



e-News

September 21, 2016

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***Worship This Sunday, September 25: What do you do when you are afraid? I'm pretty sure I have not met anyone who has said they have never had to deal with the issues life brings. This Sunday my sermon text is Mark 4:35-41...a troubling story with regard to how we often approach such stories today. Is God present for you? Do you see Jesus on board your little boat? Join us Sunday as we look at this idea in "When Storms Strike: S.F.T."
-- Pastor Dale Ambler

***Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers 10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Classes

Sunday:

Bible Perspectives Class--10:15 a.m. in Room 201 with Jim Mullins

Monday:

Financial Peace University--7 p.m. in Room 217 with Dave & Sandi Zang

Tuesday:

Smart Money, Smart Kids--7 p.m. in the Fireside Room with Cassie Lennertz;
also offered Fridays at 9 a.m.

Wednesday:

House or Home: Marriage Edition--9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room
with Mandy Nolan

Kingdom Women: Empowering Your Purpose, Power, Possibilities--7:15
p.m. in the Fireside Room with Anna Johnson; this 6-week study
beginning tonight encourages women to see themselves as God
sees them--a priceless treasure, a diamond that the Master
Jeweler wants to display. Written and presented by Pastor Tony
Evans and his daughter, Chrystal Evans Hurst, the interactive
sessions will encourage us to embrace the purpose, power, and
possibilities of being a Kingdom Woman.

***Adult Discussion Group:

Is That In The Bible?--Tuesdays, 12 noon in the Fireside Room or Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. in the
Fireside Room with Dale Ambler

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Dinner--Sept. 23, 6 p.m. at Katie O'Connors Pinhouse, 13717 S. Route 30, Suite 101, Plainfield.

Project Linus--Sept. 26, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall

Women's Bible Study--Sept. 28, 10 a.m. in Room 217

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

Handbell Workshop -- Sat., Sept. 24

Come Try Your Hand/s at Ringing! The Glory Ringers, our Handbell Choir, is looking to add new ringers. If you have ever considered trying handbells, NOW IS THE TIME! We're having a workshop at 9 a.m. THIS Saturday, September 24, with lunch following. Come and learn how to ring in a fun, "no pressure," environment. For more information, contact Paula Stimpert at 815-342-7309 or pkmom@comcast.net. Please consider being a part of this fun and rewarding music ministry.



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

Full Midweek Family Night, we call Zoom, is Tonight, Wednesday, September 21, at the Church. We are going to finish each night with Worship from 6:45-7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Worship Center. There are two adult studies: one before dinner at 5:15 with Dale Ambler leading, and then a Women's Study at 7:15 with Anna Johnson leading. There's dinner for everyone at 6:00 p.m. It will be a great night for all of our church family. Come join us.

Opportunities to Volunteer at Farragut Elementary School. If you would like to tutor or assist in helping at Farragut Elementary School, please e-mail me or call the church office. We have volunteer packets for Farragut in the church office. This is a great opportunity for us to expand our involvement beyond helping with school supplies for the students.

Trunk 'N' Treat Coming Up in a Month! If you would like to help out with our Trunk 'N' Treat Outreach or in Welcoming the Community to our church, call the office, speak to Bo or Jeff Pritz. We are excited about welcoming 1,000-1,200 to First Pres. for a children and family friendly evening of fun. It's a way of letting all those people know we are a welcoming community of faith. Think about decorating your Car Trunk and having an outstanding time.

Visitors Came To Church on "Invite Your One" Sunday. We had 13 visitors come to church on our "Invite Your One" Sunday, September 11th! Eleven, yes 11, of the visitors were new visitors to our congregation. We may only have had more visitors on Christmas Eve or Easter. There were 42 members who invited others to come and 11 showed up. That's 26% of those invited saying "yes" and coming to church.

The learning? Inviting works; please keep on inviting others to come worship with your church family. Worship with your church family this Sunday! -- Craig



MIDWEEK FAMILY NIGHT
Starting up Sept. 21 at church

- 5:00 p.m. Music/Class for kids 4 years old through 5th Grade
- 5:15 p.m. "Is That In The Bible?" Adult Discussion Group with Dale Ambler
- 6:00 p.m. Family Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Midweek Family Worship
- 7:15 p.m. Kingdom Woman: Empowering Your Purpose, Power, Possibilities with Anna Johnson (all women are invited to this 6 session study meeting in the Fireside Room-- come for dinner and worship, stay for study)

This Sunday night Get Ready for the "Marshmallow Challenge!" Youth Group Meets Sunday Evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All youth, grades 6 to 12, are invited and welcome to join in on the fun, connecting with each other, and the study time. This Fall the study focuses on "Thrive," a study that seeks to move us from struggling or existing to thriving in our lives. There's great food, fun games, and a wonderful team of advisers. And this Sunday you can test your skills in the "Marshmallow Challenge."



September 18, 2016	
Worship Attendance — 188	
Stewardship Report	
2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916	
Year to Date Receipts	\$307,298
Year to Date Expenses	\$309,736
2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$38,911	
Farragut School Supply Project \$2,203.80	

***Our Church Family: Please add the following to your prayers--
Prayers of Healing for Michael Smith at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center
Prayers of Comfort for Shirley Hill and family on the passing of her husband, Harry Hill, last night

Services for Harry Hill are Saturday, Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m. at the Carlson Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home with visitation at 10 a.m. to time of service.

Bill Robinson would like to thank Craig, Dale Ambler, Jim Mullins, Dave Steinberg and Marg and Dave Grohne for their hospital visits and calls. When one is "under the weather," outreach from the church family is especially appreciated.

Joan Barnes would like to thank those who assisted her at church on Sept. 11 and our church family for their prayers and concerns.

Volunteers this Sunday, September 25, 2016	
9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Children's Worship: Stephanie Umek	Jacob Riebe
Holy Hunters: Greeters:	Kyla Fris
Betsey O'Mara	
Acolytes: Cameron Paul	Carter Lundeen
Ushers: Carol Pritz, Capt.;	Lisa Kasper, Capt.;
Anne Doll	Nick Kasper
Edna Droz	Ed Schultz
Pritz/Doll Family	Aubrey Herr
Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers & Judy Turner, Capts.;	
Jim & Barb Schwandt, Joe Milosevich	
Sound Room: Cliff Stepina	
Video Screens: Dale Endres	