



e-News

November 2, 2016

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ZOOM CANCELLED TONIGHT! CONFIRMATION MEETS 5 TO 6 P.M. ADULT STUDY GROUP MEETS 5:15 TO 6 P.M. NO DINNER SERVED TONIGHT!

***Midweek Worship, Study, and Family Night. ZooM meets at the Church on Wednesday Evenings (but not tonight!). We finish each night all together with Worship, from 6:45-7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Worship Center. There is an adult study before dinner at 5:15 p.m.. There's music, study, and recreation for children, as well as an opportunity for our Confirmants to serve and study. There's dinner for everyone at 6:05 p.m. It's a great night for all of our church family. Come join us next Wednesday.

***Sunday Worship, November 6. It is so wonderful to belong to the God who wants to work in and through us to make a difference in the world and in people's lives. Jesus tells us that God wants us "to bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." It's clear that we have a marvelous opportunity to forever impact people's lives when we follow the Lord Jesus. Worship with us this Sunday and let God use you for his purposes throughout the week. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

I am preaching this Sunday on "The Shelf Life of Joy" in our "I Vote For God" Series. Here are the scripture passages for this Sunday: Philippians 4:4-9 and John 15:1-17. We will think about being rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ and the meaning, joy, direction, and new life that the Lord Jesus supplies to his followers. (Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.) – 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

***Wednesday Class:

Balancing Life's Demands--9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room; childcare provided.

***Adult Discussion Group:

"Is That In The Bible?"--last class tonight at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

"The Gospel of Mark"--starting Nov. 9 at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

***Council/Committee Meetings:

Stewardship Council--Nov. 2, 3:30 p.m.

Church Growth Council--Nov. 6, 11:45 a.m.

Day Deacons--Nov. 7, 10 a.m.

Night Deacons--Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Parish Council--Nov. 10, 5 p.m.

Executive Committee--Nov. 10, 6 p.m.

Session--Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Breakfast--Nov. 4, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House

Women's Bible Study--Nov. 9, 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

***Mission:

Night Deacons Free Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, November 5, 8 to 10 a.m. Come on out and help us serve and welcome our guests.

PW is collecting personal items for Stepping Stones. There's a collection box in Hoffman Hall.

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

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

Called to Serve and Study. The Lord Jesus calls us to a life of serving; serving God and serving others as followers of Christ. Jesus also calls us to a life of learning and study that we would grow in our faith and understanding of God's Word, the Bible. We believe that God the Holy Spirit speaks to us when we read the scriptures. Come join us for Study on Wednesday evenings. I am looking forward to teaching the Gospel of Mark, starting Wednesday, November 9.

Gospel of Mark: Exploring the Life of Jesus Study. Come on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. and study the Gospel of Mark with Pastor Craig leading. We will meet in the Fireside Room starting Wednesday, November 9. 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. This is a great way to get ready for Christmas by studying the Life and Ministry of Jesus.

Is God Calling You To Serve? Are you listening for God's call to you? Perhaps God is calling you to serve as a Day Deacon (visiting those who are unable to attend church), as a Night Deacon (ushering, coffee fellowship, pancake breakfast) or as an Elder (serving on a council and session). Talk with one of the Pastors or an Elder on the Session if you would like to know more about serving as a Deacon or an Elder. Listen for God's call to serve your Lord and First Pres.

Are You Struggling with Something Right Now? Have you known some type of loss in your life that is weighing you down? Have you experienced some kind of disappointment or discouragement, which has sapped your strength and joy? Has life thrown you some huge change that is just too hard to handle by yourself? If you would like someone to listen and understand, someone with whom you can talk, give me a call or call one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Cyndi Schwartz @ 815-325-9711 or Kris Hayden @ 815-725-3696.

Video Projection is a Great Ministry. If you would like to volunteer once a month in the Video Projection 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 Light of Christ Jesus and share His Light as you make your way through this week. — Craig

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

Prayers of Comfort for Jo Ann McBride and family on the passing of her mother, Dolores Spencer, on October 26.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy on the birth of Marek Alexander Johnson, son of Tony and Shelley Johnson, grandson of Joe and Diane Milosevich, on October 29.



It's THIS Saturday--November 5th
4:30 p.m. Bring a crock-pot full of your favorite soup
5:00 p.m. Begin tasting as many soups as you'd like
~ 6:00 p.m. Movies Begin:
Zootopia -- Sanctuary
Me Before You-- 2nd floor Cinema
Miracles From Heaven -- 2nd floor Youth Room
God's Not Dead 2 -- Fireside Room
McFarland, USA -- 2nd floor Woodruff Lounge



It starts next week--Tuesday, November 8, 7 p.m., for 6 weeks. Cassie Lennertz leads this Dave Ramsey video-based class.

Parents, help your children learn to make wise choices about working, spending, saving, giving, and more. We have curriculum packets at the discounted cost of \$50. Call Cassie at 815-931-2875 if you are interested. Childcare is available.



Youth Group Meets this Sunday evening, November 6, 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.

October 30, 2016
Worship Attendance — 212

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

Year to Date Receipts	\$394,363
Year to Date Expenses	\$397,935

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

Volunteers this Sunday, November 6, 2016

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Children's Worship: Abby Umek	Bo Mircea
Holy Hunters:	Pam LeVasseur
Greeters: Bob & Mary Haas	Leslie & Colin Herr
Acolytes: Camryn Pope	Emily Riebe
Ushers: Jon Belfield, Capt.; Mark Dykema Helen Steinberg	Carol Pritz, Capt. Anne Doll John Doll Julie Doll
Coffee Fellowship: Wayne Zoellick & Lisa Kasper, Capts.; Nick Kasper, Nicole Long	
Sound Room: Matt Bonomo	
Video Screens: Matt Blaser	