



# e-News

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**Hi! I'm so excited to let you know Sue Fordyce and I will be hosting the women's study at mid-week!**

There are so few opportunities to sit down and really talk about our faith in our day to day lives. Please consider joining us! We will meet three times this month and talk about Advent hope, faith and joy.

The plan is to work together to pull the "how does this apply to me?" from scripture.

Starting in January, we will begin a new, longer study.

**I hope we see you Wednesday evening from 6 - 7!**

Pastor Carrie

## 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), facebook, our website).

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

Each Sunday morning the sermon is livestreamed on our YouTube account @firstpresjoliet

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of healing for Lee Haldorson

Prayers for Mary Lynn Keir

Sympathies to Amber Korach and her family after the loss of her mother, Judy Korach. 12/11 at 11am here at First Pres.

Sympathies to the friends and family of Dian Lake who passed away September 2nd.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIDWEEK

### CLASSES START TONIGHT!

**12/1, FROM 6-7 PM**

WITH A FREE BAG MEAL FOR EVERYONE  
*CLASSES FOR WOMEN, MEN, AND KIDS!*

## **PRAISE YOGA IS BACK!**

Each Tuesday at 7pm and each Thursday at 8:30 am! Come join us in the Narthex!

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### Stewardship Report

<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>	\$746,307
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	\$427,412
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$351,583

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

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER Jen Stroud, Head Pastor

Greetings Beloved Church!

I pray you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! If you are anything like Tim and I the last of the turkey has finally been eaten and your mouth is ready to taste something new. As much as I LOVE Thanksgiving turkey I look forward to something fresh – something different that will wake up my mouth with something special.

In our lives the Lord is that something special. The Word even speaks of God as something tasty that fills us with joy!

“Oh taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the person that trusts in him.”

**Psalm 34:8**

This Sunday we will study the promise God made to us in the beginning – to always love us no matter what terrible choices and wrong turns we may take on this journey called life.

The celebration of the Christmas season at First Pres will be filled with joy! The music, the preaching, and the Christmas Carols will be mighty tasty. And our smiling eyes above our masks will tell everyone how their presence in our lives is a present we truly treasure. I treasure all of you and I look forward to being in your presence and seeing your smiling eye crinkles dear friends.

-Jennifer Stroud

**LUNCH BUNCH**

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

**Pancake Breakfast**

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

**Personal Note from Pastor Bo and Parents to our 1st Pres Family**

Over the past months you have been a part of our journey with its ups and down, as Dad was in and out of the hospital. Your prayers and words of encouragement, and support, are something that we cherish so much. As a family we feel connected to each one of you through the prayers and encouragement we felt at all time. Dad is home, and he is up and about, almost like his old self, but on oxygen. Mom is happy to have him home and to see him doing well. We continue to pray for a full recovery from the double Pneumonia and the additional side-effects of the COVID. But we are hopeful. Again thank you for being close to us even if we are miles away.

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

It's hard to believe it's already December! Don't forget the Christmas Youth Group Party is this Sunday, Dec 5, from 6-8pm! Bring your non-perishable and get ready for tasty food, festive fun, and prizes!

**CALL FOR ACOLYTES**

Calling all children kindergarten through 6th grade! We need acolytes for 2022! More info is on our website