



e-News

October 11th, 2023
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MIDWEEK:

Midweek Dinner and Classes each Wednesday!
 We have Kids Music, Kid's Bible Lessons, Dinner for everyone,
 Rec time for kids, and Bible Studies for adults.
 Kid's Lessons at **5pm**, Dinner at **6pm**, with Adult Bible Study
 and Kid's Rec Time afterwards

Church Family

Prayers of health and recovery for Helen Steinberg's siblings Judi,
 with her recent surgery, and Jim after a recent cancer diagnosis.
 Continued prayers of healing for Don and Mary Caisley's grandson
 Aaron.
 Continued prayers of health and healing for Keith Farr.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 10/15/23

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Reed Mott, Estella
 Jurkovich
COFFEE: Al Brooks
LITURGIST: Michael Krueger
ACOLYTE: Abel DeNieuwe
SOUND: Keith LeVasseur

TRUNK N TREAT

Oct. 25th 6 –7:30pm

Come one come all to this Halloween celebration that is
 so fun it's scary! Kids of all ages can don their costumes
 and trick or treat through our lot of decorated trunks. In
 addition to trick or treating, families can expect games,
 hot food, a bounce house, and even a petting zoo!

Dear friends,

Thank you for arranging to bring Beth and me so many
 delicious meals, and a chance to visit with special friends. The
 visits have been a chance to keep in touch while I can't attend
 in-person. Many years ago, Will and I took meals to shut-ins
 and always enjoyed seeing them.

Blessings! Joyce Miner.

This is a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating as
 we will have members of the Joliet Police Department
 present and participating for the whole event.

**GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND REGISTER TODAY TO
 RESERVE YOUR TRUNK SPOT**

Children's Church Corner

Faith Word: FAITH— *to believe in God's presence & to hope.*

Lesson for Sun. 10/15: 'Abraham's Visitors' - *Genesis 18:1-14*

Bible Verse: *"The Lord carried out just what he had
 promised." - Genesis 12:21*

Lesson for Wed. 10/11: God Comforts Elijah—*1 Kings 19:1-18*

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Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$299,436
Year to Date Expenses	\$285,146
Per Capita	\$42.00

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The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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The Mission Study Report is nearing completion. More details to come soon.

A Letter from Transitional Pastor Roy Backus

A few years ago I began short radio announcements on the LaSalle Peru rock channel and then on the Morris Rock radio station. They were 60 seconds long, and I would begin, "Got 60 seconds? Here's just a minute!" After the introduction I'd bring a 60 second thought. Here's an example:

Got sixty seconds. Here's just a minute. I'm Pastor Roy Backus. Some years ago I went to visit my Momma in Texas. Everyone kept telling me I should fly, but my younger sister and I enjoy the drive. We talk about our growing up years, our family, and all sorts of stuff. These free floating conversations often move us to talk about situations when one of us really helped the other see life in new way. Once I spoke of some significant times when Jan woke me up to realities which had slipped past me. When I reminded her of those helpful times; she couldn't remember them! It was amazing. Then she told me about a couple of times when I actually helped her. I couldn't remember those occasions either.

All this remembering and not remembering helped us see how people truly help one another – without even knowing it! I believe it's God's way of giving through each other, at just the right time, in just the right way.

Have you remembered and thanked someone for saying the right thing, at the right time, to help you in your life? Do it. It's a wonderful start.

Thanks for taking just a minute. I'm pastor Roy Backus, of First Presbyterian Church.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Roy

P.S. Sunday Next, a Southern expression for Sunday after the coming one, i.e. October 22, Lindsay Gordon, our new Director of Children's and Youth Ministries will be with us. We will celebrate our present Youth and Children's teams along with her. Lindsay is a trained, gifted and experienced leader. We are blessed to have her.

Associate Pastor, Bo Mircea

Father Abraham had many kids, many kids had father Abraham! Ok, now that I have you singing let's think about that for a second. We absolutely love the story, whole redemption arc, the faithfulness of God coming through and the list can go on for a while. But, I think we miss a very important part of that whole deal, is the part where God is holding Abraham accountable for his actions. God said to Abraham: I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. And when brother Abraham does not keep his end of the deal, God still stays true to his part. And yet there is a crucial moment in the development of this story, when God asks Abraham to recommit and rededicate himself and so the circumcision, the Abrahamic covenant is born. Have you had that type of "come to Jesus" moment in your life? I would encourage you to reflect on your faith journey, maybe read the Abraham story again, come Sunday, and be open to renewing your own covenant with the Lord.

Happening on 805 Western:

- Busy, **busy week** all around with lots of council meetings, Session, and activities planned. Please pray for the people serving this church, that their hearts and passion for God and the ministry of this church will bring people closer, and closer to the Lord.

- **Trunk and Treat** is coming fast, in just two weeks (Oct. 25th) we will have the parking lot open to all the kids in our neighborhood and their families. This is where you shine, by being hospitable and welcoming through your service and love. Let us know in the front office how we can help you get involved in this ministry this year.

- **Bible Sunday** is coming up on October 29th. We will celebrate the impact of the Word of God in the lives of many people of all ages, and possibly gift a seed of faith to the next generation.

Enjoy this great fall day (or sweater weather as I like to call it),
Looking forward to see you on Sunday in worship,
Pastor Bo

A NOTE ON OUR ORGAN

The organ upgrade from 3.5 floppy computer to new computer with USB is finished and fully paid for! This is how we are able to enjoy the organ when we don't have a live organist to play. The upgrade was paid for with the \$5000 in the organ fund, private donations, and memorials. If you have any information of the history of the organ or pictures inside the church before the sanctuary was flipped, please send that to the church office.

Watch our livestream from 9/24 at 10:40 to see the presentation I made about organ update.

NOW - The Organ Fund needs to be replenished for future repairs and upgrades. As God Guides You AFTER your weekly offerings: Special Organ Fund Donations are appreciated.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

A GIANT THANK YOU TO BEV ADELMANN FOR MAKING ALL OF THE ORGAN RECORDINGS FREE!! This Sunday, come hear Bev play her beautiful music LIVE!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE ORGAN UPGRADE!



To God Be the Glory!
Sarah Randolph on behalf of Worship Council