

## DAY OF ARRIVAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### DRIVING TO SHEPLER'S FERRY SERVICE

Since your Shepler's Ferry Ticket is included in your registration, the following is written for guests arriving via Shepler's. Please note that currently Shepler's is the only ferry service provider to Mackinac Island due to MIFC/Star Line suspending their operation because of mechanical boat issues.

Please make your travel plans according to the schedule online: [www.sheplersferry.com/mackinaw-city-schedule/](http://www.sheplersferry.com/mackinaw-city-schedule/). You may use either the Mackinaw City or St. Ignace ports.

Guests departing Mackinaw City for an overnight trip should proceed directly to Shepler's gateway for luggage handling and parking information. We suggest targeting a Ferry no later than 4:00 p.m.

### FERRY TICKETS:

Upon arrival, please inform the Shepler's attendant of your name and that you are with the Lutheran Adult Gathering group. They will have a list of names! In addition, bike tags are \$21/ roundtrip per bike.

### LUGGAGE:

Upon checking your luggage with the ferry service en route to the island, your luggage will be tagged and delivered right to your hotel room at the Grand Hotel. However, it can take up to three hours before your luggage is delivered, so pack accordingly if you plan on arriving close to 6 p.m. (dress options). Upon check-in, you'll present your luggage tags to the front desk. Please follow the in-room instructions provided for luggage on your return to the mainland.

Please note that an added fee of \$15 per person applies for the round-trip transfer of luggage (paid to the Grand Hotel through your lodging bill).

### PARKING AT SHEPLER'S:

Overnight guests have two options for parking: In Mackinaw City, please be prepared to pay \$20 per night at Shepler's Remote parking lot (can be accessed by a shuttle) or \$45 per night at their premium dock lot. In St. Ignace, please be prepared to pay \$20 per night at Shepler's Remote parking lot (can be accessed by a shuttle) or \$40 per night at their premium dock lot.

### GETTING TO THE GRAND HOTEL FROM THE BOAT DOCK:

The Grand Hotel is a 15–20 minute walk from the ferry docks, so many Gathering attendees may prefer to travel by horse-drawn taxi service. The fare is \$8.50 (cash only) per person from the dock to the Grand Hotel. For walking, hiking, and biking maps of the island, please see included maps.

### CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT:

Check in time at the Grand Hotel is 4 p.m. and check-out time is 11 a.m.