



February 15, 2017 805 Western Ave., Joliet, IL 60435 815-727-9259 firstpresjoliet.org

*****Worship This Sunday, February 19.** Have you ever been told you have selective hearing...hearing only the things you want to hear...what you choose to hear? At home? With our friends? At work? In church? With God?

Do we hear the things from God that we want to hear or, could it be, that God thinks we are going a little deaf? We'll take a look at these things in my sermon, "Selective Hearing," using Genesis 28:10-22 as our text. -- Dale Ambler

*****Music This Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Classes This Sunday:

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School--10 a.m. in Room 206 with Will Ward Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Room 201 with Jim Mullins

*****Council/Committee Meetings:**

All Officer Retreat--Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 to 9 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

*****Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**

Quilt Group--Feb. 16, 7 p.m. in Room 210 Dinner Out--Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at Barolo Ristorante, 2765 Black Rd., Joliet Women's Bible Study--Feb. 22, 10 a.m. in Room 217 Men's Dinner Group--Feb. 24, 6 p.m. at Giovan's Restaurant & Pizzeria, 1804 N. Larkin Ave., Crest Hill 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

*****Adult Discussion Group:**

"Romans and the Reformation"--Tuesdays, 12 noon in the Fireside Room with Dale Ambler (bring your lunch)

***Mission:

New or gently used sweaters and sweatshirts are needed for the kids at Farragut School; sizes to fit ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Drop your donations in the bright yellow box in Hoffman Hall.

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

150 Acts of Service In 2017, Share The Good News. We are celebrating our 150th Anniversary as a congregation by doing 150 Acts of Loving Service Beyond the Walls of our Church. Please share what you are doing in loving service for those beyond our church by picking up a cardboard block in the Narthex/Lobby area. On the face of the block describe what you have done so we can all celebrate what God is doing in and through us in our world. Then stack your block on our wall of loving service. You can draw on the block, attach a picture, and write about how you served.

We have filled up our allotted spots for serving at the St. John Lutheran Food Pantry on Saturday, February 18, from 10 a.m. to Noon. Everyone who has signed up has been e-mailed a consent form. Please fill out the consent form and bring it with you to St. John's. Plan to arrive at 9:45 a.m. to be ready to start by 10:00 a.m. Thanks everyone!

We still have some openings to serve on Saturday, March 4, at Feed My Starving Children, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Trinity Christian School in Shorewood. Hurry up and sign up. Once we fill the list of 40 volunteers we will start a waiting list for volunteers, in case someone is unable to go. We need your name, phone number and e-mail address for making our commitment to Feed My Starving Children. We have given \$2,000 to support the packing of food for malnourished children all over the world. It will feed 9,000 children who desperately need meals. Call the office to sign up or sign up on Sunday morning.

All Officer Retreat. Please pick up the reading material in the office or at church this Sunday to prepare. Our All Officer Retreat is Thursday, February 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. with Dinner at 5:30 p.m. I am looking forward to what the Lord will do amongst us. This time is for our Day Deacons, Night Deacons and Elders to work together.

Food Pantry at St. Pat's. St. Pat's Church is in need of help at their food pantry on Monday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. Just call St. Pat's at 815-727-4746 and talk with Pastor Pete Jankowski.

In Christ, Craig



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1. Ash Wednesday Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 p.m. February 12, 2017 Worship Attendance — 184

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

Year to Date Receipts Year to Date Expenses

9:00 a.m.

\$612,255 \$618,543

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$41,911 Angel House Mission — \$2,701

Volunteers this Sunday, February 19, 2017

10:30 a.m.

 Children's Worship:

 Bo Mircea

 Holy Hunters:
 Pa

 Greeters:
 Tari Ambler/Judy Garrison

 Acolytes:
 Cameron Paul

 Cameron Paul
 C

 Ushers:
 Jon Belfield, Capt.;

 Jon Belfield, Capt.;
 Laura

 Russ Brown
 Allan Somers

 Marion Somers
 Coffee Fellowship:

 Sound Room:
 Cliff Stepina

 Video Screens:
 Dale Endres

Val Koehne Pam LeVasseur Jan Gehrig

Carter Lundeen

Laura House, Capt.; Russ Brown

*****Our Church Family.** Known to be in the hospital: No one