



e-News

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The Week Ahead

A Refreshing Look at the Lord's Prayer Sermon Series

Sunday, June 24. Join us this Sunday as we begin a new sermon series on The Lord's Prayer which will be based on Matthew 6:7-13. Of all the prayers we pray, "The Lord's Prayer" is, by far, the best known and recognized in all of Christianity. Why have a sermon series on this great prayer? Because sometimes, even the most "recognizable," can become common-place... losing its deep meaning.

We began with "Keeping Our Distance," which is focused on a simple understanding that while God is very close with us and he wants to be in relationship with us...God is still God and we are not. Join us as we commission our Senior High Youth for their upcoming mission trip at the 9:00 a.m. service. We welcome the band, Enlivened, to help lead worship at the 10:30 a.m. service, along with a celebration of VBS.

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Kari Endres
10:30 a.m. — Enlivened Band, VBS Children

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Biking Group Ride—June 23, 11 a.m.; meet at the Houbolt Access to the I & M Canal
- Men's Dinner—June 22, 6 p.m. at Thayer Brothers (cash only)
- Project Linus—June 25, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall; bring your cutting scissors to make no-sew fleece blankets to be given to area children in need. Call Tari Ambler for more information, 815-351-2544.
- Women's Bible Study—June 27, 10 a.m.; call Mary Lynn Keir, 815-782-4762
- Praise Yoga—not meeting during VBS week; resuming next Tuesday at 7 p.m. & Thursday at 8 a.m. in the Narthex
- Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
- VBS RESCUE PARTY IS THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 6 P.M.

Mission

Project Linus—Join us Monday, June 25, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, to work on blankets for Project Linus. Bring your cutting scissors to make no-sew fleece blankets to be given to area children in need. We will continue to meet through the summer on July 23 and August 27. Call Tari Ambler for more information, 815-351-2544.

Mission for the Homeless—Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. Socks are especially needed. We won't be packing in June; the next packing day is July 22. Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions or if you can help.

Kids Summer Lunch Program—11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, through August 17. Kids Kindergarten through 12th Grade will be served a FREE nutritious boxed lunch. This year kids can come at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for open gym. Tuesdays are movie days; and on Thursdays and Fridays crafts, board games, etc. will be offered during the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. timeframe. If you can help with the activities or help distribute the meals, call Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747 or 708-744-2161 (cell).

Volunteers this Sunday, June 24, 2018

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children's Worship & Holy Hunters:</u> Kaleigh Belfield	Pam LeVasseur
<u>Greeters:</u> Dennis & Sherry Jones & Emmie Ostrem	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Tate Albers	Carter Lundeen
<u>Ushers:</u> Barb Rogers, Capt.; Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt.;
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Sue Fordyce, Capt.;	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Cliff Stepina	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Dale Ambler, Associate Pastor

Well, the place is hopping this week—alive with over 100 children and a whole host of volunteers as we open our doors to the community with VBS. As always, you are welcome to come and say hello from 9 a.m. to 12 noon if you are available. Or, if more convenient, come on by tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 6 p.m. as we celebrate the joy of VBS.

We welcome the band Enlivened this Sunday which allows our Worship Band to get a much needed Sunday off. They will be back next week.

Tonight we begin the first of three “concerts” this summer with “ED”ertainment!! Ed Thompson brings a mix of music and comedy in a family friendly format. So come on out tonight for some entertainment from a guy who loves to find hope in a discouraging world. There will be a time of fellowship at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffman Hall with the “concert” starting at 7:00 p.m. and then a time of fellowship after.

In Christ,
Dale



Ladies—Join us each month this summer and take a break from the chaos of work, home, kids, husbands, and boy-friends. Catch up with friends and be reminded that you are not alone! All women aged 18+ are welcome!

July 17—Ladies Night In—Chocolate & Bunco, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call Karissa or the church office to RSVP.

Save the date—Saturday, September 12, Women’s Retreat, 11 a.m.—4:30 p.m. @ the Jacob Henry Mansion, Joliet. Guest Speaker is Plainfield author Amy Logan. Watch for more details.

**Sounds of Summer Concert Series —
June 20, 6:30 p.m. — “ED”ertainment**

It’s TONIGHT! Join us at 6:30 p.m. for an entertaining night of music and comedy, fun for the whole family! Ed Thompson is not only a gifted communicator; he’s a third-generation missionary, an acclaimed recording artist, and a published author.

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to join you tonight for the first of our Sounds of Summer Free Concert Series! Remember, a freewill offering will be received to benefit our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event in November.

Then save July 18 for the Matthew Miller Group (Jazz sounds from voice, vibraphone, guitar, flute, bass & drums);

And August 15 for the Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL with special guest Royce Laverman (Southern Gospel Hymns).

KIDS

Free Summer Lunch Program

Monday—Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for

Open Gym; Tuesdays are Movie Days during the lunch times; Thursdays & Fridays are Craft/Board Game/ Fun With Food Days

WILDFIRE YOUTH GROUP

Sr. High Mission Trip is June 24-30

Mark your calendar for July 8—

Sr. High Mission Trip Reunion, 4 to 6 p.m.

All Youth Fellowship, 6 to 8 p.m.

FAMILIES

Biking Group

We’ll meet again this Saturday, June 23, 11 a.m. at the Houbolt Access to the I & M Canal Trail. Call Jon Belfield if you have questions—815-592-0956.

June 17, 2018

Worship Attendance — 172

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts \$145,431
Year to Date Expenses \$156,682

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$3,344
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

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Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:

Glenn Brosell at Presence St. Joseph
Medical Center

The hospitals will no longer call to tell us if members have been admitted, so please let us know if you or a member of your family is in the hospital.