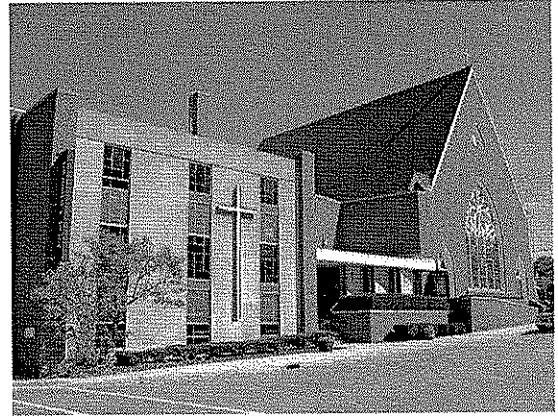


# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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## Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses.

He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.



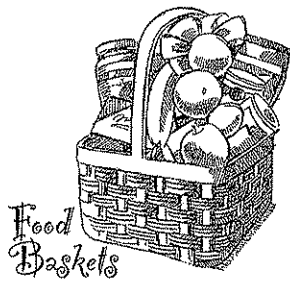
Known to be hospitalized is Norma Smith at FHN Memorial Hospital.

Our sympathy to Shirley & Steve Kampmeier on the death of Shirley's brother-in-law, Clark Jordan.

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).

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS



We can help provide families with a holiday dinner. Each year FACC delivers over 200 food baskets to those in need. Churches are asked to bring specific items for those

baskets. This year we have been asked to provide boxes of Stove Top stuffing for families of all sizes. Please start bringing your boxes of stuffing this Sunday.

### FOOD FOR FACC



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

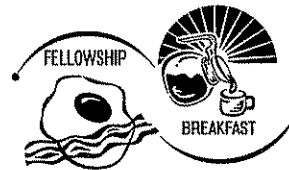
The food pantry at Freeport Area Church Cooperative is always in need of items for their shelves. Donations particularly needed at this time include: canned tomatoes, tomato paste,

spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, and crackers. Please bring your donations to church this Sunday. You may leave your donations in the narthex by the coat racks. Thanks!

### FIRST NEWS

The deadline for the next newsletter is November 10.

### JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST



Plan on joining us for this month's Fellowship Breakfast which will be held this Sunday, November 8, between

services. The menu will be: two kinds of eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, toast, jelly and pears - something for everyone! The suggested donation to help cover expenses is \$6.00. Please come and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

### THANKSGIVING WORSHIP



Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service, will be held at First Lutheran Church this year at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25. Pastor Mark Luepke from

Prince of Peace will be preaching.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

Between services on Sunday, November 15, there will be an Assisting Minister meeting in the sanctuary to review what is the role of the Assisting Minister and also to measure for robes.

We encourage all current assisting ministers to attend and would also like to invite anyone that is interested in being a part of this service to attend.

## LUTHERAN BASICS

Pastor's discussion group on Lutheranism will continue between services this Sunday. Come and join the discussion.

## KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will meet this month on Saturdays, November 7 and 21 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, and scarves.

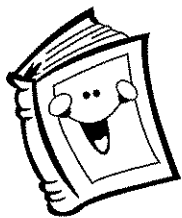
## PROJECT WORKDAY



Project Workday will meet only once this month on Thursday, November 12 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 or in the box near the sanctuary.

## READING GROUP



The women's reading group selected our next book, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. We will meet on Saturday, December 12, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge to share our thoughts on the book.

## MEALS ON WHEELS



First Lutheran is responsible for delivering Meals-on-Wheels the week of November 9.

Thank you to all our volunteers and our coordinator Jan Sievert who make this vital program possible.

## COFFEE WITH THE BISHOP

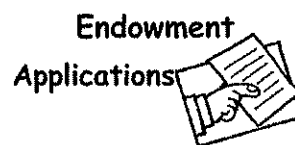


Northern Illinois Synod Bishop Gary Wollersheim will host some informal Saturday morning conversations. Topics will include the August ELCA Churchwide Assembly and other important topics concerning the church. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and water available. Program will begin at 10:00 with morning prayer. The Bishop will speak for 30 minutes followed by question and answer time and adjourn by 11:30. The final two sessions are:

November 21 at Trinity, Moline

December 5 at Our Savior's, Rockford

## ENDOWMENT FUND



First Lutheran's Endowment Fund is now accepting applications. The applications need to be turned in to the church office by November 30. Applications are available from the tract rack at church and are available on-line at [www.firstlutheranfreeport.com](http://www.firstlutheranfreeport.com).

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**NOVEMBER 8 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism Classes  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group  
Monday 4:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Program  
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  
12:00 p.m. WELCA Board  
6:30 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom, Bell Choir & Praise Band Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal  
Friday 6:30 p.m. NA Teen Meeting  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**THE PARISH RECORD**

10/31-11/01 Saturday 5:00-17 Sunday 8:15-136 10:45-78 Total-231 Sunday School-35 Discussion Group-61 Offerings \$6,336.00