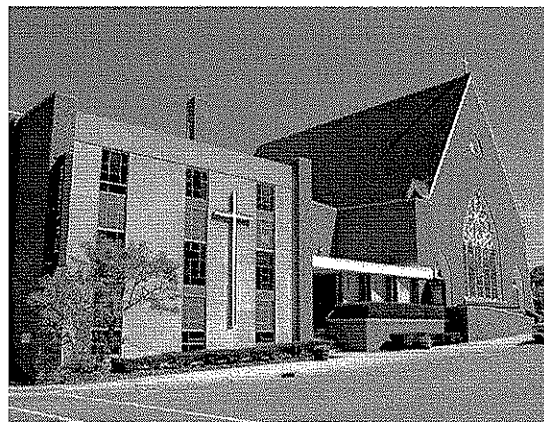


First News

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3-4, 2009



Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law.

Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?



Known to be hospitalized is JoAnn Beckman at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53792.

Mildred Diehl and Maggie Wolfe are patients at FHN Memorial Hospital.

There will be a card shower for Effie Johnson, Manor Court, 2170 Navajo Drive, Freeport, IL 61032. Effie will be 95 on October 10.

Thank you to the Guardian Angels who knitted doll blankets for the nursery.

From the Volunteer Coordinator - Keep looking up - for God is always looking down.

FROM FIRST LUTHERAN'S WORSHIP TEAM
A WELCOME AND A THANK YOU!

Please welcome Dagny Brandt as Kids of the Kingdom director! We are blessed to have her leading the children this year.

A special thank you to Rebecca Roe for directing the KOK last year and for the years she helped with this group. We wish her the best as she pursues her college degree!

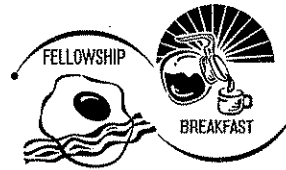
FACC PADS

It is FACC's intent to insure that the homeless have shelter and to give support services needed to help them become self-sufficient once again. Years ago FACC began to case manage their homeless clients in a way that has brought about a reduction in the number of clients in need of emergency shelter.

This winter FACC, along with Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, will employ a new strategy called "rapid rehousing" which will place homeless clients immediately into permanent housing. The goal is to reduce and eliminate homelessness in Northern Illinois. Therefore the PADS Homeless Shelter will close on Saturday, October 31.

To all who have served the PADS Shelter over the last 20 plus years, FACC would like to say THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU for your compassion and ministry.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST



Plan on joining us for this month's Fellowship Breakfast which will be held next Sunday, October 11, between services. The menu will be: two kinds of eggs, bacon, French toast sticks, corn beef hash, and peaches - something for everyone! The suggested donation to help cover expenses is \$6.00. Please come and enjoy the good food and fellowship!

AUTUMNFEST AT LOMC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009
11:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.



This is a day that friends, past campers and staff come to celebrate the arrival of fall and enjoy the beauty of LOMC. The festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. and include: wagon rides, pony rides, petting zoo, arts & crafts, cider pressing, choir performances, fishing, canoeing, pumpkin carving, van tours, and worship led by Pastor Jeff Clements. The lunch this year will feature a pig roast.

For more information check out www.lomc.org or call 815-732-2220.

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will meet on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

PROJECT WORKDAY



Project Workday will meet on Thursday, October 8, 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.

We are now collecting new or gently-used items to be donated to area nursing homes, to be used as gifts and/or bingo prizes. Items include small stuffed animals, costume jewelry, small knick-knacks, and word search or fill-in books (larger print preferred). Donations may be left in the WELCA box located by the mailboxes near the Jackson Street entrance.

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.

READING GROUP

The women's reading group selected our next book, "We Band of Angels" by Elizabeth M. Norman. It tells the story of the American nurses trapped on Bataan by the Japanese in World War II. We will meet on Saturday, October 31, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge to share our thoughts on the book.

GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,



I really want to thank you all for listening to my plea of, "Communicate. Communicate. Communicate." Life can be so much simpler when people look people in the eye and speak the truth in love from their hearts.

In listening to you, it has become clear to me that we need to get together and talk about what it means to be Lutheran. I think we will be doing just that in a matter of weeks. I think it will take a couple of sessions together and that we should do this in between services. I will get the starting date for this to you as soon as I know it. I am open to this happening for as many sessions as you think we need.

I also hear you saying that you would like to talk about the recent decisions that have been made at the ELCA's national gathering. I think we should get together sometime in mid-October and have this conversation. However, there is no way that we will be doing this in between services. If you want to do it after the late service on a Sunday that would be fine. If you want to have it on a weeknight that would be fine as well. What I need from you now is your opinion on which of those two options you think would be most effective (and why).

Just a heads up for our confirmation students and teens, I would like to see us getting in the habit of you taking some ownership of worship services. Therefore, we will be having you lead us in worship sometime in the very near future. Start thinking about what you would like to contribute to leading worship and know that I will help you and support you every step of the way.

In Christ,
Pastor Keith

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SEPTEMBER 27

THIS WEEK AT FIRST
EIGHTEENTH 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

Monday 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Court of Honor
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Care Givers Meeting
1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study
Thursday 10:00 a.m. Workday
12:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom/Bell Choir/Praise Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
Friday 9:00 a.m. LSSI Training
6:30 p.m. NA Teen Meeting
Saturday 6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple
4:30 p.m. Praise Band
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

THE PARISH RECORD

September 26/27 Saturday 5:00-25 Sunday 8:15-103 10:45-71 Total-199 Sunday School-36 Offerings \$4,312.00



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

ACOLYTES

Early Service
04- Karley Morton & Katelin Parkinson
11- Danny Chamberlin & Emily Cowman
18- Carsten Brandt & Collin Castle
25- Haley Bunker & Katelin Parkinson

Late Service
Grady Coffee & Derek Kortemeier
Allison Shields
Marisela Arana & Callie Arendt
Nicholas & Amelia Marchini

READERS

Early: A. Olson/N. Holtum/A. Sperle
Late: S. Ursin/G. Diehl

VISITATION TEAM

4 & 11 D. Morton & N. Holtum
18 & 25 D. Elzinga & B. Reichert

NURSERY - Late Service

04- Callie Arendt & Marisela Arana
11- Angela Hayenga
18- David & Melanie Morton
25- TBA

ALTAR GUILD

Early Service
Chamberlin/Eagan/Wardlow
Carole Busjahn
Shirley & Steve Kampmeier
Nancy Olson

Late Service
Herrings/D Lieber/P Kemp
B. Stebbins & C. Heitter
Lizz Withington
Toni Ditsworth

Set-Up

E. Eden & J. Brandt
B. Donahue & C. Meyers
Jean Greene
Betty Eagan

GREETERS

Early Service
04- Louie & Dorothy Ackerman
11- Lois Wagner & Delores Nevenhoven
18- Jim & Esther Eden
25- Joe & Jean Sorn

Late Service
Phyllis Rosenwinge & Elsie Schoop
Bob & Audrey Last
Leon & Carol Heitter
Duke & Bev Herring

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Early Service
04- Dena Kampmier
11- Tom Klemm
18- Jeff Cowman
25- Jan Butterfield

Late Service
Ruth Wardlow
Duke Herring
Barb Statfield
Lizz Withington

COMMUNION PRESENTORS

Early Service
04- Joe & Jean Sorn
11- Louie & Dorothy Ackerman
18- Jeanette Leopold & Arlene Camerer
25- Albert & Betty Simler

Late Service
Steve & Lizz Withington
Paul & Betty Tormohlen
Carol & Leon Heitter
Duke & Bev Herring

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Early Service
04- Barb Donahue & Nancy Holtum
11- Krys & Ernie Brose
18- Charles & Sharon Janicke
25- Aubrey & Arleen Olson

Late Service
Steve & Lizz Withington
Paul & Betty Tormohlen
Steve & Lizz Withington
Duke & Bev Herring

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01- Gerry Holdeman
03- Katlyn Neff
05- Alta Schramm
06- Trevor Brobst
07- Karin Keister
08- Tina Buss
09- Keeley Redford
10- Vicki Johnson
11- Kelly Alexander
12- Daniel Steenrod
Don Tresemer
Joanne VanNatta

13- James Whitson
14- Aubrey Olson
15- Kera Goedken
16- Jan Butterfield
17- Terry Love
18- Graham Mitchell
19- Heath Roush
20- Chris Steenrod
21- Ethan Andre
22- Amy Brose
23- Cameron Brose
24- Sheila Castle
25- Duane Euler
26- Jennifer Whitson
27- LaYonne Chamberlin
28- Beverly Coleman
29- Lizz Withington
30- Laurie Banderet
31- Brian Butterfield
Nancy Holtum

22- Betty Banderet
Mike Marchini
23- Kirsten Pontius
Mike Reichert
24- Jessica Neff
Jeff Wall
25- Dagny Brandt
26- Hannah Bollon
Lucille Corman
Genene St. John
27- Mary Boyd
Kailee Williams
28- Nichole Bauscher
Haley Bunker
Jim Castle
Bob Petrie
29- Collyn Brei
30- Caleb Andre
31- Dana Dillard

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

08- Rick & Susan Fago
11- Marvin & Donna Beyer
John & Barb Statfield
16- John & Tina Chamberlin

26- Jerry & Rita Anderson
27- R. Eytcheson & M. Heimendinger
28- Joseph & Laurie Banderet
Steven & Shirley Kampmeier

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:45 OWLS to White Pines 6:30 Kids/K, Bell Choir 7:30 Celebration Choir	2 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	3 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Knitting Group 4:30 Praise Band 5:00 Worship
4 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 6:30 HS Youth Group	5 7:00 Boy Scouts Court of Honor	6	7 1:00 Care Givers 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	8 10:00 Workday 12:00 WELCA Board 6:30 Kids/K, Bell Choir 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Celebration Choir	9 9-4 LSSI Training 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	10 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship
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18 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 6:30 HS Youth Group	19 4:30 Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 9:30 Mary Circle 10:00 Rebecca Circle at Jeanette Leopold's 7:00 Rachel Circle	21 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Evangelism Team 7:30 Youth Committee	22 10:00 Workday 6:30 Kids/K, Bell Choir 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Celebration Choir	23 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	24 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship 6:00 Trunk or Treat
25 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 6:30 HS Youth Group	26 4:30 Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 9:30 Visiting Committee	28 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Music & Worship Team	29 11:30 Fall Luncheon 6:30 Kids/K Fall Party 6:30 Praise Band/Bells 7:30 Celebration Choir	30 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	31 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Reading Group 5:00 Worship Youth Grp. Haunted Barn in Lena