

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

| Activity | Location |
|---|----------------------------|
| Sunday 9/10/2023 | |
| 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation | |
| 10:30 a.m. Worship | Sanctuary & Online |
| 12:00 p.m. Church Picnic | Family Life Center |
| 7:00 p.m. National Gathering Planning Mtg. | Gallery |
| 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting | First Floor Education Room |
| Monday 9/11/2023 | |
| 12:00 p.m. Quilt Group | Quilt Room |
| 5:00 p.m. P.E.O. Group | Narthex |
| 6:00 p.m. Overeater's Anonymous | Gallery |
| 7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class | Family Life Center |
| 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting | First Floor Education Room |
| Tuesday 9/12/2023 Bulletin Deadline | |
| 9:00 a.m. SHOP Group | Gallery |
| 9:00 a.m. Pickleball | Family Life Center |
| 9:30 a.m. 1st on 2nd Quilt Group | Gallery |
| 6:30 p.m. Choir | Music Room |
| 9:30 p.m. Compline | Facebook |
| Wednesday 9/13/2023 | |
| 9:00 a.m. Pickleball | Family Life Center |
| 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting | Gallery |
| 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 p.m. Kid's Music | Music Room |
| 6:00 p.m. Berry Junction Trail Meeting | Library |
| 6:05 p.m. Bible Study | Gallery |
| 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting | Upper Room |
| 7:00 p.m. Confirmation | |
| Thursday 9/14/2023 | |
| 12:00 p.m. Bible Study | Zoom |
| 6:00 p.m. Worship | Sanctuary |
| 7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming | Outside |
| Friday 9/15/2023 | |
| 4:00 p.m. Lion's Club | Library |
| 6:00 p.m. Crafty Group | Gallery |
| 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting | First Floor Education Room |
| Saturday 9/16/2023 | |
| 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group | Gallery |
| 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group | Upper Room |

The eternal candle was given by Scott Gearhart in memory of his parents Bill and Arlene Gearhart.



15 Pentecost
Thursday, September 7, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 10, 2023
10:00 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 were given by Bert Goodman in memory of her brother Steve Wood.

THOSE WHO SERVE 9/10

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Paula Dusseljee |
| Lector Sun 10:30 a.m. | Laura Lucht |
| Servers Sun.10:30 a.m. | Steve Byrd, Open |
| Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m. | Elizabeth & Emily Lucht |
| Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m. | Ben & Donn Werling Open |
| Junior Church | Emma Johnston |
| Song Leaders | Emily Traub, Mary Schoonover |
| Sound System | Karl Ziemelis |
| Information Station | Bev Uetricht, Ruth Basch |
| Counters | Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell |
| Communion Bread | Bert Goodman |
| Communion Set-Up | Bert Goodman |
| Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m. | Bert Goodman |
| Coffee Hour Host | Church Picnic |

THOSE WHO SERVE 9/17

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Assisting Minister | Bert Goodman |
| Lector Sun 10:30 a.m. | Paul Becker |
| Servers Sun.10:30 a.m. | Mary Schoonover, Stan Daszko |
| Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m. | Open |
| Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m. | Diane Kroll, Sharon Genter Stan Daszko |
| Junior Church | Susan Besteman |
| Song Leaders | Eva Backus, Joel Westerholm |
| Sound System | Karl Ziemelis |
| Information Station | Erin Schmitz, Jean Boxer |
| Counters | Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty |
| Communion Bread | Lisa Le |
| Communion Set-Up | Lisa Le |
| Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m. | Lisa Le |
| Coffee Hour Host | Open |

Readings for Next Weekend

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| First Reading | Genesis 50:15-21 |
| Psalm | Psalms 103:[1-7]8-13 |
| Second Reading | Romans 14:1-12 |
| Gospel Reading | Matthew 18:21-35 |

“Hymn of Praise”

(v.1)

Refrain



[C] We live for the praise of your glo - ry, your glo - ry that fills _



_ ev - ery heav - en - ly place. _ We live for the praise of your



glo - ry, and sing to your glo - ri - ous grace. *Fine*

1. God of pow'r and glo - ry, cre - a - tor of all things, so



in - fi-nite your wis-dom and your plan be - yond im - a - gin - ing. Your



pow'r can-not be meas-ured in all of time and space, yet,



you, to us, pro - claimed your peace, the word of truth, a gift of grace.

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MORE EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

The **men's breakfast group** will have its first meeting on Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 p.m. All men are invited to share in this time of study, food, and fellowship. The Gospel of Mark is our subject.

The **women's breakfast group** will have its first meeting on Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 a.m. All women are invited to study the biblical text for the week, enjoy a continental breakfast, along with a bit of humor !

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Our Sunday Adult Faith Formation classes at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays focuses on “How Reading the Bible Can Change Your Life”, based on Richard Rohr’s book “Things Hidden”. It’s not too late to join us.

Confirmation classes begin on September 13th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the firepit to reunite and welcome the newcomers! There just might be some s’mores available, too! There will be a **Parent Information Meeting on Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:30 pm.**

Our Tuesday Adult Class (online and in-person) starts on Tuesday September 19 at 11:00 and will be a study of The Sermon on the Mount with the assistance of Amy-Jill Levine’s book “The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Grow in your understanding of the Christian faith from an ELCA Lutheran perspective. Consider what it means to become a member of First. **Join us for our new members’ class** on four Sundays beginning September 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Want to **do something practical** for your **marriage** or **other serious relationship**? Want to be intentional in taking your relationship to the next level? Spend three days and two nights with us in Grand Rapids at the Drury Inn and St. Luke’s Lutheran on October 20-22. Cost is \$136 per night (plus tax) for the hotel rooms.

We are **in need of additional drivers for our church bus** to pick up some of our members on Sunday mornings. Talk with Annette Jack or call the office, if you can help us out.

While you are enjoying the church picnic today, please **check out the table with picture albums** of events from 2002-2007. There are a lot of extra pictures as well. Please take any of those pictures home with you!

The “**Listening for the Word**” book/Bible study group will meet for their fall get-together on Monday, September 25th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Judi Dix’s home. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. **R.S.V.P. to Judi at 231-463-7886.**

Lisa Ziemelis will be leading a tech class on Tuesday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the gallery. This class is open to all and will focus on how to identify if something you received is a scam.

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Order of Service

"In This Together"

Prelude

Hymn "Better is One Day" (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie



[P] God is rich in mercy. So great is God's love for us, that even when we were dead in sin, with Christ, God has made us alive again. By grace you have been saved through faith.



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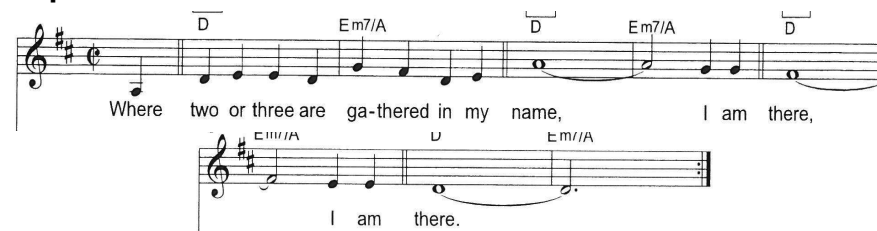
Hymn of Praise (page 6) ➡

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Verse



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Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Children's Message/Noisy Offering

This month's noisy offering will benefit ELCA Disaster Relief for victims of the wildfires in Maui.

Junior Church/Blessing of the Backpacks

Song "Bind Us Together" #18 (purple)

Sermon

Hymn "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #659 (red) (vv.1-4)

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Communion

"God Welcomes All" (screen)

"Here Is Bread" #483 (red)

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #656 (red)

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

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #774 (red)

Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer

Song "We Are Marching in the Light" #866 (red)