



The First Word

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**Spring
Garage
Sale**

**Saturday, April 9
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

DONATIONS MAY BROUGHT IN AT ANY TIME FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING GARAGE SALE. HELP IS ALSO NEEDED FOR SET-UP, CLEAN-UP, AND WORKING THE DAY OF THE SALE. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER OR SIGN UP ON THE COMMUNICATION CARD ON SUNDAY MORNING. PROCEEDS FROM THE GARAGE SALE WILL GO TO PASTOR SETH'S FUND FOR NEXT YEAR'S NIU EXPENSES.

Dates to Remember

Naomi Circle	April 7
Garage Sale.....	April 9
Men's Breakfast & Service Project	April 16
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 21
Good Friday Worship	April 22
Easter Vigil.....	April 23
Easter Sunday Worship	April 24



April 2011

“ ...Jesus said...Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep...Follow me.”

John 21:15-19

As I prepare to leave First Lutheran for a new call, I have been thinking about our time together at First Lutheran, taking a look at the ministry we have done together, and giving thanks for the many positive ministry experiences we have had.

Together, we have done some exciting, challenging, and innovative things. We revamped Christian Education by moving to a rotational workshop model to better engage today's children and accommodate today's family situations which make it difficult for children to be here every Sunday, and adding Club 7~8 for middle schoolers and a 'tween' group for fifth and sixth graders so those age groups would have a place of their own. We became partners with Love INC through our Linen Closet and furniture ministries. We partner with Feed 'Em Soup, helping to feed the hungry. We donate office space for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Our upgraded website communicates our ministry and mission within and outside the congregation, shining the Gospel light into the world. We welcomed Pastor Seth into our church family for his two year master's program after which he will return to ministry with the people at Makumira University in Tanzania. We partner with the School of the Saints providing education and health care to the poor in Guatemala. Yes, I am thankful for the ministry we have shared.

But we have faced some difficult issues too ... mostly centered on money (how much we have, how much we need, and what God wants us to do with it) in a challenging economic environment. Last August, I asked you all to begin to look around at all you have here and ask, 'Who is all this for?' 'Who are we supposed to be serving in Jesus' name?' 'What mission is God calling us to?' And, I encouraged you to remember that God is more concerned with you being active in the mission of Jesus Christ than with maintaining the institution of the church.

Jesus calls you to be his hands, feet, and voice to those around us and to the whole world, by giving yourselves away for the sake of others, just like he did for you. And God will provide everything you need. All it takes is trust in God.

Thank you for sharing your love and kindness with my family. I will continue to hold you in my prayers. 'The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.'

Growing in Faith. Sharing God's Love.

Pastor Roy+

“Therefore, be imitators of God ... and live in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us ...”

Ephesians 5:1

Congratulations to **Kevin and Amy Hager** at the birth of their son, Logan, born on January 7. Proud grandparents are **Tom and Marla Wallin** and **Doris Wallin** is the great-grandmother.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: **Marilyn Bazeli, Anna Diab, Harold Grafe, Heidi Hietanen, Corinne Johnson, Nancy Long, Dan and Hazel Metzger, Dick Retrum, Lee Todtz,** and Ariana Colvin (granddaughter of **Bill and Mary Colvin**).

Special Thanks — We want to thank all of you for supporting us with your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during John's cancer treatments. Your support was a great deal of help in keeping our spirits up when the going was roughest. We hope the worst is behind us now and that John will keep getting stronger day by day.

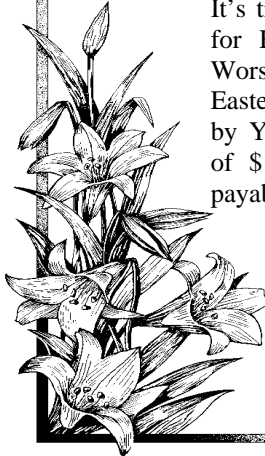
Pat & John Tuecke

Calling all seniors ...

... and all who are interested in estate planning and charitable gift giving. The Endowment Committee is planning a program in the near future to cover some of these topics. Please watch bulletins and newsletters for more information and dates.

Time to Order Your Easter Lilies

It's time again to place your order for Easter lilies to decorate the Worship Room in celebration of Easter. The plants will be supplied by Yaeger's Greenhouse at a cost of \$12.00. Please make checks payable to Altar Guild.



Please call the Church Office, 815-758-0643, to place your order. Orders **must** be received by Monday, April 4.

News Flash

We have just hired a new Comptroller! Ken Hermach of Cortland will begin work as Comptroller of First Lutheran Church on April 1. Ken holds an Accounting Degree from the University of Illinois and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Over the years, Ken has held a variety of accounting positions, including employment at Sears Mortgage Corp. in Lincolnshire, AT&T Global Network of Schaumburg, American National Bank of Sycamore, and On-Line Security Systems in Rockford.

Welcome aboard, Ken!



On Wednesday, March 16, the Social Ministry Team sponsored an Eight-Bean Dinner to help fight the famine in Tanzania.

A check for \$1,621.49 will be sent to the Northern Illinois Synod from proceeds from the supper. 100% of the money raised will go toward food for the students at the Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Tanzania Africa. Thanks for your generosity.

Cross Walk Sunday Workshop Updates

Rotation #8 — The Resurrection

From April 3 - 17, the classes will be preparing for the Resurrection Walk by learning about some of Jesus' appearances surrounding the resurrection. During Peter's Theater students will plan and prepare a short play about the Doubting Thomas appearance. In Cornerstone Computer Lab, the students will prepare a Power Point presentation about the Road to Emmaus. Students will create a picture book about the Great Commission in Living Word. All of the students' creations will be shown to the congregation during the Resurrection Walk on May 1.

Help Needed! Workshop leaders are needed for Peter's Theater for Rotation 8. If you can help lead our Cross Walk children through this workshop, please contact **Stephanie Corn** at 815-748-7409, or the Church Office 815-758-0643.

Transfiguration Tree - During the Transfiguration Rotation, the students decorated ornaments to hang on Transfiguration trees. The ornaments started out black but the children revealed their brightness, just as Jesus was revealed during the Transfiguration. Check out the students' work on the Transfiguration trees in the Social Hall.

Thank You! A big thank you to all of our workshop leaders for Rotations 5 and 6: **Dave Kothrade, Elsa Glover, Lori Johnson, Paul Letheby, and Susan and Rob Kerschke.** We



Mackenzie Carter, Megan Baker, Alexia Corn, and Lily Baker learn about the Transfiguration Story as they eat their transformed pudding as the First and Second Grade class attends the Cookin' with Jesus Workshop.

couldn't share God's Word to our young disciples without you!

Greeting Schedule — The third Sunday of each month is designated for our Cross Walk children to be greeters before the 9:00 AM worship service. The Fifth and Sixth Grade class will greet on April 17. The class will meet approximately 20 minutes before the start of the service. Thank you!

First Communion Instruction

All children in second grade or above who have not received Holy Communion are invited to attend instruction classes this spring. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 PM on May 4 and 11. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend with their son or daughter. Students will receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 15. Please call the Church Office to register or for more information.

Cross Walk's Grand Finale

Join us on Sunday, May 1, for Cross Walk's Grand Finale to celebrate the end of a wonderful year of Cross Walk here at First Lutheran Church. The entire congregation is invited to attend. The Grand Finale includes Teacher Appreciation, children's special music offering, Resurrection Walk, a reception, and a year-in-review presentation.

Teacher Appreciation and the music offering will take place during worship and following worship will be the Resurrection Walk, reception, and presentation. The reception will be held in the Social Hall, with the Resurrection Walk moving through the education wing. Please plan to join us!

Cross Walk Wednesday

It's hard to believe that our Cross Walk Wednesday (CW2) year is coming to a close. All three groups of kids continue to learn about the nine fruits of the Spirit through Bible stories, games, skits, and music. We have found that growing the fruit in our hearts is much harder than just learning about it. It's only through the work of the Holy Spirit that we are able to bear good fruit.

Here's the schedule for the month:

- April 6 - Lenten Soup Supper; Kindness Klub (grades 2-6) help with bingo at DeKalb Rehab & Nursing Home
- April 13 - Feed 'Em Soup meal
- April 20 - NO Cross Walk; join us for worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday for the Easter Vigil
- April 27 - Feed 'Em Soup meal; final lessons and end-of-the-year celebration

I'd like to thank our CW2 leaders and helpers this year for their time,



THANKS to Our Volunteers!

energy, passion, creative ideas, and willingness to invest in the lives and faith formation of children. Hats off to **Gerry Aase, Dawn Gersic, Elsa Glover, Nicky Henke, George Jaros, Vicki and Dave Kothrade, Dawn and Dave Marx.** Thanks also to **Sharon Williams** for leading the women's scrapbooking Bible study this semester. A congregation with a strong family and children's ministry is one that will flourish as its members grow in faith to serve others and bring glory to our marvelous God.

Jean Nelson

Children's Music

All kids are learning a song for Palm Sunday and the First - Sixth graders continue to work on learning the books of the Old Testament through song. Since a Mother's Day program is not possible this year, we are planning some special music for worship on May 1, the Sunday after Easter.



Vacation Bible School
IS Coming!



Be a part of VBS at First Lutheran this summer from

June 20 -

24. We will meet each day from 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON at the church. This summer, we'll learn how God created the whole world at **PandaMania: Where God Is Wild About You!** Kids will enjoy music, crafts, snacks, games, and Chadder's Movie Mania. It's easily the best time they will have all summer. Don't miss it — register now to be a part of this PandaMania VBS! Kids at PandaMania will learn something new about God's Word each day.

As we plan and prepare for **PandaMania: Where God Is Wild About You**, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God gives us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to step forward to join the team. And pray that God begins working in the hearts of the parents and their children who will come to PandaMania!

To pre-register and/or volunteer to help out, contact our VBS Coordinator, **Nicole Henke** at 815-508-8844 or e-mail her at nhenke73@gmail.com or call the Church Office. Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event! Registration forms may be found in the Atrium.



**Lynn Schmidt ... thanks for
25 years of faithful service!**

Lynn Schmidt has served as the Administrative Assistant of First Lutheran Church for the past 25 years. She began her work here in April of 1986 and took on the additional responsibilities of Financial Secretary in March of 2004.

Lynn is the friendly voice you hear answering the phone whenever you call the church. She is the one who warmly greets you each time you stop by the Church Office. She is the one who knows everyone by name and has the answers to any questions you might have. First Lutheran has been blessed for 25 years to have such a gracious, dependable and trustworthy person serve in our Church Office. She has seen many transitions in the church as staff members have come and gone. Yet, she remained dedicated to her work and always ensured a sense of normalcy around here.

Please join us in showing appreciation to Lynn for 25 years of faithful service to our congregation on Sunday, April 10, at 10:00 AM in the Social Hall.



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday - April 21

7:00 PM - Worship in the Sanctuary

(Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar)

In this service, the transition is made from the Eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death. As the service concludes, all portable pieces from the sanctuary are removed, symbolic of Christ being stripped of his power and glory and placed in the hands of his captors.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 22

7:00 PM - Worship in the Sanctuary

The word Tenebrae means "darkness" or "shadows."

The purpose of this service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story.

Vigil of Easter - April 23

7:00 PM - Worship

This service begins in darkness with a procession into the Sanctuary to listen to the ancient stories of the faith. It concludes with Holy Communion and the celebration of the resurrection.



Easter Sunday - April 24

Traditional Worship

7:00 AM and 9:00 AM

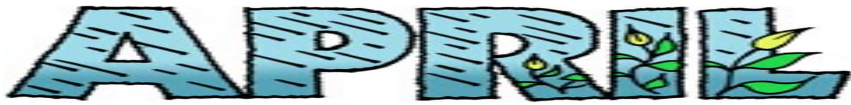
Holy Communion will be served
at both services

Easter Breakfast

10:15 AM

A special Easter Breakfast will be served by
the Youth Group and Youth Ministry Team members.





First Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:20 AM Cross Walk Activities 10:20 AM Adult Forum	28 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	30 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:15 - 6:00 PM Soup Supper 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 5:30 PM Meal & A Message 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:15 PM Lenten Worship	31 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	1	2
3 Food Pantry Donations 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Screenings 10:20 AM Cross Walk Activities 10:20 AM Adult Forum	4 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Ministry Team Meetings 8:00 PM Executive Committee	6 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:15 - 6:00 PM Soup Supper 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 5:30 PM Meal & A Message 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:15 PM Lenten Worship	7 2:00 PM Naomi Circle 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	8	9 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Annual Garage Sale
10 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Appreciation Reception for Lynn Schmidt 10:20 AM Cross Walk Activities 10:20 AM Adult Forum	11 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 8:30 AM Project Group 9:30 AM Northeast Conference Pastor's Meeting at Lutheran Campus Ministry, DeKalb 6:30 PM Congregation Council	13 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:00 - 7:00 PM Feed 'Em Soup 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 5:30 PM Meal & A Message 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:15 PM Lenten Worship	14 9:00 AM Prelude - Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	15	16 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Service Project
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24 7:00 AM Festival of the Resurrection 9:00 AM Festival of the Resurrection 10:00 AM Easter Breakfast	25 Church Offices Closed 6:00 PM GED Classes	26 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	27 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:00 - 7:00 PM Feed 'Em Soup 5:30 PM Cross Walk Activities 5:30 PM Meal & A Message 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes	28 9:00 AM Prelude - Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	29	30 12:00 NOON Women's Spring Banquet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, DeKalb

Highlights of the March Council Meeting

- Approved financial reports for December 2010 and January 2011.
- Authorized the Property Committee to initiate a sprinkler system testing as required, with payment to come from the General Fund.
- Designated the Lenten worship offerings and Lenten coin folder monies to be divided equally among three charities: Love INC, Feed 'Em Soup, and Lutheran Social Service of Illinois.
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Pastor Roy Nelson, effective March 31, 2011.
- Approved forming a committee of seven to do visioning for the future.
- Heard that **Nikki Henke** has been hired to serve as Vacation Bible School Coordinator for the summer of 2011.
- Moved to reserve a week at WalCamp for Vacation Bible School in the summer of 2012.
- Heard that the Guymon family has moved into the Pine Street house and are now serving as our Church Security Personnel.
- Will reconvene the Interview Team to continue the search for a new Comptroller, in light of the recent resignation of Marlon Wiegmann.



Altar Guild News

Altar Guild held their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. At the meeting they discussed Palm Sunday, the change of times for the Easter Sunday services, and appointed **Linda Sanderson** to the Nominating Committee. Altar Guild members will meet on Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 AM to prepare the palms for Palm Sunday and Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 AM to setup lilies. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM.

We have some openings on our Flower Chart: April 3, June 12 and 26, July 17, August 14, and October 23. The cost is \$40.00 (\$43.20 with tax) for both arrangements. If you want, you can split the cost with another member. Check the chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex or call the Church Office to sign up.

Work schedule for April: **Mary Bradtmueller, Susan Chaplin, and Lynn Schmidt** are scheduled April 3, 10, and 17; Maundy Thursday, April 21 — **Pam Corneille and Tarryn Thaden**; Easter Vigil, April 23 — **Carole Johnson and Deb Fisher**, Easter Sunday, April 24, 7:00 AM setup — **Kayla Kittleson and Mary Letheby**, 9:00 AM setup — **Tarryn Thaden**, and 9:00 AM cleanup — **Deb Fisher**.

Are you looking for a way to serve the church? If so, why not consider Altar Guild. Check with **Kayla Kittleson** or **Mary Letheby** for more details.

“Prelude” ... a Morning Bible Study for Women



Prelude, the ongoing Thursday morning Bible study group for women, will meet next on April 14 and 28 from 9:00-

10:30 AM in Classroom A. Using the Bible study included in the April issue of *The Lutheran Woman Today* magazine, our sessions this month will focus on the theme, “The People of God: Barriers to Resurrection,” with Mark 16:3-4 as the theme verses.

The Prelude Bible Study group welcomes newcomers at any time. We begin our day with a good cup of coffee, tasty treat, and a lively conversation. Then we wrestle with how God’s Word connects to our everyday life. Pastor Marilyn serves as the facilitator of the group. Please join us!

Women’s Night Out!

Women’s Night Out will NOT meet during April because of the Holy Week schedule. Please plan to join us for ‘Women’s Night Out’ on May 24 at 6:00 PM. Place to be determined. These dinners are based on the simple concept that it is enjoyable to get together for an evening of fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Mark the date on your calendars today!

Naomi Circle to Meet

Naomi Circle will meet next on Thursday, April 7, at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall. **Donna Peterson** will present the program: “Serving Others at Safe Passage and the Food Pantry.” The hostesses are **Jo Hall** and **Eldina Oberg**. All women of First Lutheran are invited.

Invitation from Bethlehem Women



The women from First Lutheran are invited to join the women from Bethlehem Lutheran for their Women’s Spring Banquet to be held at 12:00 NOON on Saturday, April 30. Barbara Samulowitz of Genoa will present the program on “Quilts of the Underground Railroad.”

“As a child growing up in Florida, I was always fascinated by the history of the Underground Railroad, as well as the history hidden in quilt patterns, such as the way the Log Cabin block was used to signal a ‘safe house’ for runaway slaves,” says Samulowitz.

Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages six to 12, and free for children five and under. Childcare will also be available. Please call Bethlehem’s Church Office at 815-758-3203 to reserve your ticket.

Men’s Moving Ministry Delivers!

Men, come and help deliver furniture to people in need for Love INC on the third Saturday of each month. We meet at the Lincoln Inn for breakfast at 8:00 AM and then deliver furniture from 9:00 AM – NOON. All men of the congregation are invited to join the group next on Saturday, April 16 — more help is always welcome! Contact **Jim Womack** with questions or to volunteer.

Getting to Know Our Members

Bob and Lynn Schmidt are members of First Lutheran that you should get to know. Bob and Lynn were married on July 15, 1967 at First Lutheran Church in Lee, Lynn's home congregation. They have four children – Steve (wife Lisa and daughter Carli), Stefanie Mecklenburg (husband Jon and daughters Ashlee and Kaiylee), Matt, and Marc (wife Carolyn and soon to be newest granddaughter Cali – she's due on March 31).



Lynn and Bob Schmidt

Bob was born in DeKalb, attended grade school in Maple Park, and graduated from DeKalb High School. Lynn was born in DeKalb, grew up in Lee, and graduated from Shabbona High School. They met the summer after her high school graduation and married the following summer. They have lived most of their married life in the DeKalb area except for 1½ years in Texas when Bob was in the military.

Bob has been owner and operator of Bob Schmidt's Body Shop since 1973 and their oldest son Steve works with him. Bob's leisure time is spent out of doors. He enjoys restoring old cars and is currently working on a 1963 Plymouth Fury convertible for a friend.

In April Lynn will have been the First Lutheran Administrative Assistant for 25 years. Lynn said, "At first the job was only part time (mornings) in the summer. With small children at home this was perfect for me. I love my job. There is no better place to work than at First Lutheran. People are so nice and appreciative." Lynn's joys in life are her kids and grandkids. She is a *Stampin' Up* demonstrator and enjoys creating cards with her daughter, daughter-in-law, and friends in her spare time. Her granddaughters even like to make cards. They both enjoy spending weekends in the summer at their place in Minocqua boating and jet skiing.

Bob and Lynn were both raised in families where church was important. Bob was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran and Lynn joined after they were married. Their children were all baptized, confirmed, and married here. Lynn said, "Church has always been an important part of my life – I have 13 years of perfect attendance Sunday School pins to show for it! When my children were small, I taught Sunday School and I have great memories from those days and I made some great friends."

Bob and Lynn agree that First Lutheran needs to concentrate on providing programming for the children and youth of the congregation – "they are our future." Lynn said, "Our kids loved going to Youth Group."

Bob's favorite hymns are *How Great Thou Art* and *Amazing Grace*, and Lynn *Borning Cry* as a favorite: "The words are so meaningful." Lynn's favorite Bible verse is from I Corinthians 13; "this chapter was read at our wedding and the weddings of our children."

What's New at Love INC?



Intake Training

— If you would like to take information from clients who call seeking help and can spend three

hours one morning a week please call the Love INC office to see when the next training session begins.

Current needs include many items, but the number one most needed item is bedroom furniture. And number two is... bedroom furniture. Guess what number three is? Yep, bedroom furniture. Please call 815-217-0082 if you have some to donate! Other needs include: gas vouchers, diapers, intake volunteers for one shift per week (9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON), moving teams (a family, a small group, a youth group, etc.), lamps, financial gifts, and refreshments for the Annual Meeting on

March 24. Specific items will be given to the church with that specific ministry.

Want to hear more about Love INC? Executive Director Nathan Scott would enjoy the opportunity of sharing the ministry with you in your Sunday School, church service, small group, home group, or special gathering. You can contact him by calling the office or e-mailing at loveincdk@gmail.com. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and has served in various ministry roles before coming to Love In the Name of Christ.

Do you “like” Love INC of DeKalb/Sycamore on Facebook? Have you visited our website recently (www.loveincdeksyc.org)? You can find our updated prayer calendar, needs, and happenings along with information on the ministry here. Special thanks to **Debra Burgin** from First Lutheran for her time in managing the Love INC website.

Love INC Annual Banquet

Love in the Name of Christ of DeKalb/Sycamore (Love INC) is hosting its second Annual Banquet on Sunday, May 1 from 6:00 - 8:30 PM at the St. Mary Memorial Hall in Sycamore. We would like to challenge all of our partner churches to fill at least one table of eight. The meal will be catered by Nat's on Maple, entertainment will be provided by the Evangelical Free Praise Band and a short program describing Love INC's mission, highlights from the past year, and plans for the future will be presented.

Love INC of DeKalb/Sycamore began in 2008 and currently has 31 partner churches. Its mission is to mobilize churches to use and coordinate their resources to help those in need in the local community. In 2010 the local affiliate, working with churches and agencies, assisted 668 people in 434 homes, meeting a total of 1,165 needs. This reflects more than 8,000 hours of volunteer service.

The banquet is free of charge, but those attending are asked to consider making a donation to support the ministry of Love INC. **Reservations are required** and must be received no later than April 25. Those wanting to attend the banquet should contact the Church Office or the Love INC Office at 815-217-0082 or loveincdk@gmail.com.



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| 1. Kristin Young | 12. Meghan Riel | 23. Jace Kitchen |
| 3. Rylee Levine | 12. Marilyn Bazeli | 23. Don Hudson |
| Robert Morphis | Stephanie Corn | 24. Heather Black |
| 4. George Jaros | Lori Johnson | Suzanne Grafe |
| 5. Madison Marten | Patrick Looney | Aimee Levine |
| Janice Nelson | Matthew Prellwitz | Shelby Wood |
| Olga Waldhier | Bradley Sanderson | 26. Alyssa Jensen |
| 6. Cliff Golden | 13. Zachary Riel | Bonnie Ruder |
| 7. Jenna Scheri | Shannon Smith | 28. Philip Hartman |
| Ryan Scheri | 14. Susan Kerschke | Keith Kish |
| 8. James Worrell | Sofia Talley | Eleanor Yaeger |
| 10. Jennifer Clark | 16. Mary Bradtmueller | 29. Liam Garvey |
| 11. Kari Burrignt | Lu Lothson | Ryne Kerschke |
| Debra Prellwitz | 18. Ruth Jacobs | Jacob Marx |
| | 19. Vicki Scheel | Wayne Russell |
| | 21. Gloria Durr | 30. Brett Benson |
| | 22. Rory Burrignt | Scott Willey |
| | Deborah Fisher | Shelly Williams |
| | Bonnie Hudson | |

Comptroller Report for February 2011

	January Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Remaining Budget
Income	Figures not available.		
Expenses	Figures not available.		
Ahead/(Behind)			

Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$340,834.86

One day's interest on mortgage - \$53.73

Attendance Figures for February 2011

	9:00 Sunday
February 6	186
February 13	221
February 20	136
February 27	204

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Custodian

Bill Colvin

Security

Kyle and Jennifer Guymon

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Barbara Henson - Vice President
Nancy Dashner - Secretary
Bob Snow - Treasurer

Randall Baker
Lisa Cowley
John Countryman
Joyce Davidson
Cathy Foelske
Stan Lindahl
Bill Sanders
Barbara Schrader

Ministry Teams

Endowment
Evangelism
Faith Formation
Finance
Personnel
Property
Social Ministry
Stewardship
Worship/Music/Fine Arts
Youth Ministry