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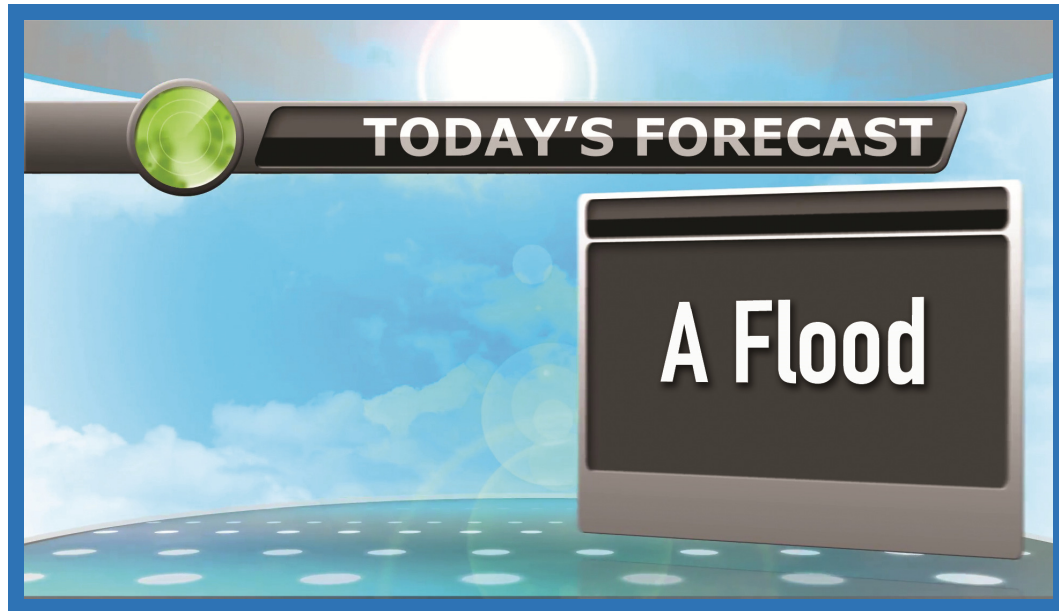
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 8, 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 a flood.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Time of Worship	#319 <i>"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"</i> <i>"Unchanging"</i> <i>"Soul Will Sing"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Song of Thanksgiving	#492 <i>"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"</i> (vs. 1,2 & 3)

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 7:17 – 8:1 – Roger Triemstra
Sermon	"The Forecast Calls for...a Flood!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Barb Grevengoed
Offering	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>
*Doxology	Joanne Hoeksema
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*Postlude	<i>"He Keeps Me Singing"</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 June 24 thru June 30

Current Expense – \$1,140.00

Special Projects – \$20.00

Sunday, July 1

Current Expense – \$14,209.00

Benevolent – \$380.00

Missions – \$315.00

Building – \$215.00

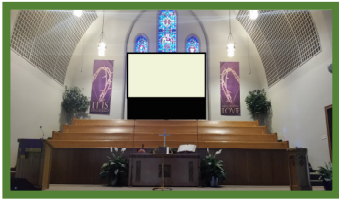
TOTAL – \$15,119.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$2,170.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$66,138.00

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...

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

- **Thursday, July 12** – Serving **Roseland Christian Ministries** in their thrift shop doing cleaning, sorting, and stocking.
- **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 8

GREETERS: Rick & Pam Furst and Colin & Geni Cutler

COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Griff & Mary Decker

NURSERY: Merley Verhagen and Amy Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** James Kuyper

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: Larry DeYoung

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Lili Swenson, Dorothy Jacobsma, Barb Grevengoed and Gail Housman

MONDAY, JULY 9

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 10

7:00PM: Bible Study in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

7:30AM: Management Team meeting in the Genesis Room

THURSDAY, JULY 12

9:00AM: Summer Serve Day meets in the Fellowship Hall for trip to Roseland Christian Ministries

SUNDAY, JULY 15

GREETERS: Rick & Amy Veldboom and Mark & Kathy Spiekhout

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen Van Deursen and Colin & Geni Cutler

NURSERY: Gerri Van Baren 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, Arleta Hommes & Rhonda DeBok

SERMON NOTES...

“The Forecast Calls for...a Flood!”

Genesis 7:17 – 8:1

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 continues a six-week spiritual formation class entitled “God’s Gift to Us: The Church” on **Tuesday, July 17**. 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:

Bill Rietveld is home recuperating from a heart attack.

Don Spiekhout has returned home from the hospital.

LaVerne Churchill is at Ingalls Hospital in hospice care.

Rich Riddering has been admitted to University of Chicago Hospital.

Loretta Bovenkerk continues in Advocate South Suburban Hospital.

Ralph Knopf continues with his chemo treatments.

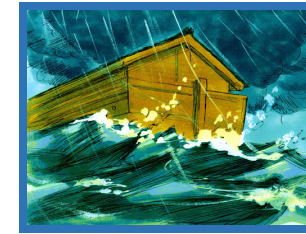
Lynn Hoeksema is recovering from surgery at Northwestern Hospital.

Kenny Gardiner is home recovering from spine surgery.

Kathryn Vinke is in Hospice Care at Arden Courts.

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

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To get to know you better, please fill out our [Welcome Card](#) in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the life of First Church, make sure to include your email address.