



# e-News

April 12, 2017

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**Easter Sunday.** The sermon title for Easter Sunday is "Overcoming Fear." The scripture texts are I Corinthians 15:1-8, Matthew 27:62-66, and Matthew 28:1-10. There are many things in today's world that foment fear. On Easter we are reminded that "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,..." I John 4:18 God has loved us by raising Jesus from

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

Prayers of Comfort for Kyla Fris and family on the passing of her grandmother, Dorothy Stennett, of Fairfield, IL, on March 29th; and to Russ and Sue Brown on the passing of Russ' father, John Brown, on April 11.



### Maundy Thursday, April 13

Dinner at 6 p.m. —Pork Roast w/stuffing, Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad w/dressing, Rolls, Dessert & Beverages  
Freewill Offering  
Worship/Communion at 7 p.m.  
*Message: Servant Value—"Teaching"*

### Good Friday, April 14

Meditative Service at 6 p.m.  
*Message: Servant Value—"Submission"*

### Easter "Resurrection" Sunday, April 16

Traditional Worship at 9 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
*Message: "Overcoming Fear"*

## The Week Ahead

### \*\*\*Council/Committee Meetings:

Church Growth Council—April 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Worship Council—April 18, 4 p.m.  
Human Resources Council—April 19, 8 a.m.  
Parish Council—April 20, 5:30 p.m.  
Executive Committee—April 20, 6 p.m.  
Session—April 20, 7 p.m.

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

"Creed" Men's Discussion Grp—April 12, 5:15 p.m.  
Thursday Morning Circle—April 13, 9:15 a.m.  
Mary Circle—April 13, 12 noon  
Dinner Out—April 18, 6 p.m. at Cookie's Restaurant, 103 W. Mondamin, Minooka  
Quilt Group, April 20, 7 p.m.  
Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m.  
Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210  
Mindfulness Practice—Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

**THE PASTOR'S CORNER...**

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Worship With Us on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and attend dinner before at 6:00 p.m. Worship with us again on Good Friday at 6:00 p.m. When we revisit and remember the humble service and suffering of Jesus for us, Easter becomes even more powerful.

Easter Worship Services: At 9:00 a.m. we have our Traditional Worship Service with the Chancel Choir and Glory Ringers. At 10:30 a.m. we hold our Contemporary Worship Service with the Worship Band. Come and worship the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday!

Our E-News is Fresh and New. We gave our E-News a new look this past week. Take a look through it. You can click on the buttons to read about a specific area of our life, ministry, and mission. That way, if you wish to print anything from the electronic newsletter you can just print the section you want. We think this will be more user friendly as you can click on any area of ministry that you choose each week. Of course you can read the whole newsletter if you wish as well.

Take Time To Invite Someone. Please pause this week and take some time to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and anyone you know to come and worship with us on Easter at either the 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service. We have attractive business card size church cards you can pick up any Sunday in the Narthex/Lobby Area to use when you invite someone, if that helps. Best invites are in person by word of mouth and an offer to meet the person(s) at church to worship with them and show them around. In Christ, Craig

**Ladies' Day Retreat  
May 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Ladies, this is a special day set aside just for you to unwind and relax, to meet some new friends, and to take time to grow stronger in God's Word.

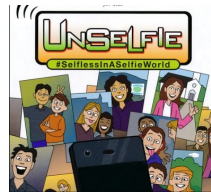
Cost is \$10 per person and includes a light breakfast, lunch from Panera, workshops, a special gift, worship, and a spiritual message from Mary Lynn Keir.

There will be 3 break-out sessions; please pick up to 3 that are of interest to you:

- \* Healthy Weight Management - 5 Proven Strategies
- \* Perk Up Your Wardrobe
- \* Recharging Easy Smoothies and Salads
- \* Creative Floral Arrangement
- \* Introduction to Handbells
- \* Meditation/Chair Yoga
- \* Best Face Forward - Skin Care Q & A
- \* Goodbye Stress - Creative Coloring
- \* Chair Massage

Register online at [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) or on Sunday mornings at church, or mail in your registration form.

**KIDS**



Children's Musical—April 23, 9 & 10:30 a.m.  
“Unselfie”— the importance of being unselfish in today's selfie world by sharing the transforming love of Jesus

Maker Fun Factory  
Vacation Bible School—June 19—23  
Sports Camp

Basketball — July 17—20  
Soccer — July 24—27

**YOUTH**

Graduation—if you or someone in your immediate family is graduating this spring from Jr. High, Sr. High, or college, send us the info, along with a picture of your graduate. Pick up a form at church this Sunday!

**Selfie Challenge**

“Who is that?” — “What's their name?” ...the list of ‘I don't know who that is’ questions is long and it's time to turn it around. Just because you don't know someone as well as your best friend or family member shouldn't stop you from getting to know those you don't know at church. Parish Council wants to make it easy for you to get to know someone new and it is as simple as asking really easy ice breaker questions like: Cubs or Sox? What's your favorite holiday? Favorite season? Favorite movie? You get the idea...so here are 3 easy steps:

- 1) Find someone new...seek them out—Introduce yourself and be intentional and admit you don't know who they are but really would like to get to know something about them.
- 2) Parish Council has provided laminated question cards to help you break the ice; so, ask a question.
- 3) Walk over to the photo booth in the Narthex and take a “selfie”—you know, a picture you take of the 2 of you with your cell phone...really simple. If you have an Instagram account, tag the picture with #firstpresjoliet, #firstpresjolietsundayselfie (ask someone to help you if you don't know how) or you can email it to the church office.

That's it! It's really simple and you will have met someone new and now know something about them!!

<b>Volunteers this Sunday, April 16, 2017</b>	
<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Hosts on Easter Sunday:</b>	
Martha Sayles	Mike & Laura House Leslie Herr Mark Morrison Kris Hayden
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	
Bo Mircea	Bo Mircea
<b>Holy Hunters:</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b>	
Pat & Al Benson	Emmie Ostrem, Carol Mullins Paul Pocius
<b>Acolytes:</b>	
Camryn Pope	Nolan Watson
<b>Ushers:</b>	
_____, Capt.;	Wayne Zoellick, Capt.;
Allan Somers	Ed Schultz
Marion Somers	Laura House
Mark Dykema	
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Lisa Ambler, Capt.,	
<b>Sound Room:</b> Rich Pool	
<b>Video Screens:</b> Dale Endres/Todd Hayden	

**April 9, 2017**  
Worship Attendance — 264

**Stewardship Report**  
2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

**Year to Date Receipts** \$18,793

**Year to Date Expenses** \$18,674

**2017-2018 Request/Gift Income Received—\$0**

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