



e-News

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VBS NEXT WEEK!

Save the Date: June 20th through 24th!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE THIS THURSDAY
JUNE 15TH**

Registration will be available in-person Monday morning, but you won't want to miss any of the fun so
REGISTER NOW!

VOLUNTEERS: Don't forget our meeting tonight 6/15 at 6pm, and our meeting on Sat 6/18 at 9 am! Plan for both!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of health for Donna Hudak.

Prayers of health and recovery for Kaleigh Belfield.

Prayers of health, recovery, and good news for Mark Morrison following his surgery.

Prayers of healing for Jan Weber.

Prayers of healing for Judy Jordan.

Prayers of health and recovery for our custodian Jody's daughter Melissa.



Philippians 4:6-7 Prayer Group

Next Meeting: June 17th at 9:30 am

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

You can support this amazing ministry by helping spread the word, and by stopping in and donating your time !

The program operates from 11:30 am to 1pm through August 16th (M-F) Come join us!

Night at the Ballpark!

Parish Council is hosting a night out at a Joliet Slammers Baseball Game!

July 22nd—Game starts at 6:35

Cheer on the Joliet Slammers alongside your faith family! Enjoy a fireworks show after the game too!

Tickets are \$5 each and can be bought on Sunday morning, and through the office.

Sunday School with Pastor Jen

Class will resume back on June 26th.

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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$111,811
Year to Date Expenses	\$134,644

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Hi friends!

Can you believe it is already mid-June? VBS is right around the corner and, believe it or not, Session is already looking toward back to church Sunday in September! Life just keeps right on moving along, both in and out of the church.

In the church, we have entered the liturgical season known as ordinary time. The color for ordinary time is green and, well, nothing BIG and CELEBRATORY tends to happen. Except that, well, Jesus is still with us. We still get to do our ministries like VBS, the lunch program, the mini food pantry, raising funds for Angel House Ministries. We still get to have fun doing things like attending Slammers baseball games and getting together for fun and fellowship. We gather to worship, sing, pray and learn. We visit one another, encourage one another, care for one another. Maybe there's nothing ordinary about this time at all!

I'm preaching this Sunday on Acts 4:1-13. In this text we learn that, while Jesus is the cornerstone, he chooses to do miraculous and important things through ordinary people. Like me. And like you. In Acts 4:13, we read "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." Their courage came from Jesus, the cornerstone. The works flowed out of their regular, ordinary lives. Same goes for us.

I'm looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. If you can't join us in person, be sure to drop in online. Stay cool and hydrated in the meantime!

Peace,

Pastor Carrie

PS - Happy Father's Day to all the dads and all the men who raise, mentor, and love children. God has called you, in the midst of your ordinary and busy life, to set a Christ centered example for all of God's people. Thank you!

A Note from Pastor Bo

I wonder if heaven has air-con? That sounds like a question that we all could ask today. But here is the crazy thing, in just a few more months we will complain about being cold. And just like that we are reminded that being thankful and living a life of gratitude is what we are called to do. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* - The reality of life is simple, things are not perfect, things do not always go our way, and yet somewhere in all of us there is a strength that some will understand. When you look at Paul's life, you get the feeling that no matter what the circumstance was, good or bad, he was able to fall back on his faith. That is what I want to encourage you to think about today: your faith, your foundation, and what role does that play in your life?

This week Pastor Jen is out of town on vacation and Pastor Carrie is preaching, and I find myself getting excited about next week. Tonight we will have our first VBS volunteer training, and on Saturday we will start working on decorations. And since nothing is "normal" these days, our decorating week (normally this week) is turning into something like decorating hour. You see there is a wedding on Saturday, and because of that we will be decorating the sanctuary and narthex on SUNDAY MORNING AT 8 AM. I hope we will have it finished before the start of the service, if not we can sing as a congregation and decorate.

Last week Session met and here are some notes:

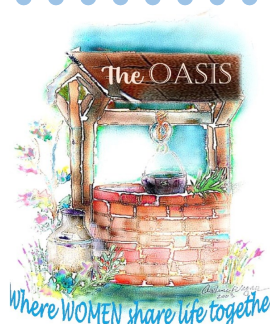
Growth and Worship: presented their report on a second service at First Pres. Session will continue to pray and think about the way to engage this vision.

Parish : There are lots of fun things coming this Summer. Mark your calendar for July 22nd for a Night At The Ballpark, and Sep 18th for Back to Church Picnic.

Mission: With help from the VBS Mission Project, we hope to finalize the Angel House project for the year and honor our commitment by the end of the month.

One more thing. The Bible is indeed water for our hearts and souls, but our bodies need hydration. Please stay thirsty and hydrated my friends.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo



COMING SOON!
**Keep an eye out for
more information on
this exciting ministry!**