



e-News

May 10, 2017

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The Week Ahead



A Compassion International and Children's Focus. We are planning a Compassion International focus for this Sunday, May 14. Mother's Day is a great day to think about children and the love of Christ in us that can shape a child's life forever. You can still send me (or the office) a picture of the child you are supporting and their name; whether it's through Compassion International or the Matsiko World Orphan Choir Ministry.

Worship This Sunday

The women were the first visitors to the Empty Tomb and the first to see the Risen Christ, on that first Easter. We are already to the Fifth Sunday of Easter! This Sunday is also Mother's Day, and we will remember and celebrate our mothers and the women who have loved us and shaped our lives in the faith, hope, and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Come and worship with us and enjoy good conversations, refreshments and fellowship in Hoffman Hall between our worship services.

Sunday, May 14. This Sunday I am preaching on "Opportunities Missed." The scripture passage is Luke 16:19-31. We will consider Jesus' Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. We continue the sermon series, "The Unselfish Church: Dispelling Cultural Opinion." We seek to find the possibilities for life in the Parables of Jesus.

--Craig Herr

Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.—Chancel Choir
10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

***Council/Committee Meetings:

Church Growth Council—May 10, 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council—May 11, 5:30 p.m.
Executive Committee—May 11, 6 p.m.
Session—May 11, 7 p.m.
Worship Council—May 16, 4:30 p.m.
Human Resources Council—May 17, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Thursday A.M. Circle—May 11, 9:15 a.m.
Mary Circle—May 11, 12 noon
Dinner Out Group—May 16, 6 p.m. at P J Mulligans (Prairie Bluff Golf Club), 19433 Renwick Rd., Lockport
Quilt Group—May 18, 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

***Adult Discussion Groups:

Parables Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon (bring a sack lunch), through May 16
Men's Discussion Group—Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. through May 18

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you would like to know more about the life, ministry, and mission of First Pres. and widen the circle of people who you know, then join us for our new members class.

If you would like to become a member of the church, you are most welcome. If you just want to learn more about the church, that's great too!

We will meet on Sunday, May 21 @ 11:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will have lunch and spend two hours together getting to know each other and talking about First Pres.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Don't wait for someone else to volunteer.

Try out our Video Projection Ministry. We need some 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 e-mail me at craig.herr@firstpresjoliet.org or give me a call. It's a wonderful way to serve and we have excellent volunteers who will easily provide the training you need to get on board.

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Two Months Until VBS! It's time to encourage children to attend our Summer VBS. Start talking up VBS with your family, friends, and neighbors. Think about volunteering and being part of one of the best weeks of the Summer.

Annual Congregational Meeting. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 21, at the end of both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Annual Reports will be made available on Sunday, May 14.

In Christ,



Known to be in the hospital:

Cindy Foreman at Presence St. Joseph
Medical Center

Sympathies extended:

To Tommy and Amanda Moretti and family on the passing of Tommy's grandmother, Beverly Moretti, on May 6th in Joliet.



KIDS

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

June 19—23

Kids will discover not only that God made them the way they are, but also made them for a purpose. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences. Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just some of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. It's all FREE! Register your kids on-line and register yourself to help out at www.firstpresjoliet.org

Sports Camp

Basketball — July 17—20

Soccer — July 24—27

This is a great opportunity for younger children to learn the basics of basketball and soccer as well as character-building and team-building skills.

Cost: \$20 per child/\$15 for a second child or second camp.

Brochure/registration form is on-line on our website.



YOUTH

Check out our Graduates' Board in Hoffman Hall!

Confirmation Lunch

Sunday, May 21, 12 noon

Come honor our Confirmands—

Hunter Belfield
Lilly Dunbar
Kayla Kuczek
Pauly Fris

—and hear their Statements of Faith. Please call the office (815-727-9259) by May 17 to make a lunch reservation, so we can plan appropriately.

KAYAKING FOR FUN

If you like kayaking and would like to go with others on the Lakes and Streams close by, just let me know. Please e-mail me at craig.herr@firstpresjoliet.org.

And please let me know if you have a kayak or two and/or if you want to rent kayaks. I've been out now about 8-9 times and it's been great getting on the water close by. It's a lot of fun to be on the water enjoying the beautiful weather and seeing all of ducks, geese, birds, river otters, etc.

— Craig

Mission



Free Summer Lunch Program here at First Pres., Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June 5 to August 18. Children Kindergarten through 12th Grade will be served

a FREE nutritious boxed lunch. The meals come boxed, but volunteers are needed to help greet our guests and distribute the lunches. Call Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747 to offer your help—once a week, once a month, or as often as you are able. **High School Students**—you can earn community service hours by helping out at our Free Summer Lunch Program!

150 Loving Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of Our Church.

We are at 121 blocks!!! Watch for coming opportunities to sign up to help with a **Habitat for Humanity** house this summer. Remember, if you are part of a church-sponsored project, the CHURCH creates one block; if you serve as an individual, YOU create one block.

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 two of you with your cell phone...really simple. If you have an Instagram account, tag the picture with #firstpresjoliet, #firstpresjolietssundayselfie (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!!

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

It’s this Saturday! Come unwind and relax, meet some new friends, and 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.

May 7, 2017

Worship Attendance — 225

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$56,069
Year to Date Expenses	\$55,020

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$0

If you wish to make a gift in addition to your regular contribution, to help defray the cost of boxed envelopes, please use the white Initial Offering envelope included in your box. If you did not receive a box of contribution envelopes, and would like one, please contact Tracy Norris.

Volunteers this Sunday, May 14, 2017

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship:

Bo Mircea

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Holy Hunters:

Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Acolytes:

Kaylie Corcoran

Sadie House

Ushers:

Barb Rodgers, Capt.

Lisa Ambler, Capt.

Allan Somers

Aubrey Herr

Marion Somers

Mark Dykema

Lisa Kasper

Nick Kasper

Coffee Fellowship: , Capt.; Emma Sticklen, Xander Sticklen

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: Dale Endres