



# e-News

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## “500 Years of Solas” Series

Here’s a good way to remember all five of the Solas in one sentence.

“We are saved by **Grace** alone through **Faith** alone in **Christ** alone, according to the **Scripture** alone for the **Glory** of God alone.”

August 26  
September 2

Sola Gratia  
Sola Fide

We continue our journey of focusing on the essentials of our Christian Faith as we study another “Sola” this Sunday. I am preaching on “Sola Gratia: Simply Extraordinary.” As you prepare for Sunday worship, think of the grace of Jesus; “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (II Corinthians 8:9).

We see the graciousness of Jesus throughout the Gospels. Just take a look at Matthew 9:9-13 and Luke 7:36-50. Paul writes about this grace in Ephesians 2:8-10.

Come celebrate the amazing, extraordinary, and extravagant Grace of God in worship this Sunday.

--Craig Herr

### Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Summer Choir, Water Within Band  
10:30 a.m. — Water Within Band

### Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:  
Shirley Hill at Presence St. Joseph

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.

<b>August 19, 2018</b>	
Worship Attendance — 140	
<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852	
Year to Date Receipts	\$255,752
Year to Date Expenses	\$273,814
Farragut School Supplies — \$302	
Feed My Starving Children so far — \$6,797	
(Goal — \$23,900, 100,000 meals, feeds 300 Children for an entire year)	
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-	
To make a donation on your credit card, please visit our website, firstpresjoliet.org	

## The Week Ahead

### \*\*\*Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Education C.—Aug. 23, 6 p.m.

### \*\*\*Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men’s Dinner Group—Aug. 24, 6 p.m. at Larry’s Diner,  
24522 W. Lockport St., Plainfield

Project Linus Workday—Aug. 27, 9 a.m. Join our lively group to make blankets for area children in need. Call Tari, 815-351-2544 for more information.

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

### Volunteers this Sunday, August 26, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

#### Children’s Worship:

Bo Mircea

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#### Greeters:

Emmie Ostrem

#### Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Carter Lakin

#### Ushers:

Roger Hileman, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

#### Coffee Fellowship: Sue Fordyce & Estella Jurkovich, Capts.;

#### Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

#### Video Screens:

## 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 2 Sundays. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

**Mission to the Homeless**—We’ll be packing bags this Sunday, Aug. 26, between services in the back of Hoffman Hall. This month we especially need FOOD—easy open entrees, fruit, snacks, etc. Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396.

**Project Linus Workday**—Aug. 27, 9 a.m. to noon in Hoffman Hall. Join our lively group to make blankets for area children in need. We enjoy fellowship time while working on a very important ministry. Bring sewing scissors to make no sew fleece blankets. Call Tari, 815-351-2544 for more infor-

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**This Sunday, August 26**, we will worship at both 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., as usual. We welcome back our Summer Choir which will sing the Anthem at the 9:00 a.m. Service. "Water Within," a contemporary Christian band, will be back doing several songs at the 9:00 a.m. Service and then lead the 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service music.

**It's Time to Start Inviting** family, friends, and neighbors to our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event. We are doing it 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 clean-up session at the end on Saturday. It's just like we did last year, only bigger as we are packing 8,000 more meals. Invite anyone you know to come and help provide wonderful nourishing meals to children all over the world.

**We are looking for a new Sunday a.m. Custodian.** Justin Keir resigned due to his new job, which sometimes takes him away on weekends and across the country. We are looking for a person who can open and close, do some cleaning as needed and remove snow whenever there's a snowy Sunday. We can also use a person on Mondays, too. If you know of anyone looking for part-time work, just call the office and let us know.

**Midweek Family Nights** are starting up again on Wednesday, September 12. We start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffman Hall. After dinner there are learning opportunities for kids, youth, and adults. That's something for everybody! But for now, just enjoy the end of the summer!

### Special Offering for Farragut School Supplies.

We are receiving a special offering to purchase Composition Books for the children at Farragut Elementary School the next two Sundays. It will be great for the children to have new Composition Books for their new school year. Thank you for your support over the years for the children.

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!



## 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 at [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org), at church Sunday mornings, or by mail; cost is \$30 by 8/22; \$40 after 8/22

### KIDS

Save the date—Oct. 24, Trunk 'n' Treat!

### WILDFIRE YOUTH GROUP, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us this Sunday as we worship, play, and talk about the summer we had! The kids who have gone on a mission trip will share their experience with those who didn't, the Senior High kids will have an opportunity to share with the Junior High kids and vice versa. It'll be a great time! Who doesn't love a good summer night?

### FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night is starting up Sept. 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone  
6:30 p.m.—Kids Music & Learning  
—Teen Bible Study  
—Men's Bible Discussion Group  
—Women's Discussion Group

### CHURCH KEYS



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.