



e-News

November 16, 2016

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***Midweek Worship, Study, and Family Night: The study is on the Gospel of Mark and meets in the Fireside Room. Following the study there's dinner at 6:00 p.m. And then there's a time of worship from 6:45-7:15 p.m. There's music and study and recreation for the children. And there's Confirmation Class and opportunities to serve throughout the evening. In our time of worship we will focus on what it means to be Thankful.

***Sunday Worship, November 20: God loves us deeply and is passionate about seeking and reaching us and being present to us. Come worship and celebrate our God who comes into the world for us and all people. This Sunday Bo Mircea is preaching as we finish up our "I Vote For God" Series. Bo writes, "We are passionate people! There is no doubt about that. As we gather together with our friends and families, our passion Acts become the center of our interactions. We talk about work, sports, politics, family and so on with passion, because those things are important to us. This week I will preach from Acts 17:16-34 about Paul's passion for God, but even more so about God's passion for you. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday. Bo."
- Craig Herr

***Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Class This Sunday:

Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Room 201

***Mid-Week Classes:

Smart Money, Smart Kids--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 217

Balancing Life's Demands--Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room

***Adult Discussion Groups:

The Light Will Shine--Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Fireside Room; bring a sack lunch

The Gospel of Mark--Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Quilt Group--Nov. 17, 7 p.m. in Room 210

Men's Dinner--Nov. 18, 6 p.m. at Prairie Bluff Golf Club, 19433 Renwick Rd., Lockport

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 Narthex this week)

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

***Mission:

PW is collecting personal items in November for Stepping Stones. Cosmetic bags, small toiletries, etc. can be placed in the collection box in Hoffman Hall.

There is also a need for knitted or crocheted baby blankets at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Visit knitting4peace.org for more information and patterns. This is an on-going PW project.

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

Prayers of Healing for Harry Cobourn, Donna Filo & Sandra Penney at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center

Prayers of Comfort for Irene Kolmodin, Sheila & Jerry Lundeen, Nancy & Mike Fiske & families on Ray Kolmodin's passing on Sunday, Nov. 13.

The Memorial Service for Raymond Kolmodin will be Friday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. here at First Pres. Church, with visitation at the Carlson, Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 17, 4 to 7:30 p.m. and at First Pres. Church, Friday, 10:30 a.m. to time of service.

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

“The Light Will Shine: Live In Hope.” This Advent Season we will focus on the Light of Christ and the Hope we have in the Savior who is born to us and all the world. Advent is a time for us to experience The Call of Jesus in our lives, The Promises of God, The Light of Christ, and The Hope that only God can give. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. Plan to anticipate and celebrate the birth of the Savior in worship this Advent Season.

Community Thanksgiving Service. We are worshiping with six other area churches at Westminster Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, November 22, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a combined choir. Please bring some canned goods for those in need.

Advent Decorating. Come join us on Saturday, November 26, at 9 a.m., and we'll decorate the church in a couple of hours. It's a lot of fun and a time for conversation as you decorate with your church family.

Exploring the Life of Jesus Study, Gospel of Mark, Wednesday Evening. Prepare for Christmas by studying the Life and Ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. We are meeting on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, with Pastor Craig leading. Mark is the shortest Gospel and yet Mark reveals insights and details on Jesus and his ministry that we do not find in the other three Gospels.

Sound Room Ministry Need. If you would like to volunteer once a month in the Sound Room for Sunday services, just give me a call or e-mail craig.herr@firstpresjoliet.org. It's a wonderful way to serve and we have excellent volunteers who could easily provide the training.

May you experience the love of God and see the Lord at work in your life and world this week. — Craig



Youth Group Meets this Sunday evening, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet to hang out together, study the Bible, have fun, and make friends. Dinner will be available at 6:00 p.m. So, come, bring your friends and have a great time at Youth Group this Sunday evening.

On Sunday morning, we have a Youth Director Candidate coming. We'll meet in Room 210 at 10 a.m. so he can teach a lesson; then following the second service worship, we'll have lunch and time to visit and get to know him better. Please come welcome Will to First Pres. as we determine if he is the right fit for our program. See you Sunday



***Orders are being taken for Poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church-Poinsettias; poinsettias are \$12

each. The order form is available in Sunday's bulletin or you can print it out from our website and mail it in. You may give your poinsettia(s) to the Glory of God, in memory of loved ones, or in memory of specific loved ones. The deadline for ordering is December 11.

November 13, 2016

Worship Attendance — 167

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts \$415,339
Year to Date Expenses \$419,051

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

***Community Bulletin Board

Silver Cross Senior Advantage is hosting a Health Fair on Tuesday, November 29, 7 to 11 a.m. at Silver Cross Hospital. There will be Free Screenings (blood pressure, diabetes--non-fasting blood sugar, fall & balance, pulse oximetry, and colon cancer screening kits available. Maggie DelReal, of United Healthcare will speak at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on "Medicare Made Clear." Representatives from various health plans will be available to talk to. Flu shots will be provided by Walgreens (billed to your insurance) and there will be snacks and door prize drawings. Advanced registration is not required. For more information call 815-300-1096.

***Paid Child Care Positions Available. Part time-- Sunday mornings and some day and evening hours. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Bo Mircea at 815-727-9259 or bo.mircea@firstpresjoliet.org.

Volunteers this Sunday, November 20, 2016

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Jacob Riebe

Holy Hunters:

Kyla Fris

Greeters:

Marg & David Grohne

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Carter Lundeen

Ushers:

Barb Rodgers, Capt.;

Mike House, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

Sue Lee

Jean Smietanski

Mike Lee

Bob Smietanski

Coffee Fellowship: Lisa Kasper & Pat Costion, Capts.;

Nick Kasper

Sound Room: Matt Bonomo

Video Screens: Dale Endres/Todd Hayden