

# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



***THROUGH WORSHIP AND LOVING SERVICE,  
WE MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL***

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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15-16

Matthew 25:13-40 - The Parable of the Talents



Another tough parable from Matthew's Jesus this week! Three servants are entrusted as stewards of their master's property, each according to ability. Those with greater gifts invest them and return to their master more than they received, which pleases the master greatly. And the third servant? Well, he operates out of fear rather than trust, so he buries what he received to ensure he can return it. And as a result, he is called "worthless."

Another tough parable? Perhaps. Or is it a gift... I suppose it depends on how one receives it...

Interim Pastor Kurt Hansen



Heather Castle would like to thank the congregation for their support during her recent surgery and recovery.

Jeanette Leopold would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers she received following her recent surgery. It was all appreciated very much. She truly felt that her "family" was watching out for her.

We welcome Landen Joseph Lee Kampmier to the family! Landen was baptized on November 9. He is the son of Kyle & Erika Kampmier, grandson of Roger & Dena Kampmier, and great grandson of LaVonne Chamberlin and Phyllis McLain.

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 - The trouble with good advice is that it often interferes with our plans..*



### FEELING HUNGRY?

It's time for the First Lutheran Youth "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Luncheon! The event takes place this Sunday, November 16, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The cost is only \$5 per person/\$20 per family. With your

support and help from our friends at Thrivent, profits will go toward our ELCA Gathering trip this coming July. What better cause can there be than sending the youth away!! Tickets will be available after the 8:15 service and at the door this Sunday. Bring some friends and your appetite!!!!

### FOOD FOR FACC

As part of Gabe Zeigler's "Good Turn Project" for Cub Scouts, he is asking members of the congregation to bring canned goods and dry goods for the FACC Food Pantry this Sunday, November 16. You may



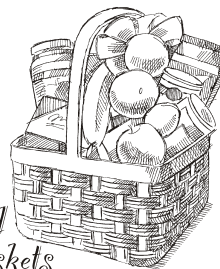
leave your donations in the narthex by the coat racks. Thanks!

### CATECHISM YOUTH GROUP

All 5th-8th grade students are invited to the Catechism Youth Group this Sunday, November 16, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The theme this month is "Positive Thinking." There will be a half hour for devotions and one hour for games (samurai tag) and snacks.

### FACC CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We can help provide families with a holiday dinner. Each year FACC delivers over 200 food baskets to those in need. Churches are asked to bring specific items for those baskets. This year we have been asked to provide boxes of Stove Top stuffing. Please start bringing your boxes of stuffing this Sunday.

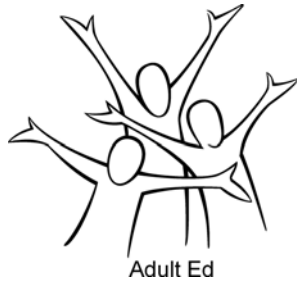


### THANKSGIVING

#### WORSHIP

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service, will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church this year at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday,

November 26.



**DON'T MISS THIS**  
Join us on Sunday mornings during the education hour (between services) for these interesting presentations. We will meet in either the

Fellowship Hall or the Martin Luther Room.

November 16:

Our speaker will be James Rhyne, the director of the new Boys and Girls Club. He will talk about the programs being offered and how the Club has used the endowment gift from First Lutheran. He will have a short presentation and will be available to answer any questions you may have about their plans for the future.

November 23:

Kendra Swanson will be our guest speaker. Kendra is the Assistant Program Director for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) in Oregon, Illinois. Prior to that she was a teacher at the Evanjelicke Lyceum in Bratislava, Slovakia. She will be speaking about LOMC and Slovakia.

November 30:

Rev. Diane Dardon, Campus Pastor at Northern Illinois University will give a presentation about campus ministry.

So, grab a cup of coffee and a doughnut and come and welcome our guest speakers!

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The prayer shawl group will meet this



Saturday,  
November 15,  
from 10:00 a.m. -  
12:00 p.m. in

Fellowship Hall. All knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn how, are welcome to come.

**COOKBOOKS**

Several people have expressed interest in purchasing additional copies of the 2006 First Lutheran Church Cookbook, which was sold out. In order to have a reprinting of the cookbook, we need to reach a minimum number of orders. If you would like to order a copy (or copies), please call the church office by November 20 or sign up on the sheet in the entryway this Sunday, November 16. If there is enough interest, we will order more and have them available for purchase by the first week of December. Cost is \$10.00 per book.

**SULLIVAN'S FOODS**

It's again time to collect your Sullivan's Foods receipts. Sullivan's will be giving churches a 5% rebate for cash register receipts *dated between November 22 and November 26, 2008.* Please bring your receipts to church and put them in the basket in the entryway. *Remember, we can only accept receipts dated between Saturday, November 22 and*

*Wednesday, November 26.*

Thanks.



**ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS**

Application forms for First Lutheran's Endowment Fund are available at church from the tract rack. If

you would like an application form e-mailed to you, you may request one from [friends@firstlutheranfreeport.com](mailto:friends@firstlutheranfreeport.com).

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Completed forms need to be turned in to the church by **November 30, 2008.**

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**NOVEMBER 16**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

9:30 a.m. *Sunday School/Catechism/Adult Ed Classes*

12:00 p.m. *Spaghetti Lunch*

3:00 p.m. *Catechism Youth Group*

6:30 p.m. *High School Youth Group*

Monday 4:30 p.m. *Tutoring/Mentoring Program*

7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. *Mary Circle*

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

6:30 p.m. *Evangelism Committee*

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

7:30 p.m. *Celebration Choir Rehearsal*

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

8:00 a.m. *Humane Society Christmas Bazaar Cookie Walk*

4:00 p.m. *Praise Band*

5:00 p.m. *Worship Service*

**THE PARISH RECORD**

November 08/09 Saturday 5:00-18 Sunday 8:15-122 10:45-76 Total-216 Sunday School-45 Offerings \$5,117.60