



KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 2025

Happenings

Pastor's Corner



Good Things are Happening

As Spring blooms and we rapidly move towards the growing season of Summer, Kirkland UMC is blooming and growing as well.

Blooming in Worship:

In January 2025, we averaged 32 people weekly in Worship (In-house & Online). By the end of March our weekly attendance is 43. Sunday School attendance in January was 0; by the end of March, Sunday school averaged 7. We continue to grow by re-inviting members who have fallen away and new visitors. Let's keep up the good work!

We continue to bloom in our Missional giving and actions. In the first three months of 2025, we received over \$1200 in support for our monthly missions, and the congregation continues to grow in its support for the Kirkland food pantry through gifts of hygiene products for the 400-500 people who use the pantry services each month.

We are blooming in our relationship with the Lutheran Church. To bring Christ to the Kirkland community, we have planned a joint worship in July and November, and a Vacation Bible School in July.

Our Advisory Council is working on a new Mission Statement to better reflect "who" Kirkland UMC is and "why" we are in ministry to the world. All ideas are welcomed and valued. Please add your thoughts to the white sheets at the back of the sanctuary. The Ad Council is also in the process of simplifying the church's administration. The board is working to create a better board to serve our congregation.

Our garden is blooming with some well-planned changes. Our garden volunteer, Marian Collins (who is looking for others to join her), is already hard at work cleaning up the winter fall-off and planning for Spring growth. Dead and dying trees and bushes have been removed, and grass seed will be spread to create a lush garden environment.

Spring also brings with it Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Palm Sunday is **April 13**, and we plan a children's parade at 10 AM. On **April 17, at 6:30 PM**, we celebrate Maundy (Holy) Thursday with interactive Worship. On **April 18, Good Friday, at 7 PM**, we have a moving service surrounding the Choir Cantata. **Easter Sunday, April 20**, begins at 9:00 AM with an Easter Continental Breakfast, with Worship following at 10 AM.

As we grow into the summer months, we anticipate reaching out to the Kirkland community and beyond through our missions and ministries during the 4th of July weekend. We need volunteers for the float, the Refresh Station, which will provide hospitality and cool water to all, and the Children's Station, a free and fun place for children and families to cool off and enjoy free water activities.

I praise God, the Great Gardener, who is tending our congregation and allowing us to bloom and grow. Remember that we are a reflection of God's work in the world. Let everyone you meet see the face of Christ and witness its growth in your life.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Dee



Good Friday Cantata

Choir Director Diane Parrish has masterminded our Good Friday's performance which will feature Hannah Strmic on the keyboard and as a soloist. A special cellist will be playing as well.

Choir members will give dramatic readings about the Easter story and the congregation will sing responses to those readings. These will be one or two verses to favorite tunes.

The choir will also be singing three soulful songs to complete the story of Christ's journey during Easter week.

Please join us on Good Friday at 7pm for a performance you won't want to miss. Bring family, friends and neighbors.



AprilLiturgists

- 6 Jack Myers
- 13 Terry Medine
- 17 TBD
- 18 TBD
- 20 Clare Hay
- 27 Lori Finkle

Audio Visual

- 6 Clare Hay
- 13 Bret Collins
- 17 TBD
- 18 TBD
- 20 Lyndsay Myers
- 27 Bret Collins

Greeters

- 6 Larry & Connie Worden
- 13 David Finkle & Eric Mede
- 17 TBD
- 18 TBD
- 20 Eric Mede & TBD
- 27 Ruth Aves & Lyn Exner

Ushers

- Lora & Brian
Stevens

Trustee's Corner

The Trustees look forward to planning projects for 2025.
Look for more updates soon!

**April Calendar**

Apr 1	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
Apr 3	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Meeting Room
Apr 6	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, & Zoom
	Lent Bible Study & Meal	4:00 pm	Basement
Apr 7	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Apr 8	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement
Apr 13	Palm Sunday Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
	Lent Bible Study and Meal	4:00 pm	Basement
Apr 14	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Apr 15	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday	6:30 pm	Church
Apr 18	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Church
Apr 20	Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast	9:00 am	Basement
	Easter Sunday Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Apr 21	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Apr 22	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement
Apr 27	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Apr 28	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Apr 29	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Pastor Dee @ Booth Camp	All Day	Not in the office
	Pastor Dee @ Boot Camp	All Day	Not in the office

*Birthdays***April**

- 4 — Wanda McMurray
- 9 — Sandra Robertson
- 12 — Sissy Butz
- 13 — Connie Worden
- 16 — James Montgomery
- 19 — John Bruch
- 20 — Gene Lane
- 24 — Lora Stevens
- 27 — Ron Roach

Church Leadership

Ad. Council Chair

Diane Parrish

Finance Chair

TBD

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Clare Hay

Treasurer

Lori Finkle

Financial Secretary

Clare Hay

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Bret Collins

Women's Society Co-Presidents

Vicki Maveus

Clare Hay

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Bret Collins

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Peter Bramm

Worship Chair

Larry Worden

Education Chair

Peter Bramm

Lay Leader

Diane Parrish

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
First Lutheran Church
510 South Street, Kirkland IL 60146
815-522-3886

Tuesday's 12-2 pm

If special help is required, please call
815-978-2147.

Food Pantry Report for the 4 week month of
March
145 Families Served
563 Persons served, 200 were Children

Have something you'd like to add to May's Newsletter? It can be news you have to give, or maybe there's something you'd like to know more about... email the church office and we'll work on getting it added.

Deadline for submissions is
Friday, April 24



We are worshipping in person, and online via Facebook Live & Zoom, Sundays @ 10am. Please contact Pastor Dee for the zoom link, 224-805-9513

Worship In April



Mission Sunday:
April 13

Local Mission:
Keep Northern IL Beautiful

Broad Mission:
UMCOR

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
April 6	5th Week of Lent/Communion Sunday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS "The Last Supper: Risking Loss"	John 3: 12-16 NLT
April 13	Palm/Passion Sunday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS "The Garden: Risking Temptation"	Mark 14: 32-36 NLT
April 17	Maundy Thursday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS "In Remembrance of Me"	Matthew 26: 17-30
April 18	Good Friday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS Tenebrae Service	
April 20	Easter/Communion Sunday "Faith is the Belief in Things Unseen"	Luke 24: 1-12 NLT
April 27	2nd Sunday of Easter	John 20: 19-23 NLT

Lenten Study

Sign up today to be part of the
Lenten Study & Meal:

Entering the Passion of Jesus
by Amy-Jill Levine.

Class continue to meet Sundays,
April 6 & 13
(4 PM Class, 5PM Meal).

*All are invited to
join in the class!*



AMY-JILL
LEVINE

ENTERING THE PASSION *of* JESUS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to HOLY WEEK



Thank you for participating in our Easter garden that will grace our sanctuary. You can pick up the flowers you bought for our Easter garden after the Easter service.



Kirkland Food Pantry

We had an exciting addition to the Food Pantry in March! The Northern Illinois Food Bank in Rockford moved into a larger building and they received a donation of new shopping carts for their new expanded Community Market. So, they offered their old shopping carts to other pantries, and we were able to acquire six small shopping carts. Our neighbors love them and so do the volunteers!



Spring is here! Are you planning your garden? If you are planning to grow some produce, please consider planting some extra to share with the pantry. With the cancellation of funding for the Local Food Purchase Assistance grant it will be much more difficult for us to provide fresh produce to our neighbors this summer. We would be happy to receive donations from the over abundance of local gardens! Thank you!

The April item of the month is TOOTHBRUSHES! We hope the collection will include some kids size brushes. Also, it would be good if most of them were single wrapped brushes. But any kind are welcome! Add it to your shopping list now! There is a box by the front door of the church to leave your donations.



The pantry thanks you for all your shampoo and deodorant donations over the past two months. Your contributions truly make a difference in the community.

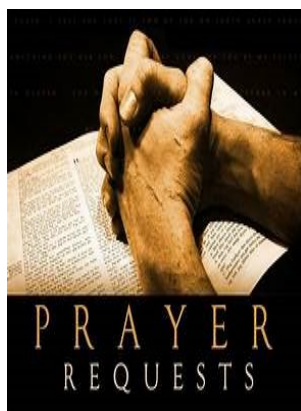


Donating with the PayPal Giving Fund

When you donate to the church using the PayPal Giving Fund, PayPal does not withhold any fees from your donation.

It's a great option to ensure that we receive your entire donation.

*However, unless you **check the box next to** "Share my name and email with this charity." PayPal does not tell us who made the donation. Please **always check that box** so that we can acknowledge your gift and say thank you!*



- Andy Morrell
- Jessica Yeager Stark
- Mike Roach
- Ron Taylor
- Ron Boyer
- Ron Johnson
- Stephanie Hoffman
- Jen Roach
- Gary Green
- Tom Burkhardt



The Kirkland United Methodist Women's Society will meet at 8:30 am on Saturday, June 7 in the church basement. All the ladies of the church are invited to join us for breakfast, devotions and a short meeting.



Methodist Men

Meet every
3rd Saturday
@ KFR.

MEMORIAL FUND REMINDER

By Lora Stevens

If you would like to give a check
to the church in memory of someone,
please make the check out to:
KIRKLAND UMC
and in the memo line of check,
write (for example) John Smith memorial

Ad Council Meets April 3

Directories are HERE!
Pick up your copy in
the Narthex. If you normally
are mailed the newsletter,
your copy of the directory
will be mailed to you.

Donating is as easy as
taking a picture:
Kirkland UMC's QR code
for
donations Or visit
www.kirklandumc.org

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