



e-News

July 19, 2017

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Worship This Sunday

The Week Ahead

For the past 6 weeks we have focused on “I Believe” and the Apostles’ Creed. This week we conclude our sermon series with a subject that causes many to pause...resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Death is an issue for all of us - as individuals, families, friends and the Church. For many, it is a great fear. Why? Because it forces us to come face to face with a question that has been asked by oh so many over the centuries...philosophers, theologians, scientists, etc.— “What happens when we die?” More specifically, what do YOU believe resurrection of the body and life everlasting means? We’ll dig into this on Sunday using the texts from 1 Corinthians 15:17-19,20 (I encourage you to read all of 1 Corinthians 15 if you would like to “prepare” prior to Sunday) and Revelation 21:1-5 in my sermon titled, “Our Resurrection Too!”
— Dale Ambler

Music:

9:00 a.m.—Mindy Stratemeyer, Piano
10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: Chuck Tomashek at Presence St. Joseph

Sympathies are extended to Benjamin and Andrea (Fishman) Johnson, Alexander and Avery, and family on the passing of Andrea’s grandmother on July 16.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Project Linus—July 24, 9 a.m., in Hoffman Hall.
Join us to make Fleece blankets and easy quilts.
Call Tari Ambler, 815-351-2544, for more information.
- Parables Discussion Group—July 25, 12 noon **in Room 217** (note change in room)
- Women’s Bible Study—July 26, 10 a.m. in Room 217
- Men’s Discussion Group—July 27, 5:30 p.m. in Room 217
- Men’s Dinner—Larry’s Diner, 245222 W. Lockport Rd., Plainfield
- 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

FAMILIES

Mark your Calendars:

August 26 — Slammers Faith Night: Enjoy a Joliet Slammers Game and a post game concert with performances by Milton Calvin, a Joliet local Christian rap artist, as well as The Center Band. The Center Band is a part of The Center—a meeting ground for teenagers with the purpose of connecting them with God and friends. This night is supported by a fundraiser for The Center.

August 27 — All-Church Picnic at Inwood Park

Let’s Do Lunch!

A great way to get to know people is by sharing a meal. Here’s an opportunity to meet more folks in our church family. We’ll go out to brunch or lunch after services on July 30. Just gather in Hoffman Hall after the 9 a.m. worship service or after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, break into groups and decide where you’d like to eat. Sign up on the board in the narthex this Sunday.

Volunteers this Sunday, July 23, 2017

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship:

Stefanie Young

Sarah Lundeen

Greeters:

Don & Raelene Barnes

Acolytes:

Camryn Pope

Zach Koehne

Ushers:

Jon Belfield, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Russ Brown

Lisa Kasper

Marion Somers

Duke Barnes

Allan Somers

Coffee Fellowship: Bob Smietanski, Capt.,

Jim & Barb Schwandt, Don & Raelene Barnes

Sound Room:

Cliff Stepina

Video Screens:

DeepLove Live Simulcast is coming up Friday evening, September 29. It features Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott who are experienced marriage seminar leaders and counselors. They have developed a wonderful marriage assessment designed to help any couple grow their love and support of each other and thus deepen their marriage. Put it on your calendar and invite friends. The Parrotts have a great sense of humor and thoughtful insights on marriage.

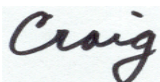
Build Relationships through Lunch. Share a meal and get to know people who worship with you at our church. We are planning for another "go out to eat" brunch or lunch on Sunday, July 30, following both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Sign up in the Narthex/Lobby area. Then plan to go out to lunch and have a great time and meet some new people.

Upcoming Stephen Ministry Training. See or call Kris Hayden if you sense that God may be calling you to serve through Stephen Ministry. A new training session will start August 29. You can be an ongoing caring presence for those in need by becoming a Stephen Minister. You can be a part of a team of Stephen Ministers who provide "Help, Hope, and Healing" for people who are experiencing a difficult time in life.

We Received Will Ward's Resignation. On Wednesday, July 12, we received Will Ward's resignation and accepted it, effective immediately, on that day. In his letter, Will stated that his position with the church was not a good fit and he will pursue other opportunities. We wish Will every success in his career and thank him for his dedicated service to the church. The advisers are meeting to prepare for the fall season of youth ministry. Watch for the upcoming plans in the newsletter and your e-mail.

Feed My Starving Children. We are hosting a mobile Feed My Starving Children food packing day on Saturday, November 4. Together with people from all over the community, we will pack 101,000 meals for hungry children. We will feed 101,000 children in a single day through three shifts: 9:00-11:00 a.m., 11:30-1:30 p.m., and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Start inviting people to come and help. We need 160 people at each of the three shifts. Watch for information on how to sign up to serve and get your friends and family signed up, too.

In Christ,



July 16, 2017
Worship Attendance — 151

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

Year to Date Receipts	\$190,368
Year to Date Expenses	\$190,042

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$138,592

Call Tracy Norris if you wish to use electronic giving through your bank. We also have online giving in which you can use your credit card.

Just go to our website, www.firstpresjoliet.org, and click on "Giving."

Mission

The Mobile Food Pantry will be here at First Pres. on July 25, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We need 10 volunteers to greet folks. This is a great opportunity to see how this program works. The Mobile Food Pantry is open to all those in the community who need help with food. Call the office if you can help greet and observe.

Stephen Ministry—A new Stephen Minister Training Class will begin on Tuesday, August 29th. If you missed the Stephen Ministry Training Information meetings on July 16th, please contact Kris Hayden, Stephen Leader at 815-727-9259, ext. 209.

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150 Loving Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of Our Church. Watch for coming opportunities to sign up to help with a **Habitat for Humanity** house on Cora St., Crest Hill, 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.

Garage Sale
August 5, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, August 5, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., we will have a Garage Sale in conjunction with the annual CAPA neighborhood sales, in our parking lot across Western Ave.

As with last year's Garage Sale, a double space can be reserved for \$20. You bring and set up your own items, and the profits are yours to keep. New this year will be an opportunity for the congregation to donate items for our own three tables, to benefit Farragut School Supplies (you may drop off donated items the day of the sale between 7 and 8 a.m.). So, if you don't have enough to take up a whole space, you can finally get rid of what you don't want for a good cause. We'll also have a table for plants from your garden that you may want to divide and donate.

The office will take your reservation. For more information call Emmie Ostrem at 815-744-1390 or 815-531-4668. PW is grateful for your support in this effort.