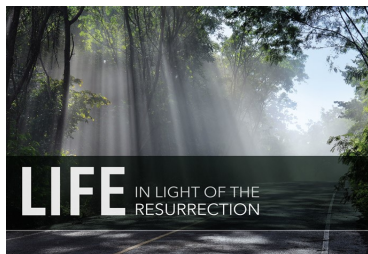




# e-News

May 22, 2019

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We are finishing our 5 Week Sermon series this Sunday. 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 considered in this Sermon Series.

May 26 Peace Be With You  
Luke 24:36-48

For many of the disciples, the event of the Resurrection was beyond their belief. Their faith could not see past the tomb, and their lives seemed to be in dismay. The words that Jesus speaks to them next—Peace be with you—become a bridge between a grim reality and living in the light of the resurrection. As we read Luke 24:36-48, I would encourage you to bring your own fears and doubts, as we will spend time looking for a new understanding of what it means to live in the light of the resurrection.  
— Bo Mircea

#### Music this Sunday:

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

**May 19, 2019**

Worship Attendance — 236

#### **Stewardship Report**

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 760,935

**Year to Date Receipts** \$116,281

**Year to Date Expenses** \$96,435

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

## The Week Ahead

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

Education Council—May 30, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Ladies Night In—May 28, 6:30 p.m., Bunco Night!

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

## Ladies Night In

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.!

### Volunteers this Sunday, May 26, 2019

#### 9:00 a.m.

#### Connection Center:

Reed & Sue Mott

#### Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young

#### Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

#### Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

#### Liturgists:

#### Ushers:

Jon Belfield, Capt.

Mark Dykema

#### Coffee Fellowship: Sue Fordyce, Capt.;

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens: Matt Blaser

#### 10:30 a.m.

Reed & Sue Mott

Pam LeVasseur

Mark Morrison

Evan Lundeen

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Misti Lakin

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

**Worship with us on this Sixth Sunday of Easter.** We are grateful for new life in Christ Jesus and his Resurrection from the dead. We continue to celebrate the empty tomb in this Easter Season. This is the Memorial Day Weekend and we will remember those who gave their lives that we might live in freedom. In worship, we will also remember our church members who have died and gone to be with the Lord this past year.

**We had a wonderful celebration of Pastor Dale and Tari's ministry last Sunday.** I want to thank everyone who helped us have a very special time together remembering and celebrating last Sunday. From the photographs, video, talks, music by our Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers, and Worship Band to the delicious meal, set up, clean up, etc., it was a wonderful time together. We are happy for Dale and Tari and sad for us, yet grateful for their friendship and ministry.

**Summer "Roar" VBS, Free Summer Lunch Program, "Bags of Love" Mission to the Homeless, Micro Food Pantry, Habitat Home Build.** 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 #, 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 Summer Sermon Series** on the Gospel of Mark starts Sunday, June 2. Over the Summer, from June 2 to September 1, we will have a 14 week study of the Gospel of Mark. I encourage you to start reading the Gospel of Mark, the shortest Gospel, in preparation and throughout the summer. Most weeks you can read one chapter and come prepared for the Sunday morning sermon and worship.

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](http://firstpresjoliet.org).

## YOUTH

**Confirmation:** On June 2 we will be welcoming 6 new members into our church after they have completed Confirmation! Join us at both services to celebrate these young people—Bailey Frey and Sofie Young will be confirmed at the 9:00 a.m. service while Maria Kaiser, Aaron Ward, Axel Wilson, and Tait Wilson will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service. It's going to be such an exciting day!

**Teen Sunday School:** Beginning June 9 all students entering grades 6-12 this fall are invited to Summer Sunday School! We will meet in the Youth Lounge at 10:05 a.m. every Sunday (enough time for you to grab a donut or coffee!) and explore the names that Jesus is called in the Bible. If you participated in the special art project at Wildfire this past year, you already have a taste of what this study will look like! For the students that attend second service, don't worry! We will be finished by 10:30 so we can head into service. I'm looking forward to seeing you then!

**TwentySomeone:** Life post high school is difficult, college feels like it's never going to end, and life after college hits you like a ton of bricks. If you are in any of these stages of life, I invite you to join us on June 5 in room 206 at 7:30 p.m. to begin not only a study on *TwentySomeone* by Craig Dunham and Doug Serven, but to really build a community that reminds us we are not alone. Hebrews 10:24-25 speaks about community when Paul writes, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." I am so excited to see you all there!

— Karissa



Thank you Pat Costion, Nicole Long, Carla DeYoung, Jana Rudisill, Karen Myers, and Anna Rowzee for arranging the flowers for Easter; and Paul Zettergren for setting up the risers for the flowers. The beauty of our sanctuary enhanced our joyous Easter celebration!

— Worship Council