

I am Ben Boze, Life Scout at Troop 305. I am asking you all if you would please save your bottle caps for my Eagle Project. My project is collecting bottle caps and turning them into benches. I am replacing the old benches at Redfield Park. I need 400 pounds of bottle caps for 2 benches, but luckily I already have 200 pounds.

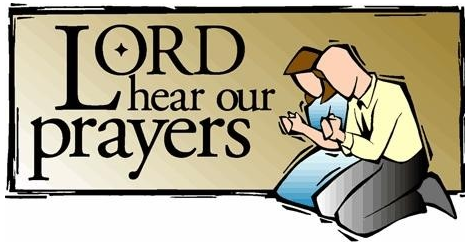
Please pray for:

At Parkway Center - Bill Griswold

At Resthove - Ann Musgrove

In the Service - Brad Gericke, Brandon Shultz, Payton Lowe

Prayers for - Phil Sinroll, Jessie Witt, Lucy Ettinger, Pat Conklen, Barb Stern, Mickey Gage, Debbie Musgrove, Ross & Marlene Jennings, Mary-Terrie Snaveley, Ron & Jackie Williams, Elijah Flint, Hart DuBois, Yvonne Van Wyhe



19 sites—15,128 meals—11 weeks

Thank you to Jane Pease for helping at Harvesttime Church.

Thank you to any and all who donated applesauce, and those who helped in serving the hungry of the Sauk Valley!

- Wanda Martens



PADS Volunteers Needed

PADS is the local agency that provides temporary housing for the homeless of the Sauk Valley. They are open year-round. The guests are provided with a dinner and breakfast meal. There are bathroom facilities where they can clean up. Laundry facilities to clean clothes and a sleeping area. The shelters hours are from 7 pm to 7 am.

First Presbyterian Church staffs the shelter on the 1st Saturday of the month. The volunteers hours are 6pm to 11pm. There also is a volunteer that prepares the dinner meal and delivers it before 7 pm. Volunteers serve the meal and do the dishes.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Church narthex.

First Presbyterian PADS Coordinator

Bryan Etter



Flowers are given by Tom & Loretta Densmore in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 16, 8:00 AM Benny's Red Apple Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Resumes September 1 on Zoom at 10AM

Just a reminder that you can still access our services online! The church Facebook page will feature a link as soon as the service is posted, and the church website will also have the link. You can keep up with us by following us on Facebook and you can always find the current church newsletter and calendar on the website. If you need more information or you'd like to get the sermons via snail mail, just call the church office and leave a message: 815-631-1056

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First Presbyterian Church
STERLING ILLINOIS

Order of Worship - August 29, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In this place of worship, we come together as one community.

People: To love the lord our God with all our heart and soul and strength.

Leader: In this place of teaching and learning, we come together as one community.

People: To learn to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Leader: When we go from this place, may we live as one community, united in Christ.

People: To love the world with justice, to live with kindness, to love our neighbors.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Songs

Show Me Your Ways

We Believe

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we do not always listen to what you have told us. You told us to love you with all our heart, but we often love our jobs, our homes, and our own possessions more than we love you. Jesus told us to love you with all our soul, but we put more soul into our music, our sports, and our hobbies than into expressing our love of you. Jesus told us to love you with all our mind, but we seldom study the Bible as much as we study our schoolbooks or bankbooks. Jesus also told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, but we spend hours meeting our wants and needs and minutes finding excuses for not taking care of others.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember and obey your commands. For we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus gave us commands so that we would know how to live. But Jesus also died and rose again to show us that we are forgiven when we fail to live up to those commands. Because we are loved, Jesus lived and died and rose again. Thanks be to God!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Response

Glory to God

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response

Peace Song

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Matthew 22:35-40

Sermon

Learning By Heart

Baptism

Declan Reese O'Keefe

Offertory

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

The Potter's Hand

Benediction

Leader:.....and let all God's people say...

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Run and Not Be Weary