

First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE: CARING AND SHARING

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



We are approaching the end of the Liturgical Year (Church year). The last Sunday will be Christ The King on November 25th. Advent will begin on December 2nd.

The Bible readings begin to focus our attention on the second coming of Christ; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17. They contain elements of judgement, the delay in the

return of Christ and holding fast to the faith. The gospel reveals how ridiculous a purely logical approach to matters of faith can be. Check it out, Luke 20:27-38.



Known to be hospitalized is Lois Vick at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore.

What ARE You Thankful for?

The family of Ina Balz would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, memorial contributions, and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement. -Tom & Carol Balz, Tim & Nancy Balz, Steve & Kristine Haas

From the Volunteer Coordinator - Like a rubber band, the truth weakens the more it is stretched.



HELP
Our 7th grade confirmation class is collecting stuffed animals, costume jewelry, bracelets, beaded necklaces and word search books.

These items will be used by the activity department at the Stephenson Nursing Center as incentives to encourage residents to participate in activities. Many of the residents have exhausted their savings and they use these items as gifts for their grand and great grand children. The youth have set up a collection box in the narthex. They will be collecting items this week. Thanks for your great response last Sunday! Let's do it again!

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.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The First Lutheran Youth Annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Luncheon will



be Sunday, November 18, from Noon - 2:00 p.m. The cost will be just \$5 per person and \$20 per family. With your support and a generous matching grant from our friends at Thrivent, profits will go toward our Gulf Coast mission trip this summer.

Tickets will be available after services thru the 18th. Bring a friend and your appetite!!!!

TRIENNIAL GATHERING

Women of the ELCA will meet in Salt Lake City in July 2008 for it's Seventh Triennial Gathering and Convention. An informational meeting will be held this Sunday, November 11, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in learning more about this event. If you have any questions or are unable to meet on the 11th, please contact Ruth Wardlow or Jan Butterfield.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran. It's First Lutheran's turn to host the service this year, so the

members of Prince of Peace will be our guests. Their choir, together with our Celebration Choir will lead us in song. Pastor Mark Luepke will be our guest preacher and we will share holy communion. Any offering that is not designated for First or Prince of Peace will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger program. Bring a friend.

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE sponsored by FACC will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2600 W. Pearl City Road in Freeport.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Steve Withington has been participating in the Diakonia Program

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



which is an adult education program sponsored by our Synod. One of the courses that he took focused on liturgical worship. He had to

prepare the service for a specific Sunday. Steve chose to do it for Christ The King Sunday. He selected the hymns, prayers, etc. So we will use

the service that he planned for Christ The King Sunday, which is November 25th. In that service we will remember that we have been baptized

into the body of Christ.

Christ the
King
SUNDAY

As such, we are called to care about those who are suffering. So everyone is invited to bring an item of food for

the FACC food pantry. During the service we will bring the food items forward as part of our offering.

FRIENDS FOREVER COOKIE WALK AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 17

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At First Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Featuring a wide selection of homemade cookies (\$4.00/pound) candies, and other goodies.

They will also have many Christmas collectibles, gift baskets, and more.

Kids can build their own gift baskets for teachers, mom, dad, etc.

There will be a book signing by Sheila Kelly Welch, children's author.

Door prizes and raffle!

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

NOVEMBER 11

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Psalm 98:1,4-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

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

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

1:30 p.m. *Celebration Choir to Nursing Homes*

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

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. *Mary Circle*

7:00 p.m. *Council Meeting*

Wednesday

4:00 p.m. *Girl Scouts*

Thursday

9:30 a.m. *Life Skills Class*

6:30 p.m. *Kids of the Kingdom, Bell Choir, Praise Band*

7:30 p.m. *Celebration Choir & Meeting*

Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. *Humane Society Cookie Walk at First Lutheran*

10:00 a.m. *Altar Guild*

5:00 p.m. *Worship*

THE PARISH RECORD

November 03/04 Saturday 5:00-17 Sunday 8:15-130 10:45-82 Total-229 Sunday School-62
Offerings \$7,018.19