



# e-News

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## SERMON PREVIEW

I Believe

### “Sacraments 1: Baptism”

This Sunday we celebrate baptism, and guess what? I will be preaching on baptism! Why is this sacrament so important in the reformed tradition? Why do parents baptize their children? How come we use just a little water and not a river? You know all the things that we talk about baptism. I am sure that your Sip and Sermon - Fireside Room chat will be fun this Sunday. But before we go too far I want to encourage you to write on a piece of paper what your view of baptism is, and why it is so important to you. Also please read John 1 in the context of baptism and being born again.

Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday,

Pastor Bo

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. With Fellowship Coffee hour after service in Hoffman Hall.

### Save the Date! Bible Sunday's Coming Up!

On October 31st, yes on **HALLOWEEN**, it will be **BIBLE SUNDAY!**

Come and pick up a Bible for yourself, your kids, your teens, or anyone you know who might need one.

If you aren't joining us for live worship that morning, you can still drive through our lot at 10 am to get your Bible and some festive goodies at our Rally outside!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for the prayers for Bo's father, please pray for him as he recovers at home

Prayers of healing for Dave Jeffries

Prayers of healing for Joyce Miner

Prayers of healing for Judy Korach

Prayers of healing for Lee Haldorson

## TRICK OR TREATING

On Halloween come join us out front of First Pres to line the sidewalk and hand out some treats for the trick or treaters! Grab a camping chair, some candy, and celebrate with us!

Costumes are encouraged!

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### Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$746,307
Year to Date Income	\$368,284
Year to Date Expenses	\$267,332

Income includes \$58,143 of Employee Retention Credit  
Per Capita: \$38.50

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**Thank you** for your generosity.

**Happy Wednesday!** I can't believe it is the middle of the week already, and I can already see Sunday peeking through. Every week when I write this letter, I pray for you, that as you read this little message your soul will be refreshed and your faith will be renewed. I pray that because I recognize how difficult it is for all of us to stay connected, and to fellowship, especially when some of us are not ready and fully confident about the whole Covid pandemic. I also pray that what we do at church inspires your faith, and helps you connect with the ministry of the church. One last reminder, if you ever feel alone, or just want to talk, please call me. Hope to talk to you soon.

Please remember **Bible Sunday** on Oct 31st, our special day to celebrate Reformation Sunday, by sharing one of the most precious things we have with the new generation: The Word Of God. During the service in the sanctuary and after the service in the parking lot, you will be able to stop by and get a Bible for your kids, teens, yourself, or someone who might need one.

Also, **Trick Or Treat** in front of the church on Sunday Oct 31st from 6 - 7pm. Our neighborhood welcomes tons of kids that night, so I invite you to join us at in sharing candy with them. Bring a chair and lots of candy.

Mark Nov 6th on your calendar for **Saturday Community Breakfast**. YES! You heard that right, we will start serving breakfast again and we hope to see you and maybe someone that you will invite.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Bo

## Sip N Sermons!

Meet us in Fireside each Sunday after service! Grab a coffee, some snacks, and join us for a more in depth discussion on each sermon.

Bring your questions!

## Last Call for Texts on the Text!

I am so excited that we have enough ladies to begin our small group over text!

We will officially begin on Monday. It's not too late to sign up! If you would like to join our texts about Sunday sermons, or other Biblical issues, please email me at [carrie.kapral@firstpresjoliet.org](mailto:carrie.kapral@firstpresjoliet.org).

Pastor Carrie

## Save the Date: PAINT NIGHT

The Women's Ministry team is making plans for a **FUN PAINT NIGHT** on Thursday, December 2nd.

More information is coming soon!

Mark your calendars - you won't want to miss this!

## DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT!

This Saturday! October 23rd!

Lot opens at 6:30

Movie starts at 7 pm!

## Pancake Breakfast is back!

The first Saturday of each month, starting Nov. 6th, the Night Deacons will be serving a pancake breakfast!

The breakfast is free and open to everyone.