

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.

Readings for This Weekend

First Reading	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm	148
Second Reading	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:22-40

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Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24th, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Pre-Service Music

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” Matthew Badley
“A Christmas Song” Michael and Sadie Thomas
“Christmas Music” Mark Thogerson
“In the Bleak Midwinter” Eva Backus and Joel Westerholm
“Sing We Now of Christmas” Bells

Organ Prelude

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #283 (red)

Opening Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise “Angels We Have Heard On High” #289 (red)
(vv. 1,2)

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time/Gospel Lesson

Hymn “Jesus, What A Wonderful Child” #297 (red)

Parish Concerns

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offering Music

At the conclusion of the offering the children will join Pastor Bill around the altar.

Communion Liturgy

The Poinsettias are given in honor of:

- ♦ Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchild by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ♦ Jayson, Jeny, Ryan, Jenn, Taylor, Emma, Max, Avery, Jessica, Chase, and Jayden by Jerry & Robbin Dibble
- ♦ Evan, Tianna, Tristan and Lavena Dusseljee and Nathan Dusseljee and Trisha Milligan by Paula Dusseljee
- ♦ Our family by Tom and Sabina Freeman

Please pick up your Poinsettias after the 11:00 p.m. service.

Merry Christmas



The Poinsettias are given in memory of:

- ◆ Our parents Chester and Bonnie Smith and Don and Donna Daunt by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ◆ Dale Workman and Martha Plekes by Karley Plekes
- ◆ Bob and Bettie Schultz, Carol Postmus, Nikki Radel and Jerome and Freida Dibble by Jerry and Robbin Dibble
- ◆ Carrie Ann Wright by Mom, Diana Wright-Stubbs and brother Matt Wright
- ◆ Frank DiPiazza by Evie DiPiazza
- ◆ Bernie and Carol Harrell by David Harrell
- ◆ Garry D. Bradfield and Garry S. Bradfield by Marilyn Bradfield and the White family
- ◆ Ward and Virginia Crampton by the Bradfield and the White families
- ◆ Milly and Bob Lundell by Dan and Jane Horton
- ◆ My parents Vince and Betty O'Toole and in-laws Frank and Dorothy DiPiazza by Evie DiPiazza
- ◆ Evelyn and Paul Swanson, Lollie Shields, and Edna Sherburn by Paula Dusseljee
- ◆ June Hansen by Gary Hansen
- ◆ Pat Walborn by John and Annette Jack
- ◆ David Nord by Rodney, Tina, Will, and Sam Gallo
- ◆ Karen Geisel and Adelfa Galindo by Andrea Nisja and Lili-ana Galindo
- ◆ Doris Thomas, Joan Bent, and Dick and Betty Laubach by the Thomas family
- ◆ Marsh and Sandy Balkema, Fred Schultz, and Tony Schultz by Rob, Lorey, and Logan Montgomery

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Holy, Holy

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to, e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

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The Lord's Prayer

Communion

"All Are Welcome"	(screen)
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	#282 (red)
"What Feast of Love"	#487 (red)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	#279 (red)
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	#272 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn "Silent Night" (words on next page)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

“Silent Night”

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sing, al-leluia! Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the savior is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light, radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of re-deeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (p.m. Services)

Assisting Minister (7:00 and 11:00 p.m.)	Paula Dusseljee
Lector 7:00 p.m.	Laura Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Shar Bourdon
Servers 7:00 p.m.	Diane Madej
11:00 p.m.	Ed & Deb Wosinski
Acolytes 7:00 p.m.	Michael Thomas, Taela Plekes
11:00 p.m.	Open
Ushers 7:00 p.m.	Jeff Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Open
Song Leaders 7:00 p.m.	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
11:00 p.m.	Eva Backus, Joel Westerholm
Sound System 7:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
11: 00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
Information Station	N/A
Counters	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Communion Bread 7:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
Communion Set-Up 7:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
Clean-Up 7:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Wosinski Family

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We will **not have Bible study** on Thursday, December 27.

There will **not be Wednesday night dinners or any programs** on December 20th, December 27, and 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. More details will be coming, but if you have questions contact Amy Badley at 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, December 26 and 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!

Looking for a place to walk during the winter months? Utilize our gym or the rest of our facility for your walking routine. Just check with the office in advance to make sure that the facility is available.