



# The First Word

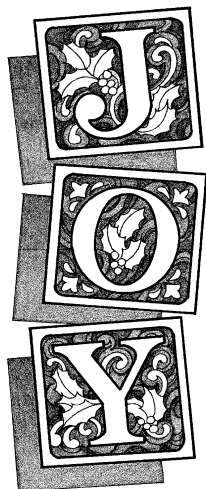
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Christmas

at First

Lutheran

Saturday, December 24  
Christmas Eve

**4:00 PM - Family Service of  
Lessons and Carols**

**11:00 PM - The Candlelight Service of  
Holy Communion**

Sunday, December 25  
Christmas Day

**10:00 AM - Christmas Carol Service  
with Holy Communion**

bring your handbells  
(coffee and fellowship following worship)

Sunday, January 1  
New Year's Day

**10:00 AM - Pastor Harold Grafe, preacher**

**Christmas: Actions Speak Louder Than Words**

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words” is a quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. Although there is some disagreement as to whether he actually said these words, they are certainly in the spirit of St. Francis. “For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”



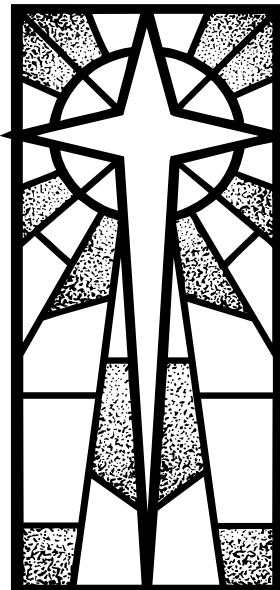
Today we might express a similar viewpoint this way: “actions speak louder than words.” This is the way of our God, actions speak louder than words. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

God did not simply proclaim his love in words but, on Christmas, took the radical action of entering the world by being born in a manger in Bethlehem and then saving the world later by being crucified on a cross in Jerusalem. He was raised from the dead on Easter. This love has made all the difference, thanks be to God!

The great old hymn by Charles Wesley says it well: *“Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down; Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.”*

The great gift to us, this year and always, is: we are loved by God through Jesus Christ, *“Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down!”*

Merry Christmas and God’s blessing now and always,  
Gary Wollersheim, Bishop



Rejoice  
in the  
Good News of Christmas:  
Christ the Savior is born!  
May love, joy, and peace  
dwell in your hearts and homes  
this Christmas.  
The Staff of  
First Lutheran Church

Our sympathy is extended to **Patrick and Rebecca Looney** and their family at the death of his mother, Betty Looney, who passed away on November 5 and to **Harold and Dolores Staurland** and their family at the death of their great-grandson who passed away on December 9. May God comfort those who mourn.

Congratulations to **Tim and Michele Gray** on the birth of their daughter, Alison Joy, born on November 29.

Congratulations to **Kristina Henson** who received her Master's Degree in Special Education from Northern Illinois University; to **Nicole Baker** who graduated from Kishwaukee College School of Nursing; and to **Russell Cook** who graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with a B.S. in Automotive Technology.

Congratulations to **Richard and Bev Cress** who will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 11.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped set up the large Christmas tree in the Atrium. Those helping included: **Jean Callary, Doug Dashner, Harold Grafe, Darrel**

## Thank You for a Successful Love Auction



Thanks to everyone who helped us have another great Love Auction. Thanks to our auctioneer, **Bil Johnson**, to those who made goodies, and to those who bid and kept others bidding. Thanks also to **Ann Lindahl** for decorating the table of bounty. Thanks to all the others who helped as well as the Social Ministry Team. We made \$2,227.50 for the Ketumbeine Parish and \$820.00 for the Women's Community Goat Project. Your generous support will bless and make many lives better.

**Henson, Mike Wadle** and the confirmation class. Thanks also to **Bill Colvin, Bob Schmidt, Keith Setchell, and Ron Setchell** for setting up the trees in the Sanctuary and Narthex, hanging the outdoor wreaths and garland in the balcony.

The following members are currently residing in care facilities: **Pat Dahlberg, Frieda Stephens, and Paul Yamber** at the DeKalb County Home; **Dan and Hazel Metzger and Ruth Smith** at Pine Acres; **Bertil and Marian Larson** at Lincolnshire Place; and **Emmett and Dorothy Youngren** at PA Peterson Center for Health in Rockford. This time of year may be a good time for each of us to make

contact with shut-in members with cards, notes, phone calls, visits, etc.

In addition, please remember the following people in your prayers: **Virgene Christensen, Al Fisher, Wenke Hansen, Amy Harris, Grace Johnson, Gene Listy, and Veronica Willis** (mother of **Jim Womack**).

Endowment Committee –

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It has helped me a great deal while starting out my first year in college. I've been a member at First Lutheran Church for my entire life so it is very meaningful to me.

Thanks again.  
**Hillary Taylor**

## Cross Walk Sunday Workshop Updates

### Rotation #5 – Creation Story

From January 8 - 22, students will learn about how God created the earth in seven days. In Scripture Cinema, students will view the movie, "The Creation." During Salvation Stadium, children will play "Web of Life," creation scavenger hunt, and creation bingo. Students will create terrariums in Solomon's Science Lab.

### Rotation 6 – Naaman and Elisha

From January 29 - February 12 the students will learn about how God used Elisha to help cure Naaman. In Good News Station WWJD, classes will create a TV show based on the Naaman and Elisha story. During Cornerstone Computer Lab, students will play Naaman and Elisha baseball. In Peter's Theater classes will put on a puppet show after making their own Naaman and Elisha puppets.

**Help Needed:** If you can help lead our Cross Walk children through one of these workshops, please contact **Stephanie Corn**, 815-748-7409, or the Church Office 815-758-0643.

**Can you be an Angel?** After the holidays, the second semester Angel board will be displayed in the Atrium. The items on this board are needed to be borrowed or donated for the second semester of Cross Walk Sunday. If you can donate or lend any of these items, please take the appropriate angel and return it to the Church Office along with the item. Thank you for helping provide supplies that help make Cross Walk so engaging for our students.

**Thank You!** A huge thanks to all of our workshop leaders for the first



Learning how candy canes represent Jesus, Aaron, Ashley, and Allison from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class decorate candy cane cookies during the Cookin' with Jesus workshop

semester of Cross Walk: **Randall Baker, Riley Bauling, Kelly Buhk, Alayna Gersic, Allison Hunter-Rosene, Lori Johnson, Christian Kuhns, Kyle Kuhns, Trent and Teresa Lange, Paul Letheby, and Aaron Russell.** All of your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated!

**Greeting Schedule** — The First - Third graders are scheduled to be greeters before the 9:00 AM Worship Service on Sunday, January 15.

## The Surprising Christmas Pageant

The pageant this year was a family effort as youth and adults participated together to make it a great experience for all involved. The program script was a perfect fit for the amount of children and adult participants with some good laughs along the way!



Parents, grandparents, and friends laughed as future actress, **Alexia Corn** played a desk

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clerk who asked Joseph if his stable accommodations were acceptable!

**Liz Peregrine, Nicole Billips and Hillary Taylor** returned from college to sing a trio. **Peter Hastings** also wrapped up a trip to Europe just in time to play his trumpet and cornetto.

**Stephanie Corn** pulled out her old violin and played it as a cowgirl shepherd. **Judy Neumann** sang a solo that made us remember what it was like for the



Israelis who were *Watching, Waiting and Hoping* for a savior on that blessed night when our Lord was born.

Special thanks to **Karen Sjolund** who graced the keys of the piano as accompaniment and **John Feken** and the Adult Choir members who sang prelude Christmas Carols. Thanks to all involved that made it a wonderful pageant!

## Cross Walk Gets a New Home for Puppets!



Paradise Island is the theme for Cross Walk Wednesday's programming! Children come to a warm place when they arrive for a nutritious, hot meal and welcoming warmth by friends and volunteers.

The puppet stage recently got a facelift to make it look like a hotel check-in desk at an island resort. Thanks to **Bob Schmidt** who checked for structural soundness and added his carpentry skills to make this a beautiful stage for puppet presentations. We also added a new character named, Ashlee. Ashlee is actually played by puppeteer, **Ashlee Mecklenburg**. With her new size 2T dress from the Salvation Army, southern bell Ashlee was a great complement to the puppet drama.

One of our special teachers, **George Jaros** will be leaving our Wednesday night ministry. George and Julie will be giving of their time and talent to Feed Em' Soup on Wednesdays. May God bless them.

## Carolers Spread Holiday Cheer to Nursing Homes

The season was a little brighter for friends and loved ones of First Lutheran Church that now reside in area nursing care facilities.



On Saturday, December 10, carolers including **Hannah Clark** visited **Dan and Hazel Metzger, Ruth Smith** and her daughter at Pine Acres. On Sunday, December 11 a group of eight carolers sang at the County Home. Saturday, December 17 the above group of youth and adults walked the halls singing for residents of Bethany Health Care. Reaching out to our elderly is a vital ministry at Christmas time.

## First Lutheran Family Just Became Larger!!

On Sunday December 18, First Lutheran welcomed 23 brothers and sisters in Christ into the fellowship of our Lord's Church. What an inspiration to have seven of these new members to enter into Jesus' Baptism. Many promises were made by each of them to remain faithful. **But do we as members of First Lutheran really remember what we promised???** We welcomed them as our brothers and sisters in Christ, we pledged them our prayers, we pledged them our friendliness and warmth, and promised to extend our concern for their faithfulness and their continued relationship to our Lord.

Please make it a point to introduce yourself and become acquainted with our new brothers and sisters.



Lilly Rose Daly  
sponsored by Michele Gray



The Anderson Family — Kelvin, Doris, Maurice,  
Meghan, Aaron, and Missy  
sponsored by Harold and Sue Grafe  
and Sharon Williams



Rachel Janecek (and her son Xavier)  
sponsored by Julie Karolus



Robyn and Andrew Kayes  
sponsored by Bob Larson



Tom Mo-  
line  
sponsored  
by his  
mother  
Ethel



Amy Kuhns  
sponsored by her husband  
Christian and children  
Addison, and Chace



Jon Mecklenburg  
sponsored by his wife Stefanie  
and daughters Ashlee and Kaiylee



The Nelson Family — Steve, Shelli,  
Eric and Ashley  
sponsored by Trent, Teresa, Maxwell,  
Elliot, and Aidan Lange



Kurt Oland  
sponsored  
by his wife  
Kristina  
and son  
Luke



Carolyn Schmidt  
sponsored by her husband Marc and  
daughter Cali



The Zurko Family — Adam, Maggie,  
Nicolas, and Lilly  
sponsored by Kyle and Terri Kuhns

*Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year*

# First Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:20 AM</b> NO Cross Walk Activities	<b>2</b> <b>Church Offices closed for New Year Holiday</b> <b>4:00 - 5:00 PM</b> Nominating Committee <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes	<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Ministry Team Meetings <b>8:00 PM</b> Executive Committee	<b>4</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Meal <b>6:00 PM</b> Cross Walk Activities <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Trek <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes	<b>5</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:20 AM</b> Cross Walk Activities	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Congregation Council	<b>11</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Meal <b>6:00 PM</b> Cross Walk Activities <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Trek <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prelude - Women's Bible Study <b>6:15 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:20 AM</b> Cross Walk Activities	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:30 AM</b> Northeast Conference Pastor's Meeting at St. Barnabas, Cary	<b>18</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Meal <b>5:30 PM</b> GED Classes <b>6:00 PM</b> Cross Walk Activities <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Trek <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes	<b>19</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast and Service Project <b>8:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> Linen Ministry — Help a Neighbor Day
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:20 AM</b> Cross Walk Activities <b>10:30 AM</b> Budget Hearing	<b>23</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> GED Classes <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Meal <b>5:30 PM</b> GED Classes <b>6:00 PM</b> Cross Walk Activities <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Trek <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prelude - Women's Bible Study <b>6:15 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:00 AM</b> Annual Meeting <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:20 AM</b> Cross Walk Activities <b>11:30 AM</b> Chili Dinner	<b>30</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> GED Classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Meal <b>5:30 PM</b> GED Classes <b>6:00 PM</b> Cross Walk Activities <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Trek <b>6:30 PM</b> FPU Classes	<b>2</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON</b> Church Council Retreat

## Highlights of the December Council Meeting

- Continued discussion on the book “Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60.”
- Approved minutes of the November 8 council meeting.
- Approved the November financial report.
- Heard that the Property Committee will be seeking bids to replace the sixteen louvers in the bell tower next year.
- Approved the revisions to the current Personnel Policy.
- Approved the job descriptions for the Organist, Nursery Attendant, Christian Education Coordinator and Volunteer Youth Directors.
- Approved the job description that defines the work of the Personnel Committee.
- Adopted an interim policy on background checks that will be in effect until June 30, 2012: “All programming initiated by First Lutheran Church involving youth, age 18 and under, will be supervised by two adults.”
- Received a copy of a resolution from the Endowment Committee that will be presented to the congregation at its Annual Meeting in January.
- Designated a percentage of Pastor Marilyn’s salary as housing allowance for 2012.
- Approved funding for **Ann Lindahl** to complete her diaconal ministry studies.
- Formally received the following new members into the fellowship of our congregation: **Kelvin and Doris Anderson, Maurice, Meghan, Aaron and Missy; Lilly Rose Daly; Rachel Janecek; Andrew and Robyn Kayes; Amy Kuhns; Jon Mecklenburg; Tom Moline; Steve and Shelli Nelson, Eric and Ashley; Kurt Oland; Carolyn Schmidt; and Adam and Maggie Zurko, Nicolas and Lillian.**



## Chili Dinner to be Held on January 29

The Social Ministry Team is planning a Chili Dinner on Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM to help with Pastor Seth’s expenses for his second semester at Northern Illinois University. We will have a variety of chili from vegetarian to some without beans and from mild to spicy. We hope to catch everyone’s taste buds. There will also be cornbread and vegetables. We are selling advance tickets — \$5.00 for children, \$8.00 for adults, \$20.00 for a family. Please invite friends to join you for a good meal after worship and show our continued love and support and appreciation for Pastor Seth’s presence in our midst.

## Need a Lift as You begin the New Year?



If so, please consider joining Prelude, our Women's Bible Study. No matter what your age, we'd love to have you part of the group! Prelude meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Pastor Marilyn serves as facilitator for the group.

January's studies will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We are currently studying Mark's Gospel, which is also our lectionary focus for worship this church year. January's Bible study theme is "Confessing Christ," a study of Mark 9 when Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" It is the same question that Jesus poses to us today as well. Come and join a lively discussion on this question and enjoy a cup of coffee and the fellowship of your sisters in Christ.

### Please Note

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 for the holidays. The office staff will work an abbreviated schedule the week between Christmas and New Year's. Please call ahead.

### Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, the deadline to submit articles for The First Word is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles should be brief and may be edited. Articles for the February issue should be in by **January 20**.

## Christmas Cookie Fundraising for Walcamp

The main purpose of this fundraising project was to provide an activity for our youth to learn and



grow. Over the course of the past two weeks various groups of women and girls beautifully came together for a purpose. Wonderful church members like **Colleen Johnson** and **Doris Anderson** volunteered on a Wednesday night to get the project rolling and the dough rolling. They were positive adult role models who patiently taught cookie baking 101!

Middle school and high school students **Hannah Clark** and **Alayna Gersic** volunteered to prepare cookie dough with **Dawn Gersic** during a Sunday morning Christmas Pageant practice. On the following Wednesday night, **Dawn Gersic, Debbie Kish** and **Doris Anderson** supervised as the girls baked the dough and decorated the cookies. The final step was to bag and display the cookies which the above pictured girls did a lovely job at. After all that hard work they enjoyed a cup of hot cocoa!

Many thanks to the girls who participated, **Jazzmine Cone, Jessica Nelson, Sierra Sall, Claudia, Hannah Clark, Alayna Gersic, Meghan Anderson, Alexis Kish, and Rachel Gray**. They have much to be proud of as the bags of cookies raised \$203.25.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of First Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday morning, January 29, at 10:00 AM, immediately following the 9:00 AM worship service. Primary items on the agenda will be the adoption of the 2012 budget and the election of council members, committee members, and Synod Assembly voting members. A resolution to implement the Mission Endowment Fund of First Lutheran Church will also be presented.



All confirmed members of the congregation who have communed and made a contribution of record during the past year are eligible to vote at this meeting. Committee reports to be included in the Annual Report are due in the Church Office by January 1. A budget hearing will be held the Sunday before, on January 15, at 10:30 AM in the Social Hall. All are invited to participate.

## Stewardship Opportunities

**Many thanks** to those who have submitted their completed commitment forms for the year 2012. To date \$234,874.00 has been pledged to the General Fund and over \$11,738 to the Special Fund. \$51,590 has also been pledged to the Building Fund. If you haven't yet made a pledge for 2012 and would like to, please call **Lynn Schmidt**, our financial secretary. She will provide you with a new commitment card.

**Financial Books Close — Friday, December 30**, will see the financial books of First Lutheran being closed for the calendar year 2011. Anyone wishing to have their financial giving through the church recorded in 2011 are encouraged to have their gift in by noon on December 30.

**Offering Suggestions . . .** 1) always use your church provided envelopes; 2) please write the dollar amount you are giving to each fund in the space provided; if you do not enter a dollar amount, all of your offering will be deposited into the General Fund; 3) for 2012, use only your new church envelopes.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars ...

**Are you a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans member?** If so, you may be interested in knowing that last year Thrivent provided more than \$100 million to help congregations, communities and individuals in need. This year, through the Thrivent Choice program, Thrivent members can help choose where to direct some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds. They can direct them to a variety of Lutheran organizations nationwide or even to our local congregation. Special thanks to several of our members who have already directed their Thrivent Choice dollars to First Lutheran Church in 2011: **Bud and Debra Burgin, Jean & Ed Callary, Lynn Cook, Jane Fay, Roger Hopkins, Donald Kieso, Bertil Larson, Richard and Karen Sjolund, and Paul Yamber.** If you are a Thrivent member, go to their website and check out how you too can help direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to help support the mission of our congregation.

## What's new at Love INC?

- **This month's highlighted ministry is First Lutheran's Linen Closet.** The "linen sisters" provide bed, bath and kitchen linens to Love INC clients, many of whom have had no blankets on their beds...or beds, for that matter. Your donations of new or gently used sheets, blankets and towels will provide comfort and dignity to those in need. Cash is also needed in order to purchase new pillows and mattress pads.
- Holiday feasting is all around us, but too many in our community are often hungry. Through January 15, Love INC is collecting supplies for local food pantries. Can you organize a food drive within your small group, committee, or perhaps the entire congregation? Suggested donations are soup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, boxed meals, breakfast bars, pasta, oatmeal, cereals, canned meat, ramen noodles, and canned fruit and vegetables.
- If you've been meaning to make a cash donation to Love INC, you've found the perfect time. Your donation will go twice as far! A donor has pledged to match all donations through December, up to \$5,000. You will receive a letter acknowledging this tax-deductible contribution.
- **Coming up in January is an emphasis on baby supplies.** If you have swings, playpens, toys, changing tables or other baby necessities, please set them aside for needy Love INC clients. Keep these



babies in mind when you clean out your kids' closets or shop the holiday sales!

- Do you feel a call to serve the community through Love INC? **Office workers for the clearing house are needed.** Call Nathan at 217-0082.

## Linen Ministry Help a Neighbor – Enjoy a Cupcake

On Saturday, January 21, between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM, the First Lutheran Church Linen Closet volunteers will partner with other churches in the area to collect new or gently used linens, kitchen supplies, furniture, lamps, radios, small appliances, bicycles, infant/child clothing or other household items to donate to families registered with Love INC. (No adult clothing, please.)

Drop off points will be both the Third Street entrance and the alley entrance into the Social Hall. Large items can be transferred directly into trucks that will be parked in the alley parking lot.

If you have items to donate that are too large to bring that day, please talk to someone on the staff or **Jean Callary, Judy Neumann, or Jan Womack.** We will help you make arrangements for Love INC volunteers to pick up those items.

Thank you for participating in this neighbor-to-neighbor effort. All contributors will be rewarded with the warm feeling that comes from helping others and from enjoying a delicious cupcake from the ovens of **Connie Rader and Jan Womack.**



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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jon Sjolund      | 7. Andrew Kayes      | 20. Daniel Franzene  |
| 2. Norma Johnson    | Paul M. Yamber       | Taylor Nelson        |
| Julie Zaborac       | 8. Julia Gommel      | 21. Alexia Corn      |
| 3. Ken Barshinger   | Shawn Smith          | Carli Schmidt        |
| Charlotte Bross     | 9. Brennen Rader     | Bob Snow             |
| Pam Pickens         | Kyla Taylor          | 23. Miranda Baker    |
| 4. Joyce Davidson   | 10. Barbara Anderson | Paul Engstrom        |
| Sara Ann Feken      | Cameron Taylor       | James M. Johnson     |
| Alayna Gersic       | Adam Zurko           | Wendy Stern          |
| 5. Richard Anderson | 11. Ann Lindahl      | 24. Deborah Hartman  |
| Nancy Dashner       | Marc Schmidt         | Jeanne Smith         |
| Linda Sanderson     | 12. Caleb Tindall    | 25. Brad Johnson     |
| 6. Andrew Kuhns     | 14. Sarah Rauman     | Chace Kuhns          |
| Christian Kuhns     | Jordan Wellman       | Ken Seim             |
| Matthew Listy       | 16. Lilly Rose Daly  | 26. Todd Motsinger   |
| 7. Logan Hager      | Barbara Dienst       | 27. Jan Setchell     |
|                     | Joshua Taylor        | 28. Nancy Long       |
|                     | 17. Candy Anderson   | Evan Taylor          |
|                     | Jeffrey Carson       | Maggie Zurko         |
|                     | John Longeville      | 29. Kimberly Kitchen |
|                     | 18. Wenke Hansen     | Keith Setchell       |
|                     | Donald Johnson       | 31. Mary Lawson      |
|                     | 19. Macy Stach       | Kenneth Pumfrey      |

## Comptroller Report for November 2011

	November Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Remaining Budget
Income	\$51,474.14	\$354,166.84	
Expenses	\$31,660.69	\$338,812.61	\$141,889.39
Ahead/(Behind)	\$19,813.45	\$15,354.23	

**Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$259,859.38**

One day's interest on mortgage - \$41.53

## Attendance Figures for November 2011

	9:00 Sunday
November 6	162
November 13	175
November 20	193
November 27	206

## First Staff

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Comptroller

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Adult Choir Director

Interim Organist

John Feken

Bell Choir Director

Judy Neumann

Custodian

Bill Colvin

Security

Kyle and Jennifer Guymon

## Congregation Council

President

Paul Letheby

Vice-President

Barbara Henson

Secretary

Nancy Dashner

Treasurer

Bob Snow

Randall Baker  
John Countryman  
Joyce Davidson  
Cathy Foelske  
Bill Sanders  
Barbara Schrader

## Ministry Teams

Learning/Growth  
(Children & Youth Ministry)

Endowment

Evangelism

Finance

Personnel

Property

Social Ministry

Stewardship

Worship/Music/Fine Arts

*First Lutheran Church ...  
... hearing, living, and  
sharing God's Word  
together.*