

# First News

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

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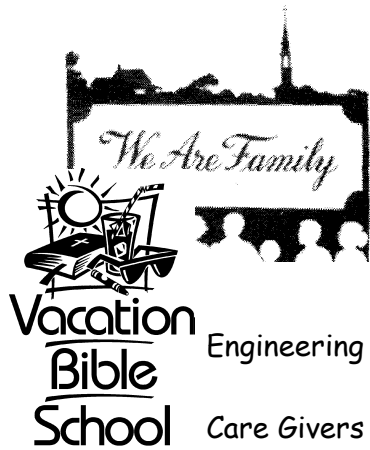
## Day of Pentecost

May 11, 2008



This Sunday, May 11th, is the Festival of Pentecost, the fiftieth day of Easter. With this festival we recall the coming of the promised Holy Spirit on the first disciples, signaling the birth of the Church. As Rev. Julie Kanarr writes: "The Holy Spirit is a bridge and connection between the ministry of Jesus and the life of the Church.

The Spirit blows among us, calling us into common community, kindling our faith, inspiring our mission, and sending us out to share the good news of Christ's peace and forgiveness in the world."



Known to be hospitalized is Janice Burck at FHN Memorial Hospital.

Lucille Corman would like to thank the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class for the sun catcher she received for May Day. She has it hanging in her window.

Congratulations to Brad Wall who is graduating from the University of Illinois this weekend with a Doctorate of Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering degree. He is teaching at Emery Riddell University in Prescott, Arizona.

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 Krys Brose (815-233-4410).

*From the Volunteer Coordinator - When the world around you is crumbling, God is the rock on which you can stand.*

### CALLING ALL MOTHERS!



Well, you really don't even have to be a mother, we want EVERYONE to attend for the fun!! The youth are again hoping for a good turnout for their annual Mother's Day auction. It is finally here! This coming

Sunday, in between church services will be the big event. Thrivent is also matching whatever funds are brought in, so it is well worth your investment.

The drop off times for anyone helping us out with donations will be on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. until noon at the church kitchen, or on Sunday from 7:45 a.m. until 9 a.m. It is not too late to donate something if you want to help them out. (We even take cash donations!) The youth are still in need of funding for their mission trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. Please call Jackie Meiborg 815-238-0403 if you need something picked up, or have any questions. We are looking forward to a great turnout...See you on Sunday!!!

### PICTURES WANTED

Does anyone have pictures taken at Pastor Kretzmann's last service on March 30 or

at home? How about pictures of the Kids of Kingdom, Celebration Choir, Praise Band, Bell Choir, and Saturday Night Service or any other pictures of Neville and Sue. These will be used in the Memory Book. Call Ruth Wardlow 815-232-4839.

### TIME TO SIGN UP

The Women of the ELCA have planned a summer outing for the women of the church. We will be attending the 2:00 p.m. performance of "CHURCH BASEMENT WOMEN" at Timber Lake Playhouse on Wednesday, August 13. The cost is \$18.00

Make your reservations early. We will be car pooling. Contact Jan Butterfield.

### CONFIRMATION TEACHER'S

All Confirmation teachers and administrators are invited to a meeting this Saturday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m. at First Lutheran. Please come prepared to share your experiences with the confirmation ministry program.

### YOU'RE INVITED

You're invited to a special opportunity to

share Jesus with children! Please consider helping with VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this summer - June 16-20 at Oakdale from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We are still looking for help with crafts, recreation, snacks, group leaders, and transportation. Please contact Chris Parkinson (815-233-9222) or Dawn Zeigler (815-233-3517) for more information or to say, "Yes!"

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

May 18 is our last week of Sunday School classes until Fall! See you in worship this summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration forms should be returned to Sunday School teachers by May 18. Thank you!



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Sunday School department and the Kids of the Kingdom are sponsoring a fun event. All Sunday School children through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Kids of the Kingdom, and their families are invited to the YMCA on Sunday, June 1, from 3:00 - 6:30 for an afternoon of swimming followed by a pizza party. Contact Micki Arana for more information.

#### A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings in Christ!

Just a note of thanks for the kind words of welcome Susan and I have experienced since I began as your interim pastor. While still sort of "settling in" and getting

oriented, I am beginning to get a feel for the congregation and its ministries and challenges, and I have a very positive feeling for the future of this parish.



Look for some new experiences in worship, as we introduce Setting 8 from the ELW. This tuneful, joyous liturgy is likely to become a favorite of many as we become more familiar with it. We will use this setting for several weeks to gain practice with its melodies. Thanks to Dawn Zeigler for her fine musical leadership, which will certainly make learning this new liturgy easy and fun.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance as the interim time proceeds. It is sure to be a fruitful and exciting time in the life of First Lutheran! As we move forward, your council leaders and I will keep you updated on the process.

Serving with you in Christ,

Rev. Kurt Hansen, Interim Pastor

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**MAY 11**

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

Readings: Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

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

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

9:30 a.m. *Mother's Day Auction*

6:30 p.m. *Youth Group*

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

7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. *Life Skills Class*

4:00 p.m. *Girl Scouts*

7:00 p.m. *Council Meeting*

Thursday 1:00 p.m. *NW Conference Pastor's Text Study*

6:30 p.m. *Bell Choir Rehearsal*

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

10:00 a.m. *Prayer Shawl Group*

5:00 p.m. *Worship Service*

**THE PARISH RECORD**

May 03/04 Saturday 5:00-16 Sunday 8:15-115 10:45-59 Total-190 Sunday School-39 Offerings \$4,899.50