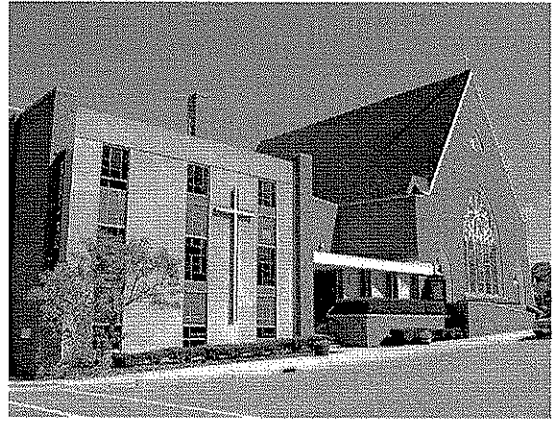


First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4-5, 2009



Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be

dependent on the reception of others.

The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.



Our sympathy to the family of former member John Lentz. John died on June 17, 2009 in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

Our sympathy to Marjorie Brose and Ernie & Krys Brose and family on the death of Marjorie's sister, Virginia Humphrey.

Our sympathy to Jorge & Micki Arana and family on the death of Jorge's mother, Fanny

Arana.

Congratulations to Scott & Nicki Trickel on the birth of McKenzie Nicole Trickel on June 20. Grandparents are Arlo & Carolyn Trickel.

To the First Lutheran Knitting Group - Thank you very much for the graduation card and the scarf! The card was very encouraging and thoughtful! The scarf is very nice and soft. I really appreciate it! -Alex Moore

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 -Every child of God has a special place in his plan.

*Thanks from
the Pastor*



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

When Jesus would send out his disciples to bring the Good News to the people, he told them to enter their

houses and greet them with peace. If the house welcomed their greeting he told them to stay with them until it was time to go. People of First Lutheran, if you wouldn't mind, in response to the incredible welcome you have showered upon my family, we would be truly honored to stay with you until the Spirit says its time to go.

I am still overwhelmed by the outpouring of hospitality and grace that you have offered my family, thank you so very much. Thanks to; the call committee, the church council, to Peg and her army of incredible volunteers, the Sunday School youth for their smiling faces adorning my office door, the knitting group for the gorgeous prayer shawl, to all of the musicians and choirs and worship assistants and acolytes and visiting clergy and Pastor Kurt and worshipers who glorified God with praise and invited my family to be a part of such a very special Sunday.

Thanks to; everyone who has been so kind offering to help us get settled, to all those who helped prepare such a wonderful feast after the installation service, to all of you who helped clean up afterward, to all of you who have offered your hand in friendship and fellowship, and above all...Thanks be to God!

I truly do thank God for this wonderful opportunity of stewardship. I've always looked at stewardship as taking care of another's possession until the rightful owner comes back to claim their possession. So, until Jesus comes again to gather us all together, I am going to place my trust in Him and love you with everything I have. Thanks again.

In Christ,
Pastor Keith



NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

This summer we will have nursery available only at the 10:45 service. Thanks to all our nursery volunteers! If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry, please contact Norma Parkinson.

FACC DONATIONS NEEDED



Freeport Area Church Cooperative is especially in need of the following items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, dish soap, and disposable razors. Please bring your items to church

this Sunday and leave in the box provided in the hallway.


KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group will not meet on Saturday, July 4th. The next meeting will be on July 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

WELCA RETREAT

WELCA is hosting a retreat for all women of the church on Tuesday, July 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 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 will be available. 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.

PROJECT WORKDAY

 **Project Workday** will meet on Thursday, July 9th in the Martin Luther Room from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come down for part or all of the day and bring your lunch if you plan to stay over the noon hour. Sewing skills are not required to participate.

We continue to collect Box Tops for Education and labels from Campbell Food Products. Be sure the labels include the UPC code with the Campbell Kid. These items are sent to MOSAIC, an ELCA ministry program for persons with disabilities. Labels may be left in the container next to the mailboxes near the Jackson Street entrance.

READING GROUP

The women's reading group met last week and selected our next book, "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young. We will meet on Saturday, August 8th from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge to share our thoughts on this book. Anyone interested in reading the book is welcome to come. Contact Ruth Wardlow or Jan Butterfield if you would like more information.

ROCK'IN WITH JESUS!

Calling all youth...and young at heart!!!



The First Lutheran Youth would like to invite you to join them at the Ignite Chicago Christian Rock Concert. Ignite is a two-day Rock extravaganza featuring 18 of today's hottest Christian bands. Its held at Alexian Field in Schaumburg.

Our plan is to depart from First at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 19, and return that evening. The event is open to all, so bring a friend! The cost will be \$20 per student, \$40 per adult. Tickets are also available for Saturday the 18th, if you'd like to take in the entire concert. To reserve your ticket, contact Diane Rimington at diane.rimington@verizon.net or drop a note in the youth group's church mailbox no later than July 10th. We hope to see you there!!!

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

Thank you fair junkies, what a remarkable response and I'm grateful. Sorry to those of you who I had to turn away, but I will keep you on the list for a possible repeat next year. The Kids of the Kingdom must know that they are loved. On behalf of them, Becca and Micki we thank you.

FIRST NEWS - THE DEADLINE for the next issue of *First News* is Tuesday, July 28. Calendar and volunteer information for August will be needed at that time. Please remember to continue to write your meeting/event information on the calendar that is located outside of Peg's office.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

JULY 5 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
Monday 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Thursday 10:00 a.m. Workday
3:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting
Saturday 6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

THE PARISH RECORD

June 21 8:15-95 10:45-61 Total-156 Offerings \$4,301.00
June 28 8:15-138 10:45-58 Total-196 Offerings \$4,555.00
Installation Service - 130

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 Care Givers 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 6:30 CE Team	2 10:45 OWLS to Stockton	3	4 No Knitting Group 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship Service
5 8:15 & 10:45 Worship	6 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 MEALS	8 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 7:00 Council Meeting ON WHEELS	9 10:00 Workday 3:00 WELCA Board	10 WEEK-----	11 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship Service
12 8:15 & 10:45 Worship	13 7:00 Boy Scouts	14	15 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Evangelism Team	16	17	18 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Knitting Group 5:00 Worship Service
19 8:15 & 10:45 Worship	20 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 9:30 WELCA Bible Study Retreat 6:00 Rachel Circle Picnic at Krape Park	22 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	23 10:00 Workday 7:00 Mutual Ministry Team at Jan Butterfield's	24	25 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship Service
26 8:15 & 10:45 Worship	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 9:30 Visiting Team	29 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	30	31	

USHERS

Early Service
 Joe Banderet
 Ed Long
 Hans Midstokke

Late Service
 Bruce Olson
 John Moore
 Dan Moore
 Alex Moore

VISITATION TEAM

05 D. Elzinga & B. Reichert
 12 & 19 Albert & Betty Simler
 26 & 02 R. Wardlow & S. Kampmeier

READERS

E - Dena Kampmier
 L - Mike Reichert & Carrie Tresemer

ACOLYTES

Early Service
 05 - Dakota Wolf & Karley Morton
 12 - Collin Castle & Haley Bunker
 19 - Hannah Ballon & Danny Chamberlin
 26 - Carsten Brandt & Callie Arendt

Late Service
 Derek Kortemeier & Grody Coffee
 Nicholas & Amelia Marchini
 Brian Meiborg & Allison Shields
 Kirsten Pontius & Paige Kerr

GREETERS

Early Service
 05 - Charles & Sharon Janicke
 12 - Gene & Sharon Wall
 19 - Don & Sandie Tresemer
 26 - DuWayne & Martha Pople

Late Service
 Arlo & Carolyn Trickle
 Ruth Wardlow & Deanna Lieber
 Bob & Phoebe Petrie
 Albert & Betty Simler

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Early Service
 05 - Dena Kampmier
 12 - Sharon Wall
 19 - Tom Klenn
 26 - Jeff Cowman

Late Service
 Ruth Wardlow
 Ruth Wardlow
 Duke Herring
 Barb Statdfield

COMMUNION PRESENTORS

Early Service
 05 - Dave & Carol Netherland
 12 - DuWayne & Martha Pople
 19 - Steve & Shirley Kampmeier
 26 - Louie & Ruth Banderet

Late Service
 Duke & Bev Herring
 Paul & Betty Tormohlen
 Jackie & Jeffrey Meiborg
 John & Barb Statdfield

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Early Service
 05 - Barb Donahue & Nancy Holtum
 12 - DuWayne & Martha Pople
 19 - Norma & Teresa Parkinson
 26 - Aubrey & Arleen Olson

Late Service
 Duke & Bev Herring
 Paul & Betty Tormohlen
 Jackie & Jeffrey Meiborg
 John & Barb Statdfield

NURSERY

Late Service
 05 - Barb Reichert
 12 - Norma Parkinson
 19 - Jan Shields
 26 - Tom & Katie Parkinson

ALTAR GUILD

Set-Up
 05 - E. Eden & J. Brandt
 12 - B. Donahue & C. Meyers
 19 - R. Wardlow & C. Trickle
 26 - B. Eagon & R. Wardlow

Early Service
 S. & S. Kampmier
 LaVonne Chamberlin
 Carole Busjahn
 Nancy Olson

Late Service
 Bev & Duke Herring & Dee Lieber
 Betty Stobbins & Carol Heitter
 Lizz Withington
 Jean Greene

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01- JoAnn Kohn
 02- Marisela Arana
 Callie Arendt
 William Castle
 Deborah Gustason
 Andrew Steenrod
 03- Amber Castle
 04- Mikenna DeSpain
 Tom Klenn
 Rebecca Roe
 Dale Schutte
 06- Shane Becker
 07- Charles Breed
 Grant Olson
 Coen Stewart
 Greg Wall
 08- Rebecca Leopold
 09- Stephanie Despain

01- JoAnn Kohn
 Phyllis McLain
 02- Marisela Arana
 Callie Arendt
 William Castle
 Deborah Gustason
 Andrew Steenrod
 03- Amber Castle
 04- Mikenna DeSpain
 Tom Klenn
 Rebecca Roe
 Dale Schutte
 06- Shane Becker
 07- Charles Breed
 Grant Olson
 Coen Stewart
 Greg Wall
 08- Rebecca Leopold
 09- Stephanie Despain

10- Kendra Swanson
 Sandie Tresemer
 10- Cathy Bartels
 Pat Howe
 Christina Parkinson
 Marjorie Brose
 Melody Knapp
 Lauri Tormohlen
 12- Lori Holden
 14- Janet Bastian
 Adamce Robb
 16- Mark Hill
 17- Tered Simler
 18- Barb O'Grady
 19- Sue Kretzmann
 20- Joe Patterson
 Amanda Schulz
 21- Bridget Andersen
 Mildred Diehl

23- Lori Jackson
 Joshua Kerr
 Sharon Wall
 22- Robert Last
 Phoebe Petrie
 23- Ruth Banderet
 Linda Brose
 Jaime Roush
 24- Gordy Tormohlen
 25- Susanne Marschang
 Gertrude Wierland
 26- Jeanette Leopold
 27- Marlene Pearson
 29- Christian Castle
 Abigail Shields
 30- Jeffrey Cowman
 Duke Herring
 Nadine Strohecker
 31- Dakota Wolf

05- Mike & Dawn Pontius
 07- Keith & Vicki Johnson
 Earl & Bernadine Timmerman
 14- Barbara & Robert Donahue
 15- Leon & Carol Heitter
 20- Beverly & Boyd Coleman
 22- Greg & Lianne Dunham

23- Mike & Kim Marchini
 24- Dara & Heather Stewart
 25- Art & Audrey Stees
 29- Thompson & Dagny Brandt
 Bob & Kathy Neuenendorf
 Jack & Norma Parkinson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES