



e-News

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SAVE THE DATE

Back to Church Celebration Picnic and Fair

Sunday September 18th

Keep an eye out for more information!

CALLING ALL MOMS OF KIDS

AGE 12 AND YOUNGER

Please come to Pastor Carrie's house on Monday, August 8, from 5:30 - 7:30. No pressure, no agenda, just conversation, food, and laughter (hopefully lots!)

Text Carrie at 815-919-8714 to let her you know you will be there and get the details!

OASIS: WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Dear Ladies of First Pres,

Welcome to the Oasis, where women share life together. The women's ministry team (Pastor Carrie, Kris Hayden, and Jackie Brooks) cordially invites you to a vision casting gathering on Sunday, July 31, 2022, immediately following worship.

This ministry is **FOR YOU**. Please come and help us cast a vision for this ministry. During the year, we pray we can provide fellowship fun, learning events and service opportunities. Our question for you is - what fun, learning and service will fill your heart?

We hope to see you, for about an hour, on July 31. There will be a light lunch, door prizes and laughter. If you have any questions, or if you cannot be there on the 31st but have a vision to share, please contact Pastor Carrie at carrie.kapral@firstpresjoliet.org or at 815-919-8714.

Peace be with each of you!
Jackie Brooks, Kris Hayden, and Carrie Kapral

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers for Davida Ringhofer who is in the hospital.

Prayers and sympathies to the friends and family of Doris Alderson who passed on Sunday. A visitation will be held at FPJ at 10 am Friday 7/29 following with a Celebration of Life at 11am.

PHILIPPIANS PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be August 2nd at 6pm, and then August 19th at 9:30 am. No pressure, no obligation, just community and prayer. This is a great time to join us if you haven't already.

All are welcome!

CALL FOR BELL RINGERS

Our Glory Ringers are looking for a few new members to join their ministry. If you are interested or have any questions please reach out.

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is starting next Sunday!

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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$191,682
Year to Date Expenses	\$195,087

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

Hi! I hope this day finds you well and that you have had time to enjoy these July summer days. As we ease into August, we are continuing our look at the Book of Acts. For the next several Sundays, we will be thinking about the cultural implications of the gospel – way back in the early days of the church and now.

This Sunday we are learning about Peter's interaction with a Roman in Acts 10:23b-35. Contextually, most early Christians were Jewish and for the most part, they were not too eager to bring the gospel to the gentiles - "the other" guy. But God called Peter to bring Jesus to as many people as he could, Jew and gentile alike. This is what we need to think about as we live our faith today. Who is the other? How do we bring the good news of Jesus to the other?

On another note:

A reminder - all women of the church are invited to gather in the Fireside room after worship this Sunday to vision cast for our women's ministry. **PLEASE** plan to attend this very short time together. We will have a light lunch, distribute some door prizes and, most importantly, dream about what our women's ministry will look like. If you cannot join us, and you have some ideas for fellowship, learning opportunities, or service/ministry ideas, please email me at carrie.kapral@firstpresjoliet.org to let me know what they are. Ladies, this ministry is **FOR YOU** and we want to nourish your souls.

Also - to all the **MOMS OF CHILDREN AGES 12 AND YOUNGER:**

You are invited to my home on August 8 at 5:30 pm to get to know one another, share some food, and just hang out and chat. Please text me at 815-919-8714 to let me know you can come. I will have the food - please just bring a beverage (or 2) of your choice. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Peace,

Pastor Carrie

Hi First Pres,

Do you ever have a day that you look back at it and you think 'WOW that was fun!'. This past Friday was one of those days for me, and here is why: I had ice cream with the youth folks from VBS and then went to a baseball game with the whole Church later in the evening. I believe that game on Friday was the highest scoring baseball game I've ever attended, with ten runs in one inning. Now I am not a baseball expert, but that was a good game. The second part of that is that I got to socialize with some of our folks that came out, and even meet some new people.

At the end of the day it all makes sense to me why this was such a good night. It is because it was a third place, a place outside our confined definitions, a place that welcomes and allows people to get to know each other. As people of faith we are called to create these places, where we invite people in, where we talk and do life outside the confinement of Sunday Morning worship.

Do you have a favorite third place? Maybe a park that you take your daily walks, a coffee shop, and ice cream parlor, or whatever that place might be it will become a great opportunity to share that call of: Come and meet Jesus.

This Friday we will be celebrating Doris Alderson's life at Church. There will be a Visitation from 10 am followed by a Service at 11 am. I invite you to come and share in the memories you have of Doris but also into the eternal promise of life everlasting in Christ Jesus.

I pray that His grace will find you well and give you the strength and joy you need to make it to Sunday when we can rejoice in God's presence as a congregation.

See you Sunday,

Blessings,
Pastor Bo Mircea