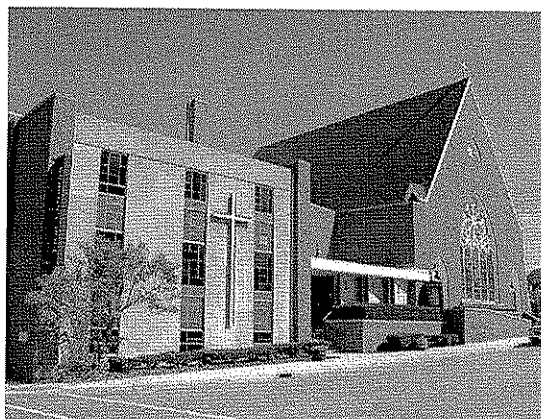


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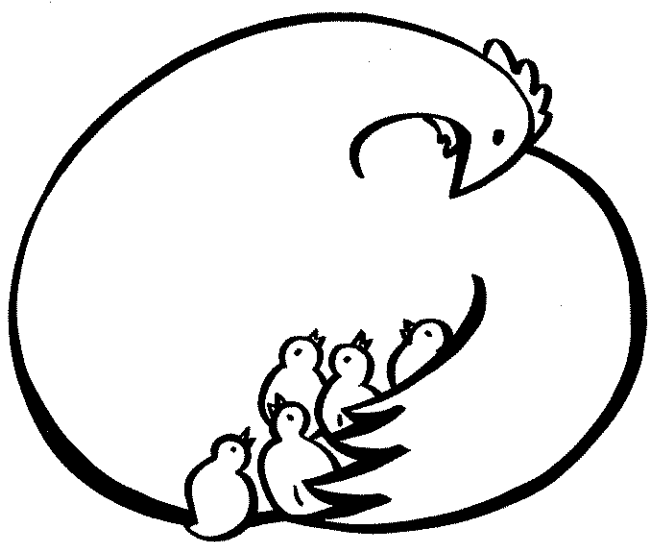


**THROUGH WORSHIP AND LOVING SERVICE,
WE MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL**

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Second Sunday in Lent



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."



Known to be hospitalized are Ruth Wardlow at FHN Memorial Hospital, Audrey Last at Meriter Hospital in Madison, and Donna Dwyer at Rio Grande Hospital in McAllen, Texas.

We welcome Richard Joseph Cornacchia II and Alexander Paul Cornacchia who were baptized at the Saturday worship service on February 20. They are the sons of John & Sheri Cornacchia.


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 Kryss Brose (815-233-4410).

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES



Midweek services continue this Wednesday, March 3, with services at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. There will be no Lenten supper this week. The suppers will resume on March 10.

BOOK OF FAITH INITIATIVE

 **book of faith** Open Scripture. Join the Conversation. Interested in another opportunity to learn and grow in your faith? The ELCA's Book of Faith Initiative may be just what you're looking for.

"The purpose of the Book of Faith Initiative is to increase biblical literacy and fluency for the sake of the world."

Plans are underway to start a Bible Study group using the Book of Faith approach. If you are interested, you can email your name and contact information to friends@firstlutheranfreeport.com or call the church office at 815-235-9790.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 28 - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 1 - 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2

12:00 p.m. FACC Community Service at First Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Service at First Lutheran

Easter Vigil

April 3 - 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 4 - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

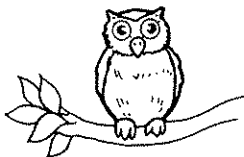
MARCH 7TH WEATHER FORECAST: CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS!



Spaghetti Lunch

No, not the movie ... It's the First Lutheran Youth Group! We're having our annual All You Can Eat Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday the 7th from noon to 2:00 p.m. For just \$5 per person or \$20 per family, you'll feast on all the spaghetti you can eat, plus salad, garlic bread, and dessert! The proceeds will go toward our 2011 Mission Trip savings account. Tickets will be available after services through the 7th. Bring a friend and your appetite!!!

OWLS OUTING



The OWLS (Older Women, Lutheran Singles) will be attending the Humane Society Chili Lunch on Wednesday, March 3, at 11:00 a.m. at the Eagles Club.

KNITTING GROUP - The Knitting Group will meet on Saturday, March 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Those wishing to learn how to knit or crochet are welcome to join us.

FLOWER SHOW

We still have room for two more people for the bus trip on March 9 to the flower show in Chicago. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. Cost for the bus and ticket to the show is \$40.00. Call the church office if you are interested.

NISWO RETREATS

The Northern Illinois Synod Women are sponsoring two retreats on "Prayer..... Conversation with God." The overnight retreat will be held April 9-10 at Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford. A one-day retreat will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Streator on Saturday, March 20. Registration deadline is March 7 and registration forms are found on the bulletin board near the restrooms. Scholarships are also available. Contact Jan Butterfield for more information.

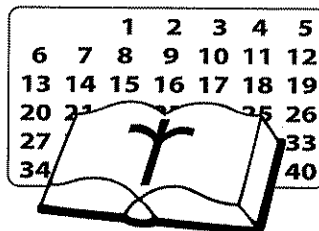
NW CONFERENCE SPRING ASSEMBLY

The Women of the Northwest Conference will gather for their Spring Assembly on Saturday, March 27 from 8:45-11:30 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Scales Mound. Cost is \$8.00 and registration forms are found on the WELCA bulletin board. Deadline for registration is March 22nd. Contact Jan Butterfield if you wish to car-pool.

SAY CHEEEEEZE!!!

The Evangelism Committee would like you to know that they will be working with Olan Mills to shoot and create a new 2010 First Lutheran photo directory. The photographers will be here from June 1st to the 5th, so mark your calendars! As the time grows closer, we'll keep you posted regarding the actual schedule for that week and other important details.

GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,



Pastor's Message for Lent

During this season of Lent, it would be so easy for me to sit and think of all the horrible things I have done in my life. But you know what? That only points out yet another difference between myself and God.

You see, after I have truly come before God with a contrite heart and confessed my sins, a couple of truly amazing occurrences happen. First, God forgives me, and second, God forgets my sin completely. Why can't I?

I sometimes wonder if it is because I truly can't believe that I deserve to be forgiven. I mean, when you know better than to disobey God and you know that what you are about to do is just plain wrong, yet you do it anyway, why in the world would you expect to be forgiven? I know that when someone wrongs me in that way, I say that I forgive them, but then I turn around and bring up time and time again the error of their ways whenever I have an opportunity. Why do I do that?

I sometimes wonder if it is because I have somehow convinced myself that I don't know how to truly love someone. But that isn't exactly true is it? God sent into the world His one and only Son to teach me just that, didn't he? Maybe this Lenten season I shouldn't spend my time thinking about all of the horrible things I have done in my life, but rather spend my time thinking about all of the things God has done in order that I might even have a life. What do you think?

In Christ,

Pastor Keith

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FEBRUARY 28

THIS WEEK AT FIRST
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism Classes
4:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study

Monday 4:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Program
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. OWLS to Humane Society Chili Lunch
12:15 & 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Services
1:00 p.m. Care Givers Meeting
1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study
No Lenten Supper

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Team
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir & Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Friday 6:30 p.m. NA Teen Meeting

Saturday 6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple
10:00 a.m. Knitting Group
5:00 p.m. Worship

THE PARISH RECORD

February 20/21 Saturday 5:00-28 Sunday 8:15-90 10:45-61 Total-179 Sunday School-52 Offerings \$4,095.25
Wednesday, February 17 12:15-44 7:00-48 Total-92

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:30 Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 4:30 Girl Scouts	3 11:00 OWLS to Humane Society Chili Lunch 12:15 & 7:00 Worship 1:00 Care Givers 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's No Supper This Week 6:30 Christian Ed	4 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Celebration Choir	5 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	6 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Knitting Group 5:00 Worship
7 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 12:00 Spaghetti Lunch 4:00 Faith Bible Study	8 4:30 Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 8:00 WELCA Bus Trip to Chicago 4:30 Girl Scouts	10 9:00 NW Conf/Lanark 12:15 & 7:00 Worship 6:15 Supper 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	11 10:00 Workday 6:30 Praise Band 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Celebration Choir	12 Youth Lunch 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	13 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 10:00 Reading Group 5:00 Worship
14 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 4:00 Faith Bible Study	15 4:30 Boy Scouts Awards Dinner	16 9:30 Mary Circle 4:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Youth Team 11:00 Rebecca Circle at Garden Deli 7:00 Rachel Circle	17 12:15 & 7:00 Worship 6:15 Supper 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	18 6:30 Praise Band 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Celebration Choir	19 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	20 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 8:30 CRE at Kishwaukee College 10:00 Knitting Group 5:00 Worship
21 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 3:00 Youth Group 4:00 Faith Bible Study	22 4:30 Monday Afternoon Program 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 4:30 Girl Scouts	24 12:15 & 7:00 Worship 6:15 Supper 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study	25 10:00 Workday 12:00 WELCA Board 6:30 Kids/Kingdom 7:00 Mutual Ministry 7:00 Celebration Choir 7:15 Bell Choir	26 8-1:30 LSSI Intouch Training 6:30 NA Teen Meeting	27 6:30 MBA at Big Apple 9-4 LSSI Training 5:00 Worship
28 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Catechism 4:00 Faith Bible Study	29	30 10:30 Staff Meeting	31 12:15 & 7:00 Worship 6:15 Supper 1:00 NW Conf Pastor's Text Study			

USHERS

Early Service

Marv Atz

Mike O'Grady

Jim Eden

Esther Eden

Late Service

Bob Last

Joanne VanNatta

Don Tresemer

Carrie Tresemer

Audrey Last

READERS

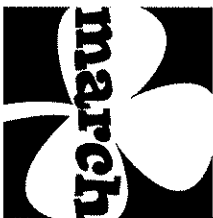
Early: Barb O'Grady

Late: Steve Ursin & Gail Diehl

VISITATION TEAM

7 & 14 Albert & Betty Simler

21 & 28 R. Wardlow/S. Kampmeier



NURSERY - Late Service

07- Sheila & Judy Castle

14- Lizz Withington

21- Angela Haygenga

28- Volunteers Needed

ACOLYTES

Early Service

07- Emily Cowman & Katelin Parkinson

14- Haley Bunker & Karley Morton

21- Marisela Arana & Callie Arendt

28- Kelsey & Hannah Bollon

Late Service

Kirsten Pontius & Allison Shields

Nicholas & Amelia Marchini

D. Kortemeier & C. Brandt

Gabe Zeigler & Grady Coffee

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Early Service

07- Dena Kampmier & Dagny Brandt

14- Tom Klemm & Christina Parkinson

21- Jeff Cowman & Judy Kaufman

28- Sharon Wall & Teresa Parkinson

Late Service

Lizz Withington & Dagny Brandt

D. Herrling & C. Parkinson

Ruth Wardlow & Judy Kaufman

Greg Dunham & Lauri Tormohlen

COMMUNION PRESENTORS & ASSISTANTS

Early Service

07- Barb Donahue & Nancy Holtum

14- Carole Busjahn & Judy Kaufman

21- Tom & Jane Klemm

28- Aubrey & Arleen Olson

Late Service

Betty Eagan & Deb Elzinga

Steve & Lizz Withington

Paul & Betty Tormohlen

John & Trudy Moore

ALTAR GUILD

Set-Up

07- E. Eder/J. Brandt

14- B. Donahue/C. Meyers Marge Althof

21- Carolyn Trichel

28- Toni Ditsworth

Early Service

S./S. Kampmeier

Nancy Olson

Carole Busjahn

Late Service

D. Lieber/B. Eagan/J. Greene

Lizz Withington

Betty Eagan

Jean Greene

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01- Darius Simler

02- Casey Brokhausen

Nancy Goedken

03- Stephanie Brose

Janet Shields

04- Bill Frakes

05- Joe Banderet

Gail Diehl

David Morton

Matt Wardlow

06- Art Stees

Virginia Waggoner

Mary Ann Young

07- Arlo Trichel

08- Emilee Brei

Megan Kortemeier

09- April Butt

10- Nancy Neff

11- Sally Eisey

Jared Mellnick

Karley Morton

Pam Rampenthal

12- Jerry Anderson

Carol Meyers

Arnold Schramm

Vic Shields

13- Grace Bennett

Donna Morton

14- John Brobst

15- Sally Moore

16- Ella Bates

Sally Hoffman

17- Esther Eden

Ruth Wardlow

18- Destiny Startfield

19- Lois Wagner

Seth Wellence

20- Barb Donahue

Joe Sonn

21- Louie Ackerman

Aiden Kerr

Brad Startfield

22- John Kohn

23- Audrey Last

Steve Ursin

24- Rebecca Pearson

27- Kim Baker

Sally Cuplin

29- Kayleigh Bennett

30- June Brandt

Amelia Marchini

Jordan Pontius

31- Leonard Bastian

Judy Brady

David Brandt

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

12- Louie & Dorothy Ackerman

16- Don & Shirley Diestelmeier

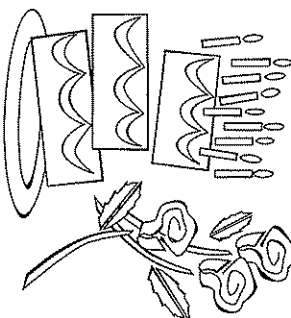
18- Betty & Edward Eagan

Ron & Diane Rimmington

21- Dave & Carol Netherland

29- Allen & Lisa Heilman

Birthdays &



Anniversaries