

# 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

### **Dinner Out Group:**

7/10 @6pm  
La Dolce Vita in Frankfort

### **Summer Lunch Program:**

Through 8/15 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)

## CONCERTS AND COOKIES: REVD OG

**August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

FPJ's Concerts and Cookies summer series in continuing with a performance from REVD OG. Reverend Dogman and the HEARD will be playing "American Tapestry: Rhythm of Faith" blues-infused classic rock. This concert will be enjoyed outside, weather permitting, so bring your camping chair. And of course, stick around for the cookie reception. Rocky Roast will be present selling gourmet coffee and tea for concert-goers.

## JULY SERVE DAY

**July 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-11:30am**

**Northern Illinois Food Bank**  
(171 South Larkin Avenue)

Volunteers age 8 and older can sign up to support our mission at the Food Bank! Join us in sorting and packing meals for those in need in our community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give back and make a tangible difference. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to service, your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Let's come together to strengthen our mission statement of 'Every Person Serving Jesus', ensuring every family has access to nutritious food. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes. To register, please visit our website or contact the church office. We look forward to serving alongside you!

6/19/2025

# SESSION NOTES

- Councils are working on fall programming and activities, including Back to Church Sunday on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Session has discussed in depth both Midweek and Soar High with a lot of prayer and discernment. Session has reaffirmed FPJ's commitment to the Midweek and Soar High programming with expanded staff and program expenses.
- Session agreed on a yearly evaluation of the Soar High and Midweek programs' further impact on the budget. This year all expenses are expected to fit within the 2025-2026 budget.
- Stewardship Council is happy to report the completion of the work on our parking lots. The entire cost was covered by the endowment fund established from the generosity and faithfulness of the members of First Pres. Joliet.

## Previous days of Service at NIFB



## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

**M-F through August 15th  
11:30am-1pm**

Children up to age 18 can stop in and eat a free nutritious lunch provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and served by our very own certified volunteers. There are also book giveaways and on Fridays there is even bingo.

Reach out to Barb Rodgers to find out how you can support this invaluable ministry.

## DINNER OUT GROUP

**July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Meet at La Dolce Vita  
(21 Old Frankfort Way in Frankfort)

Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

## SERVE DAY

**Saturday July 26th  
9am-11:30am**

**Northern Illinois Food Bank  
(171 South Larkin Avenue)**

Volunteers age 8 and up are invited to help sort and package meals for those in need in our community.

## CONCERTS AND COOKIES

**August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Join us for a performance by REVD OG at 6pm  
Faith and blues infused classic rock  
Outdoor performance, weather permitting  
please bring lawn chairs. Rocky Roast will be present selling gourmet coffee and tea.

*nursery care available for infants and toddlers up to 2 years old*

# MISSION OF THE MONTH



## Northern Illinois Food Bank

*Providing the food our neighbors throughout Northern Illinois need to thrive.*

Northern Illinois Food Bank focuses on delivering food and healthy eating services to the Northern Illinois community. As part of the national Feeding America network, they serve our neighbors in 13 counties by providing 250,000 meals per day.

## Free Summer Lunch Program

**June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am-1pm (2025)**

Each summer First Pres humbly works together with Northern Illinois Food Bank to distribute free and nutritious lunches to kids (toddler age to 18) who may rely on school lunches the rest of the year.

## How do we help?

### FINANCIALLY

As part of the Summer Lunch Program, our Night Deacons provide the financial support needed not just for the logistics for the program, but also a weekend backpack filled with all kind of nutritious foods and goodies.

### SERVING

The old saying: "Many hands make light work" proves true when it comes to this dedicated group of volunteers. From welcoming, to shopping, preparing the fellowship room for our guests, to helping serve the lunches, or providing books and games, and even cooking classes, this committed group of people do this work with great joy and care for each kid and their parents Monday through Friday.

## Our Prayers:

Pray for those struggling to make ends meet.

Pray for generous hearts that respond when call upon.

Pray for the Church to be indeed the Hands and Feet, that go and care for the needy.

Pray for NIFB and their staff, so they will always have energy, creativity, and strength to carry out their mission. Pray for NIFB partners thought the communities they serve.

For strong and dedicated existing and new strategic connections that will secure the needs of the program for the future.



