

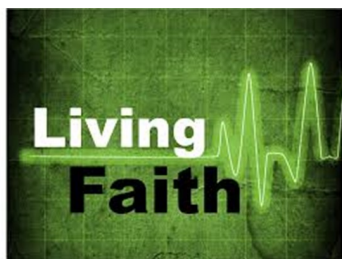


e-News

August 2, 2017

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Worship This Sunday



Living Faith: “Faith Beyond the Creed” Series, We have started a journey to look at people of faith in the Bible that were transformed by God’s compassion, grace, and strength. What does faith look like in real life? How do we live out, in our day and time, the foundational beliefs we studied and confessed in the Apostles’ Creed Series? Come and worship with us as we seek to live our faith and put into practice the love, hope, joy, and purposes of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, August 6, I am preaching on “Jonah: The Runaway Servant.” The sermon passages are from Jonah 1:1-3, 3:1-5, 8-10, 4:1-3; Matthew 9:9-13, and I Timothy 2:1-6. Jonah, knowing what God wants him to do, runs away in the opposite direction. He absolutely doesn’t want to do what God wants. But God doesn’t give up on Jonah. Despite his outright disobedience, God still uses Jonah to serve him in an amazing way. Sometimes, that’s good to know.

--Craig Herr

Music:

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

Volunteers this Sunday, August 6, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Children’s Worship:

Laura Pritz

Greeters:

Don & Raelene Barnes

Acolyte:

Justin Corcoran

Ushers:

Allan Somers, Capt.

Marion Somers

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Jon Belfield, Capt.; Sue Mueller,

Helen Steinberg

10:30 a.m.

Jacob Riebe

Emily Riebe

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens: Todd Hayden

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Day Deacons—Aug. 7, 9:30 a.m.

Night Deacons—Aug. 8, 7 p.m.

Stewardship Council—Aug. 9, 3:30 p.m.

Church Growth Council—Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men’s Breakfast—Aug. 4, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St.

Women’s Bible Study—Aug. 9, 10 a.m. in Room 217

Praise Yoga—on summer break; resuming Aug. 22

Mary Circle & Thursday Morning Circle joint lunch —Aug. 10, 1 p.m. at Blueberry Hill Café, Rt. 59, Plainfield

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210

Mindfulness Practice—on summer break; resuming in September

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

This Saturday, August 5th, we will feature a new idea. There will be a table for the congregation to bring a few items in for the sale to be at a table to benefit Farragut School supplies. (Please drop off your items the day of the sale between 7 and 8 a.m.) We will even give you a receipt for tax deduction purposes. If you could spend a few hours helping out at the tables, that would be much appreciated.

Also, once again, there will be a table for plants you may have divided from your garden. This was very popular last year. If you would like to reserve a space (2 parking spaces for \$20), bring your own tables, and keep the profits from your sales, please call the church office.

With increased traffic from the CAPA neighborhood sale, there should be a lot of bargain hunters cruising the streets! For more information call Emmie Ostrem at 815-744-1390 or 815-531-4668. PW is grateful for your support in this effort.


Contemporary Christian Artists and Band “Water Within” are coming to sing and play on Sunday, August 13. They will be playing, singing, and leading worship in the 10:30 a.m. worship service. You can hear them by going to their website, <http://water-within.com> and they have a CD, “Long Live Your Spirit,” and a number of songs on iTunes which you can preview.

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.

150th Anniversary Celebration. Watch for more specific details for Sunday, December 3. We will celebrate in worship and then enjoy celebratory brunch together.

Impact Your World; Feed 101,000 Children in a day. We are hosting a 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 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Start inviting people to come and help. We need 160 people at each one 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 30, 2017

Worship Attendance — 166

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$205,674
Year to Date Expenses	\$221,183

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

Visit firstpresjoliet.org or call Tracy Norris, 815-727-9259, to learn of several convenient options for electronic giving.

Mission

Night Deacons Free Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, August 5, 8 to 10 a.m. Come help greet and serve our guests!

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 our wall grow! 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.

YOUTH

August 26 — Slammers Faith Night: The purpose of this event is to reach teenagers in the Joliet area that don't have a church home, have been wounded by the church or simply don't know about the Church of Jesus Christ. To this end, The Center in New Lenox (formerly the Christian Youth Center) and Joliet Slammers are looking to fill 6,500 seats with youth in our area. First Pres. will have 75 tickets and these tickets will go to our own youth and those that they will invite along with their parents. More info will be coming, but for now, the game starts at 6:00 p.m. and immediately following, The Center will present a worship concert including the Gospel message followed by up-and-coming Christian artist Milton Calvin.

FAMILIES

August 27 — All-Church Picnic at Inwood Park, 12 noon to 2 p.m. (following one worship service at 10:30 a.m. at church). On the menu:

Grilled Chicken Sandwiches,

Pasta Salad, Corn on the Cob,

Watermelon, and Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

There will be jumpees for the kids and games for all ages!