



e-News

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The Week Ahead

Live in Hope: Five Practices for Followers of Christ

- October 28 Intentional Faith Development (Reformation Sunday)
- November 4 Risk-taking Mission and Service
- November 11 Extravagant Generosity (Youth Sunday)
- November 18 Conclusion to the Five Practices

On this Reformation Sunday, in our Live In Hope Series, I am preaching on "Intentional Faith Development." The sermon passages are Matthew 13:44-46, Acts 2:42 (see Matthew 28:20), and Colossians 2:6-7.

When we read the Gospels we often find Jesus teaching. People were amazed at his teaching and eagerly gathered to hear Jesus. We see the early followers of Jesus, the new church, "devoting themselves the apostles' teaching," that is to learning about the things of Christ in order to grow in their faith and practice. Come and worship this Sunday as we seek to grow in faith and devotion to Jesus and service to others.

On this Reformation Sunday, as we think about growing our faith in Jesus Christ, we will be giving Bibles to our 4 year-old preschoolers, 3rd Grade children, and 6th Grade youth. Bible Sunday is one of those special Sundays in the life our church.

--Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. — Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers
- 10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

Volunteers this Sunday, October 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<u>Children's Worship:</u> Laura Pritz	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u> Karen & Dick Buck	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Cameron Paul	Tait Wilson
<u>Ushers:</u> Roger Hileman Estella Jurkovich Jill Stimel Sue Mueller	Lisa Ambler Ed Schultz
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Sue Fordyce, Capt.;	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Matt Blaser	

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Trunk 'n' Treat—Oct. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Men's Dinner—Oct. 26, 6 p.m. at P.J. Mulligans (Prairie Bluff Golf Club), 19433 Renwick Rd., Lockport
- Youth Group to Fright Fest—Oct. 27, 9 a.m.
- Lunch Bunch Discussion Group—Oct. 30, at 12 noon
- Men's Breakfast—Nov. 2, 7:30 a.m., The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet

- 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

Feed My Starving Children—November 2 & 3; Register on our website, firstpresjoliet.org. Just click on the FMSC box and follow the directions. There is still space in the last Saturday shift, Set-Up and Clean-Up.

Mission to the Homeless—This Sunday, October 28, is a packing day! Meet in the back of Hoffman Hall to help pack. Easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. are always needed and now that fall is here, warm hats, gloves, and 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.

Stephen Ministry—We have trained Stephen Ministers who are eager to walk alongside anyone who needs someone to provide caring listening and supportive conversation. If you need someone to talk to during a difficult time or a time of change or a time when you are recovering from one of life's challenges, call Kris Hayden, First Pres. Stephen Leader, @ 815-725-3696 or 815-258-8617 (cell).

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

WE ARE ALL SET for Trunk 'n' Treat TONIGHT, October 24. Come and invite your friends to a fun-filled early evening at 6:00 p.m. Trunk 'n' Treat is a great, great time for lots of children and families. It's a way to welcome so many people to our church for a wonderful time and evening. Come tonight and have fun; you will be glad you did.

CLEAN UP SHIFT IS MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW for our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event. The signup Link is working on our website for you to access. We need folks to take down the packing stations and pack away the equipment (very light weight stuff) and put it back in bins. We need others to put boxes on the pallets to go onto the fork lift and back into the trailer truck. There is still some space available for the Saturday afternoon shift from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Just go to www.firstpresjoliet.org and volunteer. Think about coming to clean up or pack and then going out to dinner Saturday night.

The goal is to pack 109,000 meals to feed 300 children for an entire year! Help us raise \$23,900 by asking your family, friends, and neighbors to give to fund the meals; 109,000 meals. One meal costs only 22 cents. \$50 provides one box of 216 meals, and \$80 feeds one child for an entire year!

A New Members Class will be held Sunday, November 11, following the Second Sunday Potluck. Please call the office or let one of our staff members or pastors know you are interested in attending.

In Christ,
Craig

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Glenn Brosell wishes to thank First Pres. friends for the cards, visits and flowers during his recent hospitalization.

October 21, 2018

Worship Attendance — 157

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts \$352,784
Year to Date Expenses \$401,203

Peace Offering — \$364

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$7,801

(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds
300 Children for an entire year)

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$4,000

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

KIDS

No Wednesday Mid-Week tonight. Come to Trunk 'n' Treat, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Bible Sunday is Oct. 28 and letters have gone out to parents; Bibles are given to children 4 years old, in 3rd grade and in 6th grade. If you haven't returned your card, please call the church office at 815-727-9259.

YOUTH

Wildfire Youth Group:

This week we will have a live testimony! Join us 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship and hearing a great story about Christ's work in one young life!

Fright Fest:

We have five tickets left at \$40/piece! If you want to join us for a great day of amusement park fun, contact Karissa ASAP: 815-954-3047. We have a very generous donor as well, so if your child wants to attend but the funds just aren't there, we have a few free tickets for you! Just let me know! We will leave the church at 9 a.m. and be back to Joliet between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. (it'll depend on how kids are feeling; parents will get updates all day!)

Midweek:

It's Trunk 'n' Treat tonight! Join the Wildfire Youth Group Zoo! Dress as your favorite animal, or if you come in street clothes it looks like you're going to be our zookeepers! Join us at 4 p.m. to get ready!

FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night, 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 (Proverbs)

—Women's Discussion Group (Bob Goff's

book, *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*)

Soup & Movie Night—save the date —

November 10 — and plan what soup recipe you will make! Movies are:

I Can Only Imagine (Sanctuary)

A Dog's Purpose (Rm 202)

Won't You Be My Neighbor (Fireside)

Transylvania 3 (Cinema)

Book Club (Rm 217)

New Members Class

The New Members Class will be Sunday, November 11, following the 2nd Sunday Potluck. Bring a dish to share, have lunch with us and then attend the class at 1 p.m. This is a great time to learn more about the life and ministry of First Pres. and to meet some great folks. Talk to one of our pastors if you are interested in attending the New Members Class.