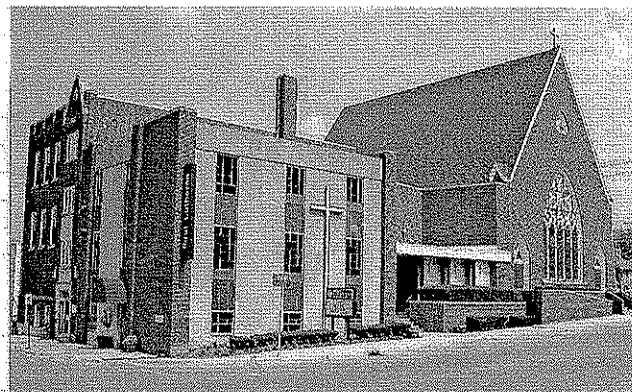


# First News

First Lutheran Church  
Freeport, IL 61032



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

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## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel.*

*The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*



Bob & Donna Morton wish to thank their church family for the calls, cards, and good wishes they received for their wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Audrey Last who was named "Woman of the Year" for 2012 for the Lamplighter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Audrey was recognized for her service to the Lamplighter Chapter and the community.

Showtime tickets - we will once again be offering tickets to Freeport High School's Showtime musical variety show. More details to come, but a special First Lutheran t-shirt will be included.

The deadline for the next *First News* is Tuesday, January 24. Calendar and volunteer information for February will be due at that time.

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).

**DELBERT L. MAILAND** † 1929 - 2011  
May God grant peace to his memory, comfort to his family and grace to us all as we seek to live our lives to His glory.

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

*If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?*

*1 John 3:16*

### ANNUAL MEETING



The 131<sup>ST</sup> Annual Meeting of First Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

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. Beverages and dessert will be furnished.

Our youth will again be collecting on Super Bowl Sunday for a local charity or charities of their choice. Please be mindful of them and their service as February 5 approaches.

Last year our First family was very generous and we collected over \$1,000.00 and many non-perishable items also. Let's break a record!!!

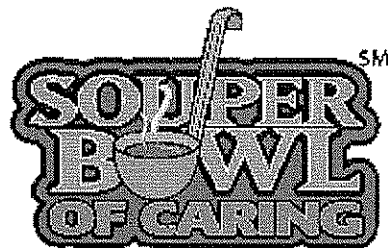
If you're interested in assisting the youth or have questions please call Micki Arana at 815-232-3016.

### STATEMENTS OF GIVING



Thank you for your continued support of First Lutheran Church. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2011 Statement of Giving, please

call the church office and one will be mailed (or e-mailed) to you.



## SUMMER CAMP



Summer is just around the corner. Please begin looking at your calendar and thinking about LOMC. In the weeks to come

there will be more information coming on how you can go to camp and how First Lutheran can help you do that. By the generosity of the Endowment fund we want you to find your way to God's gift in the outdoors in Oregon, IL.

Have any questions call Micki Arana 232-3016

## READING GROUP

Reading  
Group



The Women's Reading Group has selected its next book, "The Space Between Us" by Thrity Umrigar. It is a story about a domestic servant in modern-day India and the woman she

works for. We will meet in the Lounge on Saturday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. to review the book. Anyone is welcome to come.

## KNITTING GROUP



All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come to the Lounge on Saturday, January 21, from 10:00

a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We have supplies for several service projects or you may bring your own project to work on. Anyone interested in learning how to knit or crochet are always welcome.

## PROJECT WORKDAY



Our next Workday will be Thursday, January 26, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room. We will continue to work on

quilts for Lutheran World Relief and also start collecting supplies for Fabric Kits and Personal Care Kits.

Items needed include: bath-size soap, toothbrushes, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, dark-colored bath towels (27x52 in.), thread (250-300yd. each), and 3-4 yd. pieces of material. Donations may be left in the WELCA box located near the mailboxes.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be given in memory, in honor, or in celebration of your loved ones. The cost is \$15.00 for both vases. Check out the flower chart in the entryway. There are still some dates available for 2012.

## FACC STILL NEEDS OUR HELP!



FACC Pantry  
Collection

Personal items are especially needed at the FACC Food Pantry. Please

bring the following to church: bath soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet tissue, and Kleenex. Also, saltine crackers are always needed. Thank you for continuing to care for those less fortunate!

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**JANUARY 15**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Mary Circle  
10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle

Thursday

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom & Bell Choir 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  
11:00 a.m. LSSI Legacy Program Meeting  
12:00 p.m. NA Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**THE PARISH RECORD**

Christmas Eve 6:00-207 10:30-40 Total-247 Christmas Day 10:00-64 Offerings 12,843

New Year's Eve 5:00-14 New Year's Day 10:00-85 Total-99 Offerings 3,745

January 7/8 Saturday 5:00-22 Sunday 8:15-101 10:45-51 Total-174 Sunday School-27 Offerings \$3,620