

First News

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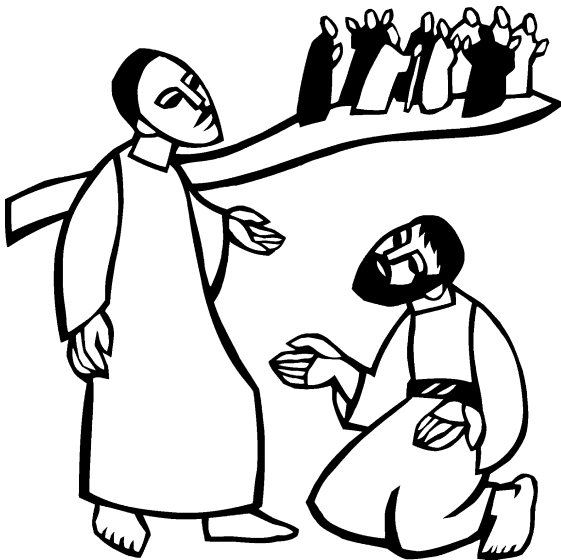


CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE: CARING AND SHARING

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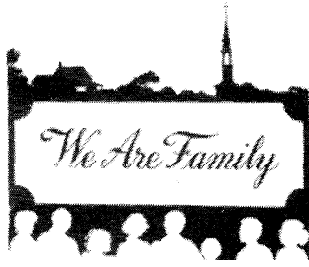
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



Our readings for this Sunday are taken from 2Kings 5:1-15 and Luke 7:11-19. Both texts focus on the gratitude of those "outside" of the faith community for what God did for them.

In the Luke text, 10 persons who were afflicted with leprosy are healed, the only one who returned to give thanks was the "outsider", a Samaritan.

In the text from 2 Kings, Naaman, the head of an army had to set aside his pride, in order to take advantage of the healing that was offered to him. He like the Samaritan returned to give thanks. Only a humble heart can experience and express thanks.



Known to be hospitalized is Lois Vick at St. Anthony's in Rockford and Bernita Stubbe at FHN Memorial Hospital.

Bill and Heather Castle would like to say thank you to everyone who joined them at their Open House on September 29. A special thanks to the Women of the ELCA for all their hard work in making the day a success. They are excited and honored to continue growing among their family and friends of First Lutheran.

The Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Diane Rondeau's.

Application forms for the Endowment Fund must be turned in to the church office by November 30. The forms are available from the tract rack.

From the Volunteer Coordinator - Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.



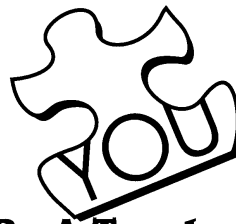
SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS

The 1st - 4th grade Sunday school children will sing this Sunday, October 14. Classes will stay together after the Sunday school hour and sing at the start of the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Following their song, students will sit with their parents for worship.

CONFIRMATION 5th & 6th GRADE EVENT

October 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Prince of Peace. Bring a sack lunch, drinks will be provided. A great event in which the pastors lead the youth on a dramatic, cinematic, dynamic, gameatic, moveatic and funatic event. Bring a Bible.

7th GRADE TEACHER WANTED



Be A Teacher
*There's a place where
only you fit!*

Pastor Neville still needs help teaching 7th graders on certain Sundays.

The salary and benefits are out of this world.

Wouldn't you like to make a difference in a kid's life? Of course you would! So pick up the phone and apply for the position.

These opportunities are very rare. This is the only opening that we have for a teacher in the confirmation program, so hurry!

NEWS FROM FACC
(Freeport Area Church Cooperative)

In the month of August, the FACC Food Pantry served 238 clients with 23 of them being new. This is up 50 from last year. \$14,920 in food and \$1,800 in personal items were provided.

There are two new board members: Sheri Kornfiend and Pastor Howard.

There are also two new staff members: Becky Leopold, Bookkeeper/Accountant and Kerry Meighan, Transitional Housing Director.

FACC was asked to help FEMA with support and aid to area flood victims. They were able to help with food, clothing, and two freezers. FEMA is now looking for volunteer mentors to work with some of the clients 2-3 hours a week. Training will be provided, and the mentors will be paired with one family. Mainly it is assistance with paperwork, application forms, and/or transportation to appointments.

Anyone interested in this ministry should call FEMA or FACC.

THANK YOU

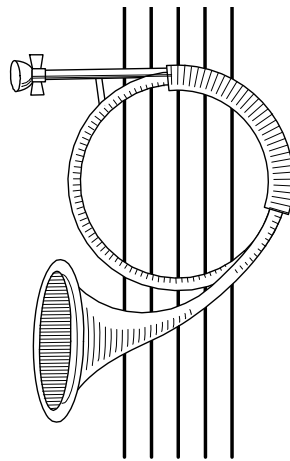
A big thank you to your very generous response to our call for needed items at the FACC Food Pantry. You brought in 235 3/4 pounds!



FEED THE HUNGRY

LUTHER COLLEGE CONCERT BAND IN CONCERT

The Luther College Concert Band will perform at the Jeannette Lloyd Theater, Freeport Junior High School, 701 West Empire Street on Monday, October 22, 7:30 p.m. The band is under the direction of Frederick Nyline. A free will offering will be taken.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Don't forget to put your church meeting and/or event on the calendar that is located outside of Peg's office.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

OCTOBER 14

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-15c, Luke 17:11-19

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. *Worship Services*

9:30 a.m. *Sunday School & Confirmation*

6:30 p.m. *Senior High Youth Group*

Monday

4:30 p.m. *Neighborhood Youth Ministry*

7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. *Mary Circle*

1:00 p.m. *Rebecca Circle at Phoebe Petrie's*

5:00 p.m. *Stewardship Committee*

6:30 p.m. *Evangelism Committee*

7:00 p.m. *Rachel Circle at Diane Rondeau's*

7:00 p.m. *Youth Committee*

Thursday

6:30 p.m. *Kids of the Kingdom*

6:30 p.m. *Bell Choir*

7:30 p.m. *Celebration Choir*

Saturday

6:30 a.m. *MBA at Big Apple*

9:30 a.m. *Altar Guild Workshop*

5:00 p.m. *Worship*

THE PARISH RECORD

October 06/07 Saturday 5:00-14 Sunday 8:15-145 10:00-106 Total-265 Sunday School-82

Offerings \$6,872.69