



Life Together

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service - April 9th at 8:00 and 10:00 am
10:00 am will feature Sunday school children's Palm Processional

Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 pm

Good Friday Services - Friday, April 14th at Noon and 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday Services - April 16th at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Please, join us in worship.

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OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 am Chapel Service

10:00 am Sanctuary Service

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

HOUSE BLESSING
SCHEDULED FOR FFC'S 5TH
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 pm.

The house is located at 4100 N Prospect (across
from Kaydee Kats Restaurant).

All Are Welcome!



JULY 16TH - 20TH
5:30 TO 8:00 PM

Register by June 1st - Save \$10!

Use this QR code
with your smart phone or tablet
to register.

FFC Softball Fifth Season

- Are you interested in playing softball on our FFC team?
- Co-ed, Slow-pitch, Sunday Evening League.
- Beginning in May and running through early August.
- We play at Northminster Presbyterian Church.
- Contact Paul Resnick at resnickpaul762@gmail.com.

Faith and Family Night at the Ballpark

- Saturday, June 17th, 6:30 pm
- Jason Gray Post-Game Concert
- St. Louis Cardinals Fredbird Appearance
- Post-Game Fireworks
- \$8.00 Tickets
- Reserve your seats by May 14th
- Sign-up sheet at reception desk





The harbinger's of Spring. The start of a new season. The cold winds of winter cannot win the battle because the crocus says that the battle is won. Like the crocus, Easter tells us that a new day is dawning. The Cross is empty. So is the tomb. The women tell the Good News, as do the disciples as the Church of Jesus Christ is scattered as liberally as dandelion seeds.

Easter is time of new beginnings. If you have not worshiped with us for a long time or if you have never worshiped with us I hope that you will put a "save the date" on your calendar in your organizer and worship with us. Together we will celebrate that which lies at the very heart of the Christian faith.

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

1 Corinthians 15:55

Interested in Membership



LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Our Next New Member Brunch is Sunday, June 11th

- Join us for food and fellowship. FFC Staff, Board Members, Deacons and Congregants will be present to answer your questions.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Next New Member Sunday is Sunday, June 18th

- We will formally welcome new members into the life of our church on this Sunday during both worship services.
- If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Federated Church, please contact Rev. Zach Lysdahl at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com or 309-685-5258, X12.



Friends,

On February 25, 2017 I went to a Logos conference in Oak Park, Illinois. I did so for a few reasons. First, because I have witnessed the positive impact Logos has had here at FFC and I wanted to know more about the program itself. I also went because the four pillars of Logos: family time, worship skills, recreation, and Bible time reflect the vision statement of FFC "Making disciples through worship, as we praise and glorify God; fellowship, as we care for one another; mission as we embody God's love; giving, as we express gratitude to God" which makes the Logos ministry a seamless and integral part of FFC living into its vision. Finally, I went because the Logos' understanding of ministry has shaped the way a mentor of mine leads the church they serve.

At the all day conference I learned many things about Logos. Instead of detailing them all, as they are numerous, I'd like to share a couple highlights. The first is that Logos is an intergenerational ministry model. One that relies on all of the people of church to grow Christian relationships and develop Christian disciples. As the leaders of the training pointed out: Logos is not just for children. Logos is not just for youth. Logos is not just for young adults. Logos is not just for adults. It is a program designed from the very beginning to include all generations. As Logos states "If one generation is missing then the entire programs suffers, is less effective, and missing a vital part of the body of Christ." Logos' effectiveness is dependent upon the entire church body being active participants. Churches are one of the few places where people from several different generations gather for a single purpose. Logos has recognized this reality and works to engage everyone in ways that edify and deepen their relationship with one another and with God.

Another highlight: Logos is much more than a simple Wednesday evening program. It is ministry that seeks to develop disciples through Bible study, fun, and a shared meal, energizing the

whole church through the building of relationships both within the church and outside of the church. Although the program usually happens on Wednesday evenings, it does not cease to function during the other six days of the week. The time needed for Wednesday evening preparations are, in and of themselves, a ministry. Those hours spent getting things ready are times when fellowship and relationship development take place. During the conference I heard story after story of how those who prepared the meal, readied the family time, and studied for the Bible lesson drew closer to one another and ultimately to God through their planning time. Logos isn't just a once a week program it is a way of ministry that reaching into every day and the whole church.

The Logos training I received helped me to see why my mentor has based much of their ministry off of Logos, and rightly so. Logos is a relatively simple concept grounded in the teachings of the Bible. Specifically, from Acts 2:42 "They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers." This is a verse I am familiar with, but until that day of training I saw it as more of a statement than a means to discipleship. Having gone through the training my understanding of the Logos ministry has deepened and so too has my relationship with God. Being in relationship with God means being in relationship with other people. We, as Christ's disciples, do this with the entire church, all generations, and also with those outside of the church. The ministry of Logos is done through intentional family time, worship skills, recreation, and Bible time. Logos is a great model of ministry that has helped me to better see my calling and the mission of First Federated Church.

If you'd like to know more about Logos and how you can be a part of intergenerational ministry, please stop by my office for a chat or give me a ring at (616) 490-1355, or send me an email at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev. Zach

Zach Lysdahl



Zach

"They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers."

Acts 2:42



5TH FFC HABITAT HOUSE COMPLETED!

House Blessing Scheduled!

**All Are Welcome
Tuesday, April 18th at 5:30 pm.**

Take part in the Blessing, meet Kenya and her son, tour the house and have a cookie!

**REMEMBER
THE RUMMAGE SALE**

**Set Aside Those Donations,
Collection Begins July 21st!**

- We will be having our annual Rummage Sale August 18th & 19th to benefit the Missions of FFC.
- Beginning in July, we welcome your contributions of furniture, household goods, (*no computers, printers, televisions or like items please*) and children's clothing and toys. This year we will be accepting adult "boutique clothing;" so, we welcome your designer clothing or those barely worn outfits.
- Plenty of help will be needed as well, so mark your calendars, volunteer sign-up sheets will be available soon.
- Watch the Sunday Home Edition and your 1stNews emails for further collection details.



Our Ongoing FFC Missions

SNACK PACK MINISTRY FOR WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Snack Pack Assembly, Thursday mornings at 9:00 am
- FFC's Life Together Center, Warehouse (*Double doors at far West end facing parking lot*)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

- The collection box is across from the reception desk.
- The Box Tops are delivered to Thomas Jefferson School.
- In the last year we have donated \$643 in Box Tops!

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

- Canned goods and personal care items are always needed; see the list by the North door.
- Collection bins are by the North door of the church & in the Narthex.

THE CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF ABUSE

- Personal care items, snack items, etc. Please see the list by the North door.
- Collection bins are by the North door of the church & in the Narthex.

Pastoral Care ~ Prayer Ministry

**PRAYERS,
PASTORAL CALLS,
HOSPITAL VISITS OR
HOME COMMUNION**



Give the office a call at 685-5258

If you or others you know are in need of pastoral care or support, please contact the church office.

If you are admitted to an area hospital don't forget to mention to admitting that you are with First Federated Church.

Communion served at your home? Please call the church and we will arrange for either Rev. Krummel, Rev. Lysdahl or Rev. Barch to come to your home.

Volunteering Time and Talent

**SIGN-UP FOR SUNDAY
VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

Would you consider serving?
Greeters, Ushers, Fellowship Hour Host
Or Fellowship Hour Sponsor
Questions? Call the church office at
309-685-5258.



**Use this QR code with your smart phone! All are welcome.
At the website simply scroll down the list of dates, sign up for 1 or
many, we love having your involvement!**

MATTER OF RECORD**BIRTH**

- ❖ March 16th, Margaret Belèn Reeder Platt, granddaughter of Bill and Gely Platt

BAPTISMS

- ❖ March 5th, Zayden Bryant Quine, son of Danessa and Clifford Quinne, brother of Makenzie.
- ❖ March 26th, Jameson William DeVault, son of Tamra and Nick DeVault.
- ❖ March 26th, Flynn Connor Funke, son of Kyla and Jacob Funke, grandson of Patti Parrish.

COMPLETED THIS PART OF LIFE

- ❖ March 13th, Dorothy Ann Maloney, mother of Cindy Morris.
- ❖ March 14th, Nancy Neumiller, wife of the late Dick Neumiller

Do you have a birth, wedding or bereavement you would like to share with your church family?

Please contact the church office at 309-685-5258 or info@ffcpeoria.com.

Meet Our New Members

Mary Clark
December 11th, 2016



Ruth Guetersloh
December 11th, 2016



Amanda McCarty
March 19th, 2017



Jason Power
March 26th, 2017

Not Pictured Here: The Lundy Family
David & Molly, Annabelle, and William
December 11th, 2016

FFC SOFTBALL

Are you interested in playing softball on our FFC team? If so, then please contact Paul Resnick at resnickpaul762@gmail.com. We are a co-ed, slow pitch softball team in our fifth season, playing in a church league at Northminster Presbyterian Church on North Knoxville. We plan on playing on Sunday nights with the league starting in May and running through early August. Our softball team is a great way for some good fellowship. We hope you can join us!



SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Saturday Night Live is primarily a social group that meets roughly once a month for dinner (at restaurants or members' homes) and is made up of those over 50. If you're interested and would like more information, contact Judy Thompson at skjt@mtco.com.



Event: Dinner at Granite City (203 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria.) Saturday, May 20th, 6:00 pm. Outdoor seating, weather permitting. Contact Judy Thompson through the church office at 309-685-5258 for further details or to make your reservation.



Event: Faith & Family Night at the Ballpark. Saturday, May 20th, 6:30 pm. Sign-up on the church sign-up sheet at the reception desk and turn in your check made out to FFC: \$8 x number of tickets. Put SNL - FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT on the memo line. Contact the church office at 309-685-5258, X-10 for further details or to make your reservation.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

Adults between the ages of 25 and 45, single, married, or with a family. This group gathers monthly to enjoy great community events and engage in mission opportunities. All are welcome and have a place in helping us create this community. Contact the church.



Event: Crop Walk. Saturday, June 17th, 1:15 pm Registration in the Garden Room. Crop Walk begins at 1:45 pm.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GROUP

This group is open to ALL ages who have enthusiasm for the outdoors. Our goal is to have fun, make new friends, strengthen bonds with old ones, and enjoy God's creation through recreation. Join us anytime and bring a friend!

KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY

The group will meet on **Tuesday, April 4th, at 9:00 am in the Memorial Lounge**. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alice Racine through the church office at 309-685-5258.

OLD BUDDIES BREAKFAST

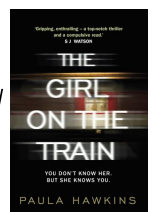
The next gathering of the "Old Buddies," a men's fellowship group that meets for breakfast and fellowship, will be **Tuesday, April 18th, 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room**.

FFC WOMEN'S CLUB SALAD LUNCHEON

The Women's Club will meet **Wednesday, April 26th, at 12 noon in the Commons** for their Annual Salad Luncheon. Please bring a salad to share. Program: Flo & Sid Banwart, "The Human Journey." All ladies of the congregation are welcome. Please call club president Becky Clifton through the church office at 309-685-5258 with any questions.

THE FFC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets **Saturday, April 22nd, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615)**. The book for April is The Girl On The Train by Paula Hawkins.



Saturday, April 1st**Sunday, April 2nd**

- 8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
- 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
- 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
- 11:30 am **Confirmation, Mission Retreat, Garden Room**
- 5:30 pm **Senior High Youth Group, Senior High Room**

Monday, April 3rd

- 12:45 pm **"Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room**

Tuesday, April 4th

- 9:00 am **Knitting Group, Memorial Lounge**
- 4:30 pm **Missions Committee Meeting, Boardroom**

Wednesday, April 5th

- 10:00 am **Staff Meeting, Memorial Lounge**
- 5:30 pm **LOGOS, Children's Ministry Event, Great Hall**
- 6:30 pm **Lenten Vespers Service, Sanctuary**

Thu Apr 6, 2017

- 8:45 am **Snack Pack Assembly, Warehouse**
- 9:15 am **Independence Village Bible Study, IV Community Room**
- 10:00 am **Meditation Group, Memorial Lounge**
- 10:15 am **Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, LHV Private Dining room**
- 6:15 pm **Chancel Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, April 7th**Saturday, April 8th****Sunday, April 9th - Palm / Passion Sunday**

- 8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
- 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
Empty Tomb Muffins
- 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
- 4:30 pm **Youth Group Mission Trip Meeting, Fellowship Hall**
- 5:30 pm **Senior High Youth Group, Senior High Room**

Monday, April 10th

- 12:45 pm **"Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room**
- 6:00 pm **Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, Boardroom**

Tuesday, April 11th**Wednesday, April 12th**

- 10:00 am **Staff Meeting, Memorial Lounge**

Thu Apr 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday

- 8:45 am **Snack Pack Assembly, Warehouse**
- 9:15 am **Independence Village Bible Study, IV Community Room**
- 10:00 am **Meditation Group, Memorial Lounge**
- 10:15 am **Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, LHV Private Dining room**
- 6:15 pm **Christian Education Committee Meeting, Boardroom**
- 6:30 pm **Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary**
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Bells / Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, April 14th - Good Friday

- FFC Preschool Closed**
- FFC Office Closing at Noon**
- 12:00 pm **Good Friday Service, Sanctuary**
- 6:30 pm **Good Friday Service, Sanctuary**

Saturday, April 15th**Sunday, April 16th - Easter Sunday**

- 8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
- 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
- 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
No Senior High Youth Group

Monday, April 17th

- Preschool Spring Pictures**
- 12:45 pm **"Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room**

Tuesday, April 18th

- Preschool Spring Pictures**
- 8:30 am **Old Buddies Breakfast, LHV, Private Dining room**
- 5:30 pm **FFC Habitat House Blessing, 4100 N Prospect Road, Peoria, IL**

Wednesday, April 19th

- 10:00 am **Staff Meeting, Memorial Lounge**
- 6:30 pm **FFC Executive Board Meeting, Boardroom**
- 6:30 pm **FFC Board of Deacon's Meeting, Trinity Room**

Thursday, April 20th

- 8:45 am **Snack Pack Assembly, Warehouse**
- 9:15 am **Independence Village Bible Study, IV Community Room**
No Meditation Group Today
- 10:15 am **Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, LHV Private Dining room**
- 6:15 pm **Chancel Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Fri Apr 21, 2017

- 5:30 pm **Junior High Rock Climbing, Upper Limits, Bloomington**

Sat Apr 22, 2017

- 10:00 am **The FFC Book Club, Peoria Public Library, North Branch**

Sun Apr 23, 2017

- 8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
- 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
- 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
- 1:15 pm **Crop Walk Registration, Garden Room**
- 1:45 pm **Crop Walk Begins, FFC Grounds**
- 5:30 pm **Senior High Youth Group, Senior High Room**

Monday, April 24th - Week of the Young Child

- 12:45 pm **"Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room**

Tuesday, April 25th - Week of the Young Child**Wednesday, April 26th - Week of the Young Child**

- 10:00 am **Staff Meeting, Memorial Lounge**
- 12:00 pm **FFC Women's Club, Commons**

Thursday, April 27th - Week of the Young Child

- 8:45 am **Snack Pack Assembly, Warehouse**
- 9:15 am **Independence Village Bible Study, IV Community Room**
- 10:00 am **Meditation Group, Memorial Lounge**
- 10:15 am **Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, LHV Private Dining room**
- 5:30 pm **FFC Habitat House Blessing, 4100 N Prospect Road, Peoria, IL**
- 6:15 pm **Christian Education Committee Meeting, Boardroom**
- 6:15 pm **Chancel Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, April 28th**Saturday, April 29th****Sunday, April 30th**

- 8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
- 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
- 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
- 11:30 am **Confirmation, Discipleship Retreat, Trinity Room**
- 5:30 pm **Senior High Youth Group, Senior High Room**

COMING UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Memory Verse: "Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves." Philippians 2:3, NIV

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Life App: Humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

Sunday, April 2: Feet First

Bible Story: Feet First (Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet) • *John 13:1-17*

Bottom Line: I can put others first by serving them.

Sunday, April 9: Follow the Game Plan

Bible Story: Follow the Game Plan (Jesus Praying in the Garden) • *Matthew 26:36-46 (Supporting: Luke 22:39-46)*

Bottom Line: I can put others first by letting go of what I want



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

All Sunday school children are invited to meet in the chapel at 9:45 to line up for our special Palm Processional. Children will wave their palms and make a special entrance into the sanctuary as worship begins!



Sunday, April 16: EASTER SUNDAY - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, April 23: The Comeback

Bible Story: The Comeback (Jesus Is Crucified, Buried, and Resurrected) • *John 18:12 – 20:23*

Bottom Line: I can put others first because Jesus put me first.

Sunday, April 30: Pass It On

Bible Story: Pass It On (The Great Commission / Ascension) • *Matthew 28:16-20 (Supporting: Acts 1:6-11)*

Bottom Line: I can put others first by doing what Jesus said.

Annual Service Project

4th-5th GRADE SERVICE PROJECT FOR CRISIS NURSERY

Our 4th-5th grade Sunday school students will once again be collecting items for Crittenton's Crisis Nursery.

- Collection baskets will be available throughout the church.
- All items will be delivered by the children on April 30th.
- Please consider donating any of the following items:

Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6)
Wipes
Formula
Bottles
Sippy Cups
Diaper Rash Cream

Bottle Cleaning Brushes
Paper Plates
Underwear (Sizes 2T-6)
Bibs
Educational Toys
Washcloths

Batteries (AA, C & D)
Clothes and shoes (all sizes)
Clorox Wipes
Picture books
Plastic Silverware
Gift cards

THIS MONTH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**“Road Trip”**

Summary: Road trips are awesome. Whether you're heading to the mountains with your family or driving to the beach with your friends, the idea of packing up, grabbing your favorite snacks, planning the perfect playlist, and hitting the road just sounds like an adventure. And it is! Life works a lot like that, too. We start with a plan in mind, but things happen along the way that change our plans, change our minds, or even change our relationships. That's when we have to decide to stick to the plan or change course. This was especially true for the apostle Paul. Long before GPS or interstates, Paul set out on a series of road trips, and just like us, he experienced some surprising, even life-changing moments on the road. As we take a look at some key turning points on Paul's road trips, we discover that maybe the best thing that can happen on our journey is a change of direction.

SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

- Each Sunday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 pm our Senior Highs will gather to participate in Fun, Food and Fellowship.
- Gather in the Senior High room on the 3rd floor of FFC and we will see where the evening takes us!
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD - CROP WALK - INSTEAD OF OUR REGULAR EVENING MEETING WE WILL TAKE PART IN THE CROP WALK. GATHER IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT 1:15 PM.**

3RD SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

- Each 3rd Sunday of the month our Senior Highs will worship with the congregation and participate in the worship service as Liturgist, Greeters and Ushers.
- On other Sundays, Sunday school is held from 10:20 - 11:00 am in the 3rd floor Senior High room.

FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

All Senior High Students, including those who are currently completing their 8th grade year are invited to attend.

With that said, here are some preliminary details:

- Mission Trip Dates: June 24, 2017 through July 1, 2017.
- Mission Trip Location: Loveland Colorado.
- Mission Trip Student Spots available: **15**.
- Mission Trip Cost per Student: \$270.00 (including deposit).
- Mission Trip Organization: Group Works
Please use the QR code to see all relevant details of the trip: packing list, participant form, menu, schedule, etc. Or email me with questions at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.
- **Mission Trip Deposit Date: Now!**
- **Mission Trip Deposit per Student: \$75.00.**



This year's Mission Trip is a little more expensive than last year. If the cost of the trip is prohibitive to anyone there are scholarships available or if the deposit and deposit date are problematic please email me directly and we will sort it out.

MISSION TRIP MEETING

- Sunday, April 9th, 4:30 to 5:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Informational meeting for anyone interested in this year's Mission Trip to Loveland, Colorado.

JUNIOR HIGH - THIS MONTH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month in Sunday school:

“I'm In” - Continued from March

Have you ever thought something worked one way, only to find it didn't?

Like maybe as a kid you thought the bathtub drain was a death trap. Then you learned it couldn't actually suck you into the sewer and that was a game changer.

Or maybe you were sure that the closet should be avoided because monsters lived there. Then you learned they didn't. That changed your morning routine for sure.

Any time you learn new information, it can turn your world upside down.

Jesus had a habit of doing just that with the people closest to Him. He often did or said things that were the exact opposite of what anyone expected. He'd take ideas that everyone agreed with, ideas that everyone would say, "Of course, that's just the way it is," and He'd flip them upside down. He would tell people to do the exact opposite of what they thought.

This was especially true when Jesus talked about how we treat people, specifically people who like us, people who don't, and people we don't even notice.

**2017 CONFIRMATION****SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND
MISSION RETREAT**

- 11:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Life Together Center, Garden Room

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT**

- 11:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Life Together Center, Trinity Room

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR
YOUR T-SHIRT!**

HOLY WEEK MEANS MUSIC

Palm Sunday, April 9th begins Holy week with a cantata. The Chancel Choir and members of the Peoria Symphony will walk the congregation through the events of Easter Week in readings and moving music as they offer Ruth Elaine Schram's *Tapestry of Darkness*. This work incorporates original writings, known scripture, and familiar hymn tunes into a fabulous display of performance and worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th the choir and bells will guide the congregation through a beautiful service as we observe the evening of the Last Supper. The Chancel Choir and Carol Wessler will perform two moving selections.

Good Friday, April 14th will offer two services.

At 12:00 pm a simple mediation on the scripture of the Crucifixion;

At 7:00 pm Al Murphy will play a powerful organ selection, which when paired with reading and scripture, give a moving portrayal of the Crucifixion.

Easter, April 16th will be bright celebration of vibrant with bells, trumpet, organ and choir.

SO, COME, WORSHIP, AND CELEBRATE THIS HOLY SEASON WITH US.

Coming Attractions!

Saturday, May 6th "Bells in Motion" will take over our sanctuary in a fast moving, cascade of musical ringing. This professional bell ensemble is known across the region and can play anything from hymns to The Beatles. Look for more information in the Home Edition and on our website ffcpeoria.com.

Our Community

SUPPORT OUR MISSION PARTNER AT THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE LUNCHEON

- Friday, April 28th at Noon, 800 N.E. Madison, Peoria.
- Program features Rev. Phil Newton.
- Ticket Cost \$7.00
- Boutique & Bake Sale begin at 10:30 am.
- Donations of Boutique sale items will gladly be accepted.
- To donate or for tickets please contact Barb Hein at 309-691-1981.



Keep In Touch

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Whether you are heading off to your college campus, your first apartment, your vacation home or are downsizing and moving to a smaller place, please let us know.

You may need to update your:

- **Phone number:** Have you gotten rid of that land line? Do you have a cell; may we text you?
- **Address:** street number, city, state and zip
- **Email:** double check that we have your current email?

Do you want to be included on the 1stNews and Prayer Bulletin list?

Contact the church office - you may give us a call, drop us a note or send us an email to update your information.

☎ 309-685-5258, x.10 📧 cwalter@ffcpeoria.com



"BELIEVE" - A BIBLE STUDY

- Beginning Monday, March 27th, 12:45 to 2:00 pm
- Lifetree Room at FFC's Life Together Center

MEDITATION GROUP

- Thursdays at 10:00 am, Memorial Lounge
- The group **WILL NOT** meet Thursday, April 13th.
- Questions? Call Ann Voll, 692-1781, or email avoll@comcast.net

"OFF CAMPUS" BIBLE STUDIES

- Bring a Bible and an open and inquisitive mind.
- These are open to everyone - not only the residents; please give us a call if you plan to attend, 309-685-5258.

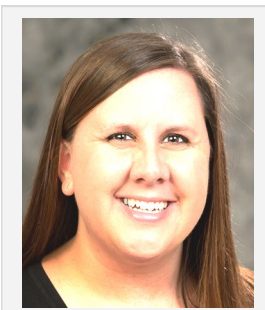
Independence Village Bible Study

- Meets each Thursday at 9:15 am at Independence Village.

Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study

- Meets each Thursday at 10:15 am at Lutheran Hillside Village in the private dining room.

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The Preschools at FFC

Kathie Harms

**APRIL EVENTS**

April 14th: Good Friday, Preschool Closed
 April 17th & 18th: Preschool Picture Days
 April 24th - 28th: Week of the Young Child

**PRESCHOOL
 REGISTRATION
 HAS BEGUN
 FOR THE
 2017 - 2018
 SCHOOL YEAR**

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*Current Programming:
 Part Day & Full Day options
 for ages 2 to 5. FFC
 Members receive a discount
 on Preschool tuition.*

**FFC 2017 SUMMER CAMPS****WE ARE PREPARING FOR A SUMMER OF FUN AT OUR SUMMER CAMPS!**

- Our Summer Camps offer activities for ages 2 years old to 10 years to keep your child active, learning, and entertained through the summer months.
- We will plan each week around a different theme, like Camping, Princesses and Superheroes, Science, and Sports.
- We will also take several field trips as well. Snacks and lunch are included. Our weekly themes will be available soon!
- Our Summer Camps begin the week of June 5th, and end on Friday, July 28th, closed for the 4th of July.

If you are interested in FFC Summer Camps please use this QR code to visit our website. Pricing information and a registration form are available as downloads. Spots are reserved on a first come first serve basis. We will enroll until we are full.

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CROP WALK OF PEORIA ILLINOIS

- Sunday, April 23rd, 6:00 pm, FFC Grounds
- Walk is a 5K
- Registration 1:15 pm, LTC Garden Room
- Email Janet Vaughn to register at jeppy419@gmail.com or use this QR code to sign up on-line.



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