

Activity	Location
<b>Sunday 12/17/2023</b>	
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation	Upstairs and FLC
10:30 a.m. Worship/Christmas Program	Sanctuary & Online
5:00 p.m. Confirmation/Youth Xmas Party	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Monday 12/18/2023</b>	
12:00 p.m. Quilt 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 12/19/2023      Bulletin Deadline</b>	
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
3:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Lions Club	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook
<b>Wednesday 12/20/2023</b>	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Grief Share Group	Upper Room
5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling	Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday 12/21/2023</b>	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
<b>Friday 12/22/2023</b>	
6:00 p.m. Baton Class	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Saturday 12/23/2023</b>	



# THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**3 Advent**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
**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 were given by Katie Neel in honor of Marci Neel.

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/17

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joel Westerholm
<b>Lector</b> Sun 10:30 a.m.	Not Needed
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Diane Kroll, Erin Schmitz
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Megan Badley, Bridget O'Connor
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Phil Sielski, Bonnie Nolan
	Mark Thogerson
<b>Junior Church</b>	No Junior Church
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
<b>Sound System</b>	Karl Ziemelis
<b>Information Station</b>	Gary Hansen, Amy Badley
<b>Counters</b>	Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Lisa Le
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Lisa Le
<b>Clean-Up</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lisa Le
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Dennis DeVries
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Stan Daszko

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (10:30 a.m. Service)

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>Lector</b> Sun 10:30 a.m.	Diane Madej
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Annette Jack, Mark Thogerson
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Emily Lucht, Elizabeth Lucht
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Steve Byrd, Joe Labiak, Ben Werling
<b>Junior Church</b>	Emma Johnston
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Phil Sielski, Mike Sweet
<b>Sound System</b>	Mark Besteman
<b>Information Station</b>	Bev Uetrict, Ruth Basch
<b>Counters</b>	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Carl Luther
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Mary Will
<b>Clean-Up</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Pat Westjohn
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	John and Robin Policka
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Jerry Mattson

The eternal candle is given by Anna Alderman in memory of Ernest Alderman.

## Christmas Week Schedule

**December 24 No Faith Formation Classes**  
**10:30 a.m.—Worship Service**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services**  
**7:00 p.m.—Nursery Provided**  
**11:00 p.m.—No Nursery**

**Join us for special music 15 minutes prior to both services.**

**December 25 Church Office Closed**

**December 26 Church Office Closed**

**December 31 Worship Service—10:30 a.m.**

**January 1 Church Office Closed**

### **THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (p.m. Services)**

<b>Assisting Minister (7:00 and 11:00 p.m.)</b>	Paula Dusseljee
<b>Lector 7:00 p.m.</b>	Laura Lucht
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Shar Bourdon
<b>Servers 7:00 p.m.</b>	Diane Madej
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Ed & Deb Wosinski
<b>Acolytes 7:00 p.m.</b>	Michael Thomas, Taela Plekes
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Open
<b>Ushers 7:00 p.m.</b>	Jeff Lucht
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Open
<b>Song Leaders 7:00 p.m.</b>	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Eva Backus, Joel Westerholm
<b>Sound System 7:00 p.m.</b>	Karl Ziemelis
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Karl Ziemelis
<b>Information Station</b>	N/A
<b>Counters</b>	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
<b>Communion Bread 7:00 p.m.</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>Communion Set-Up 7:00 p.m.</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>Clean-Up 7:00 p.m.</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>11:00 p.m.</b>	Wosinski Family

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**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, Elise, Emma, Lisa, Karl, Tom, Jeff and Laura Lucht, and Amber. You may place monetary gifts in the collection plate (in a separate envelope marked: “Staff Christmas Gift”), or give them to Lorey in the office. 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. Please have your gifts in no later than December 17.

**Join us for Christmas caroling** on Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m.

**Looking for a place to walk during the winter months?** Utilize our gym or the rest of our facility for your walking routine. Just check with the office in advance to make sure that the facility is available.

There will **not be a Wednesday night dinner** on December 20th, December 27, and January 3.

All members of **church council and our ministry teams** are reminded of our leadership retreat on January 20 from 10:15-1:15 here at the church.

We have a new banner in the Family Life Center which extends the history of First Lutheran Church into the 2020s. The following people helped make it possible.

#### **Research:**

Anna Alderman  
 Annette Jack  
 Erin Schmitz  
 Mary Schoonover  
 Paula Dusseljee  
 Pastor Bill Uetracht

#### **Computer file Preparation:**

Rhonda Smith

#### **Installation**

Wayne Halpin

#### **Project Coordinator**

John Jack

Please do not put any equipment in front of the Banner so it can be seen.

# Order of Service

“Someone’s Coming”

Prelude

Hymn “Prepare, Prepare!” (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Message/Noisy Offering/Candle Lighting

*This month’s noisy offering will benefit our Helping Hand fund.*

First Reading (6:00 p.m.) Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11

Psalm “The Magnificat” (insert)

Second Reading (6:00 p.m.) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Verse (6:00 p.m.) (screen)

Gospel Reading (6:00 p.m.) John 1:6-8,19-28

Sermon (6:00 p.m.)

Hymn (6:00 p.m.) “People Look East” #248 (red)

Christmas Program (10:30 a.m.)

Hymn (10:30 a.m.) “Joy to the World” #267 (red)  
(vv. 1,4)

Nicene Creed (6:00 p.m.) (screen)

Announcements

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord’s Prayer (screen)

## Communion

“All Are Welcome” (screen)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #257 (red)  
(vv. 1-4,8)

“Love Has Come” #292 (red)

“What Feast of Love” #487 (red)

“Lo, How A Rose” #272 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Song (6:00 p.m.) “Joy to the World” #267 (red)

Song (10:30 p.m.) “Go Tell it on the Mountain” #290 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

## Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading 2 Sam 7:1-11,16

Psalm Luke 1: 46b-55

Second Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38