



# KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 2025

## Happenings



### Pastor's Corner

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The Bible is filled with accounts featuring faithful numbers. This July, our mission and ministries can also be explained through faithful numbers.

*On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus witnessed to thousands.*

Thousands – During the 4th of July Festival, Kirkland UMC volunteers witnessed through Christian hospitality to thousands as they passed by our church's "Refresh Station" and enjoyed our "Kids Zone." Each person was offered the hospitality of rest, prayer, and refreshment.



*After giving the "Sermon on the Mount," Christ performed the miracle of feeding the 5,000.*

\$ 2,200 received – The 4th of July Breakfast may not have served 5,000, but this year the serving area was filled to overflowing with breakfast guests, requiring the use of the nursery for additional tables and chairs. As with the miracle of the feeding of the 5000, our food supplies began to run out as the guests continued to arrive. However, even as we, like the disciples, feared we would be unable to feed everyone, we were blessed, and the food held out until the last guest was served.



*The miracle of Pentecost arrived 40 days after Easter. People from different locations and backgrounds suddenly were able to worship together through the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

40 – Kirkland Community VBS sponsored by Kirkland UMC and Kirkland First Lutheran Church hosted 40 participants from varying denominations, and the non-churched. Together they spoke a common language of Bible stories, music, drama, crafts and games. Autumn even helped in the VBS kitchen!



*Two by two, the animals of the earth joined Noah on the ark.*

2 – The two churches, Kirkland UMC and Kirkland First Lutheran Church, worshipped together on Sunday, July 13th, in Worship in the Park. Approximately 80 adults and children were in attendance. Our two churches and the community worshipped, sang, and shared a meal at a fun and meaningful service.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who spent many hours serving God through the variety of missions and ministries in July. Your joy in service was a gift to God, the church, and the community.



Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Dee*

## August



### Liturgists

- 3 Larry Worden
- 10 Lyndsay Myers
- 17 Terry Medine
- 24 Lori Finkle
- 31 Lyndsay Furlough

### Audio Visual

- 3 Clare Hay
- 10 Bret Collins
- 17 Lyndsay Myers
- 24 Clare hay
- 31 Bret Collins

### Greeters

- 3 David Finkle & Eric Mede
- 10 Linda & Ron Johnson
- 17 Weston Bramm & Mike Pera
- 24 The Furlough Family
- 31 Sally Bruch & Vicki Maveus

### Ushers

Sally Bruch & Sissy Butz

## Trustee's Corner

On August 2, weather permitting, the trustees are planning to prep the large stained glass window frame for painting, including removing the existing plexi glass, scraping, and caulking.

The painting of this window frame, wooden portion of steeple, and the north side gable, soffit, and fascia will be done during the week of August 4, weather permitting. Then new plexi glass will be installed over the large stained glass window.



## August Calendar

|        |                             |            |                            |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Aug 3  | Worship                     | 10:00 am   | In Person, FB Live, & Zoom |
| Aug 4  | AA                          | 8:00 pm    | Basement                   |
| Aug 5  | Food Pantry/Clothing Closet | 12 to 2 pm | First Lutheran Church      |
| Aug 7  | Ad Council Meeting          | 7:00 pm    | Meeting Room               |
| Aug 10 | Worship                     | 10:00 am   | In Person, FB Live, & Zoom |
| Aug 11 | AA                          | 8:00 pm    | Basement                   |
| Aug 12 | Food Pantry/Clothing Closet | 12 to 2 pm | First Lutheran Church      |
|        | Knitting Ministry           | 12 to 2 pm | Basement                   |
| Aug 17 | Worship                     | 10:00 am   | In Person, FB Live & Zoom  |
| Aug 18 | AA                          | 8:00 pm    | Basement                   |
| Aug 19 | Food Pantry/Clothing Closet | 12 to 2 pm | First Lutheran Church      |
| Aug 24 | Bible Sunday/Worship        | 10:00 am   | In Person, FB Live & Zoom  |
| Aug 25 | AA                          | 8:00 pm    | Basement                   |
| Aug 26 | Food Pantry/Clothing Closet | 12 to 2 pm | First Lutheran Church      |
|        | Knitting Ministry           | 12 to 2 pm | Basement                   |
| Aug 31 | Worship                     | 10:00 am   | In Person, FB Live, & Zoom |

## Birthdays

### August

- 12 — Kate Bruch
- 22 — Pastor Dee
- 26 — David Finkle
- 27 — Mike Exner
- 30 — Wyatt Exner
- 31 — Ray Meyer

### Church Leadership

#### Ad. Council Chair

Diane Parrish

#### Finance Chair

TBD

#### Secretary

Clare Hay

#### Treasurer

Lori Finkle

#### Financial Secretary

Clare Hay

#### Men's Ministry President

Bret Collins

#### Women's Society Co-Presidents

Vicki Maveus

Clare Hay

#### SPRC Chair

Bret Collins

#### Trustee Chair

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**  
**June**  
**139 Households Served**  
**542 Persons served, 174 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  
**Friday, August 22**



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



**Mission Sunday:**  
**August 10**

**Local Mission:**  
 Walnut Grove

**Broad Mission:**  
 Tree of Life  
 #123615

**5th Sunday:**  
 Good Neighbor Fund

### Worship In August

| DATE | SERMON     | SCRIPTURE |
|------|------------|-----------|
|      | <b>TBA</b> |           |





## Kirkland Food Pantry

During the first 6 months of 2025 the pantry has received an average of 147 visits per month. Those visits are made by an average of 81 unique households, which include an average of 293 unique individuals, 99 of whom are children. We can only do this with the continued support of the community. Thank you! If you have never seen the Food Pantry and would like to come and visit or just learn more about what we do, contact Clare.

**Update on produce:** We received good news this month from our partners at Rooted For Good (formerly DeKalb County Community Gardens). The state will be providing money to continue the Local Food Purchase grant for 2 more months, which will provide us with locally grown produce during August and September. Rooted For Good has also been able to provide produce from a program called Farm to Food Bank. This program reimburses farmers for their costs for donating excess products to food pantries. Community members have begun providing us with produce from their gardens, which we greatly appreciate! Our neighbors love the fresh produce they find at the pantry!

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

THANK YOU to everyone who donated sunscreen products during our July collection! It was very much appreciated! Watch for totals in the next newsletter.



Our June collection of shaving products included 22 cans of shaving cream, 90 razors and 1 Aqua Velva! Thank you again!

The August Item of the Month is Baby Wipes. Any kind you would like to donate will be appreciated! There will be a box by the front door of the church for your donations. If you prefer to make a cash donation, there will be an envelope in the box and Clare will do the shopping for you!



### Donating with the PayPal Giving Fund

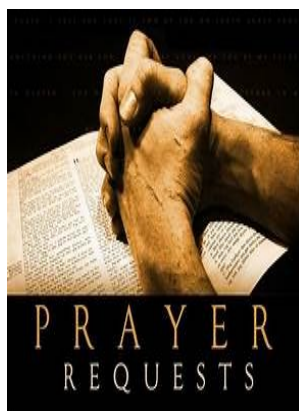
*When you donate to the church using the PayPal Giving Fund, PayPal does not withhold any fees from your donation.*

*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!*



- Mike Roach
- Jen Roach
- Ed Davis
- Alicia Ross
- The family of Andy Morrell

## \*\*\*RUMMAGE SALE\*\*\*

Rummage sale times are set for this fall with Connie Worden and Lynn Exner co-chairing. Think ahead about what you'd like to clean out of your house and start your boxes now.

Parishioners can drop off things to the basement Sunday, Sept 14 before or after church. The public can drop off Monday, Sept 15 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, Sept 16 noon-6pm and Wednesday, Sept 17 9am-5pm.

The actual sale will be Thursday, Sept 18 9am-6pm; Friday, Sept 19 8am-4pm and Saturday, Sept 20 8am-noon.

Furniture, electronics, liquids like paint, baby items they lay on are not accepted since when our sale is done, the Rockford Rescue Mission will not accept them.

If you have questions about acceptable items, talk to Connie or Lora Stevens.

A sign up for working will be circulated in August.





## The Kirkland United Methodist Women's Society

***\*\*Look For Updates Soon\*\****



## Methodist Men

Meet every  
3rd Saturday  
@ KFR.

## **~ SAVE THE DATES! ~**

### **Bible Sunday is August 24th during worship**

This Bible Sunday is a celebration of sharing the Word of God with our children, youth, and senior adults. The children and youth will receive age-appropriate Bibles, and Senior Adults will receive a large-print bible. You should have received a Bible Request Form via email. If you have not received the form via email, Bible Request Forms will be available at church. Please return the Request Form by August 10th. The order will go on that day.

### **Support Bible Sunday**

The Bibles are a gift from the congregation. \$25 will sponsor 1 Bible. If you would like to support this ministry, any gift, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate the gift is for Bible Sunday, mark the donation "Bibles." Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

### **Fall Celebration and Potluck meal – September 7th**

Many churches call this event "Kick-off Sunday, but Kirkland UMC didn't take the summer off, so this is a celebration of the summer mission and ministries, and anticipation of the missions, classes, and events upcoming this Fall and Winter.

Fried Chicken, plates, and silverware will be supplied for the meal. Sign up on Sunday to indicate the number of attendees in your group and the dish you will be bringing to pass. There will also be an area to sign up for setup and breakdown. Looking forward to breaking bread together.

### **Our fall class. "Paul's Epistles 1" will begin Sunday, September 14th**

This Bible study of Paul's Letters, Part I, is a class designed for both beginners and advanced students. The class schedule will be segmented into 4-5 weeks of classes, followed by 2-3 weeks off. The class calendar allows new participants to enter at a time that works in their schedule and to skip a segment without losing their place when they resume.

Participants will need a Class book (\$14.00) and a dedicated Bible (a study Bible is recommended). Additionally, King James and New King James Bibles are not suitable for use in this class, as they can be challenging to read. A different translation is recommended. The following translations are suggested: Common English Bible, New Revised Standard Version, New International Version, New Living Translation, or other translations with which you are comfortable reading.

Books will be ordered for you through Cokesbury, unless you prefer to purchase your copy. The deadline for Kirkland UMC ordering class books is August 17th. The book order will be placed that day. After August 17th, you will be responsible for obtaining your book. Sign-ups will be available through email and at the church. For questions or concerns, please get in touch with Pastor Dee Mede's office at (815) 522-3546, cell (224) 805-9513, or email [pastordeemedede@gmail.com](mailto:pastordeemedede@gmail.com).

**Ad Council Meets  
August 7**

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