

First News

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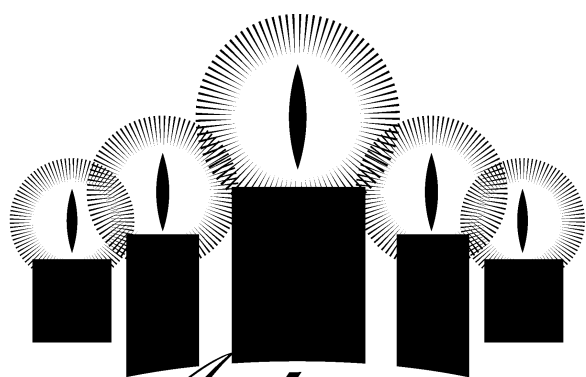


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ADVENT



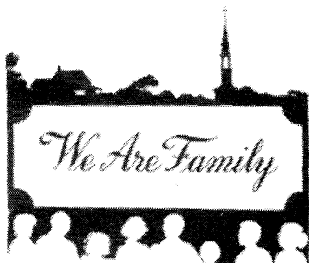
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**WE BEGIN
THE ADVENT
SEASON
WITH A
PRESENTAT
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CELEBRATI**

**ON CHOIR OF THE
CANTATA "COME, LORD
JESUS" BY SUSAN
BRIEHL AT THE 8:15
AND 10:45 AM SERVICES.**

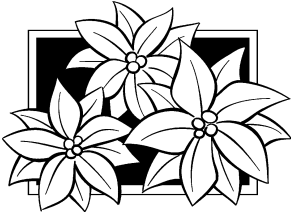
THE CANTATA WILL BE

**FOLLOWED BY HOLY
COMMUNION. COME
THIS SUNDAY AND
MEDITATE ON THE
COMING OF JESUS, BE
INSPIRED BY THE
MUSIC AND THEN
SHARE THE LORD'S
SUPPER WITH YOUR
SISTERS AND
BROTHERS IN CHRIST.**



Known to be hospitalized is Ivan Sorn at FHN Memorial Hospital. Nevin Beckman had surgery last week and is recuperating at home. Gert Wieland is recuperating from a broken hip. She is at Manor Court, 2170 W. Navajo Drive, Freeport.

Our sympathy to Gert Wieland and Lori Brobst on the death of their sister/grandmother, Dorothy Oefelein.



Our sympathy to Don & Virginia Waggoner on the death of Don's brother, Robert Waggoner.

Congratulations to Mark & Darlene Kretzmann and Grandparents, Neville & Sue Kretzmann, on the birth of Bonnie Sue Kretzmann on November 15.

POINSETTIAS

John & JoAnn Kohn are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this Sunday, December 2, with an open house in Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You are invited to join them. In lieu of gifts, they will collecting non-perishable food items.

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.

Remember to bring your Sullivan receipts dated between November 14 and November 30 to church.

From the Volunteer Coordinator - Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

LOIS H. VICK † 1926 - 2007

May God grant peace to her memory, comfort to her family and grace to us all as we seek to live our lives to His glory.

MUSICIANS

Please share your talent and spirit with your First Family this Christmas Eve! Let Dawn Zeigler know by December 16 if



CHRISTMAS

you are interested.

THANK YOU!

The Kids of the Kingdom and Micki Arana would like to express our most sincere gratitude to whom we would like to call



our "Guardian Angel." Our Angel made a most generous contribution by coming forward and asking if we could use more T-shirts and we now have a new inventory for all upcoming children.

Thank you Angel

FACC CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Remember to bring your boxes of stuffing to church this Sunday for the FACC Christmas baskets.

POINSETTIAS

It's time to order your Christmas poinsettias. The cost is \$9.00 and they

may be given in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please use a pink envelope or a pew envelope.

REDEDICATION OF CHAPEL

The Holtum Chapel will be ready for rededication on December 16 at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the service. If you have never seen the chapel go through the door in the north west corner of our sanctuary and you will enter the chapel. A large metal plaque on the wall in the old stair well indicates that it is the Andrew and Dorothea 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 chapel will provide a nice intimate room for worship prayer, Bible studies, meetings etc.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

We shall decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary following the Saturday evening service on December 15 (around 6:00 p.m.). Please come and help, it is fun and the result is spectacular.

THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU!!!

The Youth Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our Spaghetti Luncheon on the 18th. Thanks to you, we made significant progress toward our goal of sending the youth away...On their mission trip, that is. This year's mission trip will be to

Biloxi, Mississippi where we will work with ELCA's Disaster Relief group. More on that later...for now we just want to say thanks, especially to John and Trudy Moore, Lavonne Chamberlin, and Sally Moore for their help organizing the Luncheon, and to Thrivent for their continued support.

KRETZMANN'S

VISIT GRANDDAUGHTER

Pastor Neville and Sue will be visiting their new granddaughter in Los Angeles December 5 - 11. Pastor Susie Hill from Forreston will preach at the December 8 5 p.m. service. Scott Solberg a senior seminary student from Wartburg Theological Seminary will preach at the Sunday services. Chaplain Don Swanson will preside over Holy Communion. Pastor Mark Luepke of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport will be on call to deal with any emergencies (815 232 4911).

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

DECEMBER 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. *Celebration Choir Cantata*
- 9:30 a.m. *Sunday School & Confirmation*
- 2:00 p.m. *John & JoAnn Kohn Anniversary Open House*
- 6:30 p.m. *Senior High Youth Group*
- Monday 4:30 p.m. *Neighborhood Youth Ministry*
- 7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*
- Wednesday 1:00 p.m. *Care Givers Meeting*
- 4:00 p.m. *Girl Scouts*
- Thursday 11:30 a.m. *OWLS Christmas Party*
- 6:30 p.m. *Kids of the Kingdom & Bell Choir Rehearsal*
- 7:30 p.m. *Celebration Choir Rehearsal*
- Saturday 6:30 a.m. *MBA at Big Apple*
- 5:00 p.m. *Worship*

THE PARISH RECORD

November 24/25 Saturday 5:00-14 Sunday 8:15-111 10:45-95 Total-220 Sunday School-57 Offerings \$4,678.23
Thanksgiving Eve-79