



e-News

April 17th, 2024

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DINNER OUT

April 18th at 6pm

Meet at Agave Azul
330 W North St in Manhattan
Contact Carol Kline (815-630-7099)
to be included in the reservation.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

April 20th 9am to 11am

First Pres is excited to announce a Blessing of the Pets. Saturday April 20th, on the front lawn, near the marquee. Join us outside as we bless the animals that enrich our lives! All types of pets are welcome (with leash or appropriate container, please), and will receive a token to commemorate the blessing. Treats will be provided for pets and humans alike.

WHY30 AXE THROWING

April 20th 3pm

All of our young-ish adults are invited to an afternoon of axe throwing at Master Axe Throwing in Bolingbrook. Closed toe shoes required, \$24 pp for an hour. If time allows, dinner will follow. RSVP with Michael K (708) 846-9056, or Kaleigh B (815) 690-6075

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Stewardship Report

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$48,214
Year to Date Expenses	\$31,754
Per Capita	\$43.00

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.

Church Family

Prayers of relief and recovery for Lindsay Gordon as she suffers through an intense prolonged migraine.

Prayers requested for the healing of Anna Jean Wilhelms, daughter of Carol (Randolph) and Nathan Wilhelms and Granddaughter of Sarah and Craig Randolph to be born about May 30, 2024.

Prayers of health and recovery for:

Cindy Warf, Al Brooks, Estella Jurkovich, Sheila Lundeen

Sympathy to Lynn McGee and family on the passing of her mom, June Siddon. Visitation Friday April 19, 10am-noon; Funeral service at noon at Dames Funeral Home, Joliet.

Sympathy to Lynn Countryman and family on the passing of her mom, Dorothy Olson. Visitation Friday April 19, 10am-1pm; Funeral service at 1 pm at Overman-Jones Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Congratulations to Kaleigh Belfield and Michael Krueger on their engagement.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 4/21/24

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Mark Fumagalli, Mark Dykema, Scherrie Sanchez

COFFEE: Barb Rodgers

LITURGIST: Joe Boyd

ACOLYTE: Jillian Penhale

SOUND: Cliff Stepina

VIDEO: Drew Penhale

Children's Church Corner

Faith Word: SHARE: To offer God's blessings to others.

Lesson for Sun. 4/21: 'Believers Share' Acts 4:32-3

Bible Verse: "The community of believers was one in heart and mind." Acts 4:32a

Lesson for Wed. 4/17: 'The Parable of the Great Feast' Luke 14:15-24

The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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First Pres has posted our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website to be matched with potential candidates for Senior Pastor. Please continue to pray for the committee as we search for the person God has for our church.

A letter from Acting Head Pastor Bo Mircea

I would like to invite you to come to church this Sunday and "Meet Jesus for the very first time". Who Jesus is, is so important to us. It is important to us because everything we do as people of faith, as Christians, starts with the confessions: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:13-16) - just as Peter confessed. Now, there is much to be said about who Jesus is, or is not. Sometimes, we might even think that we know "What Jesus Would DO", in part because we are raised with a very personal and friendly description of Christ. I would like to take this coming Sunday to reintroduce Jesus to you as the scriptures talk about him, as He talks about himself. I pray that your heart will be filled with excitement and curiosity and that as we worship on Sunday we will all be blessed by the risen Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

Happening at 805 Western

- **Saturday April 20th 9am-11am** - IT IS HAPPENING! The **Pet Blessing** is here. We are looking forward to sharing some fellowship and a time of blessing with you and your pets. Donuts & coffee will be available for the humans and treats for all the 🐱🐶🐰🐣🐤

- **Saturday April 27th - Craft and Vendor Fair** will be hosted here at First Pres. Part of the proceeds are going to support the youths we sponsor at Angel House, as well as our own Helping Hands meal ministry. More information is available on our website, or call Kris Hayden if you have any questions.

- **Sunday Mornings 9:00 am** - There is lots of room around the table during our Life Group. We are talking about the Westminster Catechism and exploring some of the questions. I would say we have a pretty good time, and you should stop by.

Have a great week and see you around this weekend.

MORNINGSTAR MISSION LADIES' LUNCHEON

April 21st 1pm

Jacob Henry Mansion's Ballroom

Individual tickets \$25

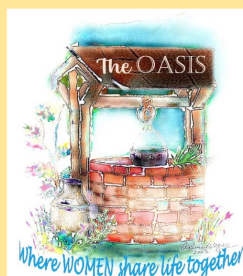
Visit morningstarmission.org

or contact Erin Shade at (815-722-5780)

(directorofdevelopment@morningstarmission.org)

WELCOME BACK— GETTING 2 KNOW U

**Oasis Women's Ministry
6/9th 11:30am-1:30pm**



Ladies are invited to kick off bringing back Oasis Women's Ministry by enjoying a nice lunch, fellowship and fun after worship.

VBS 2024

June 24th –28th

Registration is open! Volunteers and participants can sign up on our website today!

A letter from Director of Children and Youth Ministries Lindsay Gordon

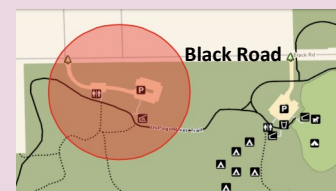
Hello everyone!

I hope you all have had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful sunshine that we've had over the weekend. Seeing the tulips blooming and the buds returning to the trees fills my heart with a lot of joy!

We've got a lot of exciting things coming up, that I certainly hope you can be a part of! First, I hope you can join us this Saturday at the Blessing of the Pets, out on the front lawn from 9-11am. Pets of all kinds are welcome, as long as they arrive leashed or in an appropriate container. We'll have treats for dogs, cats, and humans, and we would love to be able to greet and pray over the special pets that enrich all our lives!

Also, our youth group has a special gathering coming up this Sunday. We'll be meeting at Hammel Woods - specifically the Crumby Recreation Area off of Black Road. This is a separate

entrance on Black Road from the dog park area. Please see the map for clarification. We'll still gather from 6-8pm, and we'll have our continued discussion of Philippians accompanied by some outdoor games. See you there!



Reminder that VBS registration for kids and volunteers is now open! Please let me know if you have any questions.

In Christ,
Lindsay Gordon

FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Starting June 3rd

Mon-Fri 11:30am-1pm

This ministry provides healthy and free lunches for kids who might otherwise rely on school lunches.

If you are interested in supporting this ministry please reach out to Barb Rodgers.

SPRING FEVER CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

April 27th 9am-2pm

30+ Crafters and Vendors expected on site

Special prize drawings | Snack Café

Interested crafters & vendors can find more info on our website, or by contacting Kris Hayden.

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING

Here is the list of items we are asking for to help with the Snack Cafe - (proceeds to benefit Angel House)

- Canned Soda:
Pepsi/Diet Pepsi, Coke/Diet Coke, Sprite
- Bottled Water
- Lays Classic Potato Chips - individual servings
- Fritos Corn Chips - individual servings - (for chili)

A volunteering shift schedule sign up is available in Hoffman Hall.