

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
Sunday 08/31/2025	
10:00 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Monday 09/01/2025 Labor Day—Office Closed	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Tuesday 09/02/2025 Bulletin Deadline	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:30 a.m. Grow a Little Reader Program	Nursery
10:00 a.m. Lion's Board Meeting	Gallery
11:30 a.m. MARSP Meeting	Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. New Bells Class	Music Room
6:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Grief Share Group	Gallery
9:30 p.m. Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 09/03/2025	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
Thursday 09/04/2025	
9:00 a.m. Read Muskegon-ABC's of Cooking	Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. P.E.O. Group	Gallery
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 09/05/2025	
4:00 p.m. Lion's Club	Gallery
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 09/06/2025	
9:00 a.m. Care Team Meeting	Gallery
10:00 a.m. Lion's Club	Library

"Faith provides what finances never can—
peace"



12 Pentecost
Thursday, August 28, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 31, 2025
10:00 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 are given by Ruth Basch in honor of Larry Basch.

THOSE WHO SERVE 08/28 and 08/31

Assisting Minister

Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

Lector Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Servers Sun.10:00 a.m.

Acolytes Sun.10:00 a.m.

Head Usher

Ushers Sun.10:00 a.m.

Joel Westerholm

Chris Patterson

Bonnie Nolan

Annette Jack, Lori Archer

Open

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Liam Simons, Jeff Lucht

Kathryn Hall

Alicia Alger

Eva Backus, Joel Westerholm

Karl Ziemelis

Robin Policka, Jean Boxer

Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell

Connie Larson

Connie Larson

Clean-Up Sun.10:00 a.m.

Connie Larson

Open

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bus Driver Pick Up

Amber Thomas

Bus Driver Drop Off

Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 09/04 and 09/07

Assisting Minister

Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

Lector Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.

Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.

Head Usher

Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.

Paula Dusseljee

Sandy Young

Bonnie Gouine

Diane Madej, Dona Gilbert

Open

Open

Bonnie Nolan, Phil Sielski

Matthew Badley

Emma Johnston

Open

Karl Ziemelis

Connie Larson, Bev Uetrich

Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty

Connie Larson

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

Connie Larson

Church Picnic

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bus Driver Pick Up

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Announcements

This year we will host a **one-night marriage retreat** at Bethlehem Lutheran and the Drury Inn in Grand Rapids on October 24-25. Plan to join us. A sign-up sheet for this event can be found at either information station.

Our first adult faith formation class for the Fall is titled "Life and Death, Heaven and Hell: Your Future and Ours." Please join us at 9:30 in the gym starting Sunday, September 7. Faith formation actually will begin at 9:15, but the adults will be given 15 minutes to socialize.

It is time to sign up for the annual **Women's Retreat** being held on September 19-21 at Grace Adventures in Mears. Cost is \$135 (includes meals). Sign up soon at either information station. For more information, contact Paula Dusseljee.

All students of any age are invited to **bring your backpack** to church on **Sunday, September 7** as we bless the students, teachers, and staff as they enter a new academic year.

Confirmation classes will begin on September 7 at 9:15 a.m. Contact Paula Dusseljee or Pastor Bill if you have a child who is in 6th-8th grade who might be eligible for confirmation.

Our next **new members' class** will start on October 1 at 6:10 p.m. It will meet for four weeks. Contact Pastor Bill if you are interested.

Sunday worship returns to 10:30 starting next Sunday, September 7.

If you would like to join us to experience the **installation of our new synodical bishop** Julie Schneider-Thomas on September 13, sign up at either information station. We will take the bus, if there is enough interest, leaving the church by 2:30.

Please **remember the church** with your generous **financial gifts**. Our financial situation is not as good as it once was.

Join us for the **CROP Hunger Walk**, taking place in downtown Muskegon on October 5, 2024 starting at noon. This is a community-led interfaith event that raises funds to end hunger locally and around the world. Contact Paula at paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org or Holly Stewart at hstewart1107@hotmail.com to get your packets.

Join us for Faith formation at 9:15 on Sunday, September 7. This is for all ages!

It is time to start working on your special, secret and spiffy act for "Three Courses"– our Fall Variety Show

When is it? Friday, October 17

What time? 6:00 p.m.

Course 1 Hors d'oeuvres

Course 2 A talent Smorgasborg

Course 3 Intermission & Sweet treats!

See Shar Bourdon if you have a talent you want to share!

The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in honor of her granddaughter Carly's birthday.

Our Annual Church Picnic will take place on September 7 after worship

- Join us for hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks, which will be provided by our Fellowship Ministry. Please bring a dish to share.
- There will also be a bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn, and games for the whole family.
- Please consider donating a whole pie to be auctioned off during the picnic. The pie auction will raise money for the Love Café. Sign-up sheets for bakers are at either information station.

Order of Service

"Party Protocol"

Prelude

Song "Gather Us In" #532 (red)

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie

VERSES: Solo



1. God, Cre - a - tor, El - o - him, Yah - weh, I Am
2. God with us, Im - man - u - el, Bread of Life and
3. God of all com - pas - sion, All Em-brac - ing



who I Am, El Roi, the God who sees,
Liv - ing Well, Faith - ful Shep - herd, Love who leads,
Pa - tient One, Shap - er of all beau - ty,



ALL

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grant us mer - cy.
grant us mer - cy.
grant us mer - cy.

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Hymn of Praise

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Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Special Music "A Million Dreams" Rob Sundberg

First Reading Proverbs 25:6-7

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, glo-ry to God in the high - est,



glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to God's be - lov-



1. after 1st verse - ed, peace to all. to verse 2 Be -



2. after 2nd verse

ed, peace to all.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, glo-ry to God in the high - est,



glo-ry to God in the high - est! A - men.

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Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm Psalm 1


Second Reading Philemon 1-21

Gospel Reading Luke 14: 25-33


Hymn of Praise

Gloria: Glory to God


Solo or ALL



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, glo-ry to God in the high - est,



glo - ry to God in the high - - - est!



Peace to God's be - lov - ed, peace to all. ____

VERSES: ALL



1. We lift our hearts now to wor - ship you, and we
2. Be - yond our know - ing, be - yond our sight, far be -



lift our song to glo - ri - fy you, ____ our
yond our dreams, Great My - st'ry and Might! O



voic - es rais - ing in joy - ful praise to the
Sing - ing Word, Ho - ly Pulse and Breath, Source of



Sculpt - or of skies, the Fount - ain of Life!
All Mel - o - dy: One Cho - rus of Love!

Gospel Verse

1st time: Solo
2nd time: ALL



Al - le, al - le - lu - ia, al - le, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le, al - le - lu - - - ia!

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Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1,7-14

Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering/Summer Bible Adventure

This month's noisy offering will benefit Read Muskegon and Kids Belong.

Song

"Make Me a Servant"

#96 (purple)

Sermon

Hymn

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

#523 (red)

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

(screen)

Holy, Holy

(next page) ➡

The Lord's Prayer

(screen)

Communion

"All Are Welcome"

(screen)

"Come to the Table"

#481 (red)

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" #712 (red)

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" #479 (red)

"Lord of All Hopefulness" #765 (red)

Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #674 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ALL

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly O God of Sha - lom.

— Cre - a - tion sings and the cos - mos rings with Your glo -

ry, Your glo — ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high — est!

Bless-ed are You, O God — of all love and light! — Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-

san - na in the high - est! A - men.

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More Announcements

The Habitat House that we have been working on will be ready for siding after Labor Day. If you have experience with putting up siding, contact Kent Johnson at 231-670-7758.

We need **coffee hour hosts**. Please **sign up** on the sheet on the information station by the office.

Can you hammer a nail? Screw in a screw? Change a lightbulb? Power-wash, weed, trim bushes, fix things that are broken? If you can do any of those things then our **SHOP (Seniors Helping Our Parish) group needs you!** They meet every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and are essential in keeping repair and maintenance costs down here at the church. If you can do any of the things listed above or have other 'fix-it' talents, please consider coming on Tuesdays and helping out.

Wednesday Night Dinners will be starting back up on October 1st. Alice Habina is asking for some of our **ministries or other groups** to host an evening. Please contact Alice if you are willing to help at 914-262-5523.

We are still **collecting school supplies** for both **Read Muskegon** and **Kids Belong**. Place your donations in containers by either information station.

Grieving a loss? Grief Share will help you find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Weekly support sessions will begin here on Tuesday, September 2nd from 6:00—7:30 p.m. This is a 13-week grief recovery support group. Questions? Contact Paula Dusseljee: paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org, or Evie DiPiazza: evie.dipiazza@gmail.com

Rehearsal for choir begins on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. If you are thinking of joining, please stop in to any of our practices or see Shar. All are welcome!

Bell choir practices return on Sunday, September 14 after worship.