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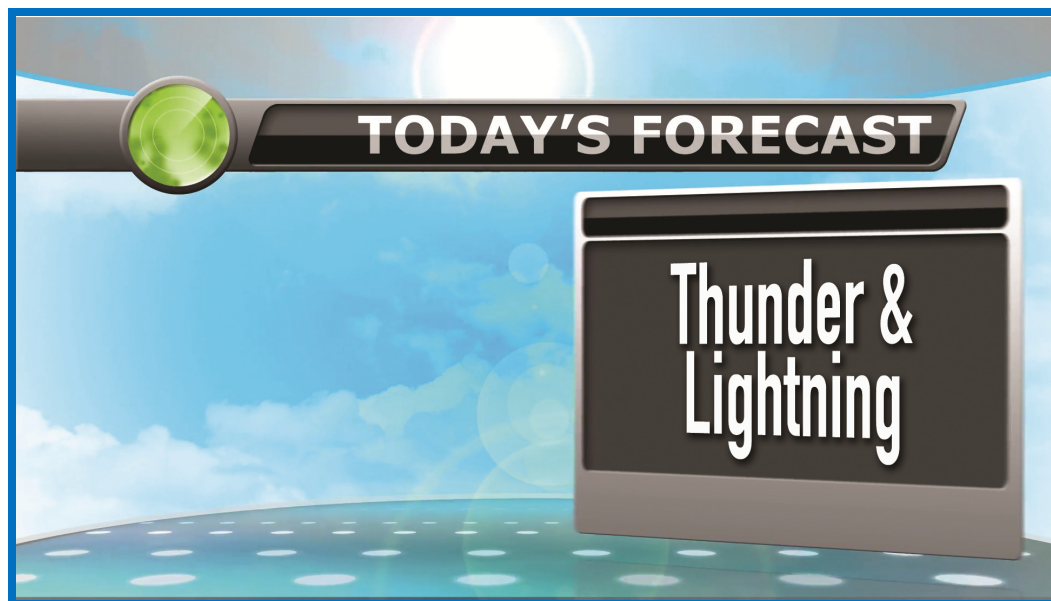
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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 22, 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 thunder and lightning.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 22, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"</i>
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Time of Worship	#328 <i>"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"</i> #30 <i>"I Will Sing of the Mercies"</i> <i>"O Praise the Name"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Thanksgiving	<i>"What Greater Love"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Exodus 20:1-21
Sermon	<i>"The Forecast Calls for...Thunder & Lightning"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Mel DeVries
Offering	<i>"Til' the Storm Passes By"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*Postlude	<i>"Standing On the Promises"</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 8 to July 14

Current Expense – \$640.00

Special Projects – \$20.00

Sunday, July 15

Current Expense – \$10,008.30

Benevolent – \$60.00

Missions – \$265.00

Building – \$260.00

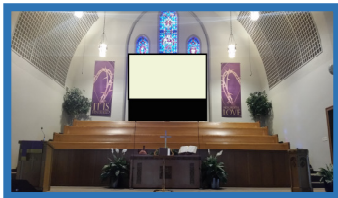
TOTAL – \$10,593.30

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$200.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$66,428.00

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 1st Church for all the ways you showed concern during my hospitalization and my continued recuperation at home.
– Bill Rietveld

NANCY AND BOB ASMUS would like to thank our many friends at First Church for their calls, visits, cards and prayers during the recent death of Bob's twin brother, Bud, and Bob's confinement at Ingalls Hospital because of a rare and dangerous virus. We also want to thank our loving and faithful pastoral staff for their personal visits to both events. Our Lord Jesus Christ was there at both events to give us assurance and comfort. To Him belongs all glory and honor. Thank-you to all.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Keith and Felicia Flowers on the passing of Felicia's brother, Gary Tate.

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

- **Friday, July 27** – 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.

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.

SOUTH HOLLAND'S EDUCATION FAIR is on **Saturday, August 11** from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the South Holland Community Center. Fun for the whole family: face painting, raffle prizes, children's reading room and master gardener demo. Also, free vision screenings, hearing tests, kids dental check-ups and a blood drive.

AFTER FOUR YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS OF PRAYER, planning, study, research and sweat equity, Unity Christian Academy will open its doors to its first freshman class on August 15. Many members of our congregation have been supporting the school along the way. You are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 14** at the campus (16341 South Park Avenue—on the south side of Calvary Community Church).

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JULY 22

GREETERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Griff & Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Myrna Eytcheson and Rodger & Sherry Norris

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Pam Costello and Celeste DeBoer

MONDAY, JULY 23

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, JULY 24

7:00PM: Bible Study in the Genesis Room

FRIDAY, JULY 27

9:00AM: Summer Serve Day at Restoration Ministries

SUNDAY, JULY 29

GREETERS: Ron & Diana Abernathy and Rich & Barb Grevengoed

COFFEE SERVERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Wendy Stehle

NURSERY: Kelly Bruinsma and Amber Fransen

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** John DeVries

VIDEO: Mike Decker; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill

WELCOME CENTER: Don VanBaren

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Keith Durkin

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Arleta Hommes, Nikki Nyhanna and Gerri VanBaren

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

SERMON NOTES...

“The Forecast Calls for...Thunder & Lightning”

Exodus 20:1-21

Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone

PRAYER ROOM – Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

WORSHIP...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our (only) Outdoor Service on **Sunday, August 26** at 9:30am on the beautiful front lawn of the Church. We will also celebrate our annual Church Picnic on that Sunday immediately following the morning service. Keep an eye open for more information to come!

LEARNING...

JOIN PASTOR COREY as he concludes a six-week spiritual formation class entitled "God's Gift to Us: The Church" on **Tuesday, July 24**. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after the service. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUB meets **Tuesday, September 11** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers" by Sara Ackerman. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jackie Rietveld has been admitted to Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer, IN due to a broken pelvis from a fall last week.

Don Spiekhout is confined to home while recovering from a fracture in his back.

Rich Riddering has been transferred to Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Loretta Bovenkerk needs prayer as she is recovering at home.

Ralph Knopf has been admitted to Northwestern Hospital.

Lynn Hoeksema continues her recovery at Northwestern Hospital.

Kenny Gardiner is home recovering from spine surgery.

Mary Wiersma, Aubrey Durkin's mother's cancer has returned. Please keep her in prayer.

Lenore Vander Meer is scheduled for back surgery on July 31 at Christ Advocate in Oak Lawn.

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