

First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE: CARING AND SHARING

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Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost



In the text from Luke 18:1-8 we meet a judge who neither feared God or respected people. A widow comes to him seeking justice against someone who has harmed her. For a while he ignored the pleas of the woman. She kept returning again and again. The judge finally grants her justice so that as he said, "she may not wear me out by continually coming."

Jesus said, "And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night?" Do you pray about Biblical justice? What is the difference between the justice of our courts and the justice that Jesus is talking about?

Check out our first reading for Sunday; *Genesis 32:22-31*. To get the whole story start with *Genesis 25:19-34* and skim through the chapters that follow, just focus on the parts about the relationship between the brothers. Those chapters will help you to get the "rest of the story."



Known to be hospitalized are Lois Vick at St. Anthony's in Rockford and Bernita Stubbe, Lucille Shockey, and Marjorie Meyers at FHN Memorial Hospital.

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 - You are never fully dressed until you wear a smile.

TIME TO SIGN UP!



First Lutheran is responsible for staffing and providing supper for the PADS Homeless Shelter the first Saturday of each month. There is a sign up sheet posted on the Jackson

Street bulletin board. Please do your part and sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Rondeau at 815-232-3007.

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.

INA BALZ FUNERAL

11:00 Monday, October 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran. Lunch follows the service.

7th GRADE TEACHER WANTED

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.

7th & 8th GRADE RETREAT

November 2nd & 3rd at LOMC. Youth from our North West Conference will be attending. Starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$20. It will be a good event!

ALTAR GUILD

Training event, Saturday 20th, October, from 9:30 to 11:00a.m.

Installation of altar guild members will take place during both services on Sunday.



NHS of FREEPORT
CELEBRATES 10 YEARS
OF BUILDING
STRONG

NEIGHBORHOODS

Since 1997, NHS of Freeport has worked toward its mission of *advancing*

home ownership, home improvement and community building activities designed to strengthen neighborhoods and improve the lives of people. The list below highlights the organization's most important accomplishments over the last 10 years:

- 176 families have achieved home ownership.
- 72 families were assisted with low-interest loans for home improvement.
- 43 families assisted with home improvement activities through Pretzel City Group Workcamp in 2006.
- Completed and sold new home, in partnership with CareerTEC, in 2006.
- Assisted in the creation of 2 neighborhood parks.
- Assisted in the creation of Freeport's only community garden.
- NHS activities, in conjunction with its partners, have resulted in over **\$13 million in direct economic benefit to the community since 1997.**

In 2007, NHS is on track to assist 60 families with first-time home ownership and is funding over 200,000 in low-interest loans for home improvement and home purchase.

We invite everyone to join with us to celebrate 10 years of success at our anniversary celebration on Thursday, November 1st - 5:00 - 7:00 (27 W. Stephenson). Food and refreshments will be provided.

The event is open to the public. An RSVP is appreciated by October 26th. Call 815-232-6197.

SULLIVAN'S FOODS

Sullivan's Foods will again be giving churches a 2% rebate for cash register receipts collected in November. The receipts must be dated between November 14 and November 30.

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.

HARVEST FUN FALL ADVENTURE DAY

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES CENTER
Join LOMC's staff and other youth from around the state for "Harvest Fun" on Saturday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This retreat for Kindergarten through third grade groups will talk about sowing the seeds of God's love in our communities. Cost is \$29 including lunch and snack. Call Audrey at 815-732-2220 to register.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

OCTOBER 21

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: *Genesis 32:22-31, Luke 18:1-8*

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

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

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

Monday

11:00 p.m. *Ina Balz Memorial Service*

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

7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. *Visiting Committee*

Thursday

10:00 a.m. *Workday*

6:30 p.m. *Praise Band*

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*

10:00 a.m. *5th-6th Grade Confirmation Event at Prince of Peace*

5:00 p.m. *Worship*

THE PARISH RECORD

October 13/14 Saturday 5:00-15 Sunday 8:15-90 10:00-89 Total-194 Sunday School-53

Offerings \$3,624.00