

**November 9th, 2022**

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## ADVENT DECORATING

Saturday Nov. 26th @ 9am

Stop in and lend a hand in decorating our building for the celebration of Advent!



**Many thanks to our OASIS Women's Ministry and the women of First Pres for such a fun and festive Bingo Night!**

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday November 22nd at 7pm

First Pres is proud to host not only our own congregation but folks from other places of worship in our community. The worship service will start at 7pm, childcare will be available. After worship there will be a fellowship time with refreshments from our Night Deacons.

A special collection will be taken at this service and will be donated to St. John's Food Pantry and Lebanon Food Pantry.

## MICRO PANTRY

Sunday mornings are the perfect opportunity to donate some non-perishable foods for our Micro Pantry! It's easy to grab a few things to bring with you to worship, and just put them in the blue bins inside the door. Our volunteers will take care of the stocking on a set schedule.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of continued recovery for Rich Pool

Prayers of healing for Keith Farr

Prayers of healing for John Savage

Prayers of recovery for Emmie Ostrem

Sympathies are extended to Addie Saltzman and family on the passing of her father, Charles Saltzman.

The memorial service for Charles will be held here at First Pres this Saturday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Sympathies to Judy Turner on the passing of her brother Marlin, yesterday.

Judy would like to thank everyone for the prayers and well wishes for him this past week.

**The November Birthday Calendar is available on our website**

## SAVE THE DATE

Oasis: Women's Ministry will be hosting their next event on December 2nd from 6:30-8:30. Mark your calendars!

*"Let's Get Cheffin" at Fit Foundation*

*For \$20 a person you will make your own take-n- bake cauliflower crust pizza. Our chefs can expect snacks, drinks, and fellowship!*

*Registration will be open soon*

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**Stewardship Report**

<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>	<b>\$772,600</b>
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>\$321,576</b>
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$385,554</b>

Per Capita: \$40.00

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.**

This year we host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm. Ken will meet with the choir at 6pm to rehearse for the service. This service is another sign of our moving forward after the serious distractions of COVID 19 and all. There is an addition to our shared Thanksgiving. This year we will hear three lay persons' thoughts on Thankfulness. I pray that you will mark your calendar for this ecumenical service including our church, Faith Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian, St. John's Missionary Baptist and Joliet Jewish Congregation.

Luke 21:5-19 is the focal text for this coming Sunday. We will hear our Lord's words concerning the Temple in Jerusalem and the events to come. There are three surprising imperative verbs in this passage which continue to speak to us today. How do we respond to our Lord's directions?

Again I want to extend an invitation to the Sunday morning adult Bible study time. We meet in the Fireside Room and discuss the context and background materials within the focal text each week. This week we will discuss the Jerusalem Temple(s). How does Jesus address that huge immovable land mark? After 70 A.D., what took the place of the destroyed Temple? We look forward to our time together.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Roy

### **CHILDREN'S MUSIC CLASS & PERFORMANCE**

Children in Grades Pre-K thru 8th grade will be singing during church Sunday, November 13. They will be rehearsing Wednesday, November 9 at 5:30.

If your child can't attend the practice, but would like to perform on Sunday and earn a light saber, meet us Sunday, Nov. 13 at 9:45 am in the handbell room outside the Narthex by the sanctuary to learn the motions to "This Little Light of Mine". Students will file in with me and sit in the second row of the sanctuary ready to perform. After they perform, they will go upstairs to room 201 for the lesson and time to play the Orff instruments and make music. I will collect the light sabers after performing until parents pick their child(ren) up in room 201, then children may take light sabers home to keep.

### **A Note from Pastor Bo**

I would like to start Thanksgiving a little earlier this season. I think, as some of you might also think, that we rush from Halloween to Christmas, from decorations, to all the seasonal stuff in the store, it's almost like Thanksgiving is just a one day sale for turkeys. So here is my Thanksgiving thoughts for this week:

I am thankful to God for receiving His grace. Each day on this side of the grass is a sign of God's grace. From the early morning fresh cold crisp air, to the light of a full moon, God's grace is there. Some days, it is very easy to recognize it and embrace it. Some days it is much harder to see it. Once in a while you might run into someone that reminds you of what grace means, and some days you might be reminded of what it means to be grace filled.

#### **Hebrews 4:16**

*"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

As we near close to Thanksgiving let us take time to contemplate and receive the Grace of God in a fresh way and embrace the call that God has for us.

### **What's Happening at 805 Western this week:**

1. This last weekend The Night Deacons hosted the monthly breakfast. If you have never experienced this ministry I would encourage you to do so. We had a great crowd of people that came out, and I can tell you it is not just about the food. It is about the relationships, about sharing care and concerns. You can put the next Breakfast on your calendar for December 3rd.

2. Thanksgiving Service is shaping up for Nov 22nd. Combined Choirs will meet at 6 pm, and worship service at 7 pm followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. More details to follow.

3. Kids are singing this Sunday. If you are a parent please plan to bring the kids at 9:45 am on Sunday for a last minute run through.

4. Watch your mail in the coming weeks for the Advent Devotional for adults and kids.

See you in church on Sunday,

Blessings,  
Bo

### **Poinsettias**

*Poinsettia donations will be open soon, keep an eye on our website*