



**KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**May 2025**

# Happenings



## Pastor's Corner

### Our Emmaus Road

*By Nicole Curtis, Director of Fund Development for The Upper Room*

The story of the journey to Emmaus is one of my favorite parts of the Easter story. Jesus, who only hours earlier rose from the dead, decided to surprise Cleopas and his friend as they walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Just think about it: The risen Christ decided to go for a walk.

I can only imagine the merriment in Jesus' heart as he overheard the conversation between his two disciples. I can only imagine the look on their faces as they were completely dumbstruck that their walking buddy hadn't heard about the recent events in Jerusalem. They must have thought that Jesus had been living under the proverbial rock.

And then, can you imagine their surprise when their eyes were opened as Jesus broke bread with them? And poof, he vanished before their eyes, leaving them to marvel.

How often does Jesus show up on our journey as we travel down the path of despair, hopelessness, or grief? If you are like me, the risen Christ often shows up when I least expect him. Like the two disciples on the Emmaus Road, my eyes are often closed. I'm too deep in my anxiety or despair to recognize his presence. Yet he is there. Even on the glorious paths of joy, hope, and peace, our risen Lord walks with us.

I take comfort in the fact that no matter our current journey, we are never alone. May our eyes be opened to Christ's presence with us — today and always. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!



## Did You Know...

Upper Room Daily Devotional magazines are available in two locations. They can be found in a basket by the front door of the church and in the prayer box by the Memorial Garden. There are regular and large print editions.

If you've never read the Upper Room, please take one and check it out. Each day there is a Bible verse, a short story, a thought for the day and a prayer.

It's a good way to start your day or take a few minutes later in the day to focus and pray!



**May**



Liturgists

- 4 Larry Worden
- 11 Jack Myers
- 18 Mike Pera
- 25 Sally Bruch

Audio Visual

- 4 Clare Hay
- 11 Bret Collins
- 18 Lyndsay Myers
- 25 Bret Collins

Greeters

- 4 Eric Mede & Weston Bramm
- 11 Sissy Butz & David Finkle
- 18 Vicki Maveus & Sally Bruch
- 25 Larry & Connie Worden

Ushers

- Sally Bruch & Sissy Butz

**Trustee's Corner**

Stay tuned for announcement in June Newsletter



**May Calendar**

May 3	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Meeting Room
May 4	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, & Zoom
May 5	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 6	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
May 11	Mother's Day/Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 12	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 13	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement
May 18	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 19	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 20	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
May 26	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 27	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 28	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement

**Birthdays**

**May**

- 10 — Jamie Hall
- 11 — Beatrice Whittymore
- 12 — Louise Myelle
- 22 — Lorene Finkle
- 22 — Don McMurray
- 24 — Alisha Ross
- 20 — Gene Lane
- 26 — Mark Way
- 28 — Emilea Bramm

**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  
March  
186 Families Served  
664 Persons served, 200 were Children**

Have something you'd like to add to June'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, May 23**



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 May**



**Mission Sunday:  
May 11**

**Local Mission:**

Northern Illinois Veteran's Memorial (Franklin Township)

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**Broad Mission:**

Martin Keagy Fund

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
May 4	5th Week of Lent/Communion Sunday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS "The Last Supper: Risking Loss"	John 3: 12-16 NLT
May 11	Palm/Passion Sunday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS "The Garden: Risking Temptation"	Mark 14: 32-36 NLT
May 18	Maundy Thursday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS "In Remembrance of Me"	Matthew 26: 17-30
May 25	Good Friday ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS Tenebrae Service	



## Kirkland Food Pantry

THANK YOU to the Kirkland Lion's Club for sharing the proceeds from their meat raffle with the Kirkland Food Pantry! They recently presented the pantry with a check for \$3,350. This will be a great help as we continue to work to provide good nutritious food to our neighbors.



### MAY ITEM OF THE MONTH

The May Item of the Month is Feminine Hygiene products. 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!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated deodorant during our March collection! 68 tubes of deodorant were donated to the Food Pantry! It was very much appreciated!

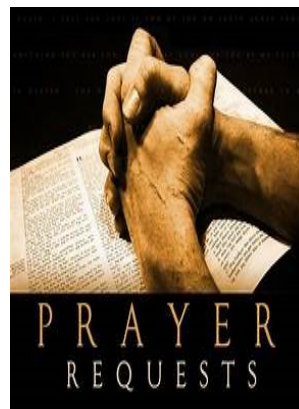


THANK YOU to all of you who donated toothbrushes!! 139 toothbrushes that were donated in April! The food pantry is just that—a food pantry. Toiletries are needed just as much as food, so families are so grateful to have non-food necessities available to them!

## 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
- Jen Roach
- Stephanie Hoffman
- John Myers



### The Kirkland United Methodist Women's Society

Please join us at 8:30 am, 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.

### NEW LOCAL MISSION!

We have added the *Northern Illinois Veteran's Memorial* that is located across the street in Franklin Township Park.



For at least the last 20 years, Kirkland has been honored to be home for this monument. As it has been here for as long as it has, the sun beating on the east side had caused the panels to fade. The remedies tried so far haven't helped. Unfortunately, we have also had vandals attack it with paint ball guns, and sadly attempts to clean it haven't been fully successful.



A big thank you to Guy Sparrow, who has opened a fund at the Resource Bank to collect money for the upcoming repairs. Pastor

Dee has been present at several services given to honor the soldiers whose names are represented on the walls.

This Memorial is a place where people travel here to honor their loved ones and friends.

Let's take this month May, where we honor those "who gave all" on Memorial Day and donate to see it renewed.

### WHY MISSIONS MATTER...

#### \*\*WORDS FROM A PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENT\*\*

Ten years ago, I was gifted a beautiful prayer shawl through your knitting ministry program. It has been with me though cancer surgery, chemotherapy, hospital stays, and every oncology appointment. Many people over the years have commented on how beautiful it is, which leads to conversations about the knitting ministry. Many times, they say they wish their church had such a wonderful program. My prayer shawl has been such a blessing... Each time I put it on, I sense the Lord's arms around me, giving me comfort and strength! Sending a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved with the knitting ministry!

### Ad Council Meets May 3

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



Have you seen these cute little rocks?  
Take a walk around the church and see if you can find them!

