



e-News

May 8, 2019

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We are in the midst of a 5-Week Sermon series. We are thinking about what it means to live, worship, and serve In Light of the Resurrection of Jesus. What were the experiences of the Disciples in those first few days and weeks after Jesus rose from the dead? What do their experiences have to do with us as we seek to be Christ-Followers? What kind of doubts did the disciples experience and how were they able to move from doubt to faith? These are a few of the questions we will work through in this new Sermon Series.

May 12 "Life's Investments"
II Timothy 1:5, 2:1-13

May 19 "Goodbye, Farewell, Amen"
By Pastor Dale
Acts 20: 22-37

May 26 "Peace Be with You"
Luke 24:36-48

Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

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

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Church Growth Council—May 8, 4:30 p.m.
Executive Comm.—May 9, 6 p.m.
Session—May 9, 7 p.m.
Women's Retreat Committee—May 13, 7 p.m.
Night Deacons—May 14, 7 p.m.
Human Resources Council—May 15, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Thursday Morning Circle—May 9, 9:15 a.m.
Mary Circle—May 9, 12 noon
Leadercast Live—May 10, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Quilt Group—May 16, 7 p.m.
Habitat Build Meeting—May 18, 8:30 a.m.

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Volunteers this Sunday, May 12, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Sue Mueller & Jill Strimel

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Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Bo Mircea

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Misti Laken

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Maddox Lundeen

Liturgists:

Joe Milosevich

Evan Lundeen

Ushers:

Mark Fumagalli, Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Lilly Dunbar

Coffee Fellowship:

Misti Lakin, Capt.; Sue Fordyce

Sound Room:

Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

May 5, 2019

Worship Attendance — 180

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 760,935

Year to Date Receipts \$95,476

Year to Date Expenses \$70,523

One Great Hour of Sharing — \$1,040

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — -0-

Please call Tracy Norris if you wish to use electronic giving through your bank. We also have online giving in which you can use your credit card. Just go to our Website, www.firstpresjoliet.org, and click on "Giving."

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

Worship with us on this Third Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day. Our focus is on the wonderful reality of new life in Christ and the Savior's transformational love, grace, and hope. Christ is Risen, indeed. We live because he lives. This Sunday we also remember our mothers and/or other significant women in our lives who nurtured us in faith and life. Join us for worship this Sunday.

Please make your reservations now for Sunday, May 19. We are planning a catered lunch for Sunday, May 19, which is Pastor Dale's last Sunday at First Pres. We plan to celebrate Dale's ministry and have a time to express our appreciation and gratitude to Dale as well as to Tari. Dale has had a wonderful ministry with us, for us, and for the Lord Jesus Christ at First Pres. The same can be said of Tari and her ministry throughout the life and mission of First Pres. over so many special years. Plan to be with us all at church. Please make your reservations for lunch and contribute to a gift for Pastor Dale. You should include \$5 for your lunch reservation. We need to let the caterer know very soon just how many we expect for lunch.

New Home Build with Habitat for Humanity. We are joining with other churches in our area and Habitat for Humanity to build a new Habitat House at 1517 N. Raynor Ave. this summer. We have been involved in the initial planning stages and have committed to help build this new home. We are anticipating breaking ground on this new home at some point in June. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in any way in the construction of this new home.

Summer "Roar" VBS, Free Summer Lunch Program, "Bags of Love" (Mission to the Homeless), Micro Food Pantry. We have many mission and ministry opportunities going on as we celebrate the Easter Season and anticipate what God has in store for us this summer. I encourage you to ask some questions about these opportunities to serve and to get involved in one or more.

Church Guide Book & Directory. Please check your information in the Church Guide Book & Directory. Make sure your phone number, address, and e-mail address are correct. If you have any changes that need to be made, please just call the office and let us know. We want the new version of the Guide Book & Directory to be up to date for everyone. Thanks so much.

In Christ,
Craig

KIDS

Roar VBS is coming June 24-28. Kids will discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Come join the fun. Register online at firstpresjoliet.org.

YOUTH

Wildfire Youth Group: No meeting this Sunday—it's Mother's Day!

Help Wanted for College Summer Study: Karissa is looking for a co-leader for a summer Bible study aimed towards college kids and those in their 20's. It is planned to meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you have a heart for young adults please call Karissa at 815-954-3047. Bonus: You'll get a free copy of the book we'll be going over!

FAMILIES

You can make Roar VBS a family affair! Parents can register to help out during this fun week on our website, www.firstpresjoliet.org. Or call Bo to find out just where you can help.

(No 2nd Sunday Potluck May 12 — it's Mother's Day!)

Community Bulletin Board

Healthy Homes, Healthy Families 9th Annual Resource Fair & Family Fun Day is Sat., May 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Will County Center for Community Concerns, 2455 Glenwood Ave., Joliet. Activities for kids and adults, hot dogs & pop, food basket distribution.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: Peg Hackett and Estella Jurkovich at St. Joseph Medical Center

Passed to Life Eternal:

Robert DeYoung (April 27)
A Memorial Service for Robert DeYoung will be held May 18, 1 p.m. at Carlson Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home.

Thank You: Susan Lee and family would like to thank everyone for the sympathy expressed over the recent loss of her mother, Marilyn Herny. Sue appreciates all of the cards, calls, messages, and prayers. She was especially grateful for her church family during this time of sorrow.