

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity

Location

Sunday 11/16/2025

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. Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Listening for the Word	Gallery
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Monday 11/17/2025

11:30 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Quilt Room
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 11/18/2025

Bulletin Deadline

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
11:30 a.m. Muskegon County Garden Club	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Grief Share Group	Gallery
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook

Wednesday 11/19/2025

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
11:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Dinner	Family Life Center
6:00 p.m. Kids' Music Class	Music Room
6:10 p.m. Bible Study	Upper Room

Thursday 11/20/2025

10:00 a.m. Music Together Classes	First Floor Education Room
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center

Friday 11/21/2025

6:00 p.m. Crafty Group	Gallery
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room

Saturday 11/22/2025



23 Pentecost

Thursday, November 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan

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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 and the eternal candle are given by Barb Pellerin in honor of her 85th birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE 11/13 and 11/16

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.

Diane Madej
Joe Labiak
Jordan Pruitt
Ed & Deb Wosinski
Open
Jeff Cooke
Mark Thogerson, Stan Daszko
Phil Sielski
Ben Werling
Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus
Mark Besteman
Jean Boxer, Carol Parker
Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
Lisa Le
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Junior Church

Song Leaders

Sound System

Information Stations

Counters

Communion Bread

Communion Set-Up

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

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bus Driver Pick Up

Bus Driver Drop Off

Barb Pellerin & Family
Amber Thomas
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Chris Patterson
Amy Werling
Emily & Elizabeth Lucht
Ethan Lucht, Liam Simons
Jeff Lucht
John Arter, Kathryn Hall
Liam Simons
Holly Stewart
Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Nate Johnston
Gary Hansen, Stan Daszko
Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Evie DiPiazza
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Announcements

- * There is still time to participate in the November Gratitude Project, through which we collect specific items for the Reeths Puffer Schools' food and hygiene pantry.
- * If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please pick up a November 2025 Gratitude Project calendar which you can find on the table to the right of the entrance by the offices.
- * Drop off your donations no later than Sunday, November 23rd.



Prayer, music, meditation. We offer a quiet time in which we meet and unite in what all Christians desire: time together in the presence of God. Meet here in the Upper Room at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday (November 23).

This week's **Wednesday night dinner** will be hosted by Step Up. They will be serving chicken enchiladas, tortilla chips, salad, and cookies for dessert.

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held tomorrow (Monday), from 11:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. Sign up to donate at www.redcross.org or contact Kim Westerholm at 712-539-8536.

Join us for **Faith Formation class** on Sundays at which we are considering the human need for grievance and revenge and the divine call for forgiveness. We are studying the book "The Science of Revenge".

Our **Thanksgiving worship service** will take place on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Edgewood Lutheran Church.

Young people (of all ages) who are interested in **performing something musical** during the Prelude mini concert on **Christmas Eve services are needed**. If you are interested, please speak with Shar Bourdon, church music director. She is particularly looking for volunteers for the 7 pm (children-friendly) service.

We asked and you answered! **Thank you** for all of the wonderful **donations of food** that were brought in for us to keep on hand in the office for those in need. Once again, this congregation has proven to be kind toward, generous to, and understanding of those who are struggling through hard times.

Sign up to **host coffee hour** in 2026. The sign-up sheet is on the information station by the office.

A brief **Advent worship service** will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

Reeths Puffer High School choirs will provide a concert for us on Wednesday, December 10th following dinner.

A **Congregational Meeting** for the sake of electing officers and approval of budget will be held on Sunday, December 7th following worship.

Order of Service

"In the 'Mean' Time"

Prelude

Song "Ten Thousand Reasons" (page 8) ➡

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie/Hymn of Praise (screen)

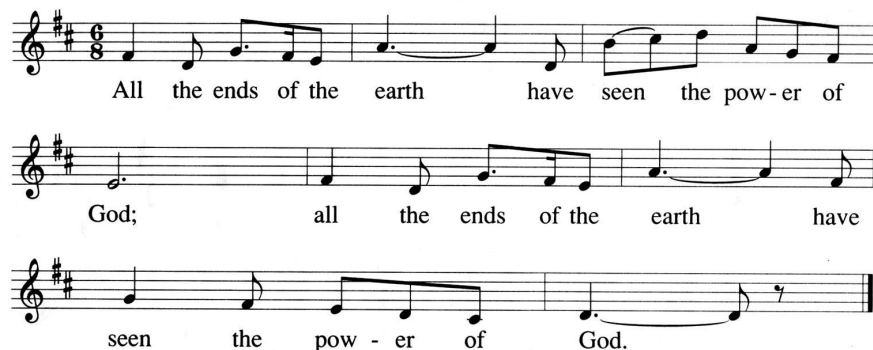
Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music "Canticle of Peace" **Choir**

First Reading **Malachi 4:1-2a**

Psalm 98

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Second Reading **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Gospel Verse "Our Soul is Waiting for God"



Gospel Reading **Luke 21:5-19**



Ladies! Our annual Advent by Candlelight is coming up soon. This is a time of quiet reflection and meditation as we begin the "waiting season" of Advent. At this time, we are looking for 8-10 table hosts. Sign-up sheets for participants will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this meaningful event, contact Paula at 231-343-2644 or email paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org.

Blue Christmas Worship—A Service of Healing and Hope



Our Blue Christmas worship service will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
 O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.
 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the
 . . . it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name . . is . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
 end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my
 pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
 good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand
Refrain
 sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 rea - sons for my heart to find.
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering/Junior Church

This week's noisy offering will benefit R.P. Schools' food pantry.

Song "Wait for the Lord" #262 (red)

Sermon

Hymn "When Peace like a River" #785 (red)
 (vv. 1,2,4)

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

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.

The Lord's Prayer

(screen)

Communion
"All Are Welcome" (screen)
"Here is Bread" #483 (red)
"My Hope is Built" #597 (red)
"Goodness is Stronger" #721 (red)
"My Lord, What a Morning" #438 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn "Send Down the Fire" (next page)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalms	Psalms 46
Second Reading	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel Reading	Luke 23:33-43

"Send Down the Fire"

(vv. 1,2,4)

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Verses



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