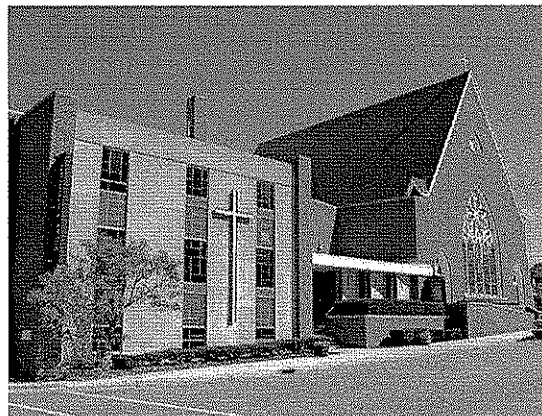


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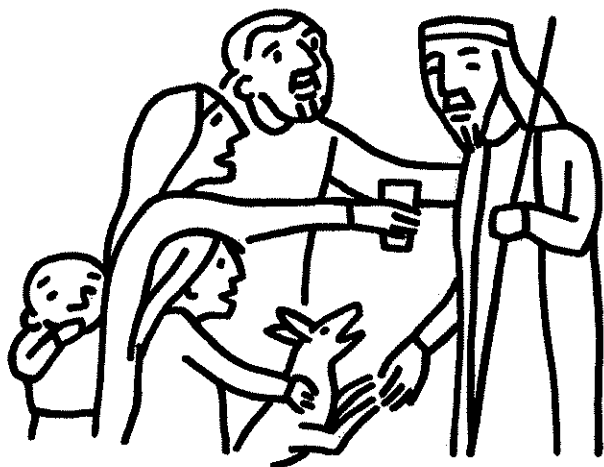


**THROUGH WORSHIP AND LOVING SERVICE,
WE MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL**

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 26-27, 2009



Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat.

Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.



Known to be hospitalized is JoAnn Beckman at University Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin.

Bob & Donna Morton would like to thank the congregation for the sympathy cards they received following the death of Bob's brother, John.

Congratulations to Ross Simler and Allison Bamberg who were married at First Lutheran on September 19.

Congratulations to Stacy Huber and Christopher Biehl who were married at Faith United Methodist Church on September 19.

From the Volunteer Coordinator - It's amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

HARRY STROHECKER † 1927 - 2009
May God grant peace to his memory, comfort to his family and grace to us all as we seek to live our lives to His glory.

PASTOR JOHNSON will be attending the Northern Illinois Synod Professional Leader's Conference September 28-30 in Rockford, Illinois.

LET'S DANCE

The church has free tickets for the "Autumn Affair" dance which will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. The dance will benefit the Stephenson County Senior Center. Please contact the church office to get your ticket!

COFFEE HOUR GOING GREEN



Coffee Fellowship

Now that we are using ceramic cups and glass glasses for our coffee and juice, please return them to the kitchen and place upside down in the appropriate rack on the counter. Thank you.

SMALL GROUP FAIR



The Natural Church Development Committee and the Evangelism Committee invite you to attend our Small Group Fair this Sunday,

September 27 (between services) in Fellowship Hall. Our church already has a number of wonderful small groups and we hope to encourage many more

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Please remember Daniel Arana, Nicolette Johnson, Paige Kerr, Brian Meiborg, McKayla Rimington, and Dakotah Wolf in your prayers. They were confirmed on September 20 at the 10:45 service.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY



We are praying for Marge Althof's son, Mark Toepfer who is currently serving in Iraq. Please contact the church office if you know of a person serving in the military

that you would also like to have included in our prayers.

READING GROUP

Reading
Group



The women's reading group will meet this Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge to share our thoughts on the book, "Hidden in Plain View" by

Jacqueline Tobin & Raymond Dobard.

KNITTING GROUP

The knitting Group will meet on Saturday, October 3 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 including prayer shawls, children's sweaters, or scarves.

WELCA PROGRAM

The WELCA Fall Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 29, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our program speaker will be Carole Dickerson, Director of the Freeport Public Library, who will speak on banned books. Cost to attend is \$6.00 and tickets will be available starting October 11. All are welcome to attend.

CROP WALK

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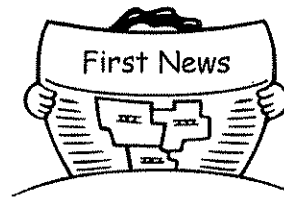
Plan on participating in this year's CROP Walk which will be held this Sunday, September 27 - either as a walker or a sponsor.

The walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 1440 S. Walnut Avenue. Contact Dee Lieber if you have any questions.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Please mark your calendars for the annual meeting on November 8, 5:00 p.m. at the Eagles. Free food, prizes and fellowship. If you have any pictures of Thrivent supported projects, please send them to Rudy Nielsen, 718 W. Ordway. More information to follow.

NEWSLETTER



The deadline for the next First News will be Tuesday, September 29. October calendar and

volunteer information will be needed at that time. Please be sure your committee and group's meeting information is written on the calendar that is located outside of Peg's office.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR OREO SEASON?

*You're
Invited*

That's right! Beginning this Sunday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. we're declaring

Open Season on Oreos as we begin regular meetings every Sunday. (Yeah right...as if this group ever had a regular meeting!)

So come join the fun as the First Lutheran Senior High Youth Group gets rolling... And bring a friend if you have any...its going to be a GREAT Year!

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SEPTEMBER 27

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism Classes
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
4:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Program
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study
6:30 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom/Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. NA Teen Meeting
6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple
10:00 a.m. Knitting Group
4:30 p.m. Praise Band
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

THE PARISH RECORD

September 19/20 Saturday 5:00-27 Sunday 8:15-79 10:45-127 Total-233 Sunday School-29 Offerings \$6,829.00