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WELCOME

November 9, 2025 – 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Kurt Wolter

Preparation for Worship and Living Veterans Recognition

Call to worship - Kurt Wolter

Leader: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

People: The life we have been given by God,

Leader: The life we share with one another in community,

People: The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

All: Let us be grateful for the joy of life, and let us worship God.

Song: Here I am to Worship

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us, The busy-ness that blinds us, The ignorance that
hobbles us, The doubt that plagues us.

Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world
with new and imaginative eyes, move to those places within and without
where grace is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in
Jesus’ name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Song: My Worth is Not in What I Own

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20 - Lydia Roberts

Sermon/Prayer: Worth it!: Sharing our Story

Song: I Will Sing of my Redeemer

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer - Deb Schiller

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Closing Song: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Blessing

NEW LIFE LIBRARY

Just read a book by Pam Green, The Old Fool. It's a small book (74 pages), actually a Prequel to the Sully Parkway series. This book was a great story and focuses on salvation. The last chapter is the first chapter of The Jesus Car. Mike Chunko did a review on that book some time back. Then, thanks to the donor, the rest of the series was donated.

Pam Green “writes encouraging and entertaining Christian fiction.” “She made her writing debut in fifth grade when drafted to write the class play....After a satisfying teaching career, she still peeks in the windows of empty schools while traveling and lingers in school supply aisles in August. Her stories show that God is always working in the lives of His children and seeking new members of His family.”

We also have another of her series recently added to our library, The Church on the Parkway series: Church for Sale; Church on Fire; and Church on the Move. I think we have found another good author for our Christian library.

BTW: Christmas movies are back on the shelves. (East wall on Christian Living side.)

Judy Schermerhorn

Transition Prayer Team:

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

John Haselton has written a beautifully worded prayer, inspired by the above verse, for our church in transition. Each week for the next 7 weeks, we will print one paragraph from this prayer in the newsletter and invite you to pray it with us throughout the week.

Holy Spirit, fill our church with wisdom and discernment. Guide those entrusted with the search and selection process. Let Your voice be clear, Your direction unmistakable. May every conversation, interview, and decision be saturated with Your presence and led by Your truth. Protect our unity and keep our focus firmly on You, resisting distractions and division.

Of course, you are always welcome to join the Transitional Team for 20-30 minutes in the prayer room at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings and on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Blessing Bag Project

Once again, the 3rd-5th Grade Youth Group and Deacons are combining their creative forces to make Christmas Blessing Bags for the church’s assisted living, nursing home, and place bound members/friends. This year we are focusing on sharing the gifts of caring and encouragement between our congregation and place bound members/friends.

Starting Sunday, November 2nd, there will be small bags on a table in the narthex. Each bag will have five cards and a list of five place bound members/friends. Take a bag home and first, pray for those on your list! Then, write a card/note to each person on the list.

Return the completed cards to the church by Sunday, November 16th, and place them in the basket on the table in the narthex.

We will have additional cards available should you wish to use them.

The Deacons and the Youth Group will assemble the Blessing Bags at the November 20th youth group meeting. The Deacons will be delivering the completed Blessing Bags to our local place bound members/friends.

Thank you for helping us with this project!

SUNDAY, November 9

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 5:00 p.m. Tres Dias Closing
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, November 10

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, November 12

- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Tres Dias Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, November 13

- 7:00 a.m. Kiwanis
- 7:00 p.m. Tres Dias Meeting

SATURDAY, November 15

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, November 16

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. Chunko's Small Group
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

November's Adult Ed will deal with daily life lived in and through the Holy Spirit, the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the principle of brokenness.

These studies are taken from "In Touch: Devoted Living," by the late Charles F. Stanley, a monthly online/print devotional. Printouts of the individual studies will be distributed or the entire month of devotions may be accessed at www.intouch.org.

Scriptural, straight to the point, and relevant, these few weeks will be a blessing to anyone wanting to understand the Holy Spirit, how it works in lives of Christ followers; how brokenness can eventually bring us back together to be the people God desires.

Bring your coffee and fellowship table treats to the Adult Ed and join us. Dates are November 2, 9, 16, and 23. Sneak preview: November 30 will be a lighthearted look at Christmas through "A Charlie Brown Christmas," We'll learn how to cope ahead of the last minute rush of activities, shopping, food menus, and getting along around the Christmas dinner table.

November's discussions will be led by Mike Chunko

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.

MOVING? Don't forget to give your new address to the church office

Sunday Greeters Needed!

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters prior to the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. We hope to have two greeters (or more!) each Sunday—to assist people at the east entrance and to pass out bulletins as worshipers arrive.

Come at 8:30 a.m. and you are done by 9:00 a.m. to join worship. Easy!

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact one of the deacons.

Thank you!

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
Gary Williams
Mildred Danekas

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

Laura Bunger
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Judy (Nelson) Messer

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

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

**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**



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