

# First News

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

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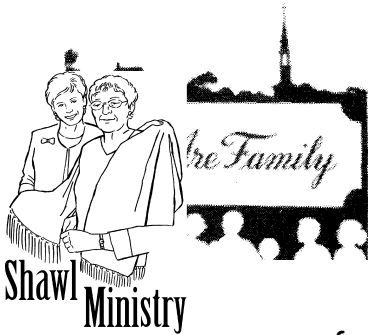
## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread.

Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Pastor Don Swanson will lead our worship services this weekend.



Jim Castle had surgery this week and is recuperating at home.

Bob Morton would like to thank everyone for their support following the death of his sister, Betty Piefer. Thanks for the cards, phone calls and attending the visitation.

Albert Simler would like to thank Pastors Kretzmann and Whitney for their visits when he was in the hospital. Thanks to everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards and concern after his surgery. Also, thank you to the people who made the prayer shawl he received.

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 Kryse Brose (815-233-4410).

*From the Volunteer Coordinator - When you sing your own praises, you always get the tune too high. When you sing God's praises, you can never go high enough.*

**WELCOME PASTOR KURT HANSEN**



Our interim pastor, Kurt Hansen, will assume his duties at First Lutheran on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Hansen lives with his wife and son in Dubuque. He will be in the office Wednesday through Friday each week.

We also have a set of keys that was found in the church parking lot several weeks ago. The keys are for a Chrysler mini-van. Please call the church office to claim these items.

**NW CONFERENCE  
SPRING ASSEMBLY**

The Northwest Conference Women are gathering on Thursday, April 17, at Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton from 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for it's Spring Assembly. Come enjoy a delicious brunch and hear about Prison Ministry from Betty Stralow. Cost is \$6.50 and reservation forms are available on the WELCA bulletin board, near the restrooms. Contact Ruth Wardlow if you wish to car-pool.

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The prayer shawl group will meet on Saturday, April 5, from 10:00-12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to

**COME FOR BREAKFAST**



We will have another all church breakfast on Sunday, April 13. Plan to come and enjoy a good breakfast, fellowship time, and meet Pastor Hansen. We will be serving from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**HAVE YOU LOST....**

A pretty pink pin was found at church

learn how, are welcome to come and learn more about this ministry.

#### PROJECT WORKDAY

Project Workday will not meet on Thursday, April 10. We will only meet once this month, on Thursday, April 24, 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.

We are still 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.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Neighborhood Youth Ministry group provides tutoring, fellowship, and a meal for our neighborhood kids each Monday at 4:30 p.m. More volunteers are always needed. Please contact the church office or Pat Schutte if you would like to help.

#### BILOXI MISSION TRIP MEETING!

There will be a brief meeting on Sunday, April 13, at 6 p.m. for the parents and youth planning to attend our Biloxi Mission Trip. We will be completing sign-up forms, accepting deposits, and answering questions. It will be helpful if you bring information regarding your youth's

insurance information.



Call or email Gordy Tormohlen at the number/address below if you have questions, or are unable to attend.

(815) 232-5543

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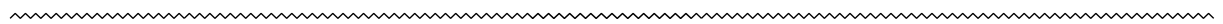


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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**APRIL 6**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings: 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

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

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

6:30 p.m. *Youth Group*

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

7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. *WELCA Board Meeting*

1:00 p.m. *Kitchen Cleaning*

Wednesday Pastor Hansen Begins

4:00 p.m. *Girl Scouts*

7:00 p.m. *Council Meeting*

Thursday 6:30 p.m. *Kids of the Kingdom & Bell Choir Rehearsal*

7:30 p.m. *Celebration Choir*

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

5:00 p.m. *Worship Service*

**THE PARISH RECORD**

March 30 10:30-253 Offerings \$4,590