



# e-News

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## The Week Ahead

Live in Hope: Five Practices for Followers of Christ

- November 11 Extravagant Generosity  
(Youth Sunday)
- November 18 Conclusion to the Five Practices

This Sunday is Youth Sunday, and in our Live In Hope Series, Karissa Fleming is preaching on "Extravagant Generosity."

Karissa writes, "TEEN TAKE OVER-- It's finally here, everyone! We are happy to bring back Youth Sunday under a new name: Teen Take Over. Join us for a morning of great worship as the kids lead service through music, prayer, and Scripture reading! The future of the church is bright and these young men and women are living proof of that. We look forward to worshipping our great God with you! Plus, we'll begin fundraising with a few handmade items and pastries available for purchase in the Hoffman Hall between services."

Wildfire Youth Group loves you and we cannot wait to share with you all that we have prepared!"  
--Karissa Fleming

### Music this Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. — Youth
- 10:30 a.m. — Youth, Worship Band

## Community Thanksgiving Service

It's here at First Pres. on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. We'll join with Westminster Pres. Church, Faith Lutheran Church, the Joliet Jewish Congregation and St. John MB Church, to give thanks and praise to our God for our many blessings. The Rev. Jana Howson, Interim Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, will give the message. An offering will be taken for the food pantries of Lebanon Baptist District Association and St. John Lutheran Church. Our Chancel Choir will be singing and welcomes those who would like to sing with them to meet at 5:45 p.m. for a brief rehearsal.

Also, if you can help greet, usher, or help serve dessert, please call the church office or sign up this Sunday.

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

- Stewardship Council—Nov. 7, 3:30 p.m.
- Executive Committee—Nov. 8, 6 p.m.
- Session—Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
- Parish Council—Nov. 10, 3:00 p.m.
- Mission Council—Nov. 11, 11:45 a.m.
- Night Deacons—Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
- Church Growth Council—Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m.

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

- Thursday Morning Circle—Nov. 8, 9:15 a.m.
- Mary Circle—Nov. 8, 12 noon
- Soup & Movie Night—Nov. 10, 4:30 set-up
- 2nd Sunday Potluck—Nov. 11, 11:45 a.m.
- Lunch Bunch Discussion Group—Nov. 13, at 12 noon
- Wildfire Movies at the Mall—Nov. 13, time TBD
- Women's Bible Study—Nov. 14, 10 a.m.; contact Mary Lynn Keir at 815-782-4762
- Quilt Group—Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.
- Men's Dinner—Nov. 16, 6 p.m. at McBrides on 52, 2727 W. Jefferson St., Joliet. RSVP to Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616

- 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

**Stars of Hope**—Look for the Stars of Hope again this Sunday in Hoffman Hall. The Stars of Hope program provides Christmas gifts to hundreds of MorningStar Mission families. Just pick a name, shop for gifts, and return the wrapped gifts to church. If you are unable to shop, a personal shopper will gladly shop for you (with your contribution) and wrap your gifts. The wrapped gifts will be due back to church by Sunday, December 2.

**Mission to the Homeless**—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.

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

**Our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event was Outstanding!** Our goal was to pack 109,000 meals (504 boxes) to feed 300 children for an entire year. We surpassed our goal and packed 116,640 meals (540 boxes), which will feed 319 children for an entire year. Mission Council gives a special thanks to everyone who helped make this a great and meaningful event: all those who helped to organize, welcome, register, set up, clean up, pack and label food, or provide financial support.

**A New Members Class** will be held this Sunday, November 11, following the Second Sunday Potluck, right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please call the office or let one of our staff members or pastors know you are interested in attending.

**Community Thanksgiving Service** is at First Pres. this year! Four other local congregations are joining us for this Service on Tuesday evening, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary/Worship Center. Following the service we will have a fellowship time in Hoffman Hall with beverages and dessert.

**We Need Help!** We need some folks to set up, put out beverages, and then to clean up at the end of the coffee and dessert fellowship time. Just call the office or let me know if you can help. Thanks so much!

**Post Note Ministry and/or Mission Ideas.** In the Narthex/Lobby area you will find five, 8' by 4' boards; one for each practice. As we take this journey, you are invited to use the post notes to suggest something we could do to move our church forward in faith, hope, and action.

Write your idea on a post note and place it on the board it goes with. The actions—ideas—are about helping us be the church, and do something that moves us ahead as followers of Christ Jesus.

Pick up a copy of *Five Practices* by Robert Schnase, a great book, and start reading, thinking, and imagining. Share your ideas in any area of ministry on one of the boards. They will be up for three and a half more weeks. You might have a new idea for something we have never done before. You might have an idea to do something we currently do with a different twist to it. Like—let's get coffee into the Narthex/Lobby area again. Now is the time to share some of your ideas for ministry at First Pres.

In Christ,  
Craig

## KIDS

Wednesday Mid-Week tonight.

## YOUTH

**TEENTAKEOVER this Sunday, both services!**

### Wildfire Youth Group:

This Sunday evening will be a celebration! We will have some food, games, and plenty of gaga ball—not to mention our small groups to wrap up the evening. We look forward to seeing you there, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Midweek Teen Bible Study:

Join us as we continue to learn about Spiritual Warfare through the *The Screwtape Letters*. First we'll share a family meal at 5:30 p.m., then go into our teen group around 6:30 p.m.

## 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—November 10

Movies are:

I Can Only Imagine (Sanctuary)

A Dog's Purpose (Room 202)

Won't You Be My Neighbor (Fireside Room)

Hotel Transylvania 3 (Cinema)

Book Club (Room 217)

### Volunteers this Sunday, November 11, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Bo Mircea

Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Youth

Youth

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Maddox Lundeen

Ushers:

Youth

Youth

Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Jon Belfield

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens: Peter Mbi

### November 4, 2018

Worship Attendance — 237

### Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

**Year to Date Receipts** \$400,394

**Year to Date Expenses** \$436,912

Peace Offering — \$414

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$9,365

(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds

300 Children for an entire year)

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

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