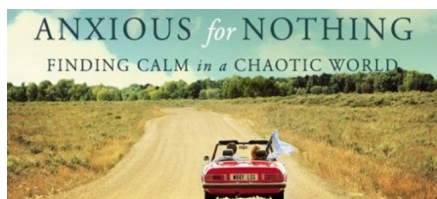




e-News

March 14, 2018

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LENT: Worship/Study Series; Week 5!

“Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World” by Max Lucado

Max Lucado has a relevant and encouraging message for us to put into practice in our day to day life. He writes, “Philippians 4:6-7 is the most underlined passage in the Bible. According to this promise, anxiety comes with life, but it doesn’t have to dominate your life. With God as your helper and this verse at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. You can talk yourself off the ledge and view bad news through the lens of sovereignty. You can discover a life that is characterized by calm and develop tools for facing the onslaughts of anxiety.”

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent we will focus on contentment. Lucado reminds us that, “Christ-based contentment turns us into strong people.”

--Craig Herr

Sunday, March 18: Bo is preaching this Sunday. He writes, “I have learned the secret to being content—‘whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need’ (Phil 4:12)— those are words to live by. This Sunday we will look at the life of Joseph, a man who exemplified living in faith with great content. ‘Great Gratitude - Great Contentment’ is about building a foundation for our lives, a foundation that can withstand the ups and downs that we face as we journey through life. I would encourage you to ask yourself the following question: What is my foundation, what keeps me anchored when things are rough? See you on Sunday.” Bo M.

9:00 a.m. — Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers

10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Human Resources Council—March 21, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Quilt Group—March 15, 7 p.m. in Room 210

Dinner Out—March 20, 6 p.m. at Mamma Onesta’s Italian Restaurant, 1100 S. State, Lockport

Men’s Dinner Group—March 23, 6 p.m. at McBrides on 52, 2727 W. 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

Mindfulness Practice—Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Narthex

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)

Mommy & Me Class—Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in Room 214-216

Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Discussion Groups on *Anxious for Nothing*: Sundays at 10:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room, led by Mark Morrison;

Wednesday Night Women’s Study at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, led by Lisa Haldorson;

Men’s Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210, led by Dale Ambler.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:

Irene Kolmodin, Elizabeth Holman, & George Redman at Provena St. Joseph

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

Midweek Family Night. Come to our Midweek Family Night for a wonderful meal and great conversation and learning. We start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffman Hall. Then at 6:30 p.m. there's a time when kids, youth, and adults go with their respective age groups for a time of learning.

Study/Discussion Groups using Max Lucado's "Anxious For Nothing." The Sunday morning group meets right after the 9:00 a.m. service in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. and is led by Rev. Mark Morrison, a son of our congregation and retired pastor. Men's Study on Wednesday evenings is at 6:30 p.m., meeting in Room 210 with Dale Amber as moderator. The Women's Study meets in the Fireside Room on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and is being led by Lisa Haldorson.

Easter Flowers. Please remember to order Easter flowers on Sunday morning at church. You can also call the church office to place your order or order online on our website. The flowers are beautiful to see and experience as we celebrate the Easter Season. Worship Council will be arranging the flowers on Saturday, March 31st, right after the Easter Egg Hunt, if you'd like to help.

Youth Mission Trip. Youth Mission Trips are transformational opportunities for our youth, advisers, and those whom they serve. You can be a part of helping to make this year's Summer Youth Mission Trip a reality by going to the Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 25. It's our most important fundraiser for our Youth. There's a great menu and breakfast is served from 8:15-10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday. There are silent auction items including a beautiful quilt, on display this Sunday.

Ministry Impact. There are many ways to serve in ministry for Christ at First Pres. You could provide a welcoming presence by greeting at the front and rear entrances before worship on Sunday morning. Come early to greet for the 9:00 a.m. worship service or if you like sleeping in, you could come and greet for the 10:30 a.m. service. Or you could provide a welcoming presence by helping out at coffee fellowship between services on Sunday morning. Perhaps you would like to welcome many guests to our church by being involved in our Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday, March 31. Just call the office or talk with one of our church staff members to serve in these ministries.

In Christ,



KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

Easter Egg-stravaganza—March 31, 9 to 11 a.m.

YOUTH

Sundays

10:00 a.m.—Jr./Sr. High Bible Study meets in Room 206

6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.—Family Mid-week Dinner

6:30 p.m.—Teen Homework/Hangout Time

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

FAMILIES

Each Wednesday we have a time for us to be together as a church family, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with lots of options:

5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone

6:15 to 7 p.m.—Mommy and Me Class

6:30 p.m.—Music and learning for kids

— Jr./Sr. High Fellowship/Homework time

—Men's Discussion Group—Anxious for Nothing

—Women's Discussion Group—Anxious for Nothing

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

**NO MID-WEEK FAMILY NIGHT ON MARCH 28
(HOLY WEEK)**

Volunteers this Sunday, March 18, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship & Holy Hunters:

Megan Pritz

Kyla Fris

Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Sadie House

Ushers:

, Capt.;

Pat Costion

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

Lisa Ambler

Jon Belfield

Coffee Fellowship: Pat Haldorson, Capt.; Lisa Haldorson,
Sue Fordyce, Bill & Heather Chaney

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

March 11, 2018

Worship Attendance — 176

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts \$670,115

Year to Date Expenses \$676,505

Angel House Special Offering — \$4,622

Feed My Starving Children — \$1,111

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$163,592.47

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."



Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, April 14, 2018
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Here at First Pres.

Crafters/Vendors Wanted!

Details & registration form are on our website.
Cost is \$25 per table plus 1 item from your line
donated for our "Special Drawing Table."
Pick up a registration form this Sunday.

All monies raised through table fees, gift drawings,
and our lunch café will be going to Feed My
Starving Children Campaign fundraiser for our
Fall MobilePack.

The more items that are donated the more we will
be able to keep our costs down. Here is a short list
of some things that can help supply our
lunch café that day:

- 3 cases of bottled water
- 12 -12 packs of soda - Coke/Diet Coke, Pepsi/
Diet Pepsi, 7-Up/Sprite
- 3 - 50 ct. Frito Lay variety individual
bags of chips

There is a sign up sheet in Hoffman Hall,
if you are able to help out.

Call Kris Hayden at 815-258-8617, if you have
questions or are interested in participating.



Easter Egg-stravaganza
Saturday, March 31, 9 to 11 a.m.

Join us for breakfast, the telling of the Easter Story,
crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny and a fun
Easter Egg Hunt! Bring the grandchildren, and
invite your neighbors, relatives and co-workers for
our 11th annual Easter Egg Hunt.

If you can help out with crafts, breakfast or by
greeting our guests, contact Bo at 727-9259 or
bo.mircea@firstpresjoliet.org.

Mission

Mission for the Homeless—Check out the list in
the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned
goods, warm socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, toilet-
ries, etc. We'll pack up the items the last Sunday of
each month and volunteer drivers will deliver them
to the homeless in the Joliet area.
Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions
or if you can help deliver the bags.

One Great Hour of Sharing—On Easter Sunday
we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offer-
ing. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the
church to share God's love with our neighbors in
need around the world by providing relief to those
affected by natural disasters, providing food to the
hungry, and helping to empower the poor and op-
pressed. Our offering helps support the Presbyterian
Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Pro-
gram, and the Presbyterian Committee for the Self
Development of People.

Wildfire Youth Group Palm Sunday Fundraiser

Join us March 25, beginning at 8:15 a.m. for our
Wildfire Youth Group Palm Sunday Breakfast!

We will have live music from Michael Endres, a
silent auction (featuring this beautiful queen-size
quilt—on display in Hoffman Hall—and more!), a
drawing for an iPad, plus a great breakfast menu!
Who doesn't love biscuits and gravy, eggs, muffins,
and fruit?

Support our teens and see the great things we are
doing—all to fund our summer mission trip to
Kansas City, Kansas, and other youth activities!
This is our MAIN FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR.

