

# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



***CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE: CARING AND SHARING***

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## EPIPHANY



The spiritual quest of all human beings is mirrored in the journey of the magi. They find and adore the Christ child, the fulfillment of their hope, the epiphany and glory of God.

Worship Services this Sunday  
at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes  
at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Worship Service at 5:00 p.m.



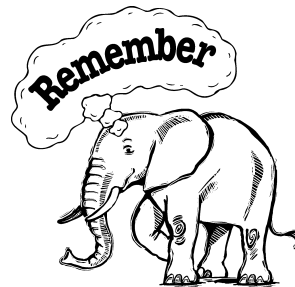
Care Givers give emotional support when a member is in need. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a Care Giver's visit, contact Pastor Kretzmann or Kryss Brose (815-233-4410).

*From the Volunteer Coordinator - Our main business is not to see what lies dimly in the distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand. -Thomas Carlyle*

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**JANET L. DUMROESE † 1925 - 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.



from the following committees:  
Nominating,  
Stewardship,  
Endowment,  
Memorial, Worship &  
Music, Altar Guild,  
Christian Education,

Youth, Care Givers, Visiting,  
Evangelism, and Property.

Reports are also needed from the Celebration Choir, Kids of the Kingdom, Saturday Worship, Assisting Ministers, Neighborhood Youth, Women of the ELCA, and Project Workday.

If you need a copy of last year's report, contact the church office. You can e-mail your report to:

friends @ firstlutheranfreeport.com

**YOU'RE INVITED** - The Rachel Circle will meet this month on Tuesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Cannova's Restaurant. You're invited to join them. Please call Pat Schutte (815-232-8921) if you'd like to attend.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing us with \$800 to buy 32 gifts for children and seniors receiving the

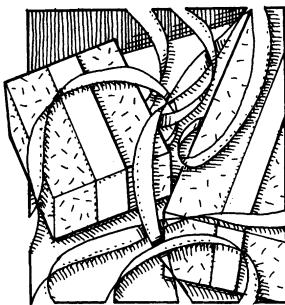
FACC Christmas baskets. Also thanks to Thrivent members Esther Eden, Donna Kohn, Jeanette Leopold, Barb O'Grady, Sue Swank, and Dorothy Ackerman for coming out to do the shopping in really bad weather. Thank you Thrivent!

#### SULLIVAN'S RECEIPTS

Thanks to everyone who brought in Sullivan receipts and to Elsie Schoop for tabulating the receipts. We received \$33.70 for our Neighborhood Ministry account.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Annual reports are due this Sunday, January 6. Reports are still needed



## YOUTH NEWS



Normal meetings (yah! as if anything about YG is normal) will begin January 6 at 6:30 p.m. But wait!!! There's more:

January 5th: We gather at 3p.m. in the FLC Kitchen to make Chilli, then serve it to the residents at PADS

January 15th: Youth Committee meeting (tell the old folks and have them attend for you)

January 20th: We will be the guests of St. Johns in Pearl City for pizza and games

January 21st: The ELCA Northern Illinois Synod Ski Day at Chestnut Mountain

### FOUND

A set of car keys was found in the church parking lot. Please call the church office to claim.

### CLASSES RESUME

Sunday School and Confirmation classes will resume this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

### FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

In partnership with Equal Exchange, a fair-trade organization committed to paying farmers a fair price for their

crops, Lutheran World Relief began the Coffee Project in 1997. Through fair trade, farmers can earn enough to cover their production expenses, provide for a better life for their families, and help make a long-term difference in their communities.

Fair trade products are offered for sale upstairs in the entryway and include several varieties of coffee and tea, hot chocolate mix, baking cocoa, and chocolate bars. Payment for items may be left in the box on the display and checks should be made payable to "Women of the ELCA." Purchasing fair-trade products is one way for Lutherans to take action towards alleviating poverty in developing countries.



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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**JANUARY 6**

**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

Monday

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

7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. *Council Meeting*

Wednesday

4:00 p.m. *Girl Scouts*

Thursday

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**

December 23 Sunday 9:00-101 Offerings \$5,549

Christmas Eve 6:00-197 10:30-50 Total-247 Offerings \$2,870

December 29/30 Saturday 5:00-10 Sunday 9:00-100 Total-110 Offerings \$5,584