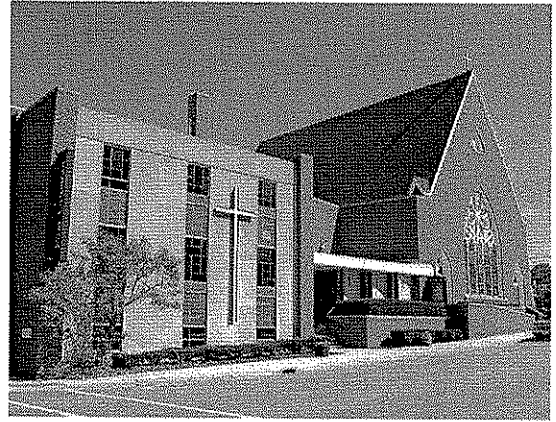


First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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DAY OF PENTECOST

May 30 - 31



On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.

Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.



Don & Shirley Diestelmeier were in a car accident on Sunday and are recuperating at home.

Bernita Stubbe will turn 90 on June 2. Her address is Hawthorne Inn, 2140 Navajo Drive, Freeport, IL 61032

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 - Discontent is the penalty we must pay for being ungrateful for what we have.



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.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES DURING WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY



We will recognize and offer God's blessing to all FLC members who will be graduating this semester. The time of blessing will be at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on the Festival of Pentecost, this Sunday, May 31. Please be sure to call Peg Huber at the church office to have your son/daughter included in the planned time of blessing.

THANK-YOU NOTE FROM REV. HANSEN

A big thank you to all who donated gifts in my name to FACC and to the Synod's Benevolence Fund! You are very generous folks, and God will do many good things through your gifts. Blessings to you all!

Rev. Kurt Hansen,
Assistant to the Bishop,
Northwest Conf., Northern Illinois Synod

MUSICIANS! (Or Friends of Musicians)



Please contact Dawn Zeigler (815-233-3517) or zignlou@aeroinc.net to share special music during worship this summer! Please share your talent with the First Family this summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School will be held this year from June 14 through June 18 at Grace Episcopal Church. We will begin with family worship and a meal on Sunday, June 14, at 5:00 p.m. Please call the church office to register. For more information, contact Dawn Zeigler at 815-233-3517 or e-mail zignlou@aeroinc.net.

SUPPLY PASTORS

Pulpit supply pastors have been arranged for every Saturday and Sunday service until Pastor Johnson is with us on June 28. Pastoral coverage for any urgent pastoral needs has also been established. A schedule of the "time between" is posted on the bulletin board in Peg's office

FIRST NEWS



will be June 9.

First News will begin its summer schedule. There will be two issues a month in June, July, and August. The deadline for the next issue

CONFIRMATION CAMP CHAPERONE



The 7th grade confirmation retreat is scheduled for June 14-19 at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) in Oregon, Illinois. We are in need of a chaperone (male or female) to accompany our students. Please contact Dena Kampmier at 815-865-5589 to volunteer or for more information.

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SUMMER CAMP



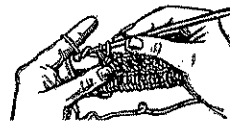
Thanks to the Endowment Fund and the commitment of First Lutheran students and families, the following youth will be attending Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, Illinois this summer: Daniel Arana, Gabe Zeigler, Marisela Arana, Callie Arendt, Aiden Kerr, Jordan Kerr, and Kelsey Arendt. There are still funds available and openings at camp for those wishing to attend. Please contact Laurie Swanson at 815-232-7526.

Thanks to the Endowment Fund and the commitment of First Lutheran students and families, the following youth will be attending Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in

KITCHEN CLEANING

The women of the church will be cleaning the kitchen on Wednesday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m., working for about an hour. If you would like to help, just come down - we will be cleaning out the refrigerator and straightening up the cupboards and drawers.

KNITTING GROUP



The knitting group will meet on Saturday, June 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Lounge. You may bring your own project to work on or work on a variety of service projects which include prayer shawls, children's sweaters, hats, and scarves.

READING GROUP



The next meeting of the women's reading group is Saturday, June 27, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We will gather in the Lounge and share our thoughts on the book, "The Red Tent," by author Anita Diamant. This is a fictional book based on the Bible story of Jacob and the relationships between the women and children in his life. Anyone wishing to read the book is welcome to join us. Contact Ruth Wardlow or Jan Butterfield if you would like more information.

WELCA PROGRAM

You're Invited

The Women of Prince of Peace have invited us to join them on Wednesday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m. for a program given by Mary Ellen Baxter and Jan Martin on their recent trip to the Holy Land.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jan Butterfield or Ruth Wardlow by June 7, as they would like a count from our church in order to plan for refreshments.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

MAY 31 DAY OF PENTECOST
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. *Worship Services*

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

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. *Care Givers Meeting*
1:00 p.m. *NW Conference Pastor's Text Study*
6:30 p.m. *Christian Education Team*

Thursday 11:00 a.m. *OWLS to Lena Mercantile*

Saturday 6:30 a.m. *MBA at Big Apple*
10:00 a.m. *Knitting Group*
5:00 p.m. *Worship Service*

THE PARISH RECORD

May 23/24 Saturday 5:00–10 Sunday 8:15–80 10:45–58 Total–148 Offerings \$2,868.00

USHERS

Early Service
Gene Wall
Eric Hoffman
Tyler Cowman

Late Service
Mike Reichert
Jack Parkinson
Mike Pontius
Jordan Pontius

VISITATION TEAM

07 R. Wardlow & S. Kampmeier
14 & 21 D. Morton & N. Holtum
28 & 05 D. Elzinga & B. Reichert

READERS

Early: Nancy Holtum
Late: TBA

ACOLYTES

Early Service
07- Dakotah Wolf & Karley Morton
14- Carsten Brandt & Callie Arendt
21- Hannah Bollon & Katelin Parkinson
28- Emily Cowman & McKayla Rimmington

GREETERS

Early Service
07- Dave & Carol Netherland
14- Dale & Jan Sievert
21- Barb Donahue & Nancy Holtum
28- Casey & Ina Mayer

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Early Service
07- Jeff Cowman
14- Jan Butterfield
21- Dena Kampmier
28- Jan Butterfield & Dagny Brandt

Late Service

Dale Schutte
Barb Statdfield
Duke Herrling
Ruth Wardlow & Dagny Brandt

COMMUNION PRESENTORS

Early Service
07- Barb Donahue & Arlene Camerer
14- Jim & Esther Eden
21- Charles & Sharon Janicke
28- Micki & Marisela Arana

Late Service

Duke & Bev Herrling
Jackie Meiborg & Ruth Wardlow
John & Trudy Moore
Paul & Betty Tormohlen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Early Service
07- Barb Donahue & Nancy Holtum
14- Jim & Esther Eden
21- Charles & Sharon Janicke
28- Micki & Becca Roe

Late Service

Duke & Bev Herrling
Jackie Meiborg & Ruth Wardlow
John & Trudy Moore
Paul & Betty Tormohlen

NURSERY

Early Service
07- Carrie Tresemer
14- Arleen Olson
21- Norma Parkinson
28- Dave & Melanie Morton

Late Service

Jan Shields
Barb Reichert
Norma Parkinson
TBA

ALTAR GUILD

Early Service
07- E. Eden & J. Brandt
14- Barb Donahue
21- R. Wardlow & C. Trickle
28- B. Eagan & R. Wardlow

Late Service

Bev & Duke Herrling & Dee Lieber
Betty Stebbins & Carol Heitter
Phyllis Kemp & Ruth Wardlow
Toni Ditsworth

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01- Rick Fago
07- Deb Downs
08- Bob Neuendorf
09- Arlene Camerer
02- Krys Brose
03- Melissa Rundall
04- Courtney Cosgrove
06- Gabe Zeigler
07- Joann LeBaron
Bernie Leopold
Jerek Pontius
Rod Simenson
Diana Euler
Pat Mailand
10- Marian Ewalt
12- Katelin Parkinson
13- Aidan Mitchell
19- Betty Shockey
21- Matthew Brose
Twila Schock
Jon Spachman
Steven Kampmeier
Collin Castle
Keith LeBaron
Laurie Swanson
Heather Rimmington
Raymond Marschang
Tyler Cowman
Debra Miller
Connor Goedken

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

01- Bernie & Becky Leopold
02- Kevin & Sara McAuliffe
04- John & Trudy Moore
05- Dave & Kelly Alexander
06- Tom & Jane Klemm
08- Mike & Barb Reichert
10- Jim & Barb Ammentorp
13- Michele & Jorge Arana
14- Steve & Terry Ursin
17- Lucas & Stephanie Despain
David & Ellen Steenrod
Don & Laurie Swanson
19- Mike & Linda Brose
Warren & Dee Burstrom
21- James & Deborah Downs
23- Louis & Ruth Banderet
28- Kevin & Anna-Marie Mammoser
30- Steve & Sally Hoffman
Roger & Dena Kampmier
Daimar & Dorothy Thoman
Gordon & Lauri Tormohlen

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Boy Scouts	2	3 1:00 Care Givers 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 6:30 CE Team	4 11:00 a.m. OWLS to Lena Mercantile	5	6 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Knitting Group 5:00 Worship Service
7 8:15 & 10:45 Worship	8 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 New Orleans Youth Gathering Meeting	9	10 9:30 WELCA Program at Prince of Peace 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	11 10:00 Workday	12	13 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship Service
14 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 5:00 VBS Family Kick- Off Event at Grace Episcopal Church 7 th Grade Confirmation	15 9-12 VBS at Grace Episcopal 7:00 Boy Scouts Camp at LOMC-----	16 9-12 VBS at Grace 11:00 Rebecca CI at Shirley Kampmeter's 7:00 Rachel CI at Laurie Swanson's -----	17 9-12 VBS at Grace Episcopal 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study -----	18 9-12 VBS at Grace Episcopal 7:30 Celebration Choir -----→	19 NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD....	20 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Knitting Group 5:00 Worship Service ASSEMBLY AT AUGUSTANA COLLEGE
21 8:15 & 10:45 Worship	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 Mary Circle	24 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	25 10:00 Workday 7:30 Celebration Choir	26	27 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Reading Group 5:00 Worship Service
28 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 3:00 p.m. Installation Service for Pastor Johnson Followed by a Potluck Supper	29 7:00 Boy Scouts	30				