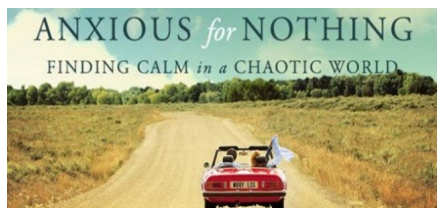




# e-News

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LENT: Worship/Study Series

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

Max Lucado writes, "Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the road you're traveling loom large with mountains to cross, obstacles to avoid and hairpin curves to navigate? Could you use some calm? If so, I have a scripture for you to read.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent we will focus on prayer. Lucado reminds us that, "Peace happens when people pray."

--Craig Herr

**Sunday, March 11:** I am preaching this Sunday on "Prayer, Not Despair." The following scripture texts will help you prepare for worship this Sunday: Psalm 125, James 3:13-16, and Matthew 6:5-13.

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

## The Week Ahead

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

Executive Committee—March 8, 6 p.m.  
Session—March 8, 7 p.m.  
Parish Council—March 11, 11:45 a.m.  
Church Growth Council—March 13, 3:30 p.m.  
Night Deacons—March 13, 7 p.m.

**Welcoming Ministry Seminar with Ward Utterback—Sat., March 10, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. RSVP to the church office. Childcare provided.**

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

Women's Bible Study—March 14, 10 a.m. at Mary Lynn Keir's home (call 815-782-4762 for directions)  
Quilt Group—March 15, 7 p.m.  
Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex (resuming next week)  
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 and Craig Herr;**

**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:  
Allan Somers at Hines VA Hospital

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

**The Most Important Gathering you can come to this week.** This Saturday morning, March 10, you are invited to come to the "Welcome the Guest Seminar" in Hoffman Hall. We will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be breakfast foods, coffee, etc. to get us started. Ward Utterback is returning to lead this seminar on welcoming guests to our church events and worship. There are many good insights and things we can learn to improve on how we welcome guests. It will be a great time of learning. Just call the church office to let us know you are coming, 815-727-9259. You can also bring friends.

**Three Ways to be in an "Anxious For Nothing" Study/Discussion Group:** You can come on Sunday morning right after the 9:00 a.m. service and meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Mark Morrison, a son of our congregation and retired pastor, is leading this small group study. You can join the Men's Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210 with Dale Amber as moderator. Finally, for women, there is a small group discussion/study in the Fireside Room on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., being led by Lisa Haldorson.

**Thank you for giving to the Angel House Mission Special Offering.** We have received \$4,582 to support Bhoke, Rhobi, and Lucia this year. It's wonderful to see them growing up and reaching their God given potential because of the love and ministry of so many fine leaders, teachers, and servants at Angel House Mission.

**Midweek Family Night.** Come for a wonderful meal and great conversation and learning on our Mid-week Family Night. 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.

**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.

In Christ,

*Craig*



Daylight Saving Time  
begins THIS Sunday, March 11!

## 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. Come help make college care packages this Sunday.

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

**March 4, 2018**

Worship Attendance — 247

**Stewardship Report**

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	\$665,057
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$673,396

Angel House Special Offering — \$4,582

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](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and click on "Giving."

## **Volunteers this Sunday, March 11, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Worship & Holy Hunters:**

Laura Pritz

Sarah Lundeen

**Greeters:**

**Acolytes:**

Cameron Paul

Jackson Watson

**Ushers:**

, Capt

Mark Dykema

Allen Brooks

Jen Beck, Capt.

Ed Schultz

**Coffee Fellowship:** Barb Rodgers, Capt.;

**Sound Room:** Rich Pool

**Video Screens:**



## Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, April 14,  
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 MobilPack.

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.

Leadercast at First Pres. Joliet  
May 4, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (includes lunch)

The speakers this year range from leadership authors to  
fighter pilots to astronauts. Known for their work in  
coaching fellow leaders or leading large organizations,  
these eight speakers will bring a wealth of knowledge to  
the Leadercast Live stage. Take charge of your leadership  
journey with the practical lessons and tools you'll learn  
from these speakers. Single registration — \$79; 3 or more  
from same company — \$69. Register now—Rates go up  
after March 30. The registration form is on our website—  
[www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.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.

## 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 the Narthex—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.

