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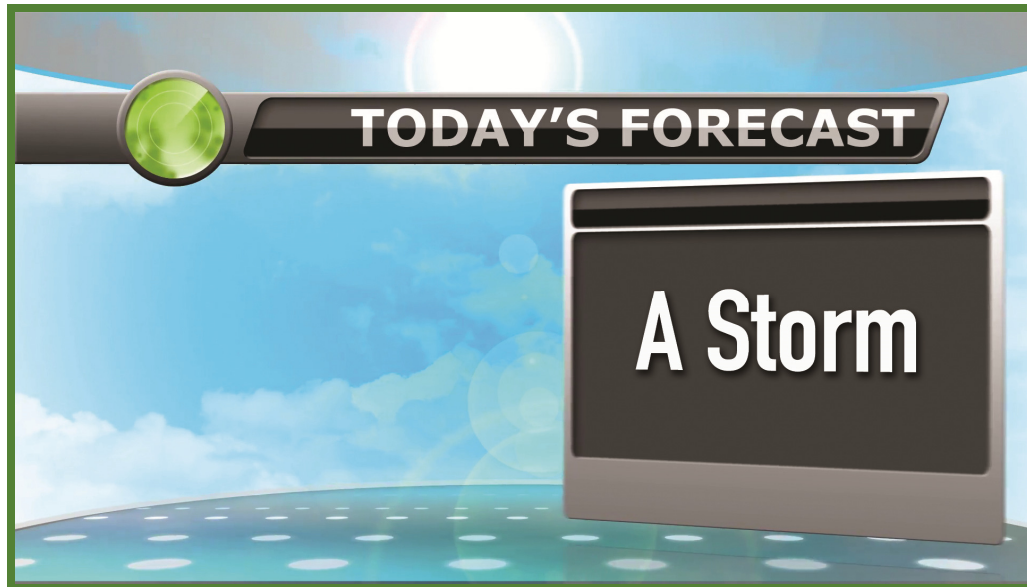
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 storm.

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September 2, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#52 <i>"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"</i> #62 <i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i> (vs. 1, 2, & 4) <i>"Crown Him (Majesty)"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 8:22-25
Sermon	"The Forecast Calls for...A Storm"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering	<i>"Peace in the Midst of the Storm"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*Postlude	<i>"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"</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.

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lois Van Vuren continues at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN. **Marcus Barnes** is at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN. **Rich Riddering** continues at the University of Chicago and has been diagnosed with cancer; a treatment plan is being determined. **Ralph Knopf** continues with his chemo treatments. **Lynn Hoeksema** continues her recovery at home.

Robert Wooley is recovering at home from foot surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Shirley Witvoet, 148 Indianwood Drive, Thornton, IL 60476

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!

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 your seat at <https://www.providenceliveservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108.

THE EXODUS PROJECT invites 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.

SERMON NOTES...

“The Forecast Calls for...a Storm”

Luke 8 :22-25

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.

CHURCH LIFE...

THE JIM RIETVELD FAMILY would like to thank our church family for their prayers, kindnesses and visits for Jaci during her suffering and passing.

GOD HAS NOT PROMISED skies always blue, but he has promised to never leave us. I can with all humbleness tell you so! Thank you for the cards, prayers, and visits. You are such a caring congregation. A special thank you to Pastor Matt, Pastor Mel and Pastor Corey for visits. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I heal. – Lynn Hoeksema

ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE - We're going back this 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 are Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 26

Basket Total: \$6,260.00
Online Total: \$690.00
Gift & Memorial: Marie Rietveld - \$250.00
Special Projects Total: \$1,055.00
Giving Total: \$7,565.00
(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

LEARNING...

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

- PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-4) Teachers: Rhonda Hesselink, Sara Jabaay, and Sarah Waterstone. This class will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- PRIMARY (Kindergarten-4th Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema and Nikki Nyhanna. This class will meet in the Library for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT KIDS meet for a time of singing in the Genesis Room at 11:00am followed by their Bible story time.

- SECONDARY GROUP (5th Grade – High School) Teachers: Pastor Corey, Barb Grevengeod, Mike Hoekstra, and Roger Hommes. This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

ADULT CLASSES:

- JOIN PASTOR MATT as he leads a class in the Chapel.
- JOIN PASTOR MEL as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

GREETERS: Roger & Arleta Hommes and Rodger & Sherry Norris
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Gerri VanBaren
NURSERY: Kim Bolkema and Kelly Bruinsma
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok
PRAYER ROOM: Ron and Diana Abernathy
WELCOME CENTER: Ron Abernathy
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Deb Woltzen, Nyla DeGraff, Jeannie Spike and Norma Smit

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

LABOR DAY – Church Office and Day Care Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30AM: Management Team meeting
6:30PM: Tea for Tiffany & Corey in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00AM: Summer Serve Day at Roseland

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

GREETERS: Roger & Judy Gill and Rick & Amy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Gwen Adams, Faye Gowens and Trina Taylor
NURSERY: Mary Decker and Merley Verhagen
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
PROJECTION: Tiffany Surrel
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck
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