

## 2025 marks the 50th Anniversary of the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Some may remember exactly where you were when news about the sinking of the Fitzgerald reached you or you heard the Gordon Lightfoot song for the first time. It may be hard to believe, but next year marks the 50th anniversary. We are already planning to commemorate this milestone anniversary so future generations are aware, reminded, and remember. Here is what we have planned (so far) and involved in so you can mark your calendars:



**Memorial Swim-** One ambitious project beginning July 26 and ending August 28 is a 17-stage, 411-mile relay swim from Lake Superior to Detroit. Put on by an organization of dedicated world-class swimmers, they have asked us to lead a worship service for all the participants of this epic event and to honor the 29 souls lost. **Service will begin at 12:10pm at Mariners Church, Thursday, August 28th.**

Please go to <https://www.edmundfitzgeraldswim.org/> for all the details on this event.

**A special evening of Tribute to Edmund Fitzgerald** - Song and story telling featuring Mike Fornes performing the “Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald” by Gordon Lightfoot. **6 pm - Friday, November 7th, 2025 at Mariners’ Church of Detroit.** Fornes discusses his interaction with surviving family members of the lost crewmen, generating many first-hand accounts of the tragedy and of how the iconic song was written. Tickets will be available from the church starting in the Summer of 2025.

**Great Lakes Memorial Service Nov. 9th 11:00 am** - This annual tradition will hold special meaning as we commemorate all Mariners lost on the Great Lakes while giving special tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

**Special Anniversary Eucharist service Monday, Nov. 10th, 2025 - 12:10pm.** The bell will ring once more. The city of Detroit and beyond will be invited to participate in this worship service, pausing in their work day, to remember and reflect on the day of the 50th anniversary.