:00 p.m. Grief Share Group                      | Upper Room                 |
| 6:15 p.m. Advent Worship Service                 | Sanctuary                  |
| <b>Thursday 12/05/2024</b>                       |                            |
| 12:00 p.m. Bible Study                           | Gallery                    |
| 3:00 p.m. Clipper Preserv. Group Meeting         | Gallery                    |
| 4:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting              | Upper Room                 |
| 6:00 p.m. Worship                                | Sanctuary                  |
| 7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class                      | Family Life Center         |
| <b>Friday 12/06/2024</b>                         |                            |
| 6:00 p.m. Baton Class                            | Family Life Center         |
| 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting                             | First Floor Education Room |
| <b>Saturday 12/07/2024</b>                       |                            |
| 8:30 a.m. Care Team Meeting                      | Gallery                    |
| 11:00 a.m. Rental—Barb Elliott                   | Family Life Center         |



**1 Advent**  
**Sunday, December 01, 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.

## CONTACT US

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The flowers on the altar are given by Bonnie Gouine in memory of her Dad’s birthday.

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/01

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>      | Paula Dusseljee              |
| <b>Lector</b> Sun 10:30 a.m.   | Laura Lucht                  |
| <b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.  | Ed & Deb Wosinski            |
| <b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m. | Ethan Lucht                  |
| <b>Head Usher</b>              | Open                         |
| <b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.   | Bill & Jan Naymick           |
|                                | Jan James                    |
|                                | Nate Johnston                |
| <b>Junior Church</b>           | Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott |
| <b>Song Leaders</b>            | Karl Ziemelis                |
| <b>Sound System</b>            | Jean Boxer, Bev Uetricht     |
| <b>Information Stations</b>    | Diana Duell, Val Barnes      |
| <b>Counters</b>                | Connie Larson                |
| <b>Communion Bread</b>         | Connie Larson                |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>        | Deb Wosinski                 |
| Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.        | Jerry & Robbin Dibble        |
| <b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>       | Amber Thomas                 |
| <b>Bus Driver</b> Pick Up      | Mike Sweet                   |
| <b>Bus Driver</b> Drop Off     |                              |

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/08

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

## Announcements

This weeks **Wednesday Night Dinner** will be hosted by our confirmation kids. They will be serving hot diggity-dogs, mac and cheese, salad and dessert. Proceeds from the dinner will go to Noah's Project.

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

**Join us this evening for Advent by Candlelight:** Speak with Paula if you have any questions about this event.

We have started a **new adult faith formation** class on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. titled "**The Church Calendar and the Tyranny of Time**". Join us!

Our **congregational meeting** to approve our 2025 budget and to elect officers takes place on December 8 after worship.

The **middle school and high school Christmas progressive dinner** will take place on Sunday, December 8 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tell Paula Dusseljee or Emma Johnston if you would like to attend.

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.

**Reeths-Puffer's choral groups** will perform a Christmas concert here as a part of our Wednesday night dinner on December 11th. The concert will begin at 6:15 p.m.

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

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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.

**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.

# Order of Service

## “Our Redemption Draws Near”

- Prelude
- Hymn                    “Prepare, Prepare!”                    (screen)
- Order of Confession                    (screen)
- Kyrie                    (screen)
- Greeting                    (screen)
- Salutation/Prayer of the Day
- Special Music                    “Lost in the Light”                    Choir
- First Reading                    Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Second Reading                    1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Gospel Verse                    “Wait for the Lord”                    (screen)
- Gospel Reading                    Luke 21:25-36
- Children’s Message/Dollar-A-Day/Junior Church  
*Dollar-A-Day monies are being used to finish paying off the new curtain in the gym.*
- Hope is a Star/Responsive Litany                    (screen)

When God is a child there’s joy in our song. The last shall be  
 first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall  
 be a - fraid, none shall be a - fraid.

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- Sermon
- Hymn                    “My Lord, What a Morning”                    #438 (red)
- Nicene Creed                    (screen)
- Announcements/Prayers/Peace
- Offering/Offerory Prayer
- Great Thanksgiving                    (screen)
- Holy, Holy                    (screen)
- The Lord’s Prayer                    (screen)
- Communion
- “All are Welcome”                    (screen)
- “Lamb of God”                    p. 191 (red)
- “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”                    #257 (red)  
(vv. 1-6)
- “He Came Down”                    #253 (red)
- “Blessing, Honor, and Glory”                    #433 (red)
- Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer
- Hymn    “Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242 (red)
- Benediction/Dismissal
- Postlude

### Readings for Next Weekend

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| First Reading  | Malachi 3:1-4      |
| Psalm          | Luke 1:68-79       |
| Second Reading | Philippians 1:3-11 |
| Gospel Reading | Luke 3:1-6         |