

THE SERVANTS' LIGHT

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SMALL GROUPS

Life Group:

Young adults and up
Sundays 9-9:45am in Hoffman Hall

PraiseYoga:

T @ 6:30 pm/
Th @ 8:30 am
in the Narthex

Centering Prayer:

Tuesdays @ 1pm
in Room 210

Soar High:

Wednesdays 5-6pm
4/30 - last meeting

Midweek:

Wednesdays 6-7:30pm
4/30 - last meeting

Dinner Out Group:

5/8 @6pm
The Landing in Lockport

Project Linus:

4th Monday each month
@9am in Hoffman Hall

Summer Lunch Program:

Starts June 5th M-F @ 11:30-1pm

Worship Service:

Each Sunday @ 10am and
Online anytime

Children's Worship:

After Time with Children
each Sunday (ages 3 to 11)

SERVE DAY - ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

May 17th 7am-11am

Our faithful Night Deacons will be volunteering their time at the St. John's Food Pantry, and invite you to join them in serving those in need. You can sign up on stjohnfood.org, just click 'Serve With Us' and scroll down to the May 17th sign up.

PET BLESSING

May 31st 10am-11am

First Pres is excited to announce a Blessing of the Pets, Saturday May 31st, 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

June 23rd - 27th 9am-Noon

Kids 3-5th grade will embark on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Folks 6th grade and up are invited to participate by donating their time and lending a hand in guiding the kids through this journey. Register online today!

SESSION NOTES

- Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting Sunday April 27th to elect the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Session continues to work with HR to review and update the employee manual.
- Our Councils are working together planning for Summer with fellowship, service, and mission opportunities. The Concerts and Cookies series debuts on June 28th with a performance by Harvest Arts.

Contact Barb Rodgers to discuss how you can best support the Summer Lunch Program starting June 5th, Mondays through Fridays from 11:30am-1pm.

Dinner Out Group



Monthly dinner fellowship opportunities to dine with friends both old and new.



NEXT OUTING:

Thursday
5/8 @ 6pm
at The Landing
in Lockport



Why I Belong to First Presbyterian Church

By Helen Steinberg

When I was sixteen years old my family moved to Joliet and we joined First Pres. I got involved in youth group and later in the college-aged youth group. Dave and I were married 57 years ago in this sanctuary, and our children were baptized and raised here. They grew to know God's love through the people and programs offered at First Presbyterian Church. This congregation is like a family to us.

We are all here to care for one another in difficult times and to celebrate the good times in our lives. Sometimes we disagree on the little things, just like any family, but we all agree that we love God and look for guidance from Him. The work of this church extends far beyond its walls. Our church supports the community in so many ways, and this outreach is supported by members of our congregation through their vision and generous giving of their time and talents.

I remember fondly working side by side with families in Gautier, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. I'm grateful that members of our youth group have traveled on mission trips and learned first-hand that everyone isn't as fortunate as they are, but the love of Jesus binds us together. First Pres is a great place to know Jesus, to belong, and to serve.