AUGUST 2025 FIRST FOCUS NEWSLETTER



The Sign-Up Edition Let's Connect



We are looking for volunteers to assist in various capacities on Sunday mornings! Please consider offering your help in any of the areas of ministry listed below. Step outside your comfort zone and try something new – it could be a fun and rewarding experience!

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Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities

Beginning July 12th, and then every 2nd Saturday of the month until complete, we will have opportunities to help build a house sponsored by First Pres for the Conely family at 1015 W. Taylor.

We will work on our specified Saturdays from 8am-12pm, with a short break at 10am. Beginners are welcome, as no skill level is

required, and all tools, safety equipment, and materials will be provided. Drinks and snacks for our volunteers would also be greatly appreciated. Please contact Dave Seyller with any questions at 309-242-7440.



Care & Share Donations for Home Sweet Home Ministries



Kitchen Needs

- *Disposable Water Cups
- *Ziplock Snack Bags
- *Bottled Water
- *Sanitize Wipes
- *Styrofoam Coffee Cups
- *Coffee
- *Paper Towels

Co-Op Needs

- * Shampoo
- * Conditioner
- * Body wash
- Lotion
- Sunscreen
- Toilet Paper
- **Paper Towels**

Junction Needs

- Liquid Coffee Creamer
- Sugar Packets

Items with an asterisk are needed more urgently than others.

Donations can be dropped off at the church Monday-Friday during office hours or on Sunday mornings.



Inspired by God's love, we seek to be a community that follows Jesus.



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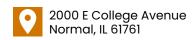
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July 25, 2025





Dear Church Family,

October is traditionally Pastor Appreciation Month, but this year, due to Pastor Matt's sabbatical from October through December, we want to take a moment in September to honor his dedication, hard work, and leadership.

In addition, we would like to equally recognize Pastor Karol Schilling, who will be assuming greater responsibilities during Pastor Matt's absence. Our church is truly blessed to have two pastors who lead with integrity, intentionality, and wisdom. Their steadfast commitment greatly enriches our congregation and community.

Furthermore, we want to to extend our appreciation beyond our pastoral staff. Our church family is supported and strengthened by many dedicated non-pastoral staff members—including our Director of Music (Phil Enge), our Director of Family Ministry (Kelli Owens), our Administrative Assistant (Anne Lunt), our Property Manager (John Anderson), our Finance Coordinator (Priscilla Montalvo), our A/V Tech Engineer (Tyler Gatto), and our Childcare Coordinator (Tristan Bishop). Their hard work and devotion are vital to the vibrancy of our church, and this is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and thank them, too.

Please join us in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for our church staff. You can scan the QR code below for a list of staff's favorite things. While gifts of appreciation are lovely and warmly welcomed, a heartfelt handwritten note of thanks can be equally meaningful. Let's help them feel recognized and valued for all they do.

Thank you for your love, support, and prayers.

With gratitude,



The Personnel Committee

Angela Brant, Eric Jome, Rob Kelley (Chair), Julie Koh, Todd Smith