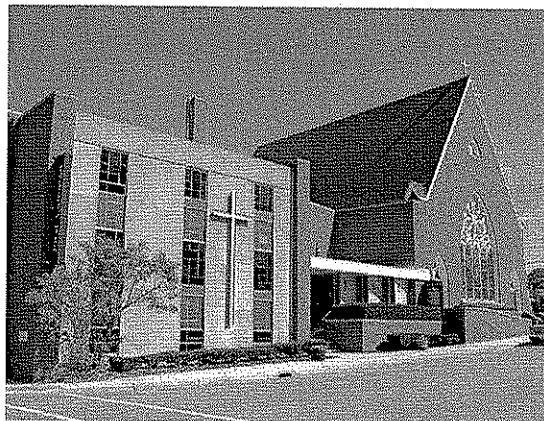


# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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## Second Sunday of Easter



*In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the*

*Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*



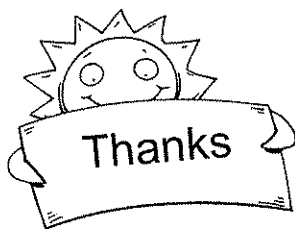
Known to be hospitalized is Richard Regez at FHN Memorial Hospital.

"I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, and calls I received during my recent illness. It was so appreciated. Thanks to Pastor Whitney for his visits, calls and prayers. God bless you all." -Ruth Wardlow

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 Kryse Brose (815-233-4410).

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### THANK YOU!



Whether you made an egg casserole, baked a yummy coffee cake, donated fruit or juice, worked in the kitchen or came and supported the youth by having breakfast...Thanks so much for making the Easter Breakfast sponsored by the youth group a huge success!

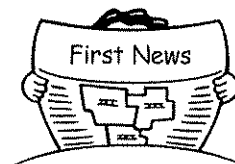
### CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD

Thank you notes that have been received by our Endowment Committee have been posted on the entryway bulletin board. Please check them out.

### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, STOCKTON

Members of First Lutheran are invited to the Service of Installation for Pastor Susan Davenport on Sunday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 600 N. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois.

### NEWS....



The deadline for the next issue of *First News* is Tuesday, April 13. You may e-mail your article to:

[friends@firstlutheranfreeport.com](mailto:friends@firstlutheranfreeport.com)

### EASTER LILIES

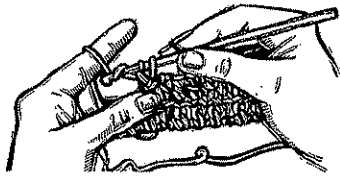


Thanks to everyone who provided Easter lilies for our worship services. If you haven't done so already, please remember to take yours home.

### LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

To date we have received \$1,147.25 from the Lenten Coin Folders. This will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Donations are still be accepted. If you did not pick up a Lenten Coin Folder, you may still make a contribution by indicating "Lenten Coin Folder" on your offering envelope. Please remember to put your name on the envelope.

### KNITTING GROUP



The Knitting Group will meet on Saturday, April 17, 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. Those wishing to learn how to knit or crochet are also welcome.

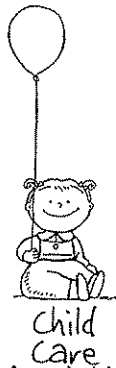
### READING GROUP

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The women's reading group selected their next book, "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" by Laurie R. King. We will meet on Saturday, April 24, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge to share our thoughts on the book. Come and join us!

### NURSERY HELP NEEDED

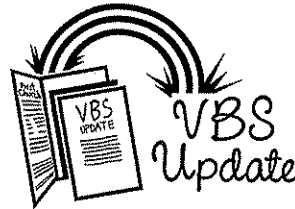


Child Care Available

Help is still needed to staff the church nursery at the 10:45 a.m. service on April 11 and 25.

A sign up sheet is posted on Peg's office door. If you have any questions, please contact Norma Parkinson.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Please mark your calendars - VBS will be held June 6 - 10 at Grace Episcopal Church. Sign up for VBS will be held on May 9 & 16. Students having completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade - adults are welcome to be a part of the VBS staff. Anyone interested in helping should contact Dawn Zeigler .

### GOOD COFFEE FOR A GOOD CAUSE



The Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project is a way to help neighbors in need. The project invites us to use coffee that is fairly traded. Fairly traded coffee shares more of the bounty of the crop with those who grow it. Improved incomes and trustworthy partners enable small farmers to build a better future for their families and communities. We use this coffee for our fellowship time on Sunday mornings and Fair Trade Coffee is available for purchase in the narthex.



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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**APRIL 11**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism

Monday

4:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Program

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. NW Conference Pastor's Text Study

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom, Praise Band, Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir

Friday

6:30 p.m. NA Teen Meeting

Saturday

6:30 a.m. MBA at Big Apple

NW Conference Annual Meeting

10:00 a.m. Knitting Group

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**THE PARISH RECORD**

April 3/4 Saturday 5:00-40 Sunday 8:15-210 10:45-107 Total-357! Offerings \$8,790

Maundy Thursday, April 1 12:15-22 7:00-57 Total-79

Good Friday, April 2 7:00-43