



e-News

April 4, 2018

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The Week Ahead



NEW EASTER SEASON SERIES:
COME WORSHIP, JESUS IS RISEN!
"Relational Reach and Resiliency" New Series

In April and May we will think about the quality of our relationships. What is your relational reach? How resilient are your relationships? We will consider what we can do to strengthen our relational reach and resiliency.

- April 8- "U B4 I" — I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 and John 21:15-17
- April 15- "Relationships Matter" — Mark 12:28-34
- April 22- "Reconciliation with God: Our relationship with the Lord" — II Corinthians 5:14-21
- April 29- "Relationships With Each Other: Forbearance and Forgiveness" — Colossians 3:1-17
- May 6- "Relationships with Each Other: Sharing Life and Training Up" — II Timothy 2:1-13
- May 13- "Relationships In the Community and World: We Are Sent" — Romans 12

Sunday, April 8: Well...another Easter has come and gone. While the many festivities of the season may be over, there is one reality for all of us...Jesus is STILL risen!! What a nice foundation for us to move into a new sermon series on relationships—"Relational Reach and Resiliency." With Jesus still risen as THE foundation, we will begin our series by looking at how we live out the reality of the empty tomb as the church, in my sermon titled, "U B4 I" using 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 and John 21:15-17. —Dale Ambler

Music this Sunday:
9:00 a.m. — Children's Musical
10:30 a.m. — Children's Musical & Worship Band

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

- Stewardship Council—April 4, 3:30 p.m.
- Parish Council—April 8, 11:45 a.m.
- PW Board—April 9, 10 a.m.
- Day Deacons—April 9, 10 a.m.
- Worship Council—April 10, 5:30 p.m.
- Night Deacons, April 10, 7 p.m.
- Church Growth Council—April 11, 3:30 p.m.
- Executive Com.—April 12, 6 p.m.
- Session—April 12, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Men's Breakfast—April 6, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
- 2nd Sunday Potluck—April 8, 11:45 a.m. in Hoffman Hall
- Women's Bible Study—April 11, 10 a.m. (contact Mary Lynn Keir, 815-782-4762)
- Thurs. A.M. Circle—April 12, 9:15 a.m.
- Mary Circle—April 12, 12 noon
- 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—Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Narthex
- Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

- Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)
- Men's Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers this Sunday, April 8., 2018

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<u>Children's Worship & Holy Hunters:</u>	
Laura Pritz	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u>	
Emma Sticklen	Reed Mott
<u>Acolytes:</u>	
	Emma Corcoran
<u>Ushers:</u>	
Adam Halatak, Capt	Ed Schultz, Capt.
Mark Dykema	Lisa Haldorson
Allen Brooks	
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Laura House & Misti Lakin, Capts.;	
	Estella Jurkovich
<u>Sound Room:</u> Cliff Stepina	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Matt Blaser	

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Worship with us as we enter the Easter Season.

We enter a Season of Sundays in which we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus and in which we seek to know more the Risen Christ. Come and worship and live in the light of Jesus' presence. This Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Supper at both the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. The Children's Choir will present their musical, "Plane Ol' Mission Trip" at both services.

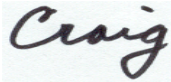
The Legacy of Love Stewardship Campaign.

"God is love" and wants his Church to live in love and extend the love of Christ Jesus into the world and to all people. When we give, we make it possible for the church to reach others in ministry and in mission. Please bring your pledge card to worship on Sunday or mail your pledge card to the office. We are working to complete our "Legacy of Love" Stewardship Campaign.

A Welcoming and Loving Impact. Volunteer to provide a welcoming presence by greeting at the front and rear entrances before worship on Sunday morning. Come early to greet for the 9:00 a.m. worship service or, if you like sleeping in, you could come and greet for the 10:30 a.m. service. Or you could provide a welcoming presence by helping out at coffee fellowship services on Sunday morning. Just call the office or talk with one of our church staff members to serve in these ministries.

Helping Hands Could Use a few more Helping Hands. Each week and every month we have members and friends of our church who need a meal. Helping Hands makes a wonderful difference in so many lives. We are looking for some more people who would like to serve members in need by providing and delivering a meal. Just call the office if you would like to help.

In Christ,



Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:

Judy Jordan at Loyola

Just Born:

Louise Elise Adelmann (March 29)
Daughter of Kyle & Christine Adelmann

Passed to Life Eternal:

Lewis (Ted) Schorie (March 23)

KIDS

"Plane Ol' Mission Trip" Children's Musical this Sunday
Pinewood Derby next Wednesday, April 11
Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

YOUTH

Sundays

6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.—Family Mid-week Dinner

6:30 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

FAMILIES

Each Wednesday we 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

6:30 p.m.—Music and learning for kids

— Youth Bible Study

—Men's Discussion Group

—Women's Discussion Group

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

2nd Sunday Potluck kicks off this Sunday, April 8, at 11:45 a.m. Here's an opportunity to eat AND spend time with friends. On the second Sunday of each month, we'll have a potluck in Hoffman Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share, drop it off in the kitchen, and head to worship. Your dishes can be kept warm or refrigerated if necessary. Bring whatever you like – it'll be a true potluck (if we have 10 salads that day, we'll eat 10 salads). If you prefer to attend early service, you can stay through an "extended" coffee hour until the service ends or go run an errand and come back at 11:30. We'll have plenty of time to eat and visit together. Questions? Call Jen Gabl, 815-954-1254. *Please note: Due to Mother's Day in May, we'll meet the 3rd Sunday, May 20th.

Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, April 14, 2018
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to donate items for the lunch café that day, please sign up in Hoffman Hall. The more items donated the lower our costs.

Come shop on April 14th. We will have dozens of crafters/vendors with a nice selection of crafts and goods, including blankets & quilts, jewelry & accessories, clothing, home décor, skin care & cosmetics, food & nutritional products, children's items, etc.

\$1 donation at the door; gift/prize drawings; and lunch and snacks available for purchase. All money raised (excluding sales of craft items) will benefit Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack Event here at First Pres. in the fall.



Leadercast at First Pres. Joliet
May 4, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (includes lunch)

Join some of the world's top leadership experts via simulcast as they take the stage at Leadercast Live, the largest one-day leadership event held live in Atlanta and broadcast to locations around the globe, including First Pres.!

The speakers this year range from leadership authors to fighter pilots to astronauts. Known for their work in coaching fellow leaders or leading large organizations, these eight speakers will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Leadercast Live stage. Take charge of your leadership journey with the practical lessons and tools you'll learn from these speakers. Single registration — \$89; 3 or more from same company — \$79. Rates go up after April 15. The registration form is on our website—www.firstpresjoliet.org

April 1, 2018

Worship Attendance — 372

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 804,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$5,983.58
Year to Date Expenses	\$ -0-

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

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