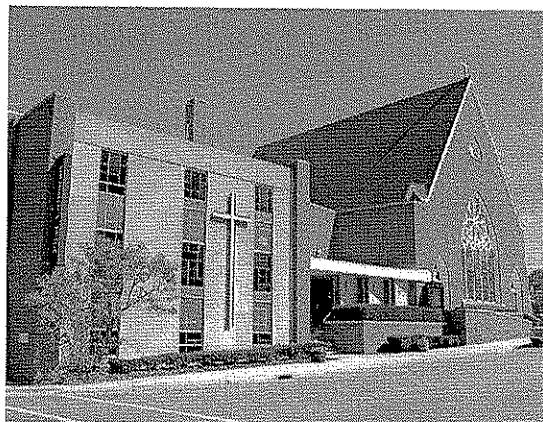


First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator.

We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of

God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.



Known to be hospitalized is Harry Strohecker at FHN Memorial Hospital.

The family of Helen Busjahn would like to express their appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers, visits, food and cards received during Helen's illness and passing. A special thank you to Pastor Whitney for his visits, Pastor Swanson for the service, and Nancy Olson for bringing communion to Helen. Also, a big thank you to the Women of the ELCA for the wonderful luncheon they served.

A sincere thank you to Pastor Whitney and all my faithful friends for making my 90th birthday a memorable occasion. Your many cards, visits, and gifts provided golden memories that will never tarnish. Blessings to all as we start a new venture at First Lutheran. -Bernita Stubbe

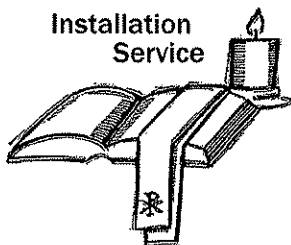
Thanks to all the women who said prayers and worked on my prayer shawl. The blue matches my eyes. And I'm amazed at how warm it is. My thanks also go to Kryz Brose who came bearing my precious gift. I love it. Thanks thanks thanks. -Darlene Janssen

Tyler Fago would like to thank the Knitting Group for the nice graduation gift he received.

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 -People seldom get dizzy doing good turns.

INSTALLATION & POTLUCK



Installation Service
Pastor Keith Johnson will be installed on Sunday, June 28 at 3:00 p.m. Afterward we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a potluck meal. All congregation members attending are asked to bring a vegetable dish, potato dish, or salad to share. Since there will be guests attending from the synod and community, we ask that each dish serve at least 12 people. Meat, beverages, and dessert will be provided.

THEY'RE HERE...

Pastor Keith and Vicki Johnson are settling in to their new home in Cedarville. Their address is: 385 N. Mill Street, PO Box 554, Cedarville, IL 61013. They will be attending the Synod Assembly this weekend. Pastor Keith will be in the office next week and will be preaching and leading our worship services on June 27 and 28.

WELCOME



On Sunday, June 28, we will not only be welcoming Pastor Keith and his wife Vicki, we also have six new members to welcome into the congregation. They are:

John and Sheri Cornacchia and their sons Alex and Richard - Sponsors: Bill & Heather Castle

Mark Price - Sponsors: John & Trudy Moore

Gloria Sunderlage - Sponsors: Greg & Lianne Dunham, Gloria is Lianne's mother.

There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall between service. Please plan on attending. This is an excellent opportunity to get know each other better. Let's show them how friendly we are.

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THE DEADLINE for the next issue of *First News* is Tuesday, June 30. Calendar and volunteer information for July will be needed at that time.

HELP THE KIDS



Calling all Stephenson County Fair junkies. Micki Arana is in need of a few more volunteers to help in the Beef Corral on Sunday, July 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. FYI...this is a fund-raiser for the Kids of the Kingdom. This allows

them to enjoy some EXTRA things during the year. Such as swimming, skating, going to the movies, etc. We have a fun time working and the children reap the benefits all year. I have 12 spots to fill, so don't hesitate. Another perk is our friends with Thrivent will also be helping us out. Please call Micki at 815-232-3016.

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.

PROJECT WORKDAY



Project Workday

Project Workday will meet on Thursday, June 25 in the Martin Luther Room from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We especially need receiving

blankets, cloth diapers, and infant sleepers for layette kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items may be left in the WELCA box by the mailboxes near the Jackson Street entrance. Monetary donations towards the purchase of diapers may be placed in the baby bottle located in the entryway.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE RETREAT

The Northwest Conference Women of the ELCA are sponsoring a one-day retreat on Saturday, June 27 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Scales Mound from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 and reservation forms are available on the WELCA bulletin board.

KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group will meet on Saturday, June 20 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.

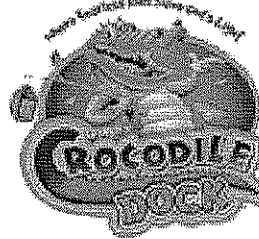
WELCA RETREAT



Mark your calendars for a WELCA sponsored retreat for the

women of the church on Tuesday, July 21. We will gather from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and our program will use the *Lutheran Women Today* magazine summer Bible study series on Mary, mother of Jesus. If you do not receive the magazine, copies of the study will be available. Rene Johnson from Lena will be our presenter and leader. All you need to do is call the church office if you plan to attend, and bring a salad to share for lunch plus your own table service. Beverages and dessert will be provided. There is no cost to attend but an offering will be taken in support of Women of the ELCA.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS was a huge success thanks to the gifts of so many! All of the ways that you helped equaled one great experience. ☺ Thank you to everyone who made the week a great one for the kids at *Crocodile Dock: Where*

Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!

NO SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

Due to the Synod Assembly, we will not have a Saturday worship service this Saturday, June 20. The Saturday worship service will resume on June 27 with Pastor Keith Johnson leading the service.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

JUNE 21 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. *Worship Services*
Monday 7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts*
Tuesday *Mary Circle*
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. *NW Conference Pastor's Text Study*
6:30 p.m. *Worship Team*
Thursday 10:00 a.m. *Workday*
6:30 p.m. *Praise Band & Bell Choir Rehearsal*
7:30 p.m. *Celebration Choir Rehearsal*
Saturday 6:30 a.m. *MBA at Big Apple*
10:00 a.m. *Reading Group*
5:00 p.m. *Worship Service*

THE PARISH RECORD

June 13/14 Saturday 5:00-13 Sunday 8:15-88 10:45-47 Total-148 Offerings \$5,605.00