



# e-News

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JULY HYMN SINGS BEGIN TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE  
9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY IN JULY. COME JOIN US!

**\*\*\*Worship This Sunday, July 24.** Look up this day; look around throughout your day and see what God has done, is doing, and anticipate what the Lord will do. Look up this day in celebration and gratitude of who God is and the things God does in our world. Be not afraid, for God is at work in us and in our world even in dark times. Look up this day and see the light of Christ.

We continue to consider "What feeds your life?" as we make our way through the month of July. For a follower of Jesus, the practice of prayer is essential to keep in relationship with God and to renew our heart and mind and spirit. Come and think about prayer with me this Sunday.

I am preaching on "Pray for Guidance and Give Thanks." The scripture passages for the sermon message this Sunday are Psalm 121 and Philippians 4:4-9. "Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

May the Lord watch over your coming and going, both now and always. - Craig

**\*\*\*Music This Sunday:**

9:00 a.m.--Ken Myers                      10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

**\*\*\*Class This Sunday:**

Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Woodruff Lounge (Room 201) with Jim Mullins

**\*\*\*Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**

Men's Dinner Group--July 22, 6 p.m. at Old Town Restaurant, 113 Stephen, Lemont;  
RSVP Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616

Project Linus--July 25, 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Hoffman Hall

Golf 4 Fun--Sundays at 6 p.m. at Wedgewood G.C.

Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the narthex

Centering Prayer--Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210

Mindfulness Practice--Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study--Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

**\*\*\*Mission:**

Night Deacons Summer Food Service Program--Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tanzania Mission Trip--if you are interested in going on our 2017 mission trip to Angel House

Mission in Tanzania, please contact Clarence Red at [redorthodon@gmail.com](mailto:redorthodon@gmail.com)

Stephen Ministry--Please continue praying for this ministry--that Hope, Help and Healing be a reality to those who seek it.

**\*\*\*Our Church Family.** Please include the following in your prayers:

Prayers of Healing for Keith Bossen at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center

Congratulations to Aaron and Meredith (Zang) Palmer on the birth of daughter Emersyn Hazel on July 8; and to Jeremy and Sarah (Bornhofen) Orr on the birth of twin daughters Caroline Kathryn and Kennedy Christine on July 16.

\*\*\*From the Pastor.....Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**Our Senior High Mission Trip is taking place right now!** You can go to our website, [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org), and click the button on the front page and see the daily blog; there are a bunch of great pictures plus the youth describing what they are doing each day. It will inspire and brighten your day to see God at work through our youth and advisors in southern West Virginia, near Kentucky.

**A Great Sermon and Teaching on our Website.** You can go to our website front page on [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and click on Media and then Sermons and hear Jim Mullins' sermon from this past Sunday. It's "Read Deeply, Breathe Deeply: The Bible." It's a wonderful sermon on why we read the Bible. It's a great one to hear a second time and if you missed it, you will find a real treasure. I believe it will help you have the mind of Christ, develop the heart of Jesus, and rest in the presence of God.

**Joliet Churches United For Christ: Come and Worship.** We are leading Worship on Tuesday evening, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. on the West Side at 2365 W. Jefferson Street. Invite someone and come join us. Come and worship with people from all over our city. It's a time when we are one in Christ with many members and guests from churches, crossing over racial, economic, and denominational boundaries. We share our faith in Jesus Christ. Reaching out and worshiping together is a great witness to our community.

Here's the schedule for all of the outreach worship services on July 16-30.

Worship July 16-22 at 224 S. Chicago St., Joliet, at 7:00 p.m.

Worship July 23-30 at 2365 W. Jefferson St., Joliet at 7:00 p.m.

**Basketball Camp is almost here!** Our "Future Champs Sports Camp" Basketball camp is July 25-29 right in our very own gym. And it's air conditioned for those hot summer days. Pick up a brochure at church or get one from our website, [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org). It's for kids ages 4-10. Remember to invite your friends.

**Our Getaway to Lake Geneva is almost here.** We still have some room for the August 3-6 Getaway. Call the office to come along, 815-727-9259. -- Craig



### Are You an Avid Frisbee Golfer?

Have you ever wanted to see what Frisbee Golf is about? Now here's your chance to play. The men of C4 invite you to the Inaugural Frisbee Golf & BBQ Outing.

When: Sunday, July 31st 1 p.m.

Where: Shorewood Park, 701 DuPage River Trail, Shorewood. From 52, go south on 59, park is .5 miles on the right

What: Frisbee Golf, BBQ, Bean Bag Toss, Ladder Golf, Journey with Christ

What to bring: Dish to pass (appetizers, snacks, desserts), a beverage & one to share, Frisbee Golf set or regular Frisbee (if you have extras, please bring to share), bug spray  
RSVP by 7/27 with the church office. Come and See!

### August Brings Another of our Summer Traditions—Summer Choir

Singers from the choir and the congregation meet at 8:15 a.m. on the Sundays in August and prepare an anthem to sing in the 9 a.m. service. It is a perfect time to sing with the choir for those whose regular schedule does not permit this during the choir season. We select anthems that can be easily learned in a short rehearsal prior to the service (8:15 - 8:50 a.m.). We welcome anyone who wants to participate. This year Kari Endres and I will be sharing the conducting duties for Summer Choir. I know Kari would greatly appreciate your support, as would I. This is a lot of fun, and we turn out some pretty good anthems in August. Join us for a great time of fellowship. — Ken Myers



#### July 17, 2016

Worship Attendance — 136

#### Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts \$231,715  
Year to Date Expenses \$202,507

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$38,911

Please remember First Pres. with your financial support during the summer months as we continue to serve and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

#### Volunteers this Sunday, July 24, 2016

##### 9:00 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Greeters:

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Ushers:

Pat Costion, Capt.;

Henry Province

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Megan Bauer, Capt.; Nick Warren

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens: Matt Blaser

##### 10:30 a.m.

Val Koehne

Peter Mbi

Sean Yeo, Capt.;

Colleen Yeo

Lisa Kasper