



# e-News

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## EXTEND YOURSELF Being a Role Model

### "EXTEND YOURSELF" SERMON SERIES (November 3-24)

"Extend Yourself," that is, do a little more than you can easily do. In this way you strengthen your character and enlarge someone else's world. Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you... what are you doing more than others?"

**This series is about serving well rather than seeking to be served.**

11/24 - "Being a Role Model/Example"  
I Timothy 4:12

### Youth Group/Teen Take Over

This Sunday we are finishing our "Extend Yourself" series by looking at how to "Extend Yourself to be an Example." And who better to do a service on being young and an example than our youth? This Sunday is Teen TakeOver! We'll be examining 1 Timothy 4 with an emphasis on verse 12. In a world that can make sin look so appealing, we are reminded that we are to be examples to not only those in the world—but to those in the church as well. This Sunday we will explore what it means to be an example while remembering we are called to be lights in this dark world. I look forward to seeing you all Sunday

—Karissa Fleming

### November 17, 2019

Worship Attendance — 188

### Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

**Year to Date Income** \$ 438,691

**Year to Date Expenses** \$451,740

Peace offering received \$303

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$3,000

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card.

### The Week Ahead **Fellowship/Bible Studies:**

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 217

Praise Yoga—Thursdays at 8AM and Tuesdays at 7 PM

Confirmation — Sundays at 4:30

Youth Group — Sundays at 6pm

Glory Ringers — Mondays at 7 PM

Lunch Bunch—Tuesdays at noon

The Way - Mondays at 10 AM in room 210

Comm. Services Meeting—11/21 at 8 am

Quilt Group—11/21 at 7 pm

Men's Dinner—11/22 at 6 pm at Firewater BBQ in Crest Hill

Project Linus—11/25 at 9 am

Thanksgiving Service—11/26, 6:30 @Faith Lutheran Church

**REGISTER NOW:** We are planning a community trip to **Brookfield Zoo** on Sunday 12/8! If we do not have enough people for a bus we will help pay parking and work out carpools. Please register on our website.

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS  
11/26, ONE WEEK LEFT!**

### ★ ♥ **Stars of Hope** ♥ ★

Stars of Hope will be available again this year to help the children at MorningStar Mission so make sure to stop by Hoffman to get stars!

To anyone participating in **Linus Project** or wanting to learn more please join us 11/25 from 9 am to 12.

Warm soup served at 11:30.

Please RSVP with Pat Costion (815)592-4013

Please join us in **decorating the church** on 11/30 from 9 am to approx. 11 am. Snacks are provided! Any questions, please contact Sue Mueller or Pat Costion.

### **Volunteers this Sunday, November 24, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

#### Connection Center:

Jerry Lundeen Sheila Lundeen

#### Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young Kaleigh Belfield

#### Greeters:

Barb Rodgers

#### Acolytes:

Cameron Paul Evan Lundeen

#### Ushers:

Mark Fumagalli Capt. Ed Schultz, Capt.  
Mark Dykema

#### Coffee Fellowship:

Barb Rogers, Capt.

#### Sound Room:

Cliff Stepina

#### Video Screens:

Aaron Warf

**This Sunday we are excited to have another Teen Takeover!** As we prepare to let the teens lead us in worship I ask that he FPJ Family wrap them in prayer for confidence, joy, and excitement. And prepare your hearts also so that we may all be open to the experience that Christ is preparing for us. Being an example is an ageless opportunity to extend the light of Jesus in a dark world. Whether you're 5 to 105 you have a chance to shine the light of Jesus just by living. Always remember as a Christian we may be the only Bible someone reads. Do you think you're living up to that potential?

- Karissa Fleming

**Brookfield Zoo Trip.** We are going on Sunday December 8th, with discounted tickets available! A bus will be available if enough people sign up for it, details will be shared if that is not the case. We need to know now if you would like discounted tickets so sign up now! Don't wait! November 26th is the last day to register!

**Community Thanksgiving Service.** We are worshipping with the Joliet Jewish Congregation, St. John's Baptist Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church for our Community Thanksgiving Service. This year we will be going to Faith Lutheran Church on the corner of Midland and Glenwood Ave. The service is at 6:30 pm on Tuesday November 26th

**Come join us this evening for a wonderful Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner** at 5:30 pm in Hoffman Hall. You will be glad you did!

*Craig*

### Midweek Teen Bible Study:

Tonight we will finish our gratitude lesson after enjoying an amazing turkey dinner. This evening will include a bit of art, so be prepared with some things you are thankful for! Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join our Teen Bible Study on Wednesday nights.

### Confirmation:

There is no Confirmation this Sunday. Reminder to all Confirmands: buy a ticket to the Holiday Magic Zoo trip with your sponsor. This is mandatory attendance!

### Wildfire Youth Group:

There is no Youth Group this Sunday.

## **Our Church Family**

**Known to be in the Hospital:** no one

## **Sunday, November 17- "Extend Gratitude" Psalm 103:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Thanksgiving expands one's horizons, gratitude enlarges the spirit, gratefulness revives the soul, and makes life better. Melody Beattie( author, therapist) writes:

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a full meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, bringing peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Meister Eckhart, theologian, philosopher, and mystic, once said

"If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'thank you' that would suffice."

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." - Carl Bard (Scottish writer, theologian, broadcaster)

"To speak GRATITUDE is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude IS TO TOUCH HEAVEN!"

- Johannes A. Gaertner (poet, theologian, art historian)

Past Sermons are available to hear on our website **and app! Under "Media", then "Sermons"**

<https://www.firstpresjoliet.org/sermons-2/>

## **Poinsettias**

If you would like to purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary, please fill in below and mail to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church—Poinsettias" The deadline for ordering is December 15th.

How many (at \$12/pot):

Our/My Poinsettias are given:

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