



e-News

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***Our Midweek Family Night, we call ZooM, meets back at Church Tonight. It's a night for our full program of:

5:00 pm--ZooM Music/Class
Confirmation
5:15 pm--"Is That In The Bible?" Adult Discussion Group
6:05 pm--Family Dinner
6:45 to 7:15 pm--Midweek Worship

***Sunday Worship, October 16. Strong and opposing beliefs and ways of life are coming into juxtaposition, confrontation, and struggle in our society and world today. There are many positions being put forth. Whenever there are differences in points of view, ways of life, and core beliefs, there are those who wish to force and foist their way, their thoughts, their ideas upon others. Some people are unable to think thoughtfully from different points of view and disagree in a respectful way or admit that perhaps they do not have all of the truth. This Sunday we will look at faith and fanaticism and the difference between the two.

I am preaching on "God is Faithful and Just: Faith, Fanaticism, and Injustice.
The scripture passages for this Sunday are: Acts 5:27-41, Matthew 9:1-13, Luke 18:9-14, and James 1:12-18. - Craig Herr

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

***Class This Sunday:
Bible Perspectives--10:15 in Room 201

***Wednesday Class:
House or Home: Marriage Edition--9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room; childcare provided.

***Adult Discussion Group--"Is That In The Bible?"--Tuesdays at 12 noon and Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

***Council/Committee Meetings:
Parish Council--Oct. 13, 5 p.m.
Executive Committee--Oct. 13, 6 p.m.
Session--Oct. 13, 7 p.m.
Worship Council--Oct. 18, 4:30 p.m.
Human Resources Council--Oct. 19, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:
Thursday Morning Circle--Oct. 13, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room
Mary Circle--Oct. 13, 1 p.m. at Al's Steak House
Quilt Group--Oct. 13, 6 p.m. in Hoffman Hall
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

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

Confirmation Class Begins Tonight. An opportunity to serve, fellowship, worship, and learn starts tonight for our 8th graders and older youth. Meet at the church from 5:00 to 8:10 p.m. Call Bo Mircea if you have any questions and want to know more.

Next Week Is Our Trunk 'n' Treat! This a wonderful outreach opportunity for our church family to let the neighborhood and surrounding area know we are here and eager to create fun, joyous, and safe events that bring many people together. It's a way of showing we are a welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ by how we serve. If you would like to help out with our Trunk 'n' Treat Outreach or in Welcoming the Area 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. If you come, I guarantee you will have a wonderful evening.

Youth Group Meets 1 Hour Earlier For Laser Tag This Sunday Evening. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to go to Cyberspace Laser in Naperville. The cost is \$7.50 per person which is a great deal for Laser Tag, Pizza, and Tokens. Invite and bring your friends. Call or e-mail Bob Becker immediately at 815-666-5243 or becker2fix-it@sbcglobal.net. You will arrive back at the church about 8:15 p.m.

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.

May the grace, peace, joy, and hope of Christ Jesus sustain and strengthen you this day and week. -- Craig



It's next Wednesday, October 19! And it's not too late to sign up to have a trunk, to help in the kitchen, to greet, etc. Just call Bo or the office. Here's

the schedule for volunteers:

- 4:00-4:30 p.m.--set up your trunk
- 4:30 p.m.--Kitchen/serving help should arrive and start preparations
- 5:00 p.m.--Greeters should be here
- 5:30 p.m.--We'll eat and be all ready for our Guests by 5:50 p.m.

***Our Church Family: Please add the following to your prayers-- Prayers of Healing for Bob Fraser and Michael Miller at Presence St. Joseph

Thank You--The Stratemeyer family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to all the kind folks who furnished delicious dinners during this difficult time.



During the months of October and November, PW will be collecting personal items for Stepping Stones Agency. We would like to also collect cosmetic bags or small purses and fill them with toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soaps, hair shampoo and conditioners, etc. Sometimes women have to leave their homes in a hurry. There will be a box in Hoffman Hall to collect your items.

Attention All Knitters and Crocheters: There is a need for baby blankets and other items at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. PW groups are making these items. You do not have to be a member of PW to participate. You can go to knitting4peace.com for more information and patterns, or call Edna Droz at 815-838-6306. There are some patterns/directions on the counter in the office. This is an on-going project.

October 9, 2016
Worship Attendance — 177

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

Year to Date Receipts	\$349,083
Year to Date Expenses	\$356,127

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

Volunteers this Sunday, October 16, 2016

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children's Worship:</u>	
Bo Mircea	Jacob Riebe
<u>Holy Hunters:</u>	
	Pam LeVasseur
<u>Greeters:</u>	
Barb Rodgers	
<u>Acolytes:</u>	
Gavin Ringhofer	Justin Corcoran
<u>Ushers:</u>	
Jen Beck, Capt.;	Mike House, Capt.;
Alex Beck	Ed Schultz
Eva Beck	Lisa Ambler
Max Beck	
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Pat Haldorson & Brenda Schmitz, Capts.;	
Emmie Ostrem, Glenn Brosell, John Savage	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Cliff Stepina	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Matt Blaser	