

First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE: CARING AND SHARING

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Don't Worry! Be Happy! Right....

While none of us is exempt from occasional worries, our texts this week can comfort and encourage us. Beginning with the prophet Isaiah and continuing with the words of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount, our lessons remind us that worrying about the future won't help and isn't necessary.

Instead, Jesus would invite us to live in close relationship with God every day, and let that be enough.

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 - Good, Better, Best....Never let it rest until Good is Better and Better is Best.

WE DID IT!

A HUGE thank you to all of our members and donators, which made our Mother's Day auction an awesome success! We brought in a total of \$2,100.00 from the sales and donations, with Thrivent donating a large portion of that for all of our hard work. We are THRILLED and BLESSED to have such a fantastic church family that has given so much of their time and talents in helping us raise so much money for our mission trip. Also, a big thank you to Gordy, Diane, and Jackie for all of their efforts in making this a fun and profitable event. We appreciate all of you, so much, for everything you did in making this fund-raiser happen.

With gratitude ~ The Senior High Youth

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

Have you ever wanted to participate in a mission trip? The First Lutheran Youth have several extra reserved spots open on our mission trip to Biloxi Mississippi. The trip is being coordinated through Lutheran Disaster Relief. We will depart July 11th and return July 20th. Although carpentry skills are helpful, no particular skill sets are required, as there is need in many areas. If you're interested in learning more contact Steve Olson or Gordy Tormohlen.

CAMPERS

The deadline for turning in your Campership applications is THIS SUNDAY, MAY 25! Please leave your completed forms in the red folder in Peg's office.

POOL PARTY!

The Sunday School department and the Kids of the Kingdom are sponsoring a fun event. All Sunday School children through 4th 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is for all children completing the 3 year old Sunday school class through those completing sixth grade confirmation. Registration forms should be returned to the church office as soon as possible.

VBS STAFF - There will be a Vacation Bible School staff meeting at Grace Episcopal Church on Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m.

MUSICIANS!

(Or Friends of Musicians)

Please contact Dawn Zeigler (815-233-3517) to share special music during worship this summer!

KEEPING YOUR INFORMED

This week, you'll notice a new addition to your *First News* called Council Notes. Since there are so many things going on at First right now, the Church Council felt it would be best to publish an abbreviated version of our Council minutes to give you an idea of what's going on. The notes will be printed in the *First News* every month as soon as they are approved by the council, thus this

month you are reading April's notes. May's will appear in June, and so on. We hope you enjoy reading the notes, and would encourage you to contact a council member if you have any questions or comments.

A CHANGE OF PLACE

The Aaron David Miller Organ concert that was scheduled to be held at First Lutheran Church in Rockford will now be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural Street, in Rockford. The date and time are the same, June 1, 3:00 p.m. The organ at First Lutheran Church in Rockford was damaged by lightning.

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.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE RETREAT

The Northwest Conference Women of the ELCA are sponsoring a one-day retreat on Thursday, June 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milledgeville from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come hear from Dr. Jean Young about her "Mission Work in Ghana, West Africa" where she serves with her husband as a missionary. Cost is \$12.00 and reservation forms are available on the WELCA bulletin board. Contact Jan Butterfield or Ruth

Wardlow if you would like to car pool.

UNCLAIMED DISHES

Did you donate some food for a funeral or other church event and forget to take home your dish? There are several serving bowls and pans located on the counter in the kitchen - please take a look to see if they belong to you.

After May 31, any remaining items will be donated to FACC.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN-KIND OFFERINGS

The Northern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held on June 13-14th at Augustana College in Rock Island. In-kind offerings are being collected this year for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, the center for greening in our synod. Items being collected include "green" cleaning products, such as *Clorox* green cleaning for windows, bathrooms and all-purpose cleaners, as well as gift cards to *Menards* which will be used to purchase items such as compact fluorescent light bulbs. Donations may be left in the box near the narthex.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

MAY 25 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Isaiah 49:8-16a, Psalm 131, Matthew 6:24-34

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

Monday *MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed*

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. *Girl Scouts*

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

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

5:00 p.m. *Worship Service*

THE PARISH RECORD

May 17/18 Saturday 5:00-20 Sunday 8:15-102 10:45-55 Total-177 Sunday School-24 Offerings
\$4,528.25