



e-News

August 1, 2018

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The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Worship Council—Aug. 7, 5:30 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Breakfast—Aug. 3, 7:30 a.m. at the Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St.

Ladies Fellowship—Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Joint PW Circles Lunch at Blueberry Hill Restaurant on Rt. 59—August 9 at 1 p.m.

Praise Yoga—On break this week; resuming Tuesday, August 7 at 7 p.m. & Thursday, August 9 at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217

“500 Years of Solas” Series

Sola...Latin, for “only” - this word in many ways captured the essence of the Reformation over 500 years ago. The Reformation...a major change for Christendom between the 14th and 17th centuries and gaining its momentum when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church...protesting against the abuses seen within the church. Like the Reformation, our upcoming sermon series will ground us in the “Solas” with this thought guiding our way: A sinner is justified by grace alone (Sola Gratia), through faith alone (Sola Fide), for the sake of Jesus Christ alone (Sola Christus), a truth revealed to us in Scripture (Sola Scriptura), to God’s glory alone (Sola deo Gloria).

These “solas” transformed the Church then and can have the same effect today. Our sermon series will focus on exploring the biblical basis for these sola’s...and their importance for the Church today.

August 5 Sola Deo Gloria
August 12 Sola Christus
August 19 Sola Scriptura
August 26 Sola Gratia
September 2 Sola Fide

--Dale Ambler

This Sunday I am preaching on “Sola Deo Gloria: Glorify God in All Things.” The sermon passages are John 17:1-5, Colossians 3:17, and Psalm 19. We will think about bringing Glory to God in all the areas of our lives because more than ever before the United States is a mission field for Christ.

--Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Stay Tuned String Band
10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

Mission

Mission to the Homeless

Thanks to your generous donations to our Homeless Mission Project, we have delivered over 600 lunches to those who come to the noon meal at MorningStar Mission; and on our last visit we gave 162 bag lunches. There is a great need for socks and toiletry items. Upon leaving the Mission on our recent visit, one of the men told us, “I just had a shower (at the Drop-In Shelter) and put my new socks on. I feel like a million bucks!” This is what it is all about. Red Robin donated this month. Spread the word about our mission. Who knows who else might like to share in this mission. Some of you work for companies who might like to help us do what we are doing.

Linda Zoellick

Night Deacons Food Ministry

Our next Free Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, August 4, 8 to 10 a.m. Come on our and help the Night Deacons greet and serve our guests.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Here is one more Book that captured my attention during my Sabbatical. I very much enjoyed the time for reading while I was away for two months.

Yesterday, I realized that there was an additional book I did read. *Sticky Church* by Larry Osborne (158 pages) is all about sermon-based small groups. North Coast Church, which Larry Osborne serves, uses the weekend message for small group studies that meet for 8 to 10 weeks. The book is also a story of how word-of-mouth growth can happen in a local church.

Welcoming people through conversation and name is important in the life, ministry, and mission of the local church. During my sabbatical I visited 8 different churches. Only in one church, that's just one church of the eight, did someone introduce themselves to me by name, that is, share their name and ask me my name. "Hello my name is Linda," she said. Then she said, "I don't believe I've met you." What's your name?" She introduced me by name to another person near her. And then several other people in this church's lobby area did the same thing. It was natural and genuine. It's important for us to share our name and ask people their name when we meet them.

I encourage you do to that at First Pres. all the time. You'll meet and welcome new people and share in God's joy.

There Are Good Things Coming Up as we enter the month of August. The second Sunday, August 12 we have our "Second Sunday Potluck" at 11:30 a.m. in Hoffman Hall. I'm hungry already! On Sunday, August 19 we go to Inwood Park for our All Church Picnic at Noon. On Sunday, August 26 "Water Within," a contemporary Christian band will be back doing several songs at the 9:00 a.m. Service and then leading the 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service.

God bless you and guide you each day. Enjoy the rest of the summer and when you travel visit some new churches and bring back good ideas and insights.

In Christ,
Craig

Volunteers this Sunday, August 5, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Bob & Mary Haas

Barb Rodgers

Acolytes:

Ushers:

Marion Somers, Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Allan Somers

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Pat Haldorson, Capt.;

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:



2018 Ladies Day Retreat

Sat., September 22,
11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
at the Jacob Henry Mansion

Lunch, Workshops, Worship
Amy Logan, guest speaker (author of
"A Girl with a Cape" book series)

Registration is online beginning
August 5 & on Sunday mornings, Aug. 5 & 12;
cost is \$30 on or before August 22,
\$40 after August 22

KIDS

Free Summer Lunch Program

Monday—Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come at 10 a.m. on August 6, 8 & 15 for
Open Gym; Tuesdays are Movie Days during the
lunch times; Thursdays & Fridays are Craft/Board
Game/Fun With Food Days. The last day of the
Summer Food Program is Friday, August 17.

WILDFIRE YOUTH GROUP

All Youth Pool Party—Aug. 11, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Pritz's,
600 Western Ave., Joliet

FAMILIES

Second Sunday Potluck—Aug. 12, 11:45 a.m. Bring a
dish to share and join us after second service for
food and fellowship!
Sounds of Summer Concert—August 15, 6:30 p.m.
All-Church Picnic—August 19, 12 to 2 p.m. at Inwood
Park Pavilion at the Inwood Golf course

Ladies Fellowship—Tuesday, August 7

Our Ladies Fellowship Event is Tuesday, August 7, at
6:30 p.m. Take a break and make some time for your-
self to cool off from the summer heat while relaxing
with great fellowship. There will be facials, mani-
cures, and more! Bring a friend, and be sure to wear
something casual and comfy.

Joint PW Circle Lunch

Both PW Circles are joining together at the Blueberry
Hill Restaurant on Rt. 59 on Thursday, August 9, at 1
p.m. For more information call Mary Haas at 815-524-
4624. All are welcome.



Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Our third concert in the Sounds of Summer Concert Series is August 15, when we'll welcome the Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL, with special guest Royce Laverman. This Southern Gospel Quartet has been together almost 10 years, singing at a variety of venues, mostly in Chicago's South Suburbs. They particularly enjoy Gaither and Gold City Quartet songs, as well as hymn sings! Their repertoire for the evening will include some a cappella, and some songs with Royce Laverman. Laverman has been called "the premier pianist in the Northwest Indiana, South Suburban Chicago area." He has traveled with several Southern Gospel Groups over the years, and has made several CD's.

The concert evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and dessert, with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. and more refreshments after the concert! A Freewill Offering will be received to benefit our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack in November.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: No one.

Please pray for Kim and Jim Bolte on the sudden passing of their nephew, Casey, last week.

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.

July 29, 2018

Worship Attendance — 209

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts	\$222,824
Year to Date Expenses	\$246,810

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$5,547
(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds
300 Children for an entire year)

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

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