

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
<b>Sunday 12/24/2023</b>	
10:30a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
7:00p.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
11:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
<b>Monday 12/25/2023 CLOSED ALL DAY MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Tuesday 12/26/2023 Bulletin Deadline Office Closed</b>	
2:00 p.m. Open Gym for Kids	Family Life Center
<b>Wednesday 12/27/2023</b>	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
4:00 p.m.. Grief Share Group	Upper Room
<b>Thursday 12/28/2023</b>	
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Private Rental	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
<b>Friday 12/29/2023</b>	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Saturday 12/30/2023</b>	



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF Advent LOVE

**4 Advent**  
**Thursday, December 21, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 24, 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 Ruthanne Tietsoort in memory of her mom and dad.

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (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

## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/31

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Diane Madej
<b>Lector</b> Sun 10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerson
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lori Archer, Bert Goodman
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Donn Werling, Ben Werling, Jeff Lucht
<b>Junior Church</b>	Sue Besteman
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
<b>Sound System</b>	Nate Johnson
<b>Information Station</b>	Jean Boxer, Stan Dasko
<b>Counters</b>	Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Connie Larson
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie Larson
<b>Clean-Up</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Connie Larson
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Jan James, Cindy McClurken
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Rob Montgomery

The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in memory of her husband Phil Pellerin.

## Christmas Week Schedule

**December 24**

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

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

We will **not have Bible study** on Thursday, December 27.

There will **not be Wednesday night dinners or any programs** on December 20th, December 27, and January 3.

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

**Ski club will begin again** on Friday, January 5th at Caberfae Ski Resort. More details will be coming, but if you have questions contact Amy Badley at abadley40@gmail.com.

**Ministry chairs** are reminded to **turn their annual reports** into Lorey, our parish administrator, by Sunday, January 14. These will be shared at our annual meeting.

Our **annual meeting** will be held on **Sunday January 28** following worship. A **chili and soup cook-off** will accompany the meeting. Plan on bringing your famous chili or soup to this fun event.

A new **Tuesday class titled “Faith and Civic Life”** will begin on January 16 at 11:00 a.m. This class will explore how our faith shapes issues of public and social importance. Is it possible for Christians to talk about politics and religion? And how do we do so?

**Christmas Break Open Gym:** The gym will be open from 2-4pm on Tuesday, December 26 and Tuesday, January 2 for parents/ caregivers to bring their kids. No formal activities or games, just time and space to burn off some energy and get out of the house!

# Order of Service

“Someone’s Here”

Prelude

Hymn “Prepare, Prepare!” (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Prayer of the Day (screen)

Special Music “Peace on Earth” Kati O’Grady

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38

Light One Candle (screen)

**Children’s Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church**  
*This month’s noisy offering will benefit our Helping Hand fund.*

Song “Away in the Manger” #277 (red)

Sermon “Magnificat” (insert)

Hymn “Hear the Angels” #57 (purple)

Announcements

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offering Music “Christmas Medley” Kati O’Grady

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord’s Prayer (screen)

## Communion

“All Are Welcome” (screen)

“What Child is This” #296 (red)

“Joy to the World” #267 (red)

“Once in Royal David’s City” #269 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Song “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” #288 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

## Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Psalm Psalm 148

Second Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40