



"The Gospel of Mark" Summer Sermon Series

Over the summer, until September 1, we are going through a 14-week study of the Gospel of Mark. I encourage you to start reading the Gospel of Mark, the shortest Gospel, in preparation for our Sermon Study and throughout the summer. Most weeks you can read one chapter and come prepared for the Sunday morning Sermon and worship.

July 28 Mark 1-13 "the Things to Come"
August 4 Mark 10

This Sunday, I am preaching on the Mount of Transfiguration story from Mark 9:1-13. This is an amazing story, not just because it captures a glimpse of the King of Kings in all its splendor, but also because it captures the human nature of Peter as he is trying to understand what it is happening before his very eyes. Nevertheless this is a life changing experience for Peter, James and John. I pray that every encounter with the word of God will have that effect in our lives. I would encourage you to pray and remember your own mountaintop experience with God, and maybe share it with someone during the week.

Have a blessed day,
Bo M.

P.S. Please pray for me as I will be traveling to Romania to visit with my parents. I am looking forward to spending some time with them and some of my friends back home. I am also excited to visit a couple of churches that are dear to my heart. I will be back in time for the Church Picnic on Aug 25th. Have a great and safe summer

Bo M.

July 21, 2019

Worship Attendance — 148

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$236,742

Year to Date Expenses \$219,147

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — -0-

We offer several convenient options for electronic giving. Please visit our website or call Tracy Norris for more information.

e-News

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The Week Ahead

Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217

Praise Yoga—July 25th at 8AM, Then Praise Yoga will not meet again until Aug.6 & 8

Men's Dinner— 26th, 6PM at Backroads Pub and Grill

Women's Bible Study— Thursday July 25th at 10 AM

Jul 21 - Sermon highlights:

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ." Peter was correct - but when he said it, he did not truly understand what that meant. It's so easy to find ourselves trying to mold Jesus into the Savior we think he should be, instead of focusing on the Lord and Savior he is. Mark 8:27-29 invites us to examine who we say Jesus and what that means for us. As Bob Goff said, "Following Jesus will cost each of us something different."

Music This Sunday:

First Service: Mary Jane Johnson "Come to Jesus"

Second Service: Worship Band

Volunteers this Sunday, July 28, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Bob Becker and Colin Becker

Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young

Kaleigh Belfield

Greeters:

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Creighton Blaser

Ushers:

Barb Rodgers, Capt.
Mark Dykema

Ed Schultz, Capt

Coffee Fellowship: Sue Fordyce, Capt

Sound Room: Keith LaVasseur

Video Screens: Peter MBI

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor

Every Sunday is a great reason to rejoice in the grace of God surrounded by the people of God in our faith community. During first service we will celebrate the Baptism of Reagan Elisabeth Jaworski, born to Nick and Anna (Bornhofen) Jaworski. Baptism is such a meaningful and blessed moment, not just in the life of the little one, but in the life of the whole church family. Come to Celebrate, Come to Worship! See you Sunday.

This Week our Junior High students embarked on their own local Mission Trip. Wednesday they are organizing a memorial bilingual library at the Spanish Community Center, Thursday they will go to the Salvation Army where some kids will help with the Day Camp and others will help prep their Vacation Bible School. Last Friday Jeff Eberhard donated 24 emergency packs for the homeless. Each student will be given one or two to keep on hand. These packs are a great way to help those in need as we see them on the street, and adds another element to the church's mission of helping those in need.

Volunteer for the Free Summer Lunch Program. The Free Summer Lunch Program has been going since Wednesday, June 5. Lunch is from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Call Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747 to volunteer or ask questions. We have a group of grade school boys who would love to have someone play board games with them.

The Latest News for our Habitat Home Build, The Groundbreaking ceremony is set for Friday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m. Thirteen Churches and several organizations are going to participate in building the new Habitat House at 1517 N. Raynor Ave. That's exciting news. Things are drying out and building will start in August after the groundbreaking. I should know soon the date for the meeting with all of the churches involved.

In Christ,
Bo

YOUTH

Teen Sunday School: Sundays at 10 a.m.

Junior High Mission Trip: July 24th—26th

Starved Rock: July 29th Jr. High Boys outing to Starved Rock ; July 31st Sr. High Boys trip



Sunday, August 25th at Inwood Pavilion

3000 W. Jefferson St.—Joliet

11:30am—Lunch served at 12 noon.

Enjoy Burgers, Brats and Dogs, Chips, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon, Italian Pasta Salad, Kids & Family Games, Bingo and more!

Bring your favorite lawn chair

Those wishing to bring a dish to share may do so

(suggested: Last names: A-L—Salad M-Z Dessert)

This is a FREE event open to our congregation, friends and family!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our wonderful Pat Costion has opened her home so that we may have an FPJ Ladies Night OUT in August! One of the best summer activities is a bonfire. We can make s'mores, swap stories, and just enjoy the glow of the flames.

Join us as we enjoy the fellowship of a bonfire, a lesson on what it means to give a sacrifice with a "pleasing aroma" to the Lord, and participate in an updated fire sacrifice of whatever is taking up most of your thought life. This is not an evening you want to miss! It will be on August 27, 2019 at 6:30pm. Contact Karissa for the address: 815-954-3047

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Sympathies are extended for Harriet O'Malley and Lynnette Hopwood on the recent death of Harriet's brother (Lynnette's uncle) in Louisiana.

MISSION

Help fill empty shelves & stomachs!

There are several opportunities at First Pres. to help those in our community who are food insecure—

Our **Micro Pantry** offers canned and packaged food to those in need. You can help by bringing food or by offering to check the pantry one day a week and filling it with food we keep on hand. Donations should be of prepackaged goods only, please refrain from donating homemade dishes.

"Bags of Love" are filled with easy-open food donations, socks, and toiletries the last Sunday of the month and taken to MorningStar Mission for distribution. There are bins in the Narthex for your donations. Especially needed are easy open canned meals/entrees.

The **Free Summer Lunch Program** is offered Monday through Friday, through August 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children K-12 Grade are served a free nutritious boxed lunch. If you'd like to help with serving or activities (crafts, reading, etc.), please contact Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747.