



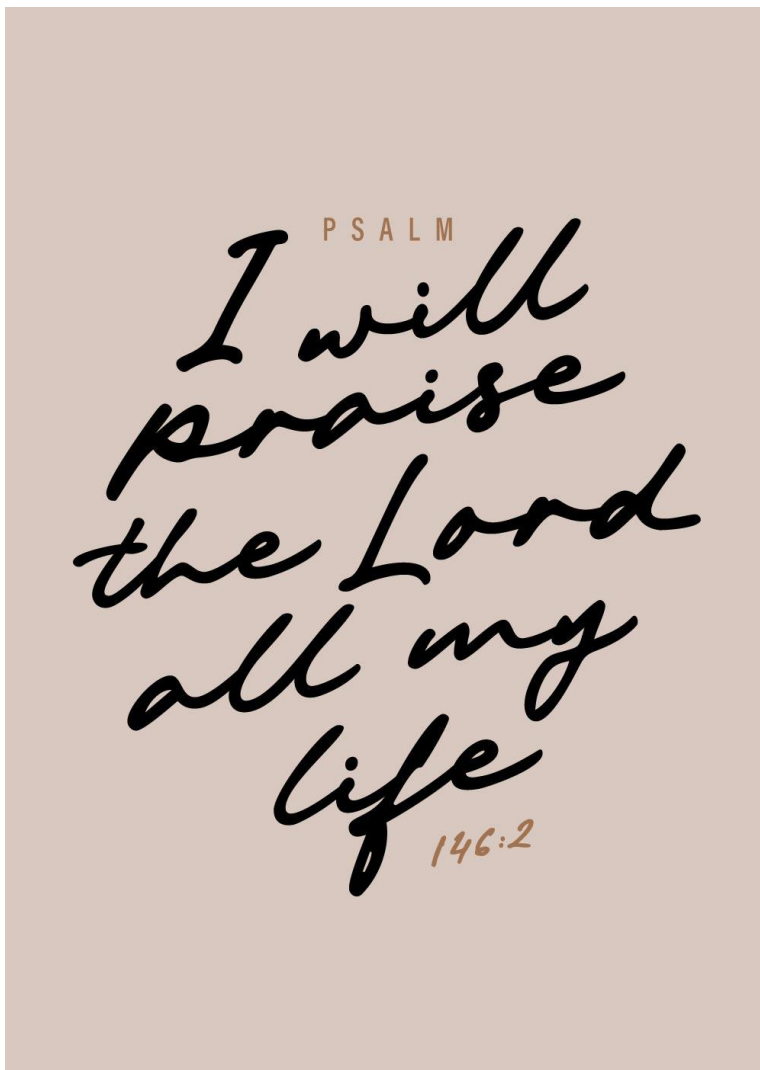
FIRST NEWS

First Lutheran Church
Freeport, IL 61032

*Through worship and loving service,
We make Christ known to all*

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Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

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, please contact Ruth Wardlow (815) 232-4839 or the church office at (815)235-9790

WORSHIP

**COME
WORSHIP
with us!**



Streaming – Sunday morning services are available to watch live on Facebook at 9:00 a.m. You can view this by clicking on or typing in this address

<https://www.facebook.com/firstlutheranfreeport>. Once you are on the page you will need to click on the video. If you are not able to watch us live at 9:00 a.m. you can view the recorded version of the service at the same link or by going to the First Lutheran website

www.firstlutheranfreeport.org. If you choose to watch it on the website you will need to scroll to the bottom of the home page and choose the service you would like to view.

Sunday Bible Study –You are invited to join us for a casual, comfortable, informative bible study every Sunday in the Martin Luther Room at 10:00 am. Grab a cup of coffee and a donut and come join us. Everyone is welcome.

Two People to Greet and Usher on Sundays - The duties of greeters and ushers are being combined. Thank you to all who have signed up so far. We are currently accepting volunteers for October, November & December. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. This is an easy way to help. If you can help greet people coming into the church, pass out bulletins, answer questions, and make people feel welcome please sign up.

Coffee Hour Treats – We currently have a treat sign-up sheet for Sunday morning coffee hour. If you are interested in providing treats, please sign up or contact Bob Neuendorf for more information.

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



Members and Friends who need extra prayers – Donna Dwyer, Ruth Plowman, Shirley Diestelmeier, Terry Love, Wayne Smith, Larry Reel, Tina Chamberlin, Sharon Smith, Chuck Leonard Jr, Gail & Bob Willis, Charles Janicke, Inga Love, Fred Busker, Pastor Keith, Lorraine Helms, Cindy Heitkam, Mary Smith, Kelly Jo Czerneck, Bob Last, Connie Keehn, Jack Becke, Jay Nevenhoven, Gail Harris, Tim Shields, Marv Harris, Sean Lane, Carole Busjahn, Mary Lee Gerbode, Beth Luke, Lane Last, Joann LeBaron, Lynne Wild, Darin Davis, Sharon Janicke, Reuben Pearson, Jesse Baldwin, Lauren Diehl, Jerry Stalcup, Dee Burstrom, Theresa Kavran, Raymond Marschang, Sarah Lower Borstad, Kevin Madsen, Ryan Griffith, Hank Fortney. Harriett Gustason, Joe & Jean Sorn, Elsie Schoop, Shirley Washburn, Betty Tormohlen, Audrey Stees, Pastor Milt Whitney, David Parks, Phyllis McLain, Margaret Althoff, Nadine Strohecker, Diane Rondeau.

Members and Friends who need skilled care - Harriett Gustason, Joe & Jean Sorn, Elsie Schoop, Shirley Washburn, Betty Tormohlen, Audrey Stees, Pastor Milt Whitney, David Parks, Phyllis McLain, Margaret Althoff, Nadine Strohecker, Diane Rondeau.

Members and Friends who are serving in the Military - Aiden Kerr, Seth Heilman, Jeff Meiborg, Madison Scace, Derrik Triem, Owen McVicker, Tyler Kennan, and Nolan Rundall.

CHOIR



Accompanist Wanted (We need your help getting the word out) - First Lutheran seeks one or more accompanists to work with our adult choir as well as weekly services. We offer competitive pay, a well-established musical tradition, and an excellent work environment. Please direct your resume and references to: musicat1stlutheran@gmail.com. ***(Fliers are available from the church if you know anyone interested or have a place you would like to display one. Contact Melissa or Lisa. Thank you for your help in getting the word out.)***

Please note Lisa Nadig has a new email address: musicat1stlutheran@gmail.com. Please use this for future emails to Lisa regarding the choir. Thank you.

First Lutheran Choir now has its own Facebook page. Search "Music at First Lutheran" on Facebook to visit it, like it, and share it.

ACTIVITIES

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Luther N Brew – The first Tuesday of every month the men of First Lutheran are invited to gather at Cannova's restaurant, 1101 W. Empire St., for pizza and conversation. October 4th is the next gathering date, arrive at 6:30 pm. No reservations are needed.

Knitting Group - First Lutheran's knitting group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Wall of Yarn shop on Stephenson Street. Come join us on October 1 & 15 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, and bring a project of your choice to knit or crochet. We are always looking for people to knit prayer shawls and prayer squares. If you are interested, we have a supply of yarn and patterns you may use. Just contact Jan Butterfield or Bev Herrling for more information.

Project Day - Project Day will meet on Thursday, October 13 & 27 from 10:00-3:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room. We continue to work on making and tying quilts and lap robes, and can always use large pieces of material or bedsheets, for quilt backings. We also collect lightweight bath towels throughout the year, darker colors preferred. Donations may be left in the WELCA box next to the mailboxes. You are welcome to come for part or all of the day; just bring your lunch if you plan to stay over the noon hour. We look forward to seeing you!!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief this year. 17 boxes were delivered to the ingathering in Monroe on September 12th.

Bunko - The monthly Bunko group will gather on Thursday, October 20 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Martin Luther Room. No reservations are needed, and beginners are always welcome. This is an easy-to-learn game and a fun time is had by all! Come on down and bring a friend!

Saturday Morning Bible Study – Everyone is welcome. This group meets at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays at Amigo's restaurant, 306 N Galena Ave. We study Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Please feel free to join us. If you have questions, please contact the church office or Bob Neuendorf.



**Women of the church are invited to join in lunch at
Route 75 Bar and Grill
Dakota, IL**

Friday, October 7, 2022, at 11:30 AM

The signup sheet is on Melissa's office door and will need to know by September 30th how many are planning on going. If you need a ride, please let Melissa know and we can meet at the church to carpool, otherwise, we will meet at the Bar and Grill at 11:15. Any questions call or text Judy Castle at 815-291-1928.

**Maxson Riverboat Lunch Outing
October 21, 2022, 11:00 am**

All ladies and brave gentlemen are welcome to go for lunch on the Maxson Riverboat on the Rock River, Oregon, IL to see the beautiful fall colors. We will meet at the church to carpool and leave the church at 10 am sharp and proceed to the riverboat for boarding at 11 am. At 11:30 the boat leaves the dock and lunch is served as we are cruising.

You have a choice of two entrees, Beef Wellington or Chicken Parmesan.
There is a signup sheet on Melissa's office door.

Please indicate what entree you would like and also if you will need a ride.

The deadline for reservations is October 13th so sign up ASAP.

Any questions call or text Judy Castle at 815-291-1928.



WELCA



Mary Circle – will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 9:30 am in the Martin Luther Room.

Rebecca Circle – will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

UPDATES



Sunday School is asking for your help - The Sunday School program needs drinks for snack time on Sunday morning. They are asking for donations of 100% juice boxes or child-size water bottles. If you would like to donate please bring them to the church at your convenience, there is a box by the Galena St. glass door entrance marked for donations. Thank you in advance. Your help is appreciated.

Endowment - It is that time of year again. The Endowment committee will begin accepting applications on October 1st. Applications will be available on the Church's website and must be turned in NO LATER than November 30th. If you, or an organization you know of wishes to apply, please help us get the word out!

Bridge Club - We recently received an inquiry about the possibility of our church having a bridge club. If you would be interested in starting a club, please contact Melissa.

EVANGELISM - All persons who are interested in the growth of our church are asked to attend an Evangelism Committee meeting to discuss some new family-oriented events we are considering. Coming to the meeting DOES NOT mean you are joining the committee or need to attend future meetings. To make these new events successful, we're only asking for your input and suggestions. The meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 10th, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see a large group show up. Any questions, contact Sandy Helms at 815-232-3405.

FACC – Peanut butter and Jelly are the items First Lutheran has been assigned to collect for the month of October. We had set a goal of 175 cans for September. Congratulations as of September 21 we have collected 171 cans of soup. We have one more Sunday so I am sure we will exceed our goal. Since we did so awesome in September let's set our goal for October at 175 items. If each one of us brings in 2 items, we will exceed our goal. Thank you to those who donated. Your donations are appreciated. If you would like to donate you are welcome to bring them to worship or drop them at the church during the week.

Did you know that October 9th is Clergy appreciation day? Let's take advantage of this Nationally celebrated day and show our Pastor just how much he is appreciated. October also has a few other special days: October 2nd is National Custodial Worker Day, October 5th is "National do something nice day" and October 22nd is "Make a difference day". Why not use these special days as an excuse to do something nice for someone, or make a difference somehow some way? Help your neighbor, call an old friend, say something nice to a stranger, pay it forward, the sky is the limit, make a difference for someone, anyone.

| August Financials | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Current Month | Year to Date |
| Total Income | \$17,470.73 | \$162,212.58 |
| Total Expenses | \$20,133.83 | \$162,658.80 |
| Income Less Expenses | -\$ 2,663.10 | -\$ 446.22 |

| September Attendance | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Date | Sunday 9:00 | Facebook Live | Sunday School |
| September 4 | 57 | No Streaming | |
| September 11 | 94 | 79 | 19 |
| September 18 | 72 | 80 | 18 |
| September 25 | 80 | 74 | 21 |
| Total | 303 | 233 | 58 |

| Date | Altar Guild | Usher | Reader | Worship Assistant |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| October 2 | Sandy Helms & Mary Meyers | Rochelle & Brad Heilman | Joe Banderet | Dena Kampmier |
| October 9 | Sandy Helms & Mary Meyers | Volunteers Needed | Joe Banderet | Judy Kaufman |
| October 16 | Sandy Helms & Mary Meyers | Volunteers Needed | Joe Banderet | Gail Diehl |
| October 23 | Dena & Roger Kampmier | Volunteers Needed | Joe Banderet | Dena Kampmier |
| October 30 | Dena & Roger Kampmier | Volunteers Needed | Joe Banderet | Jeff Cowman |

THANK YOU



A big **thank you** to all the ladies at First who have been baking for funerals and also for the NISWO Convention that was held at Prince of Peace on September 17th. Everyone we have served the baked goods to has complimented how good they are. Again THANK YOU!

REMINDER: If you have a mailbox here at First Lutheran please check it regularly. We would hate for you to miss important information. Thank you for your cooperation.

CROP WALK SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022

Special Treats in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour

Every year the area churches in Freeport have a crop walk to raise money for Church World Service. First Lutheran is going to take up a special offering on October 2, 2022, to give to the Crop Hunger Walk that will be held starting at Debate Square in Freeport at 1 pm on that day. We will be having special coffee hour treats in Fellowship Hall as a way to thank you for your offerings. A percentage of what is raised is given to support FACC's food pantry. Since we don't have a team of walkers we can still support the mission of CWS.

CWS helps people all around the world to improve their communities and also helps people to recover after disasters hit their countries. There are many forms of support for the needs of all people around the world by money raised for Church World Service (a faith-based organization).



Dear friends throughout the Northern Illinois Synod,

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, we will have the opportunity to participate in a joyful worship service as we gather to welcome and install The Rev. Stacie Fidler as our new Northern Illinois Synod bishop of the ELCA. For this special occasion, which will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 200 N. 1st Street, Rockford, we will have a Festival Choir. You, and members of your congregation, are invited

to be a part of the choir.

The Festival Choir will rehearse from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church. This will give us time to practice the anthem, the hymns, and the liturgy before the service begins at 11:00 a.m. Please encourage your choir members to be a part of this Festival Choir and email me with the following information so that I can send the music to you before the day of the installation. It would be wonderful to have every church in our NIS represented at this exciting worship service. Please let me know that you will participate by sending me a text or an email with the following information:

1. Your name, mailing address, and phone number.
2. Name, address, and phone number of your church.
3. The number of singers who will be there from your congregation (so we know how many seats to reserve).
4. What parts they will sing – Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.
5. Any special requests or information will look forward to hearing from you and worshiping with you on October 8th!

Thank you,
Mary Shore
Festival Choir Director
815-988-3218



Revival in the Park

Guest Speakers

Prayer

Worship

Testimonials

Saturday • October 15 • 12PM – 4 PM

Krape Park Bandshell • Freeport, IL

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| October Birthday's | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------|--|-------|--|
| 10/5 | Alta Schramm | 10/13 | Aubrey Olson | 10/20 | Bev Coleman |
| 10/6 | Trevor Brobst Karin Keister | 10/15 | Jan Butterfield Terry Love Graham Mitchell | | Elizabeth Starr Harmony Stadfield |
| 10/7 | Carole Busjahn Derek Kortemeier | | | 10/21 | Laurie Banderet Brian Butterfield Nancy Holtum |
| 10/10 | Randy Gerstner Vicki Johnson | 10/17 | Sheila Field Jakob Moore Debra Rabey | 10/23 | Kirsten Jones |
| | | | | 10/24 | Jeff Wall |
| | | | | 10/26 | Hannah Bollon |
| 10/12 | Don Tresemer Joanne VanNatta James Whitson | 10/18 | Virginia Fox Jennifer Whitson | 10/27 | Mary Boyd |
| | | | | 10/28 | James Castle |
| | | 10/19 | Maxine Spangler | 10/30 | Maelyn Morrison |
| October Anniversary's | | | | | |
| 10/8 | Rick & Susan Fago | 10/16 | John & Tina Chamberlin | | |
| 10/11 | Marvin & Donna Beyer Daniel & Hillary Hoffman John & Barb Stadfield | 10/28 | Joe & Laurie Banderet | | |

