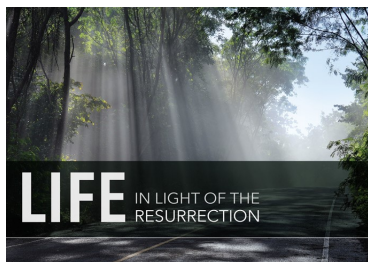




e-News

May 15, 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 Sermon Series.

May 19 "Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen"
by Pastor Dale
Acts 20: 17-38
May 26 "Peace Be with You"
Luke 24:36-48

"Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," this week's sermon title, comes from the last episode of my favorite TV show...*MASH*. I thought it would be appropriate because my sermon text, Acts 20:17-38, finds Paul saying goodbye to the elders at the Ephesus church he founded as he prepares to depart for Jerusalem. Approaching my last Sunday at First Pres., while I am clearly not Paul, I realize that there is probably not another text more fitting for a final sermon at this church.

--Dale Ambler

May 12, 2019

Worship Attendance — 188

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 760,935

Year to Date Receipts \$109,478

Year to Date Expenses \$79,692

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 Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Education Council—May 23, 6 p.m.

Annual Report Working Meeting—May 22, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Quilt Group—May 16, 7 p.m.

Habitat Build Meeting—May 18, 8:30 a.m.

Project Linus—May 20, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall

Dinner Out—May 21, 6 p.m. at Agave Azul Mexican Restaurant, 330 W. North Street (Rte. 52), Manhattan

Men's Dinner—May 24, 6 p.m. at Larry's Diner, 24522 W. Lockport Rd., Plainfield

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 19, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Connection Center:

Mark & Anita Schneidewind

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Greeters:

Joe Milosevich

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Liturgists:

Dennis Jones

Ushers:

Allen Brooks, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Sue Mueller

Roger Hileman

Coffee Fellowship: Pat Haldorson, Capt.

Sound: Rich Pool

Video Screens: Peter Mbi

10:30 a.m.

Mark & Anita Schneidewind

Sarah Lundeen

Jan Gehrig

Trevor Lakin

Carter Lakin

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Laura House

Worship with us on this Fifth Sunday of Easter.

We will give thanks to the God of all hope who in Christ Jesus gives the life that is truly life. We will give thanks for Pastor Dale's ministry among us as well as Tari's ministry.

As of today, we have room for some more (not many) reservations for Sunday, May 19. So, call right now if you want to make a reservation. We are having a catered lunch for 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 Tari. Reservations for lunch are \$5 a person.

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.

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.

In Christ,

Craig



It's time for our quarterly Bunco Night! You don't need to know how to play or have any skill for this game; it's just random luck! Bunco night is always filled with great conversation and much laughter, so don't miss this night of fellowship and fun—Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.!

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: We will be closing out our 2018-2019 school year by engaging in the beloved and traditional Jello Fight! This event is a bring your own jello event and we highly recommend wearing messy clothes. Anyone who has hair long enough to be put in a ponytail, we recommend you do so—the jello is sticky and even I've had it stuck in my hair before! Parents, prep your cars accordingly for pick-up! We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot and pick up will be at 7:30 p.m.

Reading of Statements of Faith: Join our confirmands as they give their statements of faith this Sunday at 10:00 in Room 210. Our confirmands this year are Bailey Frey, Maria Kaiser, Aaron Warf, Axel Wilson, Tait Wilson, and Sofie Young. It's going to be an exciting and heartfelt moment!

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.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital:

Estella Jurkovich at Advocate Christ Medical Center

The hospitals will no longer call to tell us if members have been admitted, so please let us know if you or a member of your family is in the hospital.

Just Born:

Lisa & Jeff Kasper announce the birth of granddaughter Delaynie Grace Mausehund, daughter of Matt & Kaylyn Mausehund, on May 10.

MISSION

Project Linus Workday is Monday, May 20, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall. Join us to make fleece blankets and easy quilts for area children in need. Please bring your sewing scissors. Call Pat Costion, 815-592-1013, or Barb Schwandt, 815-230-0096, for more information.