



e-News

September 25th, 2024
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MIDWEEK

5-6pm SOAR HIGH—register online today!
 Kids age 3 –8th grade will have a Bible lesson and related art lessons, games, and other activities
 Kids 5yrs—8th grade will also have singing & instrument lessons

6pm—Fellowship dinner for all

6:45pm—Adult Bible Study and kids rec time

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Sheila Lundeen, Al Brooks, Mark Fumagalli, Jean Smietanski, Klint DeGeus, Jody Farr, and Jeannette Miller.

Pray for baby Anna Jean as she awaits her heart surgery.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of longtime member Judy Jordan who passed away. No services are planned at this time.

SOAR HIGH SINGING THIS SUNDAY

The "Soar High" Children's Chorus will be singing for the FIRST time Sunday, September 29th. The children will be reminding us to be careful and guard what we: see, hear, say, do, where we go, what we think, and who our heart follows. Each week the children learn and Wonder about: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Heaven, Miracles and the purpose of our Life. Please welcome the children and their families. Join them for refreshments in Hoffman Hall after the service.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Are you interested in our Handbell Choir, the Glory Ringers? Would you like to try ringing a handbell? Reach out to Susan Pemble or the church office to learn more, or arrange a time to try out the bells, no commitment required.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 9/29/24

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Laura House, Dale Mullen
COFFEE: Jasmine Keir
LITURGIST: Evan Lundeen
ACOLYTE: Jillian Penhale
SOUND: Keith LeVasseur
VIDEO: Drew Penhale

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Stewardship Report

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$245,474
Year to Date Expenses	\$253,386
Per Capita	\$43.00

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Children's Church Corner

Faith Idea: Faith in God, what does it mean to you?

Lesson for Sun. 9/29: God Creates Through Grace—*Jonah 1-3*

Bible Verse: "We are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things." *Ephesians 2:10*

The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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The PNC is has completed interviews with the top candidates and is moving forward with the next steps. Your prayers are appreciated as we continue to diligently work for the future ministry of First Pres.

A letter from Acting Head Pastor Bo Mircea

So, as you know we have been looking at the Parables of Jesus, and this Sunday it so happens to be the Parable of the Great Pearl on the docket. Now, this is quite an interesting parable to tell because it speaks to the things that are really of value in anyone's life. Here's where the fun begins; I was reading my devotions and guess what, this was the Bible verse for today:

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"—Luke 9:25.

Now that got me thinking. What is really so precious or of value, that would make anyone lose their way? You know the saying: Everyone has a price. I remember watching Lord of the Rings, and seeing Frodo struggle with the temptation of the ring. And how it got harder and harder for him as he walked to Mordor. So, the question for the week becomes: What will protect me, and keep on the path the Lord loves, and what is of real value to me?

Matthew 13:44-46 (and maybe the whole chapter) will make a great reading and challenge for our devotional this week. I am looking forward to this Sunday's worship as the Soar High kids will be joining us. This should be fun, a good day to celebrate life, God's life, in our congregation.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo Mircea

Happening at 805 Western, another great week of ministry!

- This Sunday please stop by to say hello, **Gaby Temko and Raquel Canava** as they are **joining in our music ministry**. Gaby will help Michael and Beth in leading music in worship. Raquel is working with the kids on Wednesday nights. Pray for the Lord to bless their ministry and gifts along the way, and for us to be able to support them as they follow the Lord's lead.
- It might feel early, but it is not. **Trunk 'N' Treat** is coming up. Trunks, Trunks, Trunks is the word for today. October 23rd will be here soon and it will be good. Please let us know how you can help on this special ministry night for our church. The registration form is on our website.
- FYI - **Matsiko World Orphan Choir has rescheduled** and now we are looking at first weekend in November. Fingers crossed and prayers raised that all will fall into place.

SAVE THE DATE

10/23 Trunk N Treat

11/9 Serve Day at MorningStar Mission


12/6 Advent Concert with Harvest Arts



FREE
Register Today



3yrs-8th grade
Wednesdays 5-6pm
Sep. 11th-April 30th



TRUNK N TREAT
October 23rd 6pm-7:30pm
(earlier for volunteers)

It's not too early to reserve your spot for Trunk N Treat 2024. You can sign up through the form on our website.

Trunk N Treat is a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating, all in one parking lot. There will be candy, costumes, games, food, a petting zoo, and more! There will be no scary tricks, ensuring fun for all ages. This event is free so make sure to bring your family, friends, and neighbors.