

THANK YOU

Sue and I will never forget the many wonderful and thoughtful ways in which you expressed your love and gratitude for the 12 years of ministry that we shared with you. There is no way that we can truly express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness! We treasure the gifts which were so meaningful and appropriate. The tub of flowers from the junior high group provided a splash of color in the midst of the long winter that we have experienced. The bird sculpture stands in our front yard amongst the tulips lazily turning in the breeze. The beautiful red hand blown glass vase from Ceaderville graces our living room. The two framed poems will always remind us of Stephenson County. Also thanks for the "Kretzmann's Garden Memories." We are looking forward to receiving the quilt that some of you so lovingly made for us. The generous check that you presented to us will most probably help to finance a trip to South Africa. I am still eating chocolate suckers that the children gave to me! There were also other gifts that individuals gave to us and so many cards expressing congratulations, good wishes, gratitude and the desire for God's blessing as we venture forth into a new chapter in our lives. Thank you for those good wishes and tokens of your personal appreciation.

What a great weekend it was at the end of March, what a delightful banquet and a memorable program! It was so good to be gathered together with you on that occasion. It was so great that some of our family members and old friends could be present for the festivities. The service on Sunday morning was just grand. Thank you to all of you musicians, you have touched my heart on so many occasions! The church was full. It was nice that on my last Sunday I got to lead worship in a full house. Sunday afternoon was pleasant, an opportunity to personally say thank you and goodbye to so many people. The cake was also great!

We know that those of you who were in charge of planning all of these wonderful events worked long and hard to make the weekend such a great success. We hope that you feel proud and satisfied for what you accomplished! Sue and I were proud of you and so very thankful for your love. Also a big thank you to those of you who served in a specific role during all of the festivities. I wish that I could list all of your names!

We should have written this many weeks ago but we kept finding excuses for putting it off. I think we kept putting it off because writing it meant that we had to face the fact that we are no longer a part of your lives. That is a difficult thing to come to terms with. We miss you and it is always a pleasure to run into some of you in the store or at some event. God be with you!

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First News

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CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE: CARING AND SHARING

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Building on Rock...



The texts for this Sunday ask us to think about things that last. Faith in God's grace through Christ Jesus, and the things we do based on such Christ-centered faith, is the solid foundation which lasts. God's word stands alone against all human designs, but God supports and strengthens those efforts which are built on the foundation of Christ.

Known to be hospitalized are Marjorie Meyers and Lee Williams at FHN Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations to Holly St. John and Matt Hille who were married at First Lutheran on May 24.

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 Kryz Brose (815-233-4410).

From the Volunteer Coordinator - Those who say, "Work well done never needs redoing," have never weeded a garden.

This summer our Sunday worship services will remain at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Saturday services will continue at 5:00 p.m.

FIRST NEWS will begin it's summer schedule. There will be two issues a month in June, July, and August. The deadline for the next issue will be June 10.

WE CONGRATULATE our 2008 High School graduates. They are: Amber Castle, Kayleigh King, Rebecca Roe, Bradley Statdfield, and Karina Tormohlen.

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 this Sunday, June 1, from 3:00 - 6:30 for an afternoon of swimming followed by a pizza party. Contact Micki Arana for more information.

MEETING CANCELLED -- The Vacation Bible School staff meeting scheduled at Grace Episcopal Church on June 5 has been cancelled.

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.

MUSICIANS!

(Or Friends of Musicians)

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 16-20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Oakdale Nature Preserve. All children completing the 3 year old Sunday school class through those completing sixth grade confirmation are invited to attend. Registration forms should be returned to the church office as soon as possible.

THE OWLS (Older Women, Lutheran Singles) will be traveling to Woodbine on Thursday, June 5 for lunch at the Woodbine Bend. They will leave from the church at 10:45 a.m.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN-KIND OFFERINGS

The Northern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held on June 13-14 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 *Cloroxgreen* 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 in the narthex.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The prayer shawl group will meet on Saturday, June 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn how, are welcome to join us.

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.

PROJECT WORKDAY

Project Workday will meet on Thursday, June 12 and 26 in the Martin Luther Room from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Come down for part or all of the day. Sewing skills are not required

to participate. We are collecting supplies for layette kits for Lutheran World Relief - still needed are infant undershirts, sleepers, receiving blankets, and cloth diapers. Items may be left in the WELCA box located by the mailboxes near the Jackson Street entrance.

MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE: JOIN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AND THRIVENT BUILDS WORLDWIDE FOR AN INDIA ADVENTURE

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is pleased to announce an exciting adventure to India this fall through a collaborative effort with Thrivent Builds With Habitat for Humanity. This is an opportunity for 15 members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and friends of LWR to build homes through the Thrivent Builds Worldwide program and visit communities where LWR works with grassroots partners to combat poverty. The estimated cost for this trip is \$4,380 which includes roundtrip airfare from Dulles International Airport and other transportation costs in India (airfare, train and van travel), lodging, meals.

To be considered for this LWR-Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip, or for more information, contact Rebecca Lange-Thernes at rthernes@lwr.org or 410-230 - 2737. The application deadline is July 1.

Please visit www.lwr.org/study for updated information on this and other LWR Study Tours.

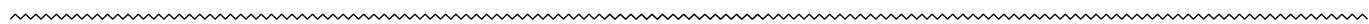
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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

JUNE 1 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Monday 7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. *Pastor at Synod Staff Meeting in Rockford*

1:00 p.m. *Care Givers*

6:30 p.m. *Confirmation Meeting for Parents at Prince of Peace*

Thursday 10:45 a.m. *OWLS to Woodbine*

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

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 24/25 Saturday 5:00-15 Sunday 8:15-85 10:45-54 Total-154 Offerings \$3,808.50

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2008</h1>						
1 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 3:00 - 6:30 KoK & Sunday School - 4 th Grade Family Pool & Pizza Party at YMCA	2 7:00 Boy Scouts MEALS ON WHEELS	3 -----	4 10-2 Pastor at Synod Staff Meeting 1:00 Care Givers 6:30 Confirmation Mtg. For Parents at POP -----	5 10:45 OWLS 1:00 NW Conf. Pastor's Text Study -----	6 -----→	7 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Prayer Shawl Group 5:00 Worship
8 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 7 th Grade Confirmation	9 1:00 WELCA Board 7:00 Boy Scouts Camp at LOMC-----	10 -----	11 9:30 Life Skills Class -----	12 10:00 Workday 1:00 NW Conf. Pastor's Text Study -----→	13 NORTHERN ILLINOIS-----	14 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship SYNOD ASSEMBLY AT AUGUSTANA COLLEGE
15 8:15 & 10:45 Worship	16 7:00 Boy Scouts VACATION BIBLE	17 1:00 Rebecca Circle at Dorothy Gungel's SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. -	18 6:30 Evangelism Team 7:00 Council Meeting - NOON	19 9:00 NW WELCA Conf. Retreat at Milledgeville 1:00 NW Conf. Pastor's Text Study AT OAKDALE	20 NATURE PRESERVE	21 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Prayer Shawl Group 5:00 Worship
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