

# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY



The lifeless body of Jesus was lovingly placed in a near by tomb, hewn out of rock. A large stone was rolled across the front of the tomb. So the sun set on a very sad Friday. When the sun rose on Sunday morning, the tomb was empty because the Son had risen.

Come and celebrate the resurrection; there will be a good crowd, the music will be familiar and uplifting, the story will give you hope and breakfast will be served! What more could you wish for? Happy Easter!!!!!!

Easter Worship ~ 6:30, 8:15, & 10:00 a.m.



Known to be hospitalized are Dave Netherland and Don Freeman at University Hospital in Madison.

Our sympathy to Bob & Donna Morton and family on the death of Bob's sister, Elizabeth Piefer.

Our sympathy to Marian Ewalt and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Clarice Ewalt.

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 Krys Brose (815-233-4410).

*From the Volunteer Coordinator - Faith is not belief without proof; it is trust without reservation.*

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This Saturday we welcome Easter, remember our baptism and celebrate communion together. The service begins with the lighting of the Paschal candle to represent the presence of the risen Christ.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

##### /CONFIRMATION

There will be no Sunday School or Confirmation classes this Sunday. Please plan to attend one of the Easter morning worship services which will be held at 6:30, 8:15, and 10:00.

#### COME FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

Tickets will be available "at the door" for the youth sponsored Easter breakfast. They will be serving from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. and the cost is \$5.00/person or \$20.00/family.

#### FAREWELL

##### TO PASTOR & SUE KRETZMANN

Tickets will be available this weekend for the Retirement Dinner honoring Pastor Neville & Sue Kretzmann. The dinner will be held on Friday, March 28 at the Freeport Country Club, Social time at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00 p.m. There is still time to turn in your written memories and pictures.

The schedule for Sunday, March 30 is:

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Confirmation  
Classes

10:30 a.m.

Farewell Worship Service

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Open House at First Lutheran

HELP STILL NEEDED

Let's give me a Happy Birthday on April 5. That's our last Saturday night to work the PADS Homeless Shelter. We have the 2-6 shift open yet. Please consider it. Thanks!

-Diane Rondeau  
PADS Coordinator

#### PROJECT WORKDAY

Project Workday will meet on Thursday, March 27, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room. Come down and join us for part or all of the day.

For the next few months we will be gathering items for health kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. Items needed include hand towels, washcloths, toothbrushes, bath soap, nail clippers, band-aids, and wide-toothed combs. Donations may be left in the WELCA box located near the mailboxes. A list of supplies can also be found on the bulletin board near the restrooms.

#### PASTOR KURT HANSEN

Our interim pastor will be Kurt Hansen. He will assume his duties at First Lutheran on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Hansen lives with his wife and son in Dubuque. We understand that he will rent an apartment in Freeport, spending part of the week here and part of the week in Dubuque. Pastor Don Swanson will lead our worship on the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>. After that Pastor Hansen will take over.

#### LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES CENTER TURTLE SEARCH SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2008

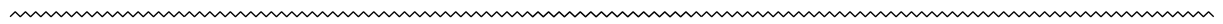
Join LOMC for their Spring Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities include games, hiking, wagon rides, canoeing, fishing, and more. For more information, call 815-732-2220 or visit their web site: [www.lomc.org](http://www.lomc.org)

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**MARCH 23**      **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY**  
Reading: Matthew 28:1-10  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service  
7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
8:15 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services  
Monday            Office Closed  
Thursday        10:00 a.m. Workday  
Friday            5:00 p.m. Retirement Dinner for the Kretzmans  
Saturday        6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple  
                      3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom  
                      9:00 a.m. Scrapbooking

**THE PARISH RECORD**

March 15/16   Saturday 5:00-16   Sunday 8:15-136   10:45-76   Total-228   Sunday School-49   Offerings \$6,919