



# e-News

July 10th, 2024  
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## YOUTH GROUP OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

July 10th Meet at 7pm

Outdoor Movie Night will be in Matt and Laura Pritz's backyard, on the other side of the FPJ parking lot.

## SLAMMERS BASEBALL GAME

July 19th at 6:35

Home game

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Summer is a hiatus for the Chancel Choir. This creates a need for volunteers to provide special music during services in July (and likely August). If you have the necessary skills to perform **either vocally or instrumentally** and wish to volunteer your talents, **please contact the office**. If your piece is accompanied, you need to give a copy of your music to Beth Maurer ahead of time for her to practice. And you need to arrange a time to go through your piece with Beth prior to your service performance. The image we project as a church includes the talents we display through our music. So, your contributions can reach both those attending our services and those tuning in online. "Don't hide your light under a bushel" to paraphrase Luke. Here is one more way to witness to a world that needs to hear the message!!

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### Stewardship Report

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$152,142
Year to Date Expenses	\$141,623
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 for Lindsay Gordon as her migraine persists.

### Prayers of health and healing for:

Sheila Lundeen, Al Brooks, Pat Haldorson, George Redman, Barb Huey following surgery, Jeannette Miller following her injury, Ezequiel Diaz following injury, and Holly Cowgill following recent surgery, Al Benson on his upcoming surgery, Mark Fumagalli, and prayers for Maureen Fumagalli

Pray for baby Anna Jean who has almost reached the weight to qualify for her heart surgery.

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Ann Barbini on her recent passing. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Woodlawn Cemetery, 23060 West Jefferson St., Joliet.

## SUNDAY SERVANTS 7/14/24

**PREACHING:** Craig Herr

**USHERS:** Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Mark Morrison, Joe Boyd

**COFFEE:** Nola Boyd

**LITURGIST:** Emma Sticklen

**ACOLYTE:** Rylie Blaser

**SOUND:** Rich Pool

**VIDEO:** Todd Hayden

**MUSICIANS:** Susan Pemble, Aubrey Herr, Bev Adelman

**HYMN SING:** Craig Herr

## Children's Church Corner

**Faith Word: BELONG**— To know you are accepted and included in God's family.

**Lesson for Sun. 7/14:** 'Mephibosheth' 2 Samuel 9:1-13

**Bible Verse:** "For you all are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28b

## The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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We have received and reviewed the first 30 applicants and requested additional information from the top candidates. We are also requesting additional matches through the CLC system. Your PNC is working diligently to access and review perspective applicants in order to find the person best suited for First Pres.

*A letter from Acting Head Pastor Bo Mircea*

As I am writing this today, the front office is filled with giggles and laughter, because we have one of our little visitors and his parents visiting after dropping off their older kid for mission week. I love this little moment in time, because in so many ways it captures the essence of what we are as a church: a place where we come and fellowship, we do life together and it feels like you are around the table at your mom’s house. That is quite a vision for the church! A place where everyone feels welcomed and safe, where generations of people come and make this place their place, and find ways to grow in their faith, and service. It is an amazing thing to experience that noise the kids make during VBS, or when they are playing around the church, or are in their classroom on Sunday. And some days my prayer is as simple as this: May this whole church be abuzz everyday with God’s love reaches us in so many ways.

**Happening at 805 Western:**

- This week our **kids and youth** are out and about **servicing at different local missions**. As I was walking back from lunch I heard, “Hey Pastor Bo, I am going to Feed my Starving Children!” And the smiles that followed say a lot about how important this is.
- Tomorrow night **Session** is meeting at our regularly scheduled time. I would continue to encourage you to pray for the leaders of this church as they serve and give of themselves to God at this time.
- As Summer is slowing down a bit, there are a couple of **fellowship opportunities** for us: Dinner Out Group (more details below), and the Slammers Baseball Game.
- We continue to look for a **Contemporary Worship Vocal Leader**, and if you follow us on social media I would encourage you to share the posting so the news can spread.
- Have you heard about the new **ice maker**? It is quite a beauty to behold, and even more useful than it looks. Big thank you to the Night Deacons, and Parish Council for purchasing and installing this in the kitchen. Also, Highland Plumbers, out of Crest Hill, came and donated the installation of the machine, saying how much they appreciate the work this church does for the people around. And while we normally do not pray for icemaker machines, this time I say: Lord keep this machine working and keeping our drinks cold for many years to come.

See you on Sunday,

Blessings,  
Pastor Bo

*A letter from Director of Children and Youth Ministries Lindsay Gordon*

Hello everyone!

It wouldn’t be the Midwest without some random fireworks still happening well after Independence Day, am I right? My neighbors are still having a blast with theirs. (You all know I love my puns!)

Well, now it’s our student ministry’s turn to shine! Missions Week is underway, and we’ve got a crew of five wonderful students, along with Matt Raddatz volunteering to chaperone, coming together to serve the community. We kicked off the week at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and we’ll be heading to Feed My Starving Children today. We’ll close out the week tomorrow at MorningStar Mission, but with the knowledge that the bonds of fellowship and friendship that come through serving the community together will continue to grow stronger.

Following Missions Week, our students will have our Pool Day at the Pritz home on the 24th! In August, we’ll have two more summer events - our Brookfield Zoo day on August 7th and our Haunted Trails evening on August 14th. There is still so much summer left to enjoy, and I’m excited to enjoy it with you!

In Christ,  
Lindsay Gordon



**Pictured:**

**Top**-Members of the FPJ Youth Group volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank



**Middle and Below**- Youth Group members on their way to serve at Feed My Starving Children today



**DINNER OUT GROUP**

**July 18th at 6pm**

Meet at McWethy’s in Romeoville  
Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

**FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

**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.