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WELCOME

August 3, 2025 – 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to worship (based on Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

All: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;

**All: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress.**

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love,

For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Song: #21 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Song: #326 Softly and Tenderly

Scripture: Scripture: Hosea 11:1-11

Sermon: It’s time to go back home

Song of Preparation: #322 In Remembrance

The Lord’s Supper

The Apostles’ Creed

Offering and Doxology

Song: #517 I’d Rather Have Jesus

Blessing

Please be praying for our Go ‘N’ Serve Alaska 2025 Team!

They left yesterday, August 2nd and will return in the very, very early hours on Sunday,
August 10th.

Team Members: Elena Daughtery, Grand Daugherty, Sara Dolensek, Aaron Hernandez, Cooper Holmgren, Nolan Johnson, Delani McGee, Quinn Miller, Grace Montes, Josie Slattengren, Parker Slattengren, Rylie Thomas, Kayl True

Adult Leaders:

Jared Burke, Kara Burke, Tarah Holmgren, Carly McGee, Brook Miller,
Sara Slattengren, Tessa Stouffer, Jenny True



“We are writing to inform you that the Interim Search Committee—comprised of Jim Cappel, Connie Dougherty, John Hazelton, Kathy Olson, and Ann Rice—has successfully completed all required steps and submitted the necessary paperwork to the Presbytery.

With this submission, we are now ready to move forward with the online search process for an interim pastor. We are excited to take this important step in preparing our church for its next season of leadership.

Once the interim pastor is in place, we look forward to forming and supporting a team to begin the search for a full-time pastor.

Thank you for your continued support and guidance throughout this process.”
From Jim Cappel, Interim Pastor Search Committee

If you would like to provide Sanctuary Flowers on any given Sunday, please call the office and talk to Midge about the details.

In the past, the Deacons have served the church in this way, but we are making this change for 2025 to see how it goes.

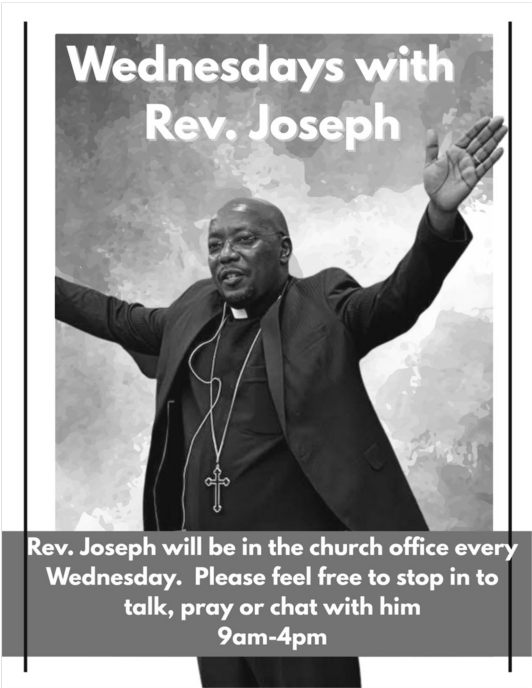
Questions that we will ask you:
Where would you like the flowers from?
Cypress House or Colonial Flowers
(or you can provide them on your own)

Any specific colors that we can request?

Given in Memory or Honor of _____

Midge will call the florist with your requests and then you can pay the florist directly.

Flower arrangements are \$30 (or more if you wish), with free delivery from either florist.



OUR YOUTH MINISTRY VISION

We want to INSPIRE youth to love Jesus,
BUILD youth up in Him, EQUIP youth to
live in Christ and EMPOWER youth to
reach out for Him

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be put on the "Prayer Chain", please send it to Mary Kay Merema. She sends the prayer requests to the texting threads. Mary Kay's phone number is 815-761-3428.

SUNDAY, August 3
9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
11:00 a.m. Schnorr Family - D. Tastad

MONDAY, August 4
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, August 5
7:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, August 6
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, August 7
7:00 a.m. Kiwanis

SATURDAY, August 9
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, August 10
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Back to School Blessings

August 10th during the 9:00
worship service at 1st Pres.

Join us as we pray over our
students, teachers, staff,
administration, lunch providers,
bus drivers and crossing guards

We have a little gift for you as a
reminder that you've been
prayed over.



**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING
RESIDENTS**

Please keep our nursing home and rehab residents in your prayers. We list them here with their addresses - they would love to get a note or card!!

**Franklin Grove Healthcare,
502 N. State Street, Franklin Grove, IL**

61031
Teddie Pohl
Mildred Danekas

**Hawthorne Inn
2201 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068**

Laura Bunger
Shirley Villa
Judy (Nelson) Messer

**Liberty Village
2203 E Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068**

Codelle Leonard
Marjorie Hayes
Nancy Detig
Sandi Graber
Jan Hann
Clyda Lamb

**Beacon Hill
2400 S Finley Rd, Lombard, IL 60148**

Donna Dodd

**The Meadows
510 N State, #113, Franklin Grove, IL 61031**

Larry Cleveland

**Flagler Heath and Rehab Center
300 Dr. Carter Blvd.**

Burnnell, FL 32110
Pearl Fromm

**Brighton Gardens of St. Charles
600 Dunham Road Room 326**

St. Charles, IL 60174
Bill Frederick



Jony and Amber Cruz from Casa Hogar will be with us on Sunday, August 17th to give a report of their mission work in Mexico.

Office Coordinator/DCE - Sara Slattengren
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Secretary/Receptionist - Midge Berg
Financial Secretary - Karen Hauck

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Fri 9a-12Noon

New Life Library

Problem: Where to put all these new books! As you know, we recently added donated books. Well, those are now on top of end book shelf (in two added racks) so we could add newly purchased books, which are on the end-shelves. Lots of good reading, many by our popular authors.

Terri Blackstock – Found we were missing two books from a series. And another book we didn't have of this popular author.

Robert Whitlow – His newest book

Janette Oke – New book

Pam Green – Another series (three short books)

David Jeremiah – Yes, it's actually a fiction book this time!

Melody Carlson – New book

Irene Hannon – Newest in Hope Harbor series

Deborah Raney – Additional to her popular book “Reason to Breathe”
(Chandler Sisters)

Couple of New Autobiographies

Two more books on the Bible's Book of Revelation

Don Colbert, well-known physician - “Spiritual Health Zone”

Few other books highly recommended (Anxiety, Grief, etc.)

New Bible – recommended by Pastor Joseph: NLT Life Application Study Bible (Found on small bookcase to right as you enter library.) This should be very helpful, whether studying or teaching. A great addition to our Bible section.

Thanks to those on the Library Committee for suggestions and for preparing for shelves. (Sara Slattengren, Sue Sevedge, Marilyn Overby, Connie Dougherty, Judy Schermerhorn)

We have started a 6 week Summer Women's Bible Study on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. This is a Right Now Media study and is titled Heart of God by Francis Chan.

All ladies are welcome to join us!!

"What thoughts come to mind when you think of God? Do you wonder what he's like, what he thinks about you, or what he wants for you? The good news is that we don't have to go far to find answers. God tells us all we need to know about who he is and what he's like—about his heart—and why that matters for our lives. In this six-session series, author Francis Chan takes students on a journey of discovery to the heart of God. Students will walk away knowing God better and loving him more."