



# e-News

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## Worship This Sunday



Third Sunday for “Faith First” Series! As we make our way through September we continue to ask the question, “What if faith was our first response in life?” We seek to be Faith First Followers of Jesus Christ in every day life. Join us for worship and give thanks to God this Sunday, that the Lord may speak into our lives.

**Sunday, September 24.** When was the last time you walked on water with Jesus? Our God often is like a broken record skipping on the same verse over and over...“you matter to me;” “your life and what you do with it is important to me.” We often respond, as well, from the safety and security of our individual boats. What if faith was our first response? Faith First...despite the fears. Faith First...amid the busyness of life. Faith First...at school, work, or home. We continue our Faith First series this Sunday using Matthew 14:22-33 as we look at “That First Step....” — Dale Ambler

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

## The Week Ahead

- \*\*\***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:**  
 Education Council—Sept. 28, 7 p.m.  
 Worship Council—Sept. 26, 5 p.m.
- \*\*\***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**  
 Quilt Group—Sept. 21, 7 p.m.  
 Men’s Dinner—Sept. 22, 6 p.m. at Anthony’s Restaurant & Pub, 3151 Voyager Lane, Joliet.  
 Project Linus—Sept. 25, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall  
 Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex  
 Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217  
 Mindfulness Practice—Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room
- Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)
- Mommy & Me Class—Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
- Men’s Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210
- Willow Creek Global Summit Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

**Invest In Your Marriage.** The DeepLove Live Simulcast is Friday evening, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. It features *N. Y. Times* best selling authors Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, experienced marital counselors and seminar leaders. They have developed a wonderful marriage assessment designed to help any couple grow their love and support of each other.

The Parrotts share how personality, communication, conflict, adaptability, and harmony can lead to DeepLove in our relationship with our spouse. You can meet them on this web-link:  
<http://www.inciiteevents.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/DEEPLovePromofinal.mp4>

Please call the office if you will need childcare. And, why not invite another couple to come with you!

### Volunteers this Sunday, September 24, 2017

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children’s Worship:</u> Megan Pritz	Jacob Riebe
<u>Holy Hunters:</u>	Kyla Fris
<u>Greeters:</u> Barb Rodgers	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Cameron Paul	Sadie House
<u>Ushers:</u> Adam Halatek, Capt.; Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt.; Judy Turner
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Pat Haldorson, Capt.	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Matt Blaser	

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER...


Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**New Members Class** meets this Sunday, September 24, at 11:45 am. in the Fireside Room. Lunch will be provided. Please let a pastor know of your interest or call the office. We have a great group of people who are going to come.

### **Fall 150th Anniversary Special Offering.**

We are receiving a special offering this fall season as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We are dividing the offering in half. Fifty percent will be given to Hurricane Relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). The good news is that 100% of what we give will go to help people in need who suffered terribly through the recent hurricanes. Our per capita giving has already paid for the administrative costs to operate PDA. The other 50% will go to redecorating Hoffman Hall; stripping the wallpaper off of Hoffman Hall and the North Entry Way and then redecorating the two areas.

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What is Trunk 'n' Treat? It's our annual Fall Festival for those in the community. Our parking lot will be filled with decorated car trunks, offering candy, treats, and games to play. We'll have free food, a petting zoo, etc. It's a fun time for both our church family and those who come in costume.

It's our way of reaching out to the community and it's about relationship—showing the love of Jesus. You can be a part of this fun night! Please call Bo Mircea or the office at 815-727-9259 if you would like to help on October 25th by:

- Decorating your car trunk for the event
- Helping to serve food
- Greeting folks
- Helping to set up or clean up

## KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night starts TONIGHT! See below.

Trunk 'n' Treat is coming up—it's October 25th.

## YOUTH

Youth Group meets Sundays at 6 p.m. in Room 206.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School meets Sundays at 10 a.m. in Room 206 starting this Sunday.

Youth Fellowship/Homework time meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in 206 as part of our Family Mid-Week Night (come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.).

Confirmation begins October 4!

## FAMILIES

### **MidWeek Family Night Starts Wednesday, September 20.**

Each Wednesday we will have a time for us to be together as a church family, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with lots of

options:

5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone

6:15 to 7 p.m.—Mommy and Me Class

6:30 p.m.—Music and learning for Zoom kids

— Jr./Sr. High Fellowship/Homework time

—Men's Discussion Group

—The Best Leadership Speakers from Willow Creek Global Summit Discussion Group

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

## Mission

### **Sign Up for Feed My Starving Children On**

**November 3 & 4.** Come join us and bring your guest(s) to help feed 101,000 Children in a day. You can be a part of this by giving just two hours of your time. We will feed 101,000 children in four two-hour shifts:

Friday—6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday—9:30-11:30 a.m, 12:30-2:30 p.m., and 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Volunteer for one shift and bring your friends. We need 120 people at each one of the four shifts. Start inviting now and plan to come. There will be a link on our church Web Page where you can select your shift time. Until the Link is available you can call the office to sign up for a shift or to help set up or clean up.

Invite Your Guests: you can invite your sports team, dance team, school class, neighbors, friends, family, etc. to come. Together with people from all over the community we will pack 101,000 meals for hungry children.