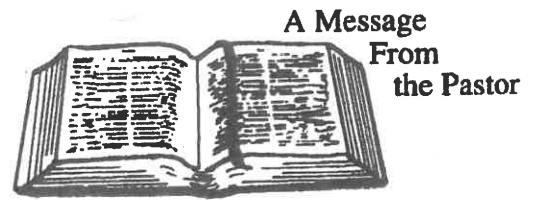




*'Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love'*



What challenging times we live in! There is so much going on in our world and in our lives; so much we have to contend with, so much we have to cope with.

And regrettably, unlike times past, one of realities of these challenging times is that there are few, if any, people who are there for us as we face life's challenges. Friends can desert you, family often isn't much better. Everybody's busy with their own lives and their own problems to be there for you. Social agencies are overworked and understaffed, churches are preoccupied with more major matters, and the government cares less and less about its people every day.

So . . . who is there for you in your need? Who is there to bring you encouragement, comfort, strength as you face the challenges in your life? Is there anyone who will be there for you?

In your faith, you know, you can be assured of One who is there for you . . .

When the one you care about the most could care less about you;  
When the one you gave your heart to throws it in your face . . . I'll be there.

When the person you share all your memories with can't even  
remember your birthday . . . I'll be there.

When all you need is a friend to listen to you when you whine;  
When all you need is someone to catch your tears . . . I'll be there.

When your heart hurts so bad you can't even breathe;  
When you just want to crawl up and die . . . I'll be there.

When you start to cry after hearing a sad song;  
When the tears just won't stop falling down . . . I'll be there.

So you see . . . I'll be there until the end.  
If you ever need me just give me a call and I'LL BE THERE!"

With love, JESUS

(B. Morely)

"The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:5

Wishing you blessings from our Lord who's always there for us,

Pastor Jeff G. Gavin

*Mount Prospect Historical Society's*  
**Saint John Lutheran Church  
Cemetery Walk**

**1100 Linneman Road, Mount Prospect, IL**



**Sunday, September 27, 2026  
12:00 - 3:00 pm**



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*The Historical Society's costumed re-enactors  
will portray notable residents buried at the  
cemetery, founded in the early 1850's.*

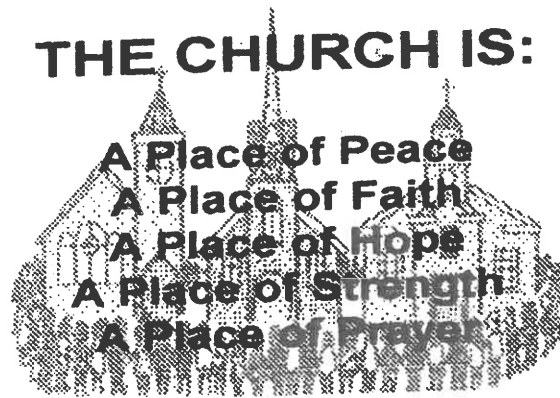
*Pastor Jeff Gavin will provide personal tours of the church.*

**Tickets at [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org)**

**Advance Price: \$10 per adult and child (over age 10) • At the gate: \$15**

*All proceeds benefit the MPHS operating fund*

# THE CHURCH IS:



A Place of Peace

A Place of Faith

A Place of Hope

A Place of Strength

A Place of Prayer

## A Place of Peace

*Through Worship we find:*

- ◆ Communion with God
- ◆ Quietness and reflection
- ◆ Spiritual Renewal

*"Perfect love casts out fear."  
1 John 4: 18*

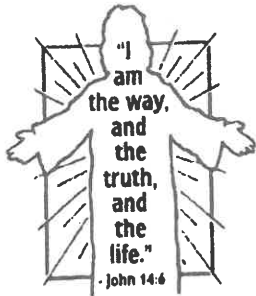


## A Place of Faith

*Through Worship we:*

- ◆ Acknowledge Christ as Lord
- ◆ Share the Scriptures
- ◆ Relate our faith to daily living

*"This is the victory that overcomes  
the world, even our faith." 1 John 5: 4*



## A Place of Hope

*Through Worship we:*

- ◆ Receive the assurance of God's concern
- ◆ Experience God's redeeming love
- ◆ Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit

*"Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing, that you may abound in hope, through  
the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15: 13*



## A Place of Strength

*Through Worship we have:*

- ◆ FELLOWSHIP with those seeking to do God's will
- ◆ OPPORTUNITY to deepen our personal dedication
- ◆ RESOLUTION to follow Christ

*"I can do all things through Christ,  
which strengthens me." Philippians 4: 13*

## A Place of Prayer

*Through Worship we express our  
concerns by praying for:*

- ◆ Personal needs
- ◆ Family needs
- ◆ Neighbor's needs
- ◆ Community's needs

*"Pray without ceasing."  
1 Thessalonians 5: 17*



**Beginning Sunday, September 13** . . . we hope you will come and join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** in the lower level of the school building . . . **open question forum**.

**Beginning Wednesday, September 16** . . . please join us for our **Mid-Week Bible Class** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the school building.

**PASTOR** . . . has resumed taking Fridays as his "Day Off". Even though he may sometimes be in his office, he is scheduling no work; so Please do not Visit him, or Phone him on Fridays. If there is a true Emergency, call him on his Cell: (630) 776-2382. Thank you.



### WORSHIP CHANGE

Beginning **Sunday September 13** WE WILL RESUME our REGULAR Worship times of 8:00 & 10:30 AM.

### ALTAR FLOWERS . . . ALTAR FLOWERS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$20.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, (or confirm your "standing order") please contact please call the **CHURCH OFFICE at (847) 593-7670 or** email Pastor at [jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net) **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!**



**Please Note:** When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.

### OUR WELCOME PICTURES

Each Sunday you are welcomed with a slide show of pictures on our large screen monitor.

Please come early enough to look at these pictures; as they are not just random images, but carefully selected images that reveal the theme of the day, and are designed to depict and enhance the spoken content of the day's sermon.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we also wish a "Happy Anniversary" to those couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.



If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . **"Happy Anniversary"**.

Bill & Marnie Franz  
Joseph & Karon Ordower  
Jon & Joanne Tertel  
Marius & Carmen Hetrea

September 1  
September 1  
September 12  
September 30

September

BIRTHDAY  
GREETINGS

Martha Hengels September 3

Henny Neggers September 4

Robbie Fiorito September 4

Kathleen Graves September 4

Logan Schoo September 10

Tracy Galla September 16

Jennifer Franz September 17

Erich Franz September 17

Tayler Petersen September 18

Sydney Klatka September 23

Laurel Marin September 24

Jon Tertel September 24

Kevin Petersen September 25

*If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office for a correction...Thank You!*

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

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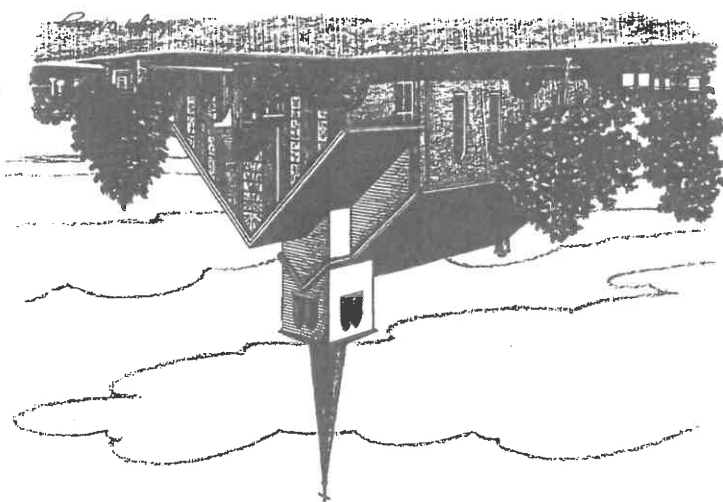
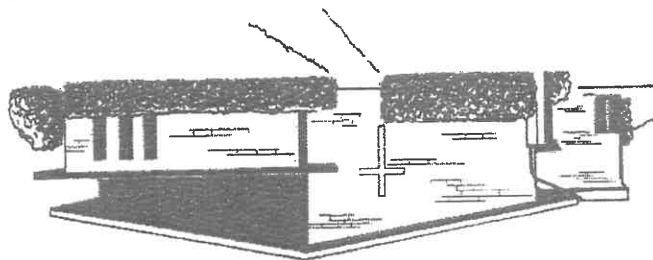
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