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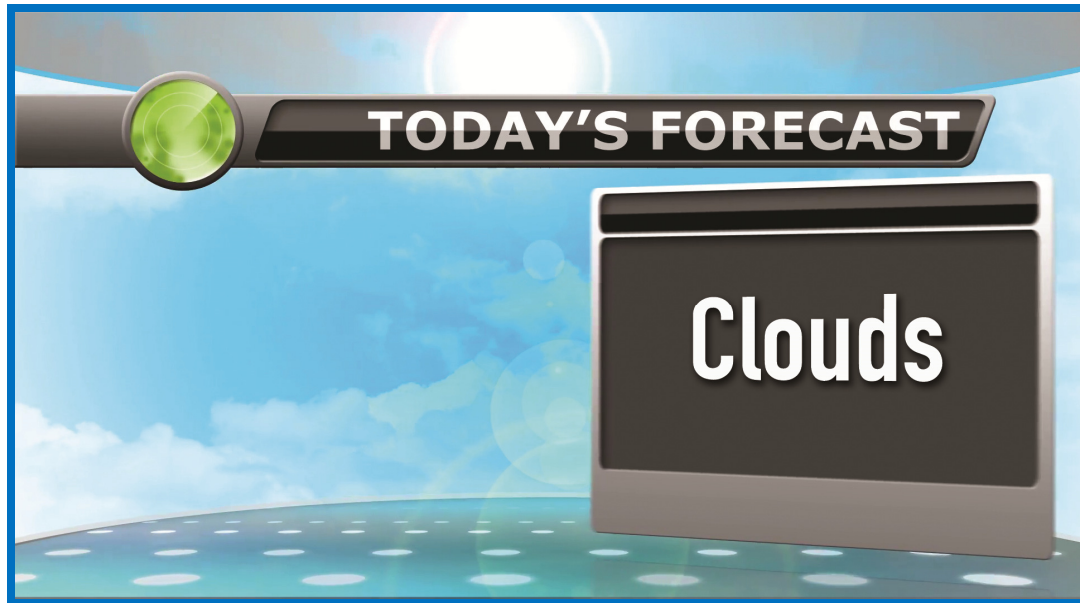
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 15, 2018



Welcome...

What is the one thing we talk about the most? What is the one thing that changes all the time? What is the one thing we complain about whatever it is? What do you think? The weather! Of course. The weather gets brought up in the smallest of small talk. The weather changes by the hour, especially around the Midwest. And we most certainly complain about the weather at every chance we get. But what if I told you that the weather played a very important role in the Bible?! It's true and for the next several weeks, we'll be looking at different weather patterns throughout the Bible. And today, the forecast calls for clouds.

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July 15, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Celeste DeBoer
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#40 <i>"Let the Whole Creation Cry"</i> (vs. 1, 2, & 4) <i>"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"</i> (vs. 1 & 2) <i>"Praise the King"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Thanksgiving	<i>"Your Presence Is Heaven to Me"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Exodus 13:17-22
Sermon	"The Forecast Calls for...Clouds"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering	<i>"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"</i> – Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*Postlude	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i>

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

OUR GIFTS...

Online Giving July 1 to July 7

Current Expense – \$3,235.00

Special Projects – \$20.00

Sunday, July 8

Current Expense – \$4,298.68

Benevolent – \$90.00

Missions – \$190.00

Building – \$255.00

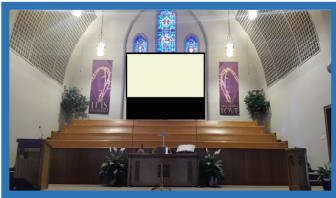
TOTAL – \$4,853.68

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$50.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$66,208.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors will be removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged. Approximately

\$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for this project has already been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, visits, and calls during my recent hospitalization and continued recuperation at home. I am very thankful for this caring church. – Lester VanDeursen

THANK YOU for all the cards, calls and prayers I received during my recent surgery and recovery. I appreciate the care shown by the pastors and congregation here at First Church.

– Kenny Gardiner

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of LaVerne Churchill who passed away Friday, July 6.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Kathy Vinke who passed away Wednesday, July 11.

SUMMER SERVE DAYS: We have two remaining one-day mission trips we are doing as a church this summer.

- **Wednesday, July 25** – Serving **Restoration Ministries** helping with summer camp, kids at the park, community garden, and working with visual arts.
- **Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4** – Helping with Exodus Project/CREAM basketball camp, working with kids, serving food, and whatever else Corey asks us to do :) Will you consider using your gifts to serve in these ways? There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact Sara Jabaay at sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.

PASTOR MATT has published a devotional book of his Friday Letters titled "Dear Church." If you would like a devotional book, a signup sheet is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at the Welcome Center. Books are available for \$15 each and all proceeds go to the Church.

MISSING FROM LIBRARY: “The View from the Lighthouse” by Melody Carlson.

THE ILLIANA DIVISION OF BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS is hosting Selah in concert on **Friday, Sept. 14** at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL. Limited seating. Purchase your tickets online at bibleleague.org/selah.

SAVE THE DATE: Providence Life Services has its 58th annual ministry celebration Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2, 2018** at the Shedd Aquarium. Reserve online <https://www.providenceliveservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108 to reserve your seat.

▪ **The church office secretary summer hours are 9:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday** ▪

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JULY 15

GREETERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Mark & Kathy Spiekhout
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen Van Deursen and Colin & Geni Cutler
NURSERY: Gerri Van Baren, Dawn Kuyper and Kathy Spiekhout
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **PROJECTION:** Sarah Waterstone; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Daniel Day, Joe Fransen, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley
PRAYER ROOM: Larry DeYoung
WELCOME CENTER: Clair Hoeksema
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Keith Durkin
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Diana Abernathy, Mary Koster and Rhonda DeBok

MONDAY, JULY 16

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, JULY 17

7:00PM: Bible Study in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

10:00AM: Perpetual Care Trust Fund Committee meets in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, JULY 20

9:00AM: OASIS Deep River Waterpark

SUNDAY, JULY 22

GREETERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Griff & Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Myrna Eytcheson
NURSERY: Darcy Daly
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld; **PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Dave Besser, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, and Nick Paarlberg
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck
WELCOME CENTER: Russ Paarlberg
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Keith Durkin
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