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A New Day for The Church – A new Opportunity for you. The Book of Acts, is a letter from Luke to Theophilus, and captures the life of the early church in the light of the resurrection.

**Sunday, May 30th: Acts 10:9-18**

This Sunday I am preaching on Acts 10: 9-18. This is a very important moment for the church, especially for Peter, as he sees God's plan unfolding before his eyes and opening the door of the kingdom to the gentiles. Now we know how important the purity laws were for the Jews and the believers following Jesus. The vision that Peter has, makes him question everything he believed and yet he has the presence of Spirit to be open to what the Lord is speaking to him.

This is an echo of the Old Testament: In those days I will do a new thing- I will send my Spirit to all the people. At times we too become stuck in the old ways, in the old skins of tradition and habit, and yet we know that God wants to do a new thing, that even today God continue to speak and challenge our way of thinking and being.

I hope that we can explore this passage together on Sunday.

**TAILGATE DINNERS ARE BACK!**

Starting 6/2 Tailgate dinners will be every 1st and 3rd Wed. through September. Grab dinner and join us at 6pm in the parking lot across from the front of the church.

We have **1 worship service** with traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online, (YouTube (firstpresjoliet), facebook, our website).

There is one service at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Reservations are required by contacting the office by noon on the Friday before.

# e-News

**May 26, 2021**

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## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Prayers for Mark Fumagalli and Reed Mott.

The list of those we've lost in recent years is available on our homepage.

Birthday calendar is on the website

## **THIS WEEK'S BLOG—BOOK OF ACTS—5/27-6/2**

5/27 Ch. 10:1-33 The Gospel for the Gentiles

5/28 Ch. 10:34-48—Salvation through Faith

5/31 Ch. 11:19-30—Christians in Antioch

6/1 Ch. 12:20-25 Herod Blasphemes and Dies

6/2 Ch. 13:1-43 Set Apart by the Spirit

## **CONFIRMATION—June 6th**

Join our Confirmation class: Kellen House, Aiden Fagan, Roland Frey, Malik Taylor, Cameron Paul. Evan Lundeen

**This will be one of Parish Council's Special Sundays!**

**Meet our class :**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBPXGaSfNlg>

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### **Stewardship Report**

<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>	<b>\$734,307</b>
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>\$99,269</b>
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$67,561</b>

2021-2022 Bequest/Gift Income Received \$0  
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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Bo Mircea, Pastor

This Weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. For the Church this day has been a time for us to pause and remember those that have found their eternal rest in God. Visit our website for the list of those who have passed. This weekend I would encourage you to take sometime remembering those saints and share with those around you one special memory about them. The Scripture remind us that our lives and work here on earth is a witness to those who went before us. It is in that witness that we also find strength to continue to do the good work of the Gospel each and every day.

With June fast approaching I thought I would share with you a couple things that will happen at church that I think you will find encouraging for us:

- The **Church Choir** will get back together with a first performance on June 13th. Ken Meyers is working on all those details, I would encourage you to read his instructions further in the eNews.
- **Tailgate Dinners** are on the calendar. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month we will meet in the parking lot and share fellowship while enjoying hopefully good weather and great company.
- June 6th - **Confirmation Sunday** - what a great way for us to celebrate the faith journey of the 6 young people that went through confirmation class. Please put that date on your calendar and plan to worship with us on that day.

Just a reminder we are now worshipping one service on Sunday morning at 9 am with our capacity up to 150 people. That said there is plenty of room for you to be here on Sunday morning.

See you Sunday.  
Pastor Bo

### **Join our Team of Sunday Morning Greeters!**

We are looking for smiling welcoming faces to greet guests and members arriving for Sunday morning worship. Duties are to open the door for people, greet them and checking names off the reservation list. To cover both entrances at each service, we need 4 greeters every Sunday. If you want to be a part of this important ministry, contact Bob Rudisill

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872-230-9422 [jasminemaxwell@hotmail.com](mailto:jasminemaxwell@hotmail.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The next Drive in Movie is on June 11th! The lost opens at 8pm. A \$5 donation per car goes towards the Joliet Pink Heals.

The film being shown is the new Pinocchio (2020) with Tom Hanks.

### **Last Sundays Sermon**

Last week we hosted Reverend Eric Heinekamp, as he brought the Word of God to Us. Rev. Eric, spoke about Apostle Paul's encounter with Jesus on the way to Damascus and how that encounter turned his life around. One of the main points of the sermon was that while we might not have the same experience as Paul, seeing or hearing God speaking to us directly, God is still seeking for ways to speak and be present in our life. Through the Holy Spirit, that daily guidance we find in the word, becomes more than the voice of God, it becomes an audience with God.

So while we might be looking for guidance or waiting for that miracle encounter, we might need to embrace the quiet of the day or night and make room for God's voice.

All of our virtual Worship Services are available on our YouTube page and website.

### **Vacation Bible School!**

VBS is virtual again this year! Registration is open !

### **CALLING ALL GRADUATES!**

Do you know a graduate? Let us celebrate with you! Check out our website to find the form to fill and send in. We will be creating a Graduate Board again this year. We are very proud of our Graduates!

### **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

Lunches will be Grab and Go, from 6/1—8/17 from 11:45 to 1 pm.

Volunteers are needed. contact Barb Rodgers at [barbrodgers1945@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbrodgers1945@sbcglobal.net) or (708)744-2161

Counts as volunteer hours!

We are planning a choir of **fully vaccinated** choir members for each of the services on June 13 to honor Craig. I am limiting it to 12 people at each service (3 on a part). Some may sing both services and some only one to allow more of you to participate. We will rehearse on the 13th at 8:15 am with every-one. Please contact me [kenmyers54@comcast.net](mailto:kenmyers54@comcast.net) to indicate your desire to be a part of this special choir.

Ken Myers - Choirmaster