

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Activity

### Location

#### Sunday 09/07/2025

9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir-Pre-K through 5th	
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Church Picnic	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

#### Monday 09/08/2025

12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Quilt Room
3:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Board Meeting	Gallery
5:00 p.m. P.E.O. Group	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

#### Tuesday 09/09/2025

#### Bulletin Deadline

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:30 a.m. 1st on 2nd Quilt Group	Gallery
9:30 a.m. Lion's Club Board Meeting	Library
10:00 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. Grief Share Group	Gallery
9:30 p.m. Compline	Facebook

#### Wednesday 09/10/2025

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery

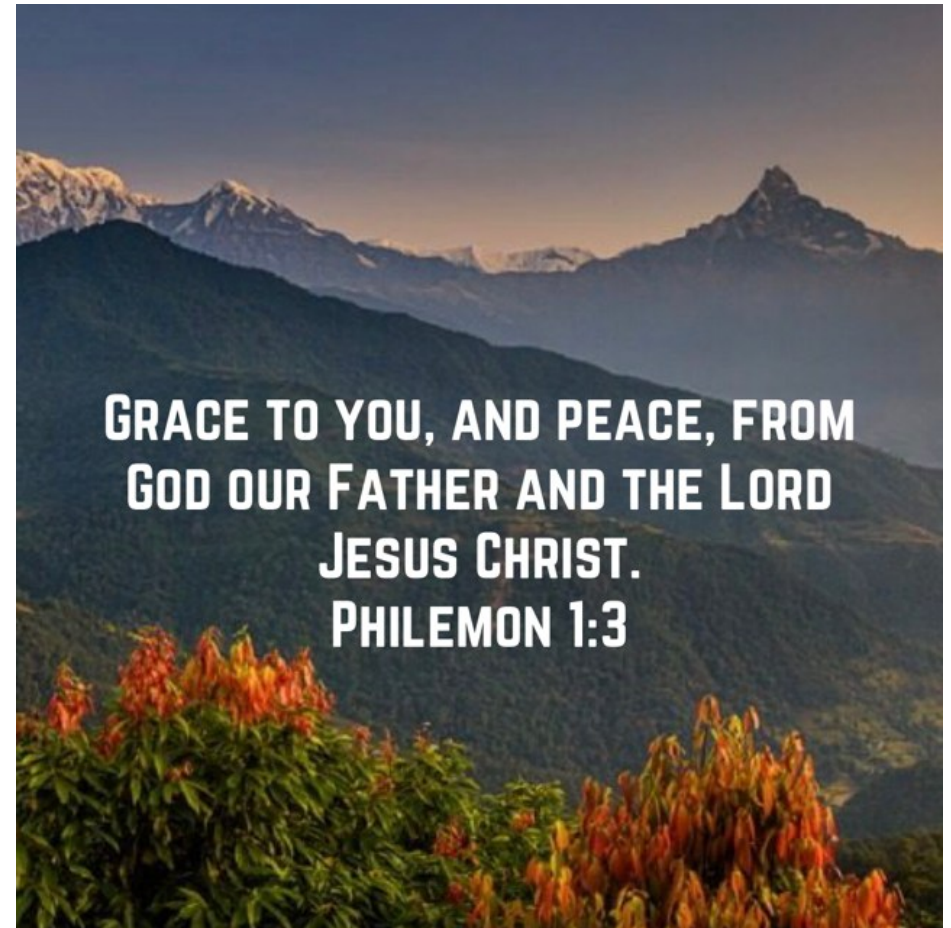
#### Thursday 09/11/2025

9:00 a.m. Read Muskegon-ABC's of Cooking	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center

#### Friday 09/12/2025

5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Meeting	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Bunco	Gallery
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room

#### Saturday 09/13/2025



**13 Pentecost**  
**Thursday, September 04, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, September 07, 2025**  
**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 are given by Lisa Ferski and Evie DiPiazza in memory of Betty O’Toole.

## **THOSE WHO SERVE 09/04 and 09/07**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Paula Dusseljee
<b>Lector</b> Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Sandy Young
<b>Lector</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Gouine
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Diane Madej, Dona Gilbert
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Open
<b>Head Usher</b>	Open
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Nolan, Phil Sielski
	Matthew Badley
	Emma Johnston
<b>Junior Church</b>	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Karl Ziemelis
<b>Sound System</b>	Connie Larson, Bev Uetrich
<b>Information Stations</b>	Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
<b>Counters</b>	Connie Larson
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Connie Larson
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie Larson
	Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Church Picnic
<b>Bus Driver</b> Pick Up	Amber Thomas
<b>Bus Driver</b> Drop Off	Amber Thomas

## **THOSE WHO SERVE 09/11 and 09/14**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>Lector</b> Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Bill Patterson
<b>Lector</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Deb Wosinski
<b>Servers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerson, Diane Kroll
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ethan Lucht
<b>Head Usher</b>	Kent Johnson
<b>Ushers</b> Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ed Wosinski, Diane Kroll
	Stan Daszko
	Alicia Alger
<b>Junior Church</b>	Mark Thogerson, Phil Sielski
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Karl Ziemelis
<b>Sound System</b>	Gary Hansen, Carol Parker
<b>Information Stations</b>	Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins
<b>Counters</b>	Evie DiPiazza
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Evie DiPiazza
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Evie DiPiazza
	Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Trivia Group
<b>Bus Driver</b> Pick Up	Amber Thomas
<b>Bus Driver</b> Drop Off	Amber Thomas

## Psalm 1—"We Shall Not Be Moved"

1. How bless-ed are the ones who nev-er walk with-in the  
 2. Our joy is in the sta-tutes of the Lord, And night and  
 3. The wick-ed shall not stand the judg-ment day, But like the

place where wick-ed scof-ers talk.  
 day we pon-der on the Word. We're like a tree that's plant-ed by the  
 chaff they'll all be blown a-way.

wa-ter. We shall not be moved! We shall not we shall not be  
 No! No! No! No nos mo-ver-

moved! We shall not we shall not be moved! We're like a tree that's  
 an, No! No! No! No nos mo-ver-an. Co-mo un ar-bol

plant-ed by the wa-ter. We shall not be moved!  
 fir-me jun-to el ri-o, No nos mov-er-an.

## 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 today (Sunday). 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.

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.

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 every Sunday. This is for all ages!

Are you a **Thrivent member**? If so, we need your **Thrivent Action Cards** for Wednesday night dinners. Please contact Sabina Freeman at 231-855-3022 if you can help out.

**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.

# Order of Service

## "Cost Analysis"


Prelude

Song "Better is One Day" (screen)


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



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 "He's Everything to Me" Gail Ruppell

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1 "We Shall Not Be Moved" (p. 10) ➡

Second Reading Philemon 1-21

## 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	Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm	Psalm 51:1-10
Second Reading	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Reading	Luke 15: 1-10

"Give generously, for God's Economy multiplies what the world subtracts"


## 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 14:25-33**

### Children's Sermon/Dollar-A-Day/Junior Church

*Dollar-A-Day monies will be used to purchase new carpeting for the building.*

## Song

**"I Will Delight"**

**#72 (purple)**

## Sermon

## Hymn

**"Lift High the Cross"**

**(screen)**

**Installation of Faith Formation and Confirmation teachers, Jr. Church leaders, and helpers.**

## Announcements/Prayers/Peace

## Offering/Offertory Prayer

## Great Thanksgiving

**(screen)**

## Holy, Holy

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## The Lord's Prayer

**(screen)**

### Communion

**"All Are Welcome"**

**(screen)**

**"Eat This Bread"**

**#472 (red)**

**"Change My Heart, O God"**

**#801 (red)**

**"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"**

**#814 (red)**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”  
“Be Thou My Vision”**

**#798 (red)  
#793 (red)**

**Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer**

**Hymn “Lord of the Dance” (screen)**

**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**

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

Join us on **October 12** during coffee hour for an **Octoberfest with 55th Werling anniversary celebration** with an Octoberfest luncheon and original music by the Werling family. This will be a fundraiser to beautify around the church and also to replace some of the mighty oaks that are dying off.

**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.

Our **next highway cleanup** is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, beginning at 10:00 am. Bags and safety vests will be provided,. Please bring work gloves and be prepared for the weather. Ages 12 and up are welcome. Please sign up at the information stations. Questions? contact Kathryn Hall (734-612-8690 or [kathryn.a.sweet@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.a.sweet@gmail.com)).

**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!**