

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

Activity	Location
<b>Sunday 11/08/09</b>	
8:00 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School	
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Church Luncheon	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. 3-6 grade group games	
5:00 p.m. HS music group	
6:00 p.m. HS Movie Night	
<b>Monday 11/09/09</b>	
12:00 p.m. Quilters	Quilt Room
12:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
3:15 p.m. Blais Dance Group	Family Life Center
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #365	Family Life Center
6:00 p.m. Internship Meeting	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Karate	Upstairs
7:00 p.m. Volleyball	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. Overcomers' Outreach	Library
<b>Tuesday 11/10/09 Bulletin Deadline</b>	
9:00 a.m. SHOP	Gallery
6:00 p.m. Play Practice	Music Room
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Board	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	Music Room
<b>Wednesday 11/11/09</b>	
1:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner	Family Life Center
6:00 p.m. Grief Ministry	Library
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Grades 5-8	Music Room
6:30 p.m. Youth Bells Grades 2-8	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Group Games	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. Yoga	Upstairs
7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Grades 1-4	Music Room
7:00 p.m. Confirmation	Gallery
7:30 p.m. Adult/High School Bells	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday 11/12/09</b>	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
3:30 p.m. Supper House	
6:00 p.m. Karate	Upstairs
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	
6:30 p.m. Youth Board	
<b>Friday 11/13/09</b>	
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat	Family Life Center
<b>Saturday 11/14/09</b>	
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat	Family Life Center
10:30 a.m. First Communion	
5:30 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary

**...she, out of her poverty,  
put in everything –  
all she had.**

**Mark 12:44**



**Pentecost 23  
Sunday, November 8, 2009  
10:30 a.m.**

**W**ELCOME to this time of worship. All visitors and members are encouraged to fill out the yellow attendance sheet. You may use that sheet to write down any concerns, comments or questions you might have.

**CAN I TAKE COMMUNION HERE?** All baptized Christians are welcome to the table of the Lord here. If you are from other traditions, you are more than welcome to commune with us. Children generally take a first communion class before they commune.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** In each pew, you will find a "Pray for One Another" card. If there is anyone for whom you wish to request prayers, please complete the card and pass it to the center aisle. Please include their address for notification. You may also announce your concern during the announcements.

A **NURSERY** is available for your children who are four years and under. It is located near the front entrance to the building. **A sign-up sheet is available in the nursery for anyone who would like to volunteer. Consider volunteering for at least one Sunday.**

**HAVE YOU SILENCED YOUR CELL PHONE?**

**WE HAVE AN AUDIO INDUCTION LOOP.**  
Turn your hearing aides to the T-Coil setting.

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**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEKEND 11/14 & 11/15**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Bill Uetrich
	Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Bert Goodman
<b>Lectors</b>	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Judy Davenport
	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Marcy Joy
	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Jim Borushko
<b>Servers</b>	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Judy Davenport
	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Marcy Joy
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	George & Billie Bramer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Allison Cooper
	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jacob Tyler
	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Matthew Wittkopp
		Abby Wosinski
<b>Ushers</b>	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Bill & Ruth Baxter
	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Dave & Carol Anderson
		Dennis & Kathleen Cobler
<b>Flowers</b>		Barb Pellerin
<b>Eternal Candle</b>		Sharon Klinger
<b>Sound System</b>		Zach Norwood
<b>Host to lock building</b>		Diane Kroll
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Kevin Hine & Jason Vaclavik
<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Ruth Baxter
<b>Counters for November</b>		Dolores Brondyke & Brenda Endelman
<b>Information Stations</b>		Sabina Freeman & Mary Luther
<b>Communion Bread</b>		Pat Westjohn
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Saturday	Connie Larson
	Clean-up Saturday	Lynda Ferry
	Clean-up Sunday	Connie Larson

**The flowers on the altar and the eternal candle  
are given by Ernie & Janine Norwood  
in memory of their son, Paul,  
who passed away on  
November 4, 2001.**



**THOSE WHO SERVE THIS WEEKEND 11/07 & 11/08**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Ken Staib
<b>Lectors</b>	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Jackie Westenbroek
	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Annette Jack
	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Paul Becker
<b>Servers</b>	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Adam Baker
	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Annette Jack
	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Linda Long
		Jim Borushko
<b>Acolytes</b>	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sara Musser
	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Brenna Veihl
	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Brennan Tyler
		Emily Saccone
<b>Ushers</b>	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Doug & Cheryl Schneider
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	George & Billie Bramer
		Einar Ness, Dale Roest
		Ernie & Janine Norwood
<b>Flowers</b>		Norwood Family
<b>Eternal Candle</b>		Jacob Uetrich
<b>Sound System</b>		Doug Fenbert
<b>Host to lock building</b>		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Cheryl Schauer
<b>Counters for November</b>		Dolores Brondyke & Brenda Endelman
<b>Information Stations</b>		Pat Hooker & Bev Uetrich
<b>Communion Bread</b>		Felicia Swirczek
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Saturday	Jean Becker
<b>Clean-up</b>	Saturday	Lynda Ferry
<b>Clean-up</b>	Sunday	Nancy Burton

**Dance Classes**

**here at the church every Monday.**

Preschool dance (ages 2-3) 4:00-4:30

Kinder dance (ages 3-5) 4:30-5:15

Hip Hop/Jazz (ages 5-8) 5:15-6:00

Hip Hop/ Jazz (ages 9-12) 6:00-6:45

Call Miss Erin (Lakeshore Academy) to register  
800-810-2365.

**Faith-Based Giving**

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Special Music**      **“Give God Thanks”**      **Sanctuary Choir**

**Hymn**      **“Now Thank We All Our God”**      **# 840 (red)**

**Greeting**      **p. 184 (red)**

**Hymn of Praise**      **pp. 185-86 (red)**

**Salutation & Prayer of the Day**

**Special Music**      **Sanctuary Choir**

**“We Will Keep Our Faith Alive”**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**FIRST READING:**      **1 Kings 17: 8-16**

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ But she said, ‘As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’ Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.’ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Leader: Word of God, word of life.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING:

**Hebrews 9: 24-28**

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Leader: Word of God, word of life.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Verse

p.188 (red)

## GOSPEL LESSON

**Mark 12: 38-44**

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

**Cong: Glory to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering/Junior Church

*(Noisy Offering is for the purchase of new candle lighters.)*

Hymn

**"Give Thanks**

**#41 (purple)**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

A **Luncheon** of Bavarian chicken, red skin potatoes, two vegetables, and dessert will be served after the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us as we raise funds to pay for our new ice machine.

**Table hostesses** are needed for "Christmas by Candlelight" which will be held on Monday, December 14. Men who are willing to serve that evening also are needed. Sign up at either information station. A meeting for the hostesses will be held on November 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Plan on spending **New Year's Eve** with us at the Muskegon Women's Club from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Silent Auction items are needed for this event. Items may be brought to the church office.

**Celebration of Music** featuring Jeremy Simpson and other area musicians on the organ and piano, will be held at Fellowship Church, 4200 East Apple Avenue on Sunday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

## Youth Activities

**Pizza Sale:** Our youth group is selling Little Caesar's Pizza items to help raise money to attend the Michigan Gathering and Summer Camp. The sale ends November 15th.

**Confirmation Parents:** Confirmation Retreat will be held from 6:00p.m. on Friday the Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to 10:00 a.m. on the 14th. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Each student should bring a snack (no candy or pop).

**All those who have served in the military** are invited to join us in the family Life Center for Sunday school opening on November 15 as we honor the heroes in our midst. You will not be asked to speak. If you have military memorabilia you are welcome to bring that in to show the kids.

The high school youth group is hosting a **Parents Night Out** on November 20. Bring your children to church starting at 6:00p.m. and have a night for Christmas shopping or a date. The funds raised from this will help our high schoolers going to the Gathering in December. Games, activities and healthy snacks for all the kids will be offered.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- Vallie Cooper
- Don Sodini
- Pastor Tom & Karen Montgomery on the birth of their daughter Ella.

**STATISTICS FOR WEEK OF 10/31 & 11/01**

Attendance: Saturday 28 Sunday 35, 200  
 General Fund Offering: \$6,482.63  
*Offering needed per week:* \$6,605.00  
 Upkeep Offering \$272.13  
 Mortgage \$1,916.00  
*Offering needed per week:* \$2,166.00

*Please remember your church's building fund with generous gifts. We are far behind what we need to meet our mortgage obligations.*

**HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD YET?**

(Cards can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.)

**LAST CHANCE !  
THIRD ANNUAL LUMBERJACK HOCKEY NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009  
FACE-OFF 7:00 P.M., L.C. WALKER ARENA**

**TICKETS:  
\$5.00 ADULTS \$3.00 STUDENTS, 17 & UNDER**

**SPONSORED BY:  
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**CONTACT: SYLVIA KOSKI 744-0822**

Sermon

Hymn "What Have We to Offer" # 156 (purple)

New Member Reception p. 234 (red)

Parish Concerns & Prayers & Sharing of the Peace

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

Offertory "We Are An Offering" #692 (red)

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving p. 190 (red)

Holy, Holy p. 190 (red)

The Lord's Prayer p. 191 (red)

**COMMUNION**

"Jesus, Lamb of God" #76 (purple)

"Here Is Bread" #58

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" #150

"Blessing, Honor, and Glory" #21

"Now God Our Father" #103

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn "Take My Life, That I May Be" # 583 (red)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

# OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

## Judith Borghi

Judith lives at 2018 Oak Avenue in North Muskegon. She is married to Dean and has four children. She is a former paralegal and flight attendant. She enjoys her animals, reading, gardening, and cooking. Her sponsors are Dee and Joe Schmitt. She is a former member at Trinity Lutheran in Roosevelt Park.

## Kevin Hine and Jason Vaclavik

Kevin and Jason live at 3944 Victorian Lane. Kevin is an auditor for the Defense Contract Audit Agency. He enjoys camping, kayaking, listening to music and quilting. He transfers to us from an ELCA church in Pennsylvania. Jay works for ADAC Automotive. He was baptized last week here at First. He enjoys listening to music and writing. Jason's and Kevin's sponsors are Bob and Karen Eichelberger.

## Lawrence and Rosemary Loch

The Lochs live at 1141 N. Robinhood, moving here from New York recently to be near their daughter Dani Zizak and her children. Larry is retired but would like a job. He was a town judge back in New York. He enjoys woodworking, cooking, and completing his honey-do lists. Rosemary is also retired. She enjoys American history, heirloom sewing, traveling, upholstery, interior decorating, and spending time with her grandchildren. The Lochs transfer to us from St. Luke's Lutheran in Sidney, New York. Their sponsors are Jean and Paul Becker.

## Deb Meloche

Deb lives at 3738 Highgate. She is the daughter of Char Meloche and the sister of Sandy Hutchins. She enjoys scrapbooking, dancing, crocheting, horses, motorcycles, swimming, and gardening. Her sponsor is Linda Long, and she joins us through affirmation of faith.

## Keith, Jamie, Tyler, Ethan Noblett

The Nobletts live at 2411 Lake Avenue. Both Keith and Jamie are educationally trained as engineers. Jamie is a part-time engineer at General Dynamics. Keith is the Director of Facilities at Padnos. Jamie plays the violin and enjoys cooking, boating, and reading. Keith likes boating and MSU sports. Tyler and Ethan were both baptized here at First last week. The sponsors for the Nobletts, who join us by affirmation of faith, are the Badleys.

## Marquez Williams

Marquez currently lives at 3760 Duck Lake Road with the Luthers. He previously lived in Chicago. He is a senior at Reeths-Puffer and played football for them. He enjoys music, reading, and video games. He joins us through affirmation of faith. Marquez's sponsor is Aaron Stenberg.

### *Baptismal Anniversaries this Week!*

<b>11/7</b> Ernest Norwood	<b>11/10</b> Shelby Anderson Richard Cecot	<b>11/11</b> Jeneé Patitucci
<b>11/08</b> Jeanne Beardsley Rebecca Hutchins	<b>11/13</b> Lindsie Traxler Sandra Traxler	<b>1/13</b> Jeannine Giangacomo Kim Le