



# e-News

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**\*\*\*Worship This Sunday, August 21:** The summer days are moving quickly, schools are opening their doors once again and the college students are making their way to their schools. Soon the summer will transition into the fall season. Worship with us this Sunday as we look to see the opportunities which God places before us.

God is certainly at work in us, in our church, in our communities, and in our world. Opportunities abound for us to sense the wonder of who God is, what God is doing, and to be open to the opportunities to serve that the Lord places before us.

I am excited about the new Sermon Series we started last Sunday on "Invite Your One." This is our second Sunday, and I will be preaching on "A Great Time" from Luke 10:1-3 and Hebrews 12:1-4. It's a great time to be a follower of Jesus and to be equipped by God to serve. - Craig

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

9:00 a.m.--Summer Choir (rehearse at 8:15 a.m.) 10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

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

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

**\*\*\*Council/Committee Meetings:**

Parish Council--Aug. 18, 5 p.m.  
Executive Committee--Aug. 18, 6 p.m.  
Session--Aug. 18, 7 p.m.

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

Golf 4 Fun--Aug. 21, 6 p.m. at Wedgewood G.C.  
Project Linus--Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to 12 noon (in Room 217 this month). Come help make blankets for children in need in our community. Call Tari Ambler at 815-351-2544.  
Men's Dinner--Aug. 26, 6 p.m. at Thayer Brothers (cash only), 753 Ruby, Joliet; RSVP to Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616  
Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & 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:**

Stephen Ministry--Please continue praying for this ministry and for those who have answered God's call to serve as Stephen Ministers.

Farragut School Supplies—About 98% of children attending Farragut School are below the poverty level. The school has inventoried their supply closet and has let us know the specific items needed. The supplies have been ordered, at a 20% discount. You can help PW and Mission Council fund the supplies by placing your donation in the envelope in Sunday's bulletin. Let's help the children get off to a good start this school year!

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

Prayers of Healing for Ray Kolmodin at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center  
Prayers of Comfort for JoAnn McBride and family on the passing of her husband, Jack, on Aug. 11; for Jean and J.B. Howard and family on the passing of Jean's mother, Violet Osterholtz, on Aug. 15; and for Sharon and Dave Cavanaugh on the passing of their brother-in-law, Peter Sonderby, this morning.

A Memorial Service for Violet Osterholtz (member since 1955) will be held here at First Pres. Church on Saturday, August 20, at 11 a.m. Visitation is Friday, 5 to 7 p.m. at Carlson Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home and Saturday at church, 10 a.m. to time of service.

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

How Are You Doing with Your One? Is there something holding you back from inviting your one to Worship on September 11? This is the fifteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. We are anticipating a Sunday filled with hope on this September 11th. You can invite someone into a community of hope in Christ Jesus. Think about inviting that one person, which God leads you to invite to church. I'm sure God will guide you in this if you take a few minutes to pray about who you might invite. We are asking everyone to invite their One. Imagine all of those "Ones" showing up on Sunday, September 11. What a great Sunday it will be. So, invite your One!

Refinishing the Church Pews. We are in the process of refinishing the pews in the sanctuary/worship center. It's going along, 2-4 pews a week. The refinisher is doing this right in the sanctuary so on a Sunday you might smell a little varnish, but so far it's been fine by Sunday as he works in the beginning of the week. He is doing the fronts (seat & backs) and back of the pew first. You can see the envelope and hymnal racks are off the backside of the pews as he takes them to his shop. Once the backs and fronts of the pews are finished, he will start all of the ends and replace veneer where that is needed. He is staining to match the existing color and finishing with satin varnish, so you will not see a high glossed pew. But you can see the difference between the refinished pews and the pews that need his work. We will also look into getting new pew pads as well. We are waiting on bids on the pew pads. The refinishing of all the pews is \$30,459. If you would like to contribute to this project, just mark your envelope or check "pew refinishing."

Our Church Picnic is on Sunday, August 28. Check out the details on our August 28th Church Picnic right here at the church following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Go to [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and then click on the "Church Picnic, August 28, A Grand Day" box. You can invite your friends, family, neighbors and have a great time. There's delicious food and you get to make your own Ice Cream Sundae!

One Worship Service, All Together on Sunday, August 28! On Sunday, August 28 we will worship all together at one service at 10:30 p.m. We will commission new Stephen Ministers during that 10:30 a.m. service. Then there will be our Church Picnic to follow; sundaes and more! --Craig



August 28, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
at the church

Grilled Chicken Sandwiches with Assorted Sauces

Pasta Salad, Watermelon Slices

Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundaes

Special Grandparent/Grandchild Craft

Assorted Games

Parish Council invites you to join in the fun!

**First Pres. to host Presbytery Meeting  
September 13**

First Pres. is hosting our Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, September 13. We expect about 100-125 folks from the 75 churches in Blackhawk Presbytery. We will need some help that day:

parking lot attendants, registration and greeters, breakfast and lunch servers,

folks to make and drop off lunch dishes (potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and pre-cut desserts), ushers and communion servers for the worship service, etc.)

The proceeds from the lunch will benefit Farragut School Supplies. Please call the office at 815-727-9259 if you can offer your help, or sign up this Sunday.

**August 14, 2016**  
Worship Attendance — 217

**Stewardship Report**  
2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

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| <b>Year to Date Receipts</b> | \$267,605 |
| <b>Year to Date Expenses</b> | \$256,706 |

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, August 21, 2016**

| <u>9:00 a.m.</u>   | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> |
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| <b><u>Children's Worship:</u></b>                                      |                   |
| Laura Pritz  | Jacob Riebe       |
| <b><u>Greeters:</u></b>  |                   |
| Carol & Paul Zettergren  | Jan Gehrig        |
| <b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>  |                   |
| Cameron Paul   | Carter Lundeen    |
| <b><u>Ushers:</u></b>  |                   |
| , Capt.;   | , Capt.;          |
| Mark Dykema  |                   |
| <b><u>Coffee Fellowship:</u></b> , Capt.; Beth Maurer, Helen Steinberg |                   |
| <b><u>Sound Room:</u></b> Matt Bonomo                                  |                   |
| <b><u>Video Screens:</u></b> Matt Blaser                               |                   |