

# Fishes of Wisconsin

**Common name:**  
**Muskellunge (Musky)**

**Scientific name:**  
*Esox masquinongy*  
(*Esox* comes from the old name for pike in Europe and *masquinongy* comes from the Cree "mashk" meaning deformed and "kinonge" is a pike.)

**Distribution:** The muskellunge occurs in all three drainage basins in Wisconsin (Lake Michigan, Mississippi River, and Lake Superior) but is most widely distributed in the Chipewewa, Flambeau, St. Croix, Black, and Wisconsin rivers of the Mississippi basin.



Illustration: Virgil Beck

Its presence in central and southern Wisconsin is the result of widespread stocking of fry and fingerlings.

**Spawning:** Within the north and south limits of the Wisconsin muskellunge range, spawning occurs from mid-April to

mid-May, with the peak occurring early in the season. Optimum spawning temperature is about 55° F, but may range from 49 - 60° F. Eggs are usually deposited indiscriminately over several hundred yards of shoreline. There is no parental care. Adult

spawners return to the same spawning ground in consecutive years. **An-**gling: The natural home for the musky is in the northern lakes and rivers. It is a solitary fish and lurks in weed beds or other protective cover. Anglers usually have the best luck fishing during the daytime. Large plugs, spoons, and bucktails are the best artificial baits. A live fish bait 10-12 inches long is also good.

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## CHURCH SERVICES DIRECTORY

### St. Luke's United Methodist Church

301 S. Lake Avenue • Crandon, WI 54520

(715) 478-3797

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

### Argonne United Methodist Church

7945 Pine St. • Argonne, WI 54511

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

### Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church

LAKEWOOD • WABENO • LAONA

Pastor: Rev. Ronald Lawrence

**Services rotate monthly  
between locations**

#### APRIL

Worship 8:30 a.m. in Lakewood at 15552 Hwy 32

#### MAY

Worship 8:30 a.m. in Lakewood at 15552 Hwy 32

Worship 10:30 a.m. in Laona at 5265 Linden St.

#### JUNE

Worship 8:30 a.m. in Lakewood at 15552 Hwy 32

Worship 10:30 a.m. in Wabeno at 4347 N. Branch St.

Contact the church office at  
**715-473-3603**

Virtual Services on Facebook and the church website:  
[forestlargerparishpc.com](http://forestlargerparishpc.com)

### Praise Chapel Community Church

200 E. Sixth St. • Crandon, WI 54520

715-478-7755

Pastor: Franz Gerber

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Sunday Morning Service - 10 a.m.

[www.praisechapelcc.com](http://www.praisechapelcc.com)

### Grace Life Biblical Counseling Center

106 W. Madison St. • Crandon, WI 54520

715-478-6020

<https://gracelifebiblefellowship.com/need-help-healing-or-hope>

Email: [gracelifeccrandonwi@yahoo.com](mailto:gracelifeccrandonwi@yahoo.com)

### St. Paul Lutheran - WELS

501 N. Park Ave. • Crandon, WI 54520

(715) 478-5620

Sunday Service 9:15 a.m.

### Christ Lutheran Church - WELS

9126 Hwy 32 • Hiles, WI 54511

Sunday Service 7:45 a.m.

Website: [NorthwoodsLutheran.org](http://NorthwoodsLutheran.org)

### St. Norbert Catholic Church

3402 State Hwy 139 • Long Lake, WI 54542  
(directly opposite the Long Lake public beach)

Sunday Mass 10:45 a.m.

Rosary 6 p.m. (First Tuesday of each month)

Website: [www.stnorbertlonglake.org](http://www.stnorbertlonglake.org)

### Long Lake Bible Church

11840 Maple Street • Long Lake, WI 54542

Pastor: Gary White

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

### Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel

5132 Jaeger Road, Crandon, WI 54520

Pastor: Don Dewing

Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m.

### Grace Life Bible Fellowship

104 W. Madison St. • Crandon, WI 54520

715-784-6140

Service Time: Sun. 10:30 a.m.

[www.gracelifebiblefellowship.com](http://www.gracelifebiblefellowship.com)

### St. John Lutheran Church - LCMS

5502 Beech St • Laona, WI 54541

(715) 674-3836

Rev. Howard Neider, Vacancy Pastor

(715) 889-1720

Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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