

First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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Baptism of Our Lord



Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's.

The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision

of justice and peace.

Known to be hospitalized is Don Waggoner at FHN Memorial Hospital. Del Thoman was hospitalized recently and is recuperating at home.

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 - It is better to be quiet and thought a fool, than to speak up and remove all doubt.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 128th Annual Congregational Meeting of First Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009. The meeting will be called to order after a potluck luncheon, which will begin following the 10:45 a.m. service. Please bring a vegetable dish, salad, or a dessert to pass.

STAY FOR BREAKFAST

Plan on joining your fellow members and friends for breakfast this Sunday, January 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be: corn beef hash, two kinds of eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast & jelly, peaches, coffee and juice. The suggested donation is \$5.00.

PADS

PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER

First Lutheran is responsible for staffing the PADS shelter on the first Saturday of the month.

A large sign-up sheet is located in the Galena Avenue entryway for the three shifts needed to be filled on February 7, March 7, and April 4. The first shift provides the evening meal for approximately 20 people. The overnight guests sleep during the second and third shifts.

Thank you for helping your neighbors in need.

Thank you to Aubrey and Arleen Olson, Pat Schutte, Diane Rondeau, and Diane Rimington and girls for staffing the PADS shelter on January 3.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The prayer shawl group will meet on Saturday, January 17 from 10:00-12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn how, are welcome to come.

SULLIVAN'S RECEIPTS

Thanks to everyone who brought in Sullivan receipts. We received \$16.44 for our Neighborhood Ministry account.

We are no longer collecting any grocery store receipts.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their Annual report. All reports should be received by this Tuesday, January 13. You may e-mail your report to:

[friends @ firstlutheranfreeport.com](mailto:friends@firstlutheranfreeport.com)

YOU'RE INVITED

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First Lutheran Church
303 S. Galena Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032

Kurt Hansen, Interim Pastor
Peg Huber, Office Manager
JoAnn Beckman, Volunteer Coordinator
Dagny Brandt, Celebration Choir Director

The Rachel Circle will meet this month on Tuesday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Fiesta Cancun. You're invited to join them. Please call Pat Schutte (815-232-8921) if you'd like to attend.

STATEMENTS OF GIVING

Thank you for your continued support of First Lutheran Church. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2008 Statement of Giving, please call the church office and one will be mailed to you.

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Milt Whitney, Visitation Pastor
John Moore, Lay President
Dawn Zeigler, Music Coordinator, Organist, Bell Choir Director
Teresa Parkinson, Choir Accompanist

Christina Parkinson, Praise Band Director
Elwyn Euler, Custodian
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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

January 11

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism Classes

9:30 a.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

4:30 p.m. Mentoring/Tutoring Program

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday

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

6:30 p.m. Council Debriefing

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday

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

7:3 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

5:00 p.m. Worship

High School Youth Group

THE PARISH RECORD

January 3/4 Saturday 5:00-20 Sunday 8:15-73 10:45-50 Total-143 Sunday School-37 Offerings \$3,812.00