

Activity	Location
<b>Sunday 12/31/2023</b>	
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Monday 01/01/2024 Office Closed All Day</b>	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Tuesday 01/02/2024 Bulletin Deadline</b>	
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
2:00 p.m. Open Gym for Kids	Family Life Center
3:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Lions Club	Fellowship Hall
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook
<b>Wednesday 01/03/2024</b>	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Grief Share Group	Upper Room
6:00 p.m. Berry Junction Trail Meeting	Gallery
<b>Thursday 01/04/2024</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 01/05/2024</b>	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
<b>Saturday 01/06/2024</b>	
8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting	Gallery



<p><b>1 Christmas</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, December 28, 2023</b></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, December 31, 2023</b></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b></p>
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# 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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## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/31

### Assisting Minister

**Lector** Sun 10:30 a.m.  
**Servers** Sun.10:30 a.m.  
**Acolytes** Sun.10:30 a.m.  
**Ushers** Sun.10:30 a.m.

Diane Madej  
Mark Thogerson  
Lori Archer, Bert Goodman  
Matthew Besteman  
Donn & Ben Werling  
Jeff Lucht

### Junior Church

**Song Leaders**  
**Sound System**  
**Information Station**  
**Counters**

Susan Besteman  
Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub  
Nate Johnston  
Stan Daszko, Jean Boxer  
Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty  
Connie Larson  
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**Communion Bread**  
**Communion Set-Up**

Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.

### Coffee Hour Host

### Bus Driver

Jan James, Cindy McClurken  
Rob Montgomery

## THOSE WHO SERVE 01/07

### Assisting Minister

**Lector** Sun 10:30 a.m.  
**Servers** Sun.10:30 a.m.  
**Acolytes** Sun.10:30 a.m.  
**Ushers** Sun.10:30 a.m.

Joel Westerholm  
Laura Lucht  
Annette Jack, Laura Lucht  
Emily & Elizabeth Lucht  
Steve Byrd, Jeff Lucht

### Junior Church

**Song Leaders**  
**Sound System**  
**Information Station**  
**Counters**

Joe Labiak  
Laura Lucht  
Phil Sielski, Mike Sweet  
Jeff Thomas  
Lisa Le, Connie Larson  
Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell

**Communion Bread**  
**Communion Set-Up**

Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.

### Coffee Hour Host

### Bus Driver

Lisa Le  
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Open  
Jeff Thomas

The eternal candle is given by Dick Miller in memory of his brothers James and Neal Miller.



On Saturday, January 14, starting at 11:00 a.m. there will be a meetup at the Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park for **Pre-K through 5th grade youth** and their families. Join us for:

- ♦ A Bonfire with hotdogs, chips, marshmallows, and hot chocolate.
- ♦ Hiking will be available and if there is snow, passes for winter activities can be purchased on-site.

If interested, contact Emma Johnston: [emma@firstlutheranmuskegon.org](mailto:emma@firstlutheranmuskegon.org)

**Confirmation and Middle School students** will meet at the Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park on Wednesday, January 3 from noon-3:00 p.m.

- ♦ We will hike and have lunch around the firepit.
- ♦ If there is snow, the kids are welcome to participate in snowshoeing, skiing, or skating.

Passes for those activities can be purchased on site.

If interested, contact Paul Dusseljee: [paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org](mailto:paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org), or Emma Johnston: [emma@firstlutheranmuskegon.org](mailto:emma@firstlutheranmuskegon.org).

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

There will **not** be **Wednesday night dinners** or any programs on 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. The dates will be January 5, 19th, February 2, 16, and March 1st. If you have questions contact Amy Badley at [abadley40@gmail.com](mailto: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 the cook-off.

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, 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!

**Wednesday night Bible study** at 6:05 p.m. will resume on January 10.

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

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# Order of Service

## “ExtraORDINARY”

Prelude

Hymn “What Child is This?” #296 (red)

Greeting (screen)

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

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music “Joy Beyond All Sorrow” The Werlings

First Reading Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Verse “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #276 (red)

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40

Children’s Message/Noisy Offering/Candle Lighting  
*This week’s noisy offering will benefit our discretionary fund.*

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #279 (red)  
(vv. 1-3)

Sermon

Hymn “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” #284 (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)  
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” #282 (red)  
“Once in Royal David’s City” #269 (red)  
“One Bread, One Body” #496 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Song “The First Noel” #300 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

### Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm	29
Second	Acts 19:1-7
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:4-11