



# e-News

November 24, 2021

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## SEASONAL DECORATING!

Come decorate with us and enjoy some coffee and donuts 9 am 11/27!

## POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate poinsettias this Christmas season forms are available in the bulletins. The form is also available on our website, as well as an online donation form with online payment.

## NOTICE FOR PARENTS

We are asking for children who are able to stay in worship and participate in our "Hanging of the Greens"

## NEW YEAR, NEW TIME!

Through the rest of 2021 live worship will continue to be held at 9 am.

Looking forward to January, our worship service time will be moved to 10am.

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

There is one service at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. With Fellowship Coffee hour after service in Hoffman Hall.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of healing for Lee Haldorson

Prayers for Mary Lynn Keir

Prayers for Judy Korach

Prayers of healing for Wayne Zoellick

## STARS OF HOPE

Get in contact with Kris Hayden if you would still like to pick up a star. Make sure you drop your gifts off by the 30th at the latest!

## CALL FOR ACOLYTES

Calling all children kindergarten through 6th grade! We need acolytes for 2022!

More info is on our website

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### Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$746,307
Year to Date Income	\$421,250
Year to Date Expenses	\$332,354

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

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card  
You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

**Thank you** for your generosity.

## **A Prayerful Poem of Thanksgiving**

**by Dr. Jen Stroud**

Thank You, Lord, for the solid roof over our heads

Thank You, Lord, for the comfort of our blankets and our beds

Thank You, Lord, for the sweet giggles of children and their smiles

Thank You, Lord, for nature - beautiful and wild

Thank You, Lord, for a loved one's soft and gentle touch

Thank You, Lord, that a stranger's kindness means so very much

Thank You, Lord, for the blessing of a new start every day

For Your whisper in our souls that all will be ok.

Thank you, Lord, for our dear family and our friends

And that Your faithful love for us will never, ever end

Thank You, Lord, for the food that fills our bodies and our souls

And the Word of God that teaches us to be just and brave and bold.

Thank You, Lord, for Your strength along this sometimes weary way

We realize no matter what we do, You will always stay.

Thank You, Lord, for teaching us to hold those whose hearts are sad

And please stop us, Lord, from judging those we want to see as bad.

Lord, help us to reach out to all and help them to understand...

that we are Your Body born to serve, to lend a helping hand.

Lord, we have learned by following Christ, we have peace and love and joy.

That we are all Your children every man, woman, girl and boy.

Lord, our thankful hearts are so grateful for the blessings of Your love

Now may our faith-filled lives reflect Your light from up above!

In Jesus Holy Name Amen!!!  
Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Pastor Jen and Tim

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

Bring a lunch each Tuesday at noon and come study The Bible with us in room 210!

### **NURSERY REOPENING**

Our nursery is open once again!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **Wednesday Nights are coming back!**

Dinner is going to look a little different, but classes will begin December 1st. 6 –7pm

### **LADIES' PAINT NIGHT OUT!**

Spots are limited so **REGISTER NOW!**  
Check our website for more info.

## **Pancake Breakfast**

Pancake Breakfast will be 12/4The breakfast is free and open to everyone, from 8:30 –10am.