



KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 2026

Happenings



Pastor's Corner

Dear Siblings in Christ,

A Warm Thank You!

August is a time of shifting rhythms. The long days of summer are ebbing, and the busy season of fall is right around the corner. We're anticipating or dreading the return of children to school, or the start of school. The days are getting shorter and, to all of our relief, cooler!

This July, we celebrated another year of participating in a joint VBS with Kirkland First Lutheran Church, with 36 children, and a joint Sunday service on July 19th. I want to thank our team of volunteers, including Tonda B., Connie W., Lindsay F., and Clare H., who helped make VBS 2026 a fun and meaningful time for all involved. A special thank you to Eric M. and Rich F., who built whatever Lindsay asked of them.

July is also the time when Kirkland UMC reaches out to our community and beyond with our famous 4th of July Breakfast, Refresh Station, and participation in the parade. Many hands make light work, but it can still be an exhausting experience when all the events are on the same day! Special thanks to all the volunteers who made the breakfast and float a success. Special thanks to Diane P. and her team for a fantastic breakfast once again, to the volunteers from the Kirkland Fire Department, and to Lori F. and her team for designing a beautiful float. Thank you to all who manned the Refresh Station in the difficult weather this July 4th weekend. And thank you to all who donated supplies to the breakfast, Refresh Station, and float. These events would not have been successful without your support.

Many churches suspend Sunday School during the summer months, but ours continued to be a joy to all who attended. Thank you, Mr. Peter and his support team, for all the spiritually uplifting Sunday School classes this summer!

Thank you all for a spectacular summer. Now let's look forward to a fantastic fall!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Dee

August**Liturgists**

2 Lori Finkle
 9 Eric Mede
 16 Jen Hernandez
 23 Linda Johnson
 30 Jack Myers

Children's Time

2 Pastor Dee Mede
 9 Pastor Dee Mede
 16 Marian Collins
 23 Peter Bramm
 30 Lyndsay Myers

Audio Visual

2 Clare Hay
 9 Bret Collins
 16 Lyndsay Myers
 23 Clare Hay
 30 Bret Collins

Greeters

2 Eric Mede & Weston Bramm
 9 Ruth Aves & Lyn Exner
 16 The Furlough Family
 23 The Hernandez Family
 30 Ron & Linda Johnson

Ushers

Brian & Lora Stevens

Trustee's Corner

In July, the trustees replaced the faulty basement sump pump with a new one.

The trustees installed a small steel firebox near the east entrance of the church.

This will allow the fire department emergency access.

**August Calendar**

August 2	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
August 3	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
August 4	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Hiawatha Ed. Fdn Mtg	6:30 pm	Basement
August 6	One Board	7:00 pm	Meeting Room
August 9	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
August 10	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
August 11	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Meeting Room
August 16	Worship	10:00am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
August 17	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
August 18	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
August 23	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
August 24	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
August 25	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Meeting Room
August 30	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
August 31	AA	8:00 pm	Basement

Birthdays**August**

10 — Dale Furlough
 12 — Kate Bruch
 22 — Pastor Dee
 26 — David Finkle
 27 — Mike Exner
 24 — Vicki Furlough
 30 — Wyatt Exner
 31 — Ray Myer

Church Leadership**One Board Chair**

Diane Parrish

Secretary

Clare Hay

Finance Representatives

Clare Hay

Jason Hernandez

Treasurer

Lori Finkle

Financial Secretary

Clare Hay

Men's Ministry President

Bret Collins

Women's Society Co-**Presidents**

Vicki Maveus

Clare Hay

SPRC Representatives

Bret Collins

Diane Parrish

Trustee Representatives

Peter Bamm

Brian Stevens

Worship Chair

Larry Worden

Education Chair

Peter Bamm

Lay Leader

Diane Parrish

Lay Leadership**Representatives**

Rev. Deanna Mede

Welcome & Witness

Lori Finkle

Eric Mede

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 5 week month of
May

149 Households Served
518 Persons served, 177 were Children

Have something you'd like to add to September'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
August 21



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 August

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
2nd Communion Sunday	10th Sunday After Pentecost "Miracle and/or Ministry"	Matthew 14: 13-21n CEB
9th	11th Sunday After Pentecost "Family is Complicated"	Genesis 37: 1-4 NLT
16th	12th Sunday After Pentecost "The Word and Your Words"	Matthew 15: 10-20a TEV
23rd	13th Sunday After Pentecost "A Story of Violence and Grace"	Genesis 4: 1-15 CEB
30th	14th Sunday After Pentecost "Living Your Best life"	Romans 12: 9-21 TEV



Mission Sunday: August 9

Local Mission: Inclusive Collective NIU
Broad Mission: Safe Passage
5th Sunday: Good Neighbor Fund



During our community Vacation Bible School, the Food Pantry was the mission focus. The students learned what dry goods are and met some of the volunteers who keep the pantry running. They even took a field trip on Tuesday and came to visit while we were setting up for the day. Also, during the week, they collected dry goods and \$160 dollars in cash. Their donations will help a lot of neighbors! The Kirkland Food Pantry has been serving the community for 35 years and getting the students involved helps to ensure it continues for many more years.



Remember the Food Pantry is happy to accept the extra produce from your gardens! Items can be dropped off on Tuesday mornings or you can contact Clare to make other arrangements.

If you or someone you know needs help providing food for their household, the pantry is open every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. If there is an emergency need for food please call or text Clare at 815-978-2147.

THANK YOU to everyone for the donations of shaving products in June! There were 29 cans of shaving cream and 118 disposable razors collected and distributed. It was very much appreciated!

August Items of the Month

For the month of August we will collect BABY WIPES for the families who visit the Food Pantry. Any type you'd like to donate will be appreciated! There will be a box by the front door of the church where you can leave your donations. There will be an envelope for cash donations that will be used to purchase items. Thank you!



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!*



- Ed Davis
- Alicia Ross
- Jessica Yeager Stark
- Ron Taylor
- Jim Roach
- Terry Medine
- Vicki Furlough
- Our US troops deployed
- Bob Coyle
- Linda Johnson
- Ron Johnson
- Lori Finkle
- The family of Louise Myelle



The Kirkland United Methodist Women's Society

*Look for more updates
in the coming months.*



Methodist Men

Meet every
3rd Saturday
@ KFR.

**One Board
Meets
August 6**

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

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A Note of Appreciation

Louise Myelle's funeral and luncheon were held at Kirkland UMC on July 29th. I want to share the family's gratitude for all that was done to make this a warm and loving time.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Rummage Sale



Now is the perfect time
to go through and set
aside those things you
wanted to purge.

*Sorry, We cannot
accept furniture, TVs,
computer monitors,
tires, encyclopedias,
cribs, paint, weapons,
combustible liquid*

Drop off:
September 14—16

Sale:
September 17—19

Times TBA

It was a wonderful week at VBS!



VBS students had fun and learned
about the 23 Psalm.

