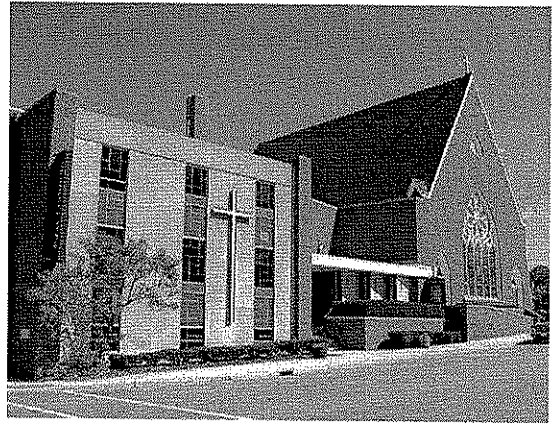


# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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## Palm/Passion Sunday April 5, 2009



It didn't always have that dual name, if you recall. "Palm/Passion" Sunday used to be just plain old Palm Sunday. That's back when folks could be found in large numbers participating in the entirety of Holy Week. Palm Sunday emphasized the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, which was followed in turn by His betrayal on Maundy Thursday, His crucifixion on Good Friday, His mysterious absence in the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, and His marvelous resurrection on Easter morning.

But with the advent of 50-plus hour workweeks and dual income households and multiple schedules of various kinds among youth from the first grade onward, it became necessary to tell the Holy Week story on Palm Sunday; hence, Palm/Passion Sunday.

Please make time in your world for the observance of Holy Week. The true essence of what ultimately matters most is found in the worship we do throughout this most important week in the Christian year.

In Christ's service,  
Interim Pastor Kurt Hansen



Known to be hospitalized are Lee Williams and Warren Burstrom at FHN Memorial Hospital.

Jim Elmer would like to thank Pastor Whitney for his visit following Jim's knee replacement surgery and also appreciates all the prayers from other members of the congregation. He is home and doing well.

Reese Rawleigh's parents, Amanda & Jeff would like to thank the congregation for the prayers for their daughter. She is doing great.

Congratulations to Jerod Kittoe and Keiko McDearmon who were married by Interim Pastor Hansen at First Lutheran on March 28, 2009.

Congratulations to Jan Butterfield who has been nominated as a "Woman of Excellence." The VOICES 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Women of Excellence Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 29. Tickets are available by calling VOICES at 815-235-9421.

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 Kryss Brose (815-233-4410).

*From the Volunteer Coordinator - The most wasted day is one in which we have not laughed.*

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 5

8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 9 - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10

12:00 p.m. FACC Service at First Lutheran

(Cross Walk begins at 11:00 a.m.  
from First Lutheran)

Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

#### PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY



There will be a prayer vigil on the eve of Easter, April 11, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. "What's a prayer vigil?" you may ask. A prayer vigil is a time of continuous prayer, carried out by one or more people in reference to a specific event; in this case, the event is the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter.

A sign-up board is posted in the narthex. You may sign up for one or more 15-minute intervals, during which time you will be agreeing to sit quietly in the prayer chapel, engaging in silent prayer. How often do you get the luxury of fifteen minutes of total silence, to do nothing else but be with God?

Please offer some time to God on Holy Saturday. In doing so, you might just find that it is in fact God who is offering something to you...

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on Saturday, April 4th from 10:00-12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn how, are welcome to come.

#### EASTER BREAKFAST!



The High School Youth will be cooking up their annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday April 12, 2009 starting at 9:00am. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for the family and can be purchased between services this

Sunday, as well as at the door Easter morning.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Celebration Choir members who spent Sunday afternoon on March 22 singing hymns at three area nursing homes! A special thank you to Norma Parkinson for arranging the afternoon and to Teresa Parkinson for accompanying us!

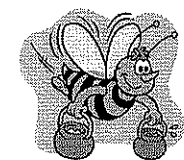
## READING GROUP

"Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown is the first book selected by the women's reading group. We will meet again on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. to share our thoughts about the book. The group will be flexible - if you wish to read this book, come join us on May 9th. If not, perhaps the next book will be more to your liking. Contact Ruth Wardlow or Jan Butterfield if you would like more information.

PROJECT WORKDAY will meet on Thursday, April 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room. Come down for part or all of the day and bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay over the noon hour. We are now collecting items for health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Donations of hand towels, washcloths, bath-size soap, toothbrushes, wide-tooth combs, band-aids, and nail clippers may be left in the WELCA box located near the mailboxes. Thank you for your support.

## TASTING BEE

Women of the ELCA will be hosting a Tasting Bee on Saturday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a variety of new dishes to sample, and as before, you will go home with a booklet of



all the recipes sampled. Cost to attend is \$6.00 and tickets will be available between worship services or by calling the church office.

NURSERY NEEDS - We are in need of some more volunteers to staff the nursery during our worship services. Would you consider occasionally volunteering? Please contact Norma Parkinson.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - This year's Vacation Bible School will begin on Sunday evening, June 14 and will continue on Monday through Thursday mornings, June 15 - 18. Watch for more information.

AN OPPORTUNITY - Experience Works is a training program for low income people 55 and older. Participants earn minimum wage working 18 hours per week. Intouch Home Care Services has an "Experience Works" position available in their office at First Lutheran. To learn more about the position and income guidelines, contact Sharon Beksell at 815-988-9075.

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

As of this writing, there is a serious flooding issue along both the Red River and Missouri River in the Upper Midwest. In some places, river and overland flooding has already occurred, and in other locations, current forecasts predict floods of record-breaking proportion. Lutheran Disaster Response is already responding:

- through local volunteers who are placing sandbags
- by preparing for assistance in the communities where flooding will occur
- in prayerful support for those who will be directly impacted

Pray that these communities may be bound together in unity in this time of great uncertainty. Pray as well for the faithful volunteers who are working tirelessly to prevent flooding and for those displaced by this high water.

Give a gift - Gifts to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, designated for U.S. Flooding, allow for immediate and ongoing response, bringing help and hope to affected communities now and into the future. Gifts may be sent through your congregation, or given directly online or by calling 800-638-3522.

For updates and more information about this and other responses, visit [www.ldr.org](http://www.ldr.org).

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

April 5 **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**  
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism Classes

Monday  
9:00 a.m. LSSI Training  
4:30 p.m. Neighborhood Youth Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. LSSI Training

Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. LSSI Training  
1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday  
10:00 a.m. Workday  
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Friday  
11:00 p.m. FACC Cross Walk  
12:00 p.m. FACC Good Friday Service at First Lutheran  
6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday  
6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple  
3:00 - 10:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil

**THE PARISH RECORD**

March 29 8:15-68 10:45-53 Total-121 Sunday School-49 Offerings \$2,856.00

Wednesday, March 25 12:15-29 6:30-28 Total-57

USHERS

Early Service  
Steve Hoffman  
Casey Mayer  
Jim Castle  
Roger Kampmier  
Bill Castle

Late Service  
Terry Love  
Marty Love  
Darius Simler  
Sherry Simler  
Ross Simler

VISITATION TEAM

5 & 12 R Wardlow & S Kampmeier  
19 & 26 D Morton & N Holtum

READERS

Early: Carol Netherland  
Late: Gail Diehl

ACOLYTES

Early Service  
05- McKayla Rimington & Emily Cowman  
12- Kaitlin Parkinson & Callie Arendt  
19- Dakotah Wolf & Karley Morton  
26- Hannah Bollon & Haley Bunker

Late Service

Brian Meiborg & Grady Coffee  
Daniel & Marisela Arana  
Nicholas & Amelia Marchini  
Kirsten Pontius & Allison Shields

GREETERS

Early Service  
05- DuWayne & Martha Pople  
12- Joe & Jean Sorn  
19- Jeanette Leopold & Arlene Camerer  
26- Louie & Ruth Banderet

Late Service

Albert & Betty Simler  
Arlo & Carolyn Trickle  
Vic & Jan Shields  
Bob & Phoebe Petrie

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Early Service  
05- Sharon Wall & Dagny Brandt  
12- Dena Kampmier & Dagny Brandt  
19- Judy Kaufman  
26- Jan Butterfield & Judy Kaufman

Late Service

Duke Herrling & Dagny Brandt  
Ruth Wardlow & Dagny Brandt  
Barb Statfield & Teresa Parkinson  
Duke Herrling & Barb Reichert

COMMUNION PRESENTORS

Early Service  
05- Jeanette Leopold & Arlene Camerer  
09- Barb Donahue & Ruth Wardlow (6:30)  
13- Aubrey & Arleen Olson  
20- DuWayne & Martha Pople  
27- Ernie & Krys Brose

Late Service

Dawn Duncan & Jackie Meiborg  
Paul & Betty Tormohlen  
Duke & Bev Herrling  
Greg & Lianne Dunham

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Early Service  
05- Barb Donahue & Nancy Holtum  
09- Barb Donahue & Ruth Wardlow (6:30)  
13- Aubrey & Arleen Olson  
20- DuWayne & Martha Pople  
27- Ernie & Krys Brose

Late Service

Dawn Duncan & Jackie Meiborg  
John & Trudy Moore  
Duke & Bev Herrling  
Greg & Lianne Dunham

ALTAR GUID

Set-Up  
05- Wardlow/Chamberlin/Trickle  
12- Barb Donahue  
19- Jean Greene  
26- Toni Ditsworth

Late Service  
Herrlings & D. Lieber  
B. Stebbins & C Heitter  
Lizz Withington  
P Kemp & R Wardlow

Early Service

Shirley & Steve Kampmeier  
Marge Althof  
Nancy Olson  
Carole Busjahn

NURSERY

Early Service  
05- Jeff & Jennifer Andre  
12- Volunteers Needed  
19- Gail Harris  
26- Meta Ridgway

Late Service

Dave & Sue Swank  
Volunteers Needed  
Norma & Katie Parkinson  
John & Barb Statfield

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

02- Carolyn Mitchell  
04- Joshua Pontius  
05- Donald Heilman  
06- Diane Rondeau  
07- Wilma Aden  
08- Reuben Pearson  
09- Nevin Beckman  
10- Harry Strohecker  
11- Jay Nevenhoven  
12- Robin Mitchell  
13- Carolyn Mitchell  
14- Joshua Pontius  
15- Donald Heilman  
16- Diane Rondeau  
17- Wilma Aden  
18- Reuben Pearson  
19- Nevin Beckman  
20- Harry Strohecker  
21- Jay Nevenhoven  
22- Robin Mitchell  
23- Richard & Connie Regez  
24- Aubrey & Arleen Olson  
25- Robert & Phoebe Petrie  
26- Paul & Pam Rampenthal  
27- George & Denise Kinney  
28- Casey & Ina Mayer  
29- Richard & Connie Regez  
30- Aubrey & Arleen Olson  
31- Robert & Phoebe Petrie  
32- Paul & Pam Rampenthal  
33- George & Denise Kinney  
34- Casey & Ina Mayer

21- Elsie Schoop  
23- Casey Mayer  
Alex Moore  
24- Betty Bawinkel  
25- Allen Redford  
26- Carolyn Trickle  
27- Brian Meiborg  
28- McKayla Rimington  
29- Jorge Arana  
30- Jessica Shields  
Delores Nevenhoven  
Evelyn Whitney  
Vera Haas  
Devan Castle  
Josh Holden  
Milt Whitney  
Harry Strohecker  
Jay Nevenhoven  
Warren Burstrom  
Robin Mitchell  
Cindy Warster

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

12- Terry & Marty Love  
16- Arlo & Carolyn Trickle  
20- Gene & Kim Baker  
25- Greg & Jeanne Guderyon  
27- Dennis & Courtney Cosgrove  
30- Mike & Barb O'Grady



# April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 Care Givers 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	2 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 7:00 Celebration Choir	3	4 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 8:00 Senior Center 10:00 Prayer Shawl Grp
5 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism	6 9-4 LSSI Training 4:30 Neighborhood Youth Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 9-4 LSSI Training	8 9-4 LSSI Training 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 7:00 Council Meeting	9 Maundy Thursday 10:00 Workday 6:30 Worship Service 7:30 Celebration Choir	10 Good Friday 11:00 FACC Cross Walk 12:00 FACC Service at First Lutheran 6:30 Worship Service	11 6:30 MBA at Big Apple Prayer Vigil from 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.
12 The Resurrection of Our Lord 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:00 Easter Breakfast	13 4:30 Neighborhood Youth Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts	14	15 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Evangelism	16 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 7:30 Celebration Choir	17	18 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Prayer Shawl Grp
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