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CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE: CARING AND SHARING

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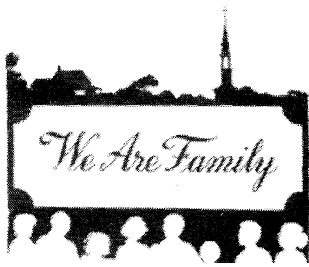
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

*GIVE
Thanks
TO THE
LORD*

Our readings for Saturday and Sunday will be Isaiah 12:2-6 and Luke 5:17-26. We will focus on Thanksgiving instead of the prescribed texts for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost. The prescribed texts focus on the end times; judgment, devastation etc. It seems more appropriate as we approach Thanksgiving that we focus on giving thanks rather than on the "fire and

damnation" of the second last Sunday of the church year.

Isaiah 12 is a word of joy and hope for the future in which God will save the people. Luke 5:17 is the story of the man paralyzed by guilt who is forgiven and set free by Jesus. The man is restored and returns home glorifying God.



Known to be hospitalized are Bernita Stubbe and Tina Buss at FHN Memorial Hospital and Lois Vick at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore.

Our sympathy to Don & Lois Wagner on the death of their sister-in-law, Carol Wagner.

The Freeport Choral Society will present their annual Christmas Concert this Sunday, November 18, at 3:00 p.m. at St. John UCC.

The Friends Forever Humane Society Cookie Walk and Christmas Bazaar will be held this Saturday, November 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CONTACT of Stephenson County will have their 3rd Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street. There's something for everyone and door prizes through out the day.

Endowment Fund requests -- Please submit requests for funding from the Endowment Fund by November 30.

From the Volunteer Coordinator - The smallest good deed is better than the greatest good intention.

CHOIR

CANTATA

The Celebration Choir will present, "Come, Lord Jesus:

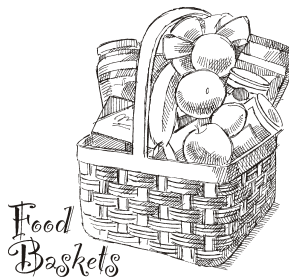
Music and Meditations for Advent," on Sunday, December 2, at the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services. We hope you will join us!

NO NEWS

There will be no *First News* next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, November 27.

FACC CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We can help provide families with a



holiday dinner. Each year FACC delivers over 200 food baskets to those in need. Churches are asked to bring specific items for those baskets.

This year we have been asked to provide boxes of Stove Top stuffing.

Please start bringing your boxes of stuffing this Sunday.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

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.

TIME TO START SAVING

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. So bring in your Sullivan receipts with those dates. Also, we continue to collect all Cub Food receipts.

GENEROUS RESPONSE

Thanks for all of the stuff that you brought for the residents at the Stephenson Nursing Center. There is a great big pile of it in the narthex!!! Our 7th grade class is grateful for your response.

SPAGHETTI TIME!

The First Lutheran Youth Annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Luncheon will be this Sunday, November 18, from Noon - 2:00 p.m. The cost is 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 are still available. Bring a friend and your appetite!!!!



CHAPEL

If you go through the door in the north west corner of our sanctuary you enter the chapel. A large metal plaque on the wall in the old stair well indicates that it is the Andrew and Dortha Holtum Memorial Chapel. Four of their descendants are members at first. They are, Nancy Holtum, Donna Morton, Betty Shockey and Dorothy

Thoman. WELCA has used some of its Fern Ditzler funds to remodel the chapel. The painting of Jesus in Gethsemane has

been cleaned and restored, The walls have been painted, the ceiling replaced and the pews have been reconfigured. The project is almost completed. Hopefully we can rededicate the chapel before Christmas.



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

NOVEMBER 18

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Isaiah 12:2-6, Luke 5:17-26

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation

10:00 a.m. Praise Band

12:00 p.m. "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Luncheon

6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Monday 430 p.m. Neighborhood Youth Ministry

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle at Betty Banderet's

6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

7:00 p.m. Rachel Circle at church

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at First Lutheran

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity UMC

Friday Office Closed

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

3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom

5:00 p.m. Worship

THE PARISH RECORD

November 10/11 Saturday 5:00-21 Sunday 8:15-115 10:45-62 Total-198 Sunday School-61
Offerings \$4,831.00