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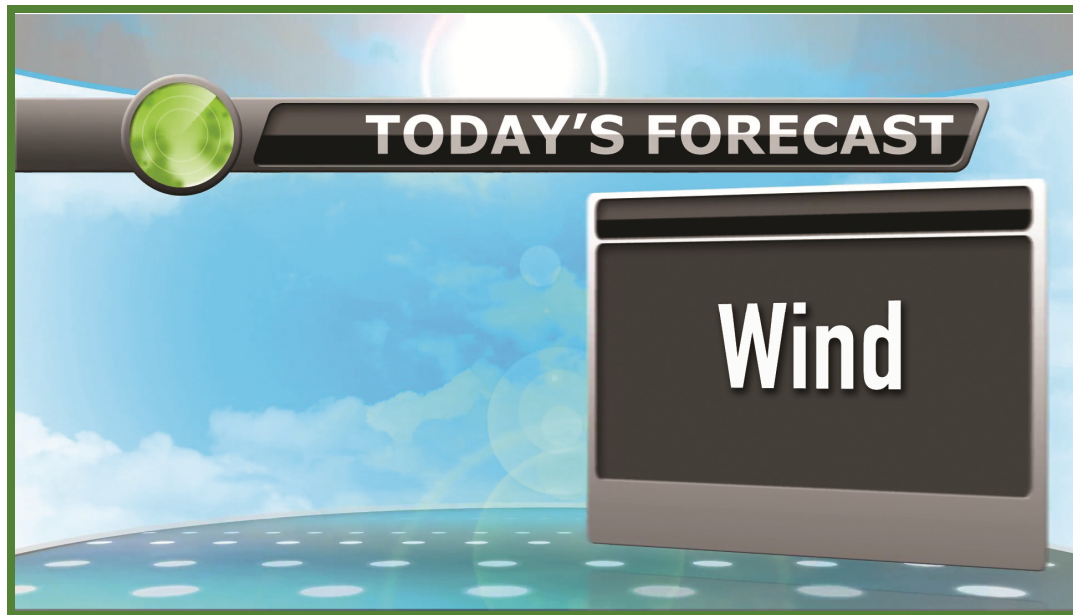
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19, 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 wind.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 19, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Anthony Bolkema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship

#517 *"The Solid Rock"*

#53 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

"The Lord Almighty Reigns"

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Through It All" – Men's Quartet

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Acts 27:13-44

Reader: Glenn Gouwens

Sermon

"The Forecast Calls for...Wind"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response

"Take My Life"

The Sacrament of Baptism

William James Fransen

Congregational Prayer

Barb Grevengoed

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Matt Waterstone

*Sending in Grace

#834 *"Lord, Dismiss Us"* (vs. 2)

*Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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...

Sunday, August 12

Basket Total: \$12,321.00
Online Total: \$630.00
Gift & Memorial: Marie Rietveld - \$225.00
Special Projects Total: \$650.00
Giving Total: \$13,196.00
(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lois Van Vuren continues at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Rich Riddering has been readmitted to the University of Chicago.

Ralph Knopf continues with his chemo treatments.

Lynn Hoeksema continues her recovery at home.

Lenore Vander Meer has returned home from the hospital.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Jackie Rietveld, Park Place, Hope House Room #15, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

WORSHIP...

OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A FRIEND! Our Outdoor Service is on next **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.

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...

OUR OUTDOOR SERVICE is next **Sunday, August 26** at 9:30am and will be followed by our Church Picnic in the Activity Center. Last names beginning with **A–I** make a **SALAD** to share; **J–Z** make a **DESSERT** to share. Jimbooo’s fried chicken & pulled pork is our main course. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall after our morning service.

REMEMBER the HOPE Packs drive. Please take home with you today a checklist and envelope (in your mail slot). Our church can provide meaningful work for the adults in Elim’s Adult Services Program *and* bless children living in need around the world. You will have the next two weeks to return it back here at church, **Sunday, August 26**. Please help us bless as many children as possible by collecting the supplies on your checklist and including a small donation. A bag of school supplies and a small donation allows Elim’s adults to assemble and ship one HOPE Pack of school supplies. Help us bless two people with every single HOPE Pack. Please don’t forget your encouraging notes and to fill out the gift information completely for accurate receipting of your tax-deductible donation.

THE INVITATIONS TO PASTOR COREY AND TIFFANY SURREL’S bridal shower have been placed in your mailbox. Please circle the date of **Wednesday, September 5**, at 6:30 pm as we honor the happy couple and share in their joy. A delightful dessert and beverage fare will be served. RSVP by August 29 to Nyla DeGraff @708-542-2501, Mary Koster @708-380-4316 or on the sign-up sheet on the welcome center in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you can attend!

ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE - We're going back **Saturday, September 8** for a bonus Summer Serve Day! We had so much fun sorting clothes, and they need a lot of help putting out their winter stock. We plan to be there for a short day from 10 to about 1. Pack a lunch and join us! The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall or contact sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.

UPTOWN BAPTIST will begin the new season of preparing supper for those less fortunate on **Monday, September 10**. We meet in the church parking lot at 12:30pm and are always ready to welcome new faces!

MUNCH & MINGLE will begin their new season on **Sunday, September 23** in the Activity Center at 11:30am.

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS beginning **Tuesday, September 4** is Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm.

SERMON NOTES...

“The Forecast Calls for...Wind”

Acts 27:13-44

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.

LEARNING...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On **Sunday, September 9**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am.

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.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Please join us on **Tuesday, September 25**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church, for a time of food, fellowship, and an introduction to our new season. The first part of the season, we will be working on a DVD Study by Karen Ehman titled, "What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians". In this study, the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians will show us how we can banish our anxieties of the world and rest in the peace of Christ. The cost of the study guide is \$15.00 and will be distributed at the kick-off. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the kick-off, or for more information, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

THE ILLIANA DIVISION OF BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS is hosting Selah in concert on **Friday, September 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 EXODUS PROJECTS invite you to join them at their annual breakfast being held on **Saturday, September 22** at Scrementi's Restaurant in Steger IL, from 8:30 - 10:00 am. This event will include introductions to The Exodus Projects board and staff, a review of the previous year's events, and information regarding upcoming events. Please consider joining them for a morning of fellowship and thanksgiving. To R.S.V.P. please call 708-414-0527 or email theexodusprojects@gmail.com. For more information, please see Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

GREETERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Mary Koster
COFFEE SERVERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
NURSERY: Cindy Paarlberg and Dawn Kuyper
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: James Kuyper
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley
PRAYER ROOM: Don DeGraff
WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Gail Housman, and Mary Koster

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

11:00AM: Calvin Christian School Convocation Service in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:15PM-9:00PM: Oasis Laser Tag

OUTDOOR SERVICE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

GREETERS: Roger & Judy Gill and Rick & Amy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Rich & Barb Grevengoe and Don & Gerri VanBaren
NURSERY: Ramelle DeVries and Izzy Veldboom
MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, John DeVries, Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, and Rachel Wooley
PRAYER ROOM: Roger and Judy Gill
WELCOME CENTER: Don DeGraff
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Rich Thornton
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▪ The church office secretary summer hours are 9:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday ▪



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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.