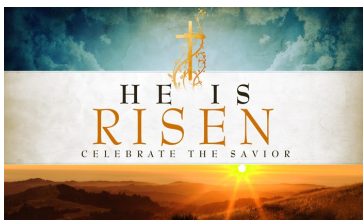




e-News

April 17, 2019

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MORE LIKE JESUS: SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERIES FOR LENT

We have reached Holy Week, during our Lenten Journey, and are on our way to Easter. Our focus has been on studying the Sermon on the Mount. We are making our way through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from Matthew Chapters 5-7. As we study these passages, we see the connection to the events surrounding Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. This week, Holy Week, our worship services reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this special and sacred season. Thank God for the Empty Tomb and Easter Sunday, for the life and witness of Jesus Christ continues forever!

I hope you will worship with us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

April 18, Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.

"The Golden Rule" — Matthew 7:12

April 19, Good Friday Worship 6:00 p.m.

"The Tree and its Fruit" — Matthew 7:15-20

April 21, Easter Sunday Worship 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

"The Better Way" — Matthew 5:3, 6-7;

7:13-14, 24

On Easter Sunday, I will be preaching on "The Better Way" from Mathew 5:3, 6-7; 7:13-14; 24 and Matthew 11:28-30. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus teaches us the best way to live. In his life and ministry Jesus lived what he taught. Join us this Sunday to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead and The Better Way to live that he reveals to us.

Happy Easter in advance!

— 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:

Human Resources Council—Apr. 24, 8 a.m.

Education Council—Apr. 25, 6 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Project Linus—Apr. 22, 9 a.m.

Ladies Night In—Apr. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study—Apr. 24, 10 a.m.; contact

Mary Lynn Keir at 815-782-4762

Men's Dinner—Apr. 26, 6 p.m. at Village Pub, 20631 Renwick Rd., Crest Hill

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

April 14, 2019

Worship Attendance — 211

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 760,935

Year to Date Receipts \$48,844

Year to Date Expenses \$29,496

Angel House Offering — \$3,766

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."

Volunteers this Sunday, April 21, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Connection Center:

Don & Raelene Barnes

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Greeters:

Jasmine Maxwell, Justin, Malik

Betsey O'Mara

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Liturgists:

Bob Haas

Ushers:

Mark Fumagalli, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Sue Fordyce

Coffee Fellowship: Hunter Belfield, Capt.

Sound: Rich Pool

Video Screens:

10:30 a.m.

Don & Raelene Barnes

Kaleigh Belfield

Jan Gehrig

Estella Jurkovich

Kellen House

Ed Schultz

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Laura House

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

We have meaningful and wonderful Services of Worship planned for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. We will sing and study the scriptures, celebrate communion, interact with God's word in sermons, and rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus by Easter Sunday. Come and worship with us and bring your guests. You will be glad you did.

It's the best time to Invite Your Guest(s) to Church. It's Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday, preceded by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. This is the best time of the year to invite guests to church. Many people still indicate, in scientific polls, that they would come to worship on Easter if only someone just asked them and invited them to come. Think about who you will invite to church. Your invitational presence and enthusiasm are more significant than you might at first think. Invite someone to First Pres. and into the presence and celebration of the Lord Jesus.

Mary Lynn Keir is going to serve as our Pastor of Visitation. She is going to begin her ministry as our Pastor of Visitation, eight hours a week, the end of May beginning of June. Mary Lynn is excited about serving in this capacity and she knows so many of us, which is so good.

Save the Date 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. A mailing has gone out so you can make reservations for lunch and contribute to a gift for Pastor Dale.

I look forward to seeing you throughout this Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

In Christ,
Craig

Offering envelopes are available to be picked up. Please look for the boxes on the table in the hallway between the Narthex and Hoffman Hall this Sunday.

KIDS

Roar VBS is coming June 24-28. Register online at firstpresjoliet.org.

YOUTH

Wildfire Youth Group: No Youth Group on Easter Sunday. Celebrate with your family!



Ladies Night In — Craft Night
April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of creativity and devotions! We will begin the night by painting our own terracotta planter. Then, while they dry, we will have a chance to dive into Scripture. Song of Solomon 2:11-12 says, "For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."

What does springtime mean for us ladies? How can we dive into a season of growth and renewal this spring? Join us for a fun night of laughter, prayer, and play!

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Our sympathies are extended to Sue and Mike Lee and family on the passing of Sue's mother, Marilyn Herny, on April 15th in Iowa.



HOLY WEEK

at First Presbyterian

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Roast Pork with Apple Brandy Sauce, Garlic Red Potatoes,
Broccoli & Carrot Medley, Tossed Salad & Dressings,
Rolls & Butter, Desserts

Worship/Communion at 7 p.m.
with Chancel Choir

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Service at 6 p.m.

EASTER "RESURRECTION" SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Traditional Worship at 9 a.m.
with Chancel Choir & Glory Ringers
Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.

LEADERCAST LEADING HEALTHY *Teams*

Leadercast Live, May 10, 8
a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at First
Pres. Church, 805 Western

Ave., Joliet. This is the largest one-day leadership
event in the world, broadcast live from Atlanta to
hundreds of host sites. This year brings together ex-
perts in leadership and organizational health to help
attendees master the art and science of developing
and leading healthy teams. For more information

MISSION

Bags of Love—Kendall Fris has volunteered to take over the ministry Wayne and Linda Zoellick started to help the homeless. There are bins in the narthex for your donations of food (with easy open lids), socks and toiletries. The items will be bagged up the last Sunday of the month and distributed through MorningStar Mission. It's an easy way to help the homeless right here in our community.

Our Micro Pantry is often almost bare by Monday mornings. Please help us by bringing canned or packaged food supplies. The "Take what you need, leave what you can" policy is designed to allow anonymous food pick-up for those in need and a drop-off point for those who wish to donate.

A Thank-you from St. John Lutheran Food Pantry reads in part: "To our Friends at First Presbyterian Church, We would like to thank you for your sponsorship of the April 6th Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) event at St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Because of your generosity, 250 families each took home 100 lbs. of groceries!...Each of our 250 guests received 10 lbs. of meat, 5 lbs. of fresh carrots, 5 - 10 lbs. of fresh oranges, 2 pizzas, Apple Jacks cereal, 10 granola bars, 10 cottage cheese cups, split peas, kidney beans, black beans, garbanzo beans, two varieties of fresh bread, a case of Cheese-Its, coffee, chicken broth mix, Cool Whip, laundry soap, diced tomatoes, canned fruits & veggies, ice cream, guacamole mix, pudding, Kix cereal, Kraft Mac 'n Cheese, light bulbs, Oscar Meyer Lunchables, sushi, Pledge, Lara bars, a case of Frito Lay chips, and baby foods!....Our growing partnership serves over a thousand of our hungry neighbors. Your generosity made a large impact in our community. We couldn't do it without you!"

In Christian Love,
Dawn MacGregor & SJLCFP Leadership Team

