



e-News

July 3, 2018

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A Refreshing Look at the Lord's Prayer Sermon Series

Sunday, July 8. It feels like just yesterday I was trying to decide what path I should choose for my life: to go into ministry or go to university to be a math teacher. And as many of you, I asked: "God, what is your will?" The answer for me did not come easy, and as a matter of fact, I struggled through that whole process. This Sunday we are going to look at The Lord's Prayer's third petition: "Your will be done." As we read the Scriptures we get familiar with this melody: happy and blessed are those who love God and do his will. I will encourage you to reflect upon your life and find a moment where God's will was clear as daylight in your life, and share that with someone as part of your conversations this week. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Blessings,
Bo

Music this Sunday:

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

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Parish Council—July 8, 11:45 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Breakfast—July 6, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St.

2nd Sunday Potluck—July 8, 11:45 a.m.

Lunch Bunch Adult Disc. Group—July 10, 12 noon

Women's Bible Study—July 11, 10 a.m.; call

Mary Lynn Keir, 815-782-4762

Men's Discussion Group—July 11, 6:30 p.m.

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

Mission

Night Deacons' Free Pancake Breakfast—July 7, 8 to 10 a.m. Come help greet and serve our guests!

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. 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 (except for July 4). 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, July 8, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Ushers:

Roger Hileman, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

Sue Mueller

Coffee Fellowship: Misti Lakin & Lisa Haldorson, Capts.;

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

10:30 a.m.

Pam LeVasseur

Rafe Rogers

Ed Schultz, Capt.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor

Ministry and Fellowship, two things that makes First Pres. a great place to be. This week is no different. On Saturday we will serve Breakfast to the community, and between pancakes and coffee we get a chance to minister to people that live right here in our community. Also, on Sunday the Youth from the mission trip will be part of the service, sharing a little of their experience in Ohio. If you followed their blog you will know they had a great time, so I am sure they will have a story to tell. Also following the second service we will host our Second Sunday Potluck!!! Now you know that there will be good food and even better company, so bring a dish to share or a great story; come and make some new friends. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the church office.

As we celebrate the 4th of July this week, I pray that each one of us can reflect on this anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the sacrifice of so many brave man and women who served this country faithfully, and with thanksgiving in our hearts we can honor their lives. Blessings to you and your families this holiday weekend. — Bo

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

July 17—Ladies Fellowship—Bunco & Chocolate, 6:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn and a great way to get to know others, as teams switch up during play. Bring your favorite chocolate treat to share and join us for a night of fun and chocolate therapy.

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

July 1, 2018

Worship Attendance — 170

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

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| Year to Date Receipts | \$174,662 |
| Year to Date Expenses | \$188,720 |

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$4,860
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

To make a donation on your credit card, please visit our website, firstpresjoliet.org

Sounds of Summer Concert Series — July 18, 6:30 p.m. — Matthew Miller Group

The Matthew Miller Group returns for an evening of jazz music. The group is comprised of musicians who play in varying combinations and settings throughout the Chicagoland area. This edition of the group focuses on interpretations of spirituals, jazz standards, and modern compositions, all deeply rooted in the jazz tradition. We'll welcome Michael Lockler on guitar/flute, Wesley Morgan on bass, Gustavo Cortiñas on drums, and Matthew Miller on vibraphone.

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

And Save 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. (not serving July 4th)
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

This Sunday, July 8 — Bonfire at Becker's

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

All Youth Fellowship, 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a snack & a friend!

Jr. High Mission Trip: July 25-July 27. Students in Jr. High are welcomed to join us for a local mission project. We will be serving Joliet's own local organizations (Big Brothers Big Sisters, Hands of Hope, and Hopeful Tails) while also serving our own church home. Each night will include a fun activity as well! Students who are entering the 6th grade in the fall to students who just graduated 8th grade are welcome. The three days will be filled with work, laughter, and the chance to grow closer as a church family! For more information please contact Karissa: 815-954-3047. Cost for this mission trip is \$20/student.

FAMILIES

2nd Second Potluck—July 8, 11:45 a.m. Bring a dish to share and be ready for food and fellowship with your church family.

Sounds of Summer Concert—July 18, 6:30 p.m. featuring the Matthew Miller Group