



e-News

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***Get Involved In The "Love Does" Sermon Series and Study. We've just started unpacking this extraordinary way of living and thinking. It's based on the foundation of Love God and Love your Neighbor—in that order. Love is practical. Love takes action...Love Does! We are using Bob Goff's book, "Love Does," as we take a fresh look at the scriptures and what it means to love God and love others. On Tuesdays at noon bring your lunch for an adult discussion group led by Dale Ambler. Or come on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. for an adult discussion group, also led by Dale Ambler.

Sunday Worship, January 15. We were in God's mind before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). The Lord acted in love creating us, giving us life, and calling us. God thought and God acted. This Sunday we will look at what it means to think and then to act on what God desires.

Bob Goff writes, "I used to think being loved was the greatest thing to think about, but now I know that love is never satisfied just thinking about it." The second week of our "Love Does" series I am preaching on "Just Thinking Is Not Enough." I invite you to read these passages as you prepare for worship this Sunday: I Corinthians 13 and John 15:12-17. -- 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 a.m. in Room 201

***Council/Committee Meetings:

Parish Council--Jan. 12, 5 p.m.

Executive Committee--Jan. 12, 6 p.m.

Session--Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

Human Resources Council--Jan. 18, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Thursday Morning Circle--Jan. 12, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Mary Circle--Jan. 12, 12 noon in the Fireside Room

"Balancing Life's Demands"--Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room (Jan. 18 last class)

Dinner Out--Jan. 17, 6 p.m. Note change of location--Al's Steak House, 1990 W. Jefferson St., Joliet

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

***Love Does Adult Discussion Groups:

Tuesdays, 12 noon in the Fireside Room

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

"Love Does" books are available in Hoffman Hall at \$11 each.

***Mission

Look for the bright yellow box in Hoffman Hall for sweaters and sweatshirts for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade, new or gently used. Farragut School needs warm clothes for the kids.

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

2017 is our 150th Anniversary Year! One of the ways we plan to celebrate our anniversary is by taking part in 150 Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of our church. I hope you will think about wonderful and creative ways we can individually and as a church participate in 150 Acts of Service to others throughout our community. What an exciting year this will be as we serve others in a variety of ways in our community.

Chili Cook-Off and Movie Night is coming up on Saturday, January 28. Make a crockpot of your favorite chili and come at 4:30 p.m. Look for more details in the E-News and/or Sunday bulletin.

Meet Will Ward This Sunday, January 15. We will be introducing Will Ward, our new Director of Youth Ministry, to you this Sunday, January 15, at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Kari Endres, Mark Schneidewind and I worked together from the beginning of April through November in the search process. We are excited for you to meet Will Ward. I invite you to be praying for Will Ward, our Advisors, and our Youth.

Video Projection Ministry. We need more volunteers in the Video Projection Room for Sunday Worship. The hymns, songs, sermon slides and video clips add an essential visual element to our worship of God. If you would like to volunteer once a month in the Video 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 will easily provide the training you need to get on board.

Stop In This Saturday Morning. Help us take down the Christmas Decorations throughout the first floor of the church. We are meeting this Saturday, January 14, starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be done by 11:00 a.m. It's a lot of fun being together and having conversation as the decorations come down. So, join us on Saturday, January 14, for a few hours.

May you experience the love and grace of the Lord Jesus throughout your week. -- Craig



Chili Cook-Off & Movie Night! Saturday, Jan. 28

Bring a crock-pot full of your favorite chili or just come and sample all the different recipes, vote for your favorite, and enjoy one of the following movies:

- Finding Dory*--PG/ 1 hour 43 minutes (Fireside Rm.)
- Against the Wild*--PG/ 1 hour 31 minutes (Cinema)
- Sully*--PG13/ 1 hour 36 minutes (Sanctuary)
- Genius*--PG13/ 1 hour 44 minutes (Youth Rm.)
- The Sea of Trees*--PG13/ 1 hour 51 minutes (Woodruff)

Set-up is at 4:30 p.m.; Tasting begins at 5 p.m.; and Movies begin about 6 p.m.

***Our Church Family. Please add the following to your daily prayers:
Jean Bellows at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center



***Youth Group meets this Sunday evening, January 15 from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Come ready for fun, great fellowship, and growing in our faith. Will Ward, our new Director of Youth Ministry, is going to be at Youth Group this Sunday night.

January 8, 2017
Worship Attendance — 181

Stewardship Report
2016-2017 Budget: \$ 786,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$571,102
Year to Date Expenses	\$555,484

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$41,911

Volunteers this Sunday, January 15, 2017

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children's Worship:</u> Laura Pritz	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Holy Hunters:</u>	Pam LeVasseur
<u>Greeters:</u> Barb Rodgers	Tari Ambler
<u>Acolytes:</u> Gavin Ringhofer	Justin Corcoran
<u>Ushers:</u> Adam Haletek, Capt.;	Wayne Zoellick, Capt.;
Mark Dykema	Lisa Kasper
Duke Barnes	Nick Kasper
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Barb Rodgers & Laura House, Capts.;	Jim Huey
<u>Sound Room:</u> Cliff Stepina	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	