

e-News

August 3, 2016

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***Worship This Sunday, August 7. Jesus "went about doing good." And he calls us to "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:15-16) Jesus tells us to live in such a way that others see good things done in his name. Why does he say that? Jesus, The Light of the World, says we "are the light of the world." Isn't it wonderful that the Savior wants to shine his light through our lives wherever we may go? Come and worship with your friends in Christ this Sunday that the light of Jesus may shine more thoroughly through your life.

Pastor Dale Ambler is preaching this Sunday. Dale writes, "Our sermon series, 'What Feeds Your Life?' comes to a close Sunday as we look at the idea of what it means to be a masterpiece. More specifically, when you got out of bed today, how did you see the day ahead unfolding? How do you approach each day? Using portions of the second creation story in Genesis 2 and Ephesians 2:1-10, we'll take a look at what it might mean to 'Make Each Day a Masterpiece.'"

May we be open to the things Jesus wishes to do in and through us. -- Craig

***Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Summer Choir (rehearsal 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:

Church Growth Council--Aug. 7, 11:45 a.m.

Stewardship Council--Aug. 9, 3:30 p.m.

Night Deacons--Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Session--meets the third Thurs., Aug. 18, this month

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Breakfast--Aug. 5, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet Women's Bible Study--Aug. 10, 10 a.m.

Thursday Morning Circle & Mary Circle—August 11, 12 noon; joint lunch at Giovan's Restaurant, 1804 N. Larkin Ave., Crest Hill. All women in the church are invited. Please RSVP to Emmie Ostrem at 815-744-1390.

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

Praise Yoga--on break first 2 weeks of August

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

Mindfulness Practice--Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

***Mission:

Night Deacons Free Pancake Breakfast--Aug. 6, 8 to 10 a.m.

Night Deacons Summer Food Service Program--Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry--Please continue praying for this ministry--that Hope, Help and Healing be a reality to those who seek it.

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

Invite Your One. Have you thought about inviting someone to church for Sunday, September 11th? It's possible for you to invite just one person. Consider and pray about who God would want you to invite to church. It's one person you sense the Lord wants you to ask to come to church with you or meet you at church on Sunday, September 11. 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!

Our Church Picnic is on Sunday, August 28th. Check out the details on our August 28th Church Picnic right at the church following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. You can invite your friends, family, neighbors and have a great time. There's delicious picnic food; make your own Ice Cream Sundaes and more!

We are Commissioning New Stephen Ministers! On Sunday, August 28, we will commission new Stephen Ministers during our 10:30 a.m. service. We will worship all together at one service that Sunday; at 10:30 p.m. with our Church Picnic to follow.

Have You Missed a Sunday Sermon? Go To our Website. Just go to our website, www.firstpresjoliet.org, and on the home page click on Media and then Sermons and choose any sermon you may have missed or one you wish to hear again. It works on your smartphone, too. You can catch up on what you missed or take time to review.



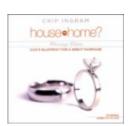
August 28, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the church (following the one worship service at 10:30 a.m.)

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!



All women in the church are invited to join Thursday Morning Circle & Mary Circle for a joint luncheon on Thursday, August 11, 12 noon at Giovan's Restaurant, 1804 N. Larkin Ave., Crest Hill. Please RSVP to Emmie Ostrem at 815-744-1390.

Marriage is such a wonderful blessing, but like all things in life, it brings its share of tough times, too. Is your marriage where you want it to be? Would you like it to be even better? It will take some hard work, but I invite you to join me in a study by Chip Ingram entitled



"House or Home: Marriage Edition" and dig deeper with me to bring unity and fulfillment to your marriage. Let's look at what God has planned for our marriages. Join me Wednesday mornings from 9-11 a.m. in the Fireside Room starting September 14th. Child care will be provided. Contact me at 317-345-5549 or mrsnolan@gmail.com for details or if interested. Deadline to sign up is September 1st so there is ample time to order study guides. The only cost to you is \$5 for a study guide. -- Mandy Nolan

***Our Church Family: Please add the following to your prayers--

Prayers of Healing for Megan Bauer at Provena St. Joseph

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Joy for Sam and Megan (Pocius) Thompson on the birth of a daughter, Nora Penelope, on July 21st.

Volunteers this Sunday, August 7, 2016

10:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Bo Mircea Bo Mircea

Greeters: Bob & Mary Haas

Acolytes:

Riley Corcoran Logan McCormick

Ushers:

Anne Doll, Capt.: Capt. Jan Gehrig Brenda Schmitz Carol Pritz

Helen Steinberg

Coffee Fellowship: Capt.; Alice Stratemeyer, Sue Mueller, Jill Strimel

Sound Room: Rich Pool Video Screens: Matt Blaser July 31, 2016

Worship Attendance - 187

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts **Year to Date Expenses**

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

\$245.503

\$226,442

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.