



e-News

August 8, 2018

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The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Parish C.—Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m.
Night Deacons—Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
Human Resources C.—Aug. 15, 8 a.m.
Church Growth C.—Aug. 15, 3:30 p.m.
Executive Comm.—Aug. 16, 6 p.m.
Session—Aug. 16, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Joint PW Circles Breakfast at Blueberry Hill Cafe on Rt. 59 in Plainfield—August 9 at 1 p.m.
Bike Group Ride—Aug. 11, 1:30 p.m. at the Old Plank Trail
2nd Sunday Potluck—Aug. 12, 11:45 a.m.
Sounds of Summer Concert—Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m. featuring The Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL
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

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. 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. Kids Kindergarten through 12th Grade will be served a FREE nutritious boxed lunch. Kids can come at 10 a.m. on Aug. 15 for open gym. Tuesdays are movie days; and on Thursdays and Fridays crafts, board games, Fun with Foods, etc. will be offered during the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. timeframe. The last day of the Summer Food Program is Friday, August 17.

Volunteers this Sunday, August 12, 2018

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Children's Worship: Stefanie Young	Sarah Lundeen
Greeters: Emma Sticklen	Tari Ambler Aubrey Herr
Acolytes: Tate Albers	Trevor Rogers
Ushers: Adam Halatek, Capt.; Mark Dykema	Lisa Ambler, Capt.
Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Helen Steinberg	
Sound Room: Cliff Stepina	
Video Screens:	



“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 (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.

When talk of the Reformation arises today, my guess is there are few who know what it means. After all, the Reformation is something that happened over 500 years ago and is typically only studied in seminary classrooms. Last week we began with soli deo Gloria or “for God’s glory alone.” This week we segue to solus Christus or “by Christ Alone.” Our sermon text is Acts 4:1-13 where we will look at the foundational understanding of the Reformation that Christ alone does the work that saves.

— Dale Ambler

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Michael Endres, Piano
10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor
August is a Good Month for Ministry, Worship and Fellowship. On the second Sunday, August 12, we have our "Second Sunday Potluck" at 11:45 a.m. in Hoffman Hall. Bring something to share and invite your friends. On 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.

Introduce Yourself to New People at Church. Glenn Brosell sent me the final newsletter by the pastor of a church in Florida who is retiring. Glenn attended the church on his trips to Florida. Think about what you would write in your final letter to your congregation. Of course, she had many good final remarks. But one thing she did communicate was this, "introduce yourself to two new people at worship this Sunday."

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. And then it's a good thing to invite them to Hoffman Hall and to introduce them to our circle of friends. I encourage you to do that at First Pres. all the time. You'll meet and welcome new people and share in God's joy.

We serve a wonderful, gracious, and loving God, who through Jesus Christ wants to be in relationship with us. The Lord also wants us to build relationships with others as well. May God speak into your life as you seek his presence and may you be a source of encouragement and grace to others this week.

In Christ,
Craig

August 5, 2018

Worship Attendance — 154

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts	\$233,694
Year to Date Expenses	\$249,669

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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our website, firstpresjoliet.org

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;
also this Sunday morning between services, & by mail;
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.

The next (& last Open Gym Day is Aug. 15 (10 a.m.);
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

Next bike group ride is this Saturday, Aug. 11. Meet at
1:30 p.m. at the Old Plank Trail.

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.
featuring the Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL

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.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: No one.

Sympathies are extended to Ed and Joan Schultz and family on the passing of Ed's mother, Virginia Schultz, on Sunday, August 5, here in Joliet. The Memorial Service for Virginia Schultz will be Sat., Aug. 11, 10 a.m. here at First Pres. with visitation at 9 a.m. & on Friday, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Carlson, Sayles Funeral Home.

Thanks to all of you who provided me with meals, visited me, called and prayed for me during my recovery from knee surgery. When you can't drive or walk too far, it is great to see friends or hear from friends. It really brightens a long boring day. —Edna Droz



Our last 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.

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.