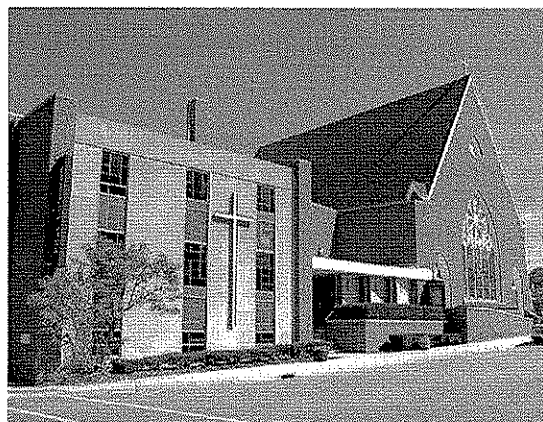


# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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## Baptism of Our Lord



*The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings.*

*We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters ... the rivers ... fire."*

*On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.*



Leonard Bastian had surgery last month and is recuperating at home.

Linda Whalen was recently hospitalized and is recuperating at home.

Our sympathy to Kevin & Sara McAuliffe and family on the death of Kevin's father, Francis McAuliffe on January 5, 2010.

Maggie Wolfe would like to thank everyone for their cards and visits and a special thank you to Mike & Barb Reichert for bringing her communion.

"Thanks for sending me the *First News* since I've moved up here. I appreciate it very much. I'm getting along fine and like it here very much. Thanks again, Virginia Waggoner."

Congratulations to Sandie Tresemer who was recently recognized for her many years of service to students by the Illinois State Board of Education. She received the state's highest honor, the Award of Excellence, presented to only six individuals in education statewide.

If you missed the Celebration Choir Cantata and would like to listen to a tape of it, please call Joanne Van Natta (815-232-6567) or the church office.

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).

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### POTLUCK THIS SATURDAY

There will be a potluck meal following the 5:00 p.m. service this Saturday, January 9. Goulash will be served and you are asked to bring a dish to pass.

### THANK YOU FROM TERRY

We received a very nice thank you note from Terry. As you remember Terry is an individual in the FACC Transitional Housing Program that was supported by your contributions at Christmas. Please take time to read his note which is posted on the entryway bulletin board.

### HELP!!!!

We are looking for volunteers to share their favorite Bible verse with our third grade students on a Sunday morning. Don't be shy, we need your help! Please contact Duke Herrling (phone: 815-235-4225 or e-mail:

**BIBLE**  
Verses

duke@aeroinc.net) or the church office to volunteer.

### PLAN ON JOINING US FOR BREAKFAST

this Sunday, January 10, between services. The menu will be: pancakes, eggs, corn beef hash, toast, and peaches. The suggested donation to help cover expenses is \$6.00. Please come and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010. There will be a potluck lunch after the 10:45 service and the meeting will follow. Please bring a generous dish to share and your table service.

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE** - If you are the chairperson or leader of a group and have not turned in your annual report, please do so by this Monday, January 11! You can e-mail your report to: friends@firstlutheranfreeport.com

**STEWARDSHIP** - Thank you to the 70 families that have returned their Commitment Cards and Time & Talent sheets. We need a response from the rest of our members in order to plan the budget for the coming year. Thank you

## CHURCH KEYS

The outside doors of the church have been re-keyed. Keys may be picked up from Steve Olson between services this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall or from Peg in the church office.

## PROJECT WORKDAY

Project Workday will meet on Thursday, January 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room. Come down for part or all of the day and bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay over the noon hour. For the next two months we are collecting items for sewing kits for Lutheran World Relief. Donations of 3-4 yard pieces of cotton-blend material, large spools of thread (300 yds.), packages of sewing needles, and buttons (at least 6 of a kind), may be left in the WELCA box located near the mailboxes.

## KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will meet on Saturday, January 16, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You may bring your own project to work on, or you may work on a variety of service projects including prayer shawls, children's sweaters, and scarves. Those wishing to learn how to knit or crochet are welcome to join us.

## READING GROUP

The women's reading group selected our next book, "Two Women of Galilee" by Mary Rourke. We will meet on Saturday, January 30, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge to share our thoughts on the book. This book may be purchased at The Dollar Tree for \$1.00 and tells the story of Mary, mother of Jesus, and her cousin, Joanna. Come and join us!

## WELCA TEA

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 9, as the Women of the ELCA will be hosting an afternoon tea. More details will follow later.

## GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,



From the Pastor

I am so excited! Our confirmation students will be helping lead the early service on January 31 here at First Lutheran. The students, Duke Herrling and I will be meeting together at 9:30, this Sunday, January 10 in the sanctuary to run through our responsibilities for the upcoming service.

But wait...it gets even better.

We will also be handing out bibles to the third graders, youth from our neighborhood programs and students who may have missed prior third grade celebrations of receiving their bibles.

Now some of you may be thinking, "Wait a minute, weren't we going to hand bibles out way back on December 20?" Well, your pastor takes total responsibility for dropping the ball on that one. I made some assumptions and we all know what happens when you assume something, don't we? The good news is that I learn from my mistakes and with your forgiveness I have no doubt that January 31 will be a wonderful day of worship and celebration. Please accept my apologies and please plan on attending this very special occasion.

Also, on behalf of Vicki and my family, a HUGE thank you for the wonderful cards and gifts that you shared with us this past holiday season. They all really touched our hearts and we appreciate your kindness very, very much. Let's all give thanks to God in hopes of a very blessed 2010 together.

In Christ,

Pastor Keith

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**JANUARY 10**

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Catechism Classes/Discussion Group  
9:30 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Grades Worship Planning Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Youth Group  
4:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Program  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Workday  
6:30 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom, Bell Choir, Praise Band Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 a.m. Mentor Lunch at Pizza Hut  
6:30 p.m. NA Teen Meeting  
6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple  
10:00 a.m. Knitting Group  
5:30 p.m. Worship

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**THE PARISH RECORD**

December 19/20 Saturday 5:00-17 Sunday 8:15-132 10:45-130 Total-279 Sunday School-89 Offerings \$5,775.37

December 24 7:00-125 10:30-46 Total-171 Offerings \$4,216.25

December 26/27 Sunday 8:15-88 10:45-66 Total-154 Offerings \$6,160.41

January 2/3 Saturday 5:00-20 Sunday 8:15-90 10:45-70 Total-180 Sunday School-46 Offerings \$4,703.45

### USHERS

<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Late Service</u>
Joe Banderet	Bruce Olson
Ed Long	John Moore
Hans Midstokke	Dan Moore
	Alex Moore

### READERS

<u>Early:</u>	Nancy Holthum
<u>Late:</u>	M. Reichert/P. Tormohlen/ L. Dunham

### VISITATION TEAM

10 & 17	Albert & Betty Simler
24 & 31	R. Wardlow/S. Kampmeier

### NURSERY - Late Service

10-	Angela Heyenga
17-	Barb Stadfild
24-	Call the church office if
31-	you can help...

### GREETERS

<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Late Service</u>
10- Joe & Jean Sorn	Leon & Carol Heitter
17- Louie & Dorothy Ackerman	Don & Carrie Tresemer
24- Jeanette Leopold & Arlene Camerer	Al & Betty Simler
31- Ernie & Krys Brose	Bob & Audrey Last

### ACOLYTES

<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Late Service</u>
10- Haley Bunker & Emily Cowman	Nicholas & Amelia Marchini
17- Marisela Arana & Callie Arendt	Collin Castle & Derek Kortemeier
24- Alex Connacchia & Katelyn Parkinson	Danny Chamberlin & Grady Coffee
31- Marisela Arana & Carsten Brandt	Allison Shields & Gabe Zeigler

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Late Service</u>
10- Jan Butterfield & Dagny Brandt	Duke Herring & Dagny Brandt
17- Jeff Cowman & Judy Kaufman	Greg Dunham & Kristin Brandt
24- Dena Kampmier & Judy Kaufman	Barb Stadfild & Teresa Parkinson
31- Tom Klemm & Chris Parkinson	Lizz Wittington & Lauri Tormohlen

### ALTAR GUID

<u>Set-Up</u>	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Late Service</u>
10- Barb Donahue/Carol Meyers	Nancy Olson	Betty Stebbins & Carol Heitter
17- Carolyn Trichel/Ruth Wardlow	Marge Althof	Betty Eagan
24- Toni Ditsworth	LaVonne Chamberlin	Toni Ditsworth
31- Phyllis Kemp/Ruth Wardlow	Carole Busjahn	Lizz Wittington

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01- Michael Ursin	11- Carsten Brandt	Hans Midstokke
02- Stacey Moore	Emilee Guderyon	Martin Murray
Gloria Sunderlage	12- Neville Kretzmann	Al Washburn
03- Carrie Tresemer	13- Craig Cuplin	23- Bob Dwyer
Greg Zeigler	Lisa Johnson	24- Rita Anderson
04- Carrie Julius	14- Nolan Rundall	Kristof Leopold
Deloris Kant	16- Margery Althof	25- Sue Sellen
05- Ava Brandewie	Phyllis Kemp	Ann Sperle
Denise Kinney	Zaya Love	26- Phyllis Rosenwinge
06- Jack Bates	Donald Wagner	Deloris Stewart
Don Diestelmeier	18- Brandon Heilman	27- Talyrn Coffee
07- Duane Banderet	Ryan Kampmier	Brianne Love
Tim Butterfield	Michael Sager	29- Alex Connacchia
John Connacchia	19- Mark Boyd	Betty Simler
08- Melody Schulz	20- Bradley Heilman	30- Blake Gempler
09- Melissa O'Grady	21- Danny Arana	31- Jane Klemm
10- Jessica Bates	Betty Conder	Marion Lamoe
Donna Beyer	Paige Kerr	Amy Zeigler
Montanna Stewart	22- Delbert Bunker	
Bernadine Timmerman	Adrianna Carpenter	

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02- Keith & Joann LeBaron	18- Joffre & Betty Banderet
06- Gene & Sharon Wall	22- Matthew & Lori Brose
12- John & Sharon Aaby	Larry & Pat Reel
17- DuWayne & Martha Pople	27- Brian & Jan Butterfield



# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism	4 No Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts Senior Center-----	5 4:30 Girl Scouts Tax Aid-----	6 1:00 Care Givers 6:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Evangelism 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study Workshop-----	7 2:00 WELCA Board 6:30 Praise Band 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Celebration Choir	8 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	9 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 5:00 Worship
10 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 9:30 Youth Service Practice 3:00 Youth Group	11 4:30 Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 4:30 Girl Scouts	13 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study 7:00 Council	14 10:00 Workday 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Celebration Choir	15 6:30 NA Teen Meeting 11:30 Mentor Lunch	16 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Knitting Group 5:00 Worship
17 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism	18 Lutheran Youth Ski Day	19 9:30 Mary Circle 4:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Rachel Circle	20 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	21 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Celebration Choir	22 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	23 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 4:00 Praise Band 5:00 Worship
24 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 12:00 Potluck & ANNUAL MEETING 3:00 Youth Group	25 4:30 Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 9:30 Visiting Committee 10:30 Staff Meeting 4:30 Girl Scouts	27 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	28 10:00 Workday 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 6:30 Praise Band 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Mutual Ministry at Olsons 7:30 Celebration Choir	29 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	30 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Reading Group 5:00 Worship
31 8:15 Youth Led Worship Service & Bible Presentation 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 10:45 Worship 3:00 Youth Group						