



e-News

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“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...protested against the abuses seen within the church. Like the Reformation, our current 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 alone (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 focuses on exploring the biblical basis for these solas...and their importance for the Church today.

August 19 Sola Scriptura
August 26 Sola Gratia
September 2 Sola Fide

This Sunday I am preaching on “Sola Scriptura: Knowing God.” The sermon scripture passages are Psalm 25:1-10, II Timothy 3:14-16, and I Peter 1:17-25. Jesus said, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Paul wrote, “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.”

Worship with us this Sunday as we consider the wonder and value of God’s word to us, the scriptures of both the Old Testament and New Testament. — Craig

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Mindy Stratemeyer, Piano
10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

Volunteers this Sunday, August 19, 2018	
9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<u>Children’s Worship:</u> Laura Pritz	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u> Betsey O’Mara	Jan Gehrig
<u>Acolytes:</u> Emma Corcoran	Evan Lundeen
<u>Ushers:</u> , Capt.; Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt.;
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> , Capt.; Sue Mueller, Misti Lakin	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	



TONIGHT! Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL, Southern Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Bring a guest!

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Church Growth C.—Aug. 15, 3:30 p.m.
Executive Comm.—Aug. 16, 6 p.m.
Session—Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
Education C.—Aug. 23, 6 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Sounds of Summer Concert—Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m. featuring The Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL
All-Church Picnic—Aug. 19, 12 noon at Inwood Park
Dinner Out—Aug. 21, 6 p.m. at Plainfield’s Delight, 24020 W. 119th St., Plainfield
Women’s Bible Study—Aug. 22, 10 a.m. Call Mary Lynn Keir at 815-782-4762
Men’s Dinner Group—Aug. 24, 6 p.m. at Larry’s Diner, 24522 W. Lockport St., Plainfield
Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Mission

Farragut School Supplies—The children attending nearby Farragut Grade School are 95% qualified as under the poverty level. For several years PW (Presbyterian Women) has spearheaded support for these returning students. Once again, it is time to chip in what you can to fund this effort. There will be envelopes the next 3 Sundays. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

Mission to 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. If you work for a company that would like to share in this mission, Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Church Picnic This Sunday and... This Sunday, August 19, we will worship at both 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Then we will have great fun, fellowship, and food at 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.

Our Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing Event is coming up again this November 2-3. We will have four packing sessions, 1 Friday evening and 3 on Saturday, with a set up session Friday and a cleanup session at the end on Saturday. It's just like we did last year. I encourage you to start talking to your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers to come and help provide wonderful nourishing meals to children all over the world.

God wants to speak into our lives. The primary way in which God speaks to us and guides us is through the reading of the Bible. I encourage you to use the church blog or the Daily Bread devotional or the You Version App for your phone to read some scripture passages each day. It might just be the verse for the day that the You Version App provides. You will draw closer to the Lord Jesus Christ and you will experience his presence more often. He is already near, just a prayer and scripture reading away.

In Christ,

Craig



The men's group will have their first September Get-together at Panera Bread, IL Route 59 and Caton Farm Road, Plainfield, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13. First Pres. men of all ages are welcome, even if you have not attended the men's group. Come at 6 p.m. if you wish to have dinner together first. Why not bring a friend, too!

August 12, 2018
Worship Attendance – 170

Stewardship Report
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts \$246,952
Year to Date Expenses \$268,746

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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2018 Ladies Day Retreat

Sat., September 22, 11 am to 4:30 pm
at the Jacob Henry Mansion

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

Registration is online at www.firstpresjoliet.org
or by mail; cost is \$30 on or before August 22,
\$40 after August 22

WILDFIRE YOUTH GROUP

Summer Review Night – Aug. 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
at church

FAMILIES

Tonight! Sounds of Summer Concert—August 15,
6:30 p.m. featuring the Calvary Quartet of Orland
Park, IL with pianist Royce Laverman

All-Church Picnic—August 19, 12 to 2 p.m. at Inwood
Park Pavilion at the Inwood Golf course; we'll be
serving chicken sandwiches, pasta salad & water-
melon. There will be games for young and old,
along with a bounce house for the kids.



We are rekeying the outside doors of the church. Beginning September 1st, if you presently have an outside door key, you may come to the office to receive a new key. At that time you will be asked to complete a key check-out form and will be assigned a new numbered key. We will also be on hand between services on some Sundays in September to check out the new keys. The locks will be changed as of October 1st, at which time none of the old keys for outside doors will work.

If you have keys which you no longer use, outside or inside doors, please return them to the office. Perhaps you were a Deacon or Elder and no longer hold that position, or you were issued keys for a class or event that is no longer meeting. Please return the keys. Keys cost up to \$20 each to make. The cost of making more keys adds up. Please help us be good stewards and return any keys you are no longer using.