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Jesus said that The Greatest Commandment in the Law is:

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.”**

Matthew 22:37

Among many midwestern Christians, Lent is one of the forsaken seasons of the Christian Church. In fact, most of us recognize we are in the season of Lent because Friday is *Fish Day* at many restaurants and the day most of our neighboring Catholic parishes have an all-day *Fish Fry*.

I regret that we minimize Lent in the midwest. When I lived in Pittsburgh, Lent was a huge event in every church. In fact, most Presbyterian churches would administer ashes during *Ash Wednesday Worship Services*. (In case you missed it *Ash Wednesday* was February 13 and this Sunday, March 3, is the *Third Sunday in Lent*.)

Lent is a season in the life of a Christian, when we are called to focus on getting our heart in-tune, in-sync with God's heart. We do this mindful of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for the forgiveness of all of the sins of our heart, sins for which we deserve judgment rather than mercy and grace.

However, most Christians, even those who religiously observe the season of Lent, have trivialized this season of penance and restoration by adopting the ritual of giving up something we like for the season. We willingly make this sacrifice thinking our sacrifice matches that of Jesus' crucifixion. Our sacrifice doesn't come close to matching Jesus' sacrifice!

God's desire is that we use the season of Lent to deal with our heart disease. To remove from our heart sins which have taken up residence in our heart. Yet, we have trivialized the season by simply giving up something pleasurable to us: chocolate, caffeine, alcohol, sexual intimacy, soda pop, or watching TV.

By doing so, we turn a season, which God desires to end in joy and blessing for us, into a season of misery and suffering. We motivate ourselves to endure this season of denial by anticipating the joy of being able to break our fast and indulge ourselves in this worldly desire which we have denied ourselves. By doing so, we turn Easter, the holiest of all Christian days, into a celebration of personal indulgence.

This is not what God desires for us. In fact, He wants something better for us.

Therefore, if your spiritual journey through Lent is nothing more than giving up a worldly pleasure for 46 days, then you need to know that your spiritual journey has nothing to do with God and His heart's desire to bless you. If you have committed yourself to a *Lenten Fast*, my counsel is for you to break whatever fast you have adopted, so you are free to receive what God wants for you this season.

God's desire is to cure your heart disease. He wants you to move from your embankment on the mountain of your sin into The Promise Land of abundance, joy, grace, and freedom, which He has prepared for you and which He has secured for you in Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

To make this move, you need to tend to getting your heart right with God. To help you accomplish this, I will be preaching on *Developing a Heart for God*, during March.

Come and grow with me in worship, as I and as we learn how to develop a heart for God.

Pastor Rus

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**“SOMA” is the Greek word
used in the New Testament
when it describes the church
as the “Body of Christ.”**

Sunday Worship Themes for March and April

- March 3 ***Developing a Heart for God: Dealing with Your Sin***
Ezekiel 36:22-30 and Hebrews 3:12-13
Rus Howard, preaching
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
- March 10 ***Developing a Heart for God, 2 : Submitting to the Public
Ministry of the Word***
Ephesians 4:11-16
Rus Howard, preaching
- March 17 ***Developing a Heart for God, 3: Submitting to the
Personal Ministry of the Word***
Colossians 3:15-17
Rus Howard, preaching
Children Choirs Sing
- March 24 ***Palm Waving Cross-Bearers***
John 12:12-19
Rus Howard, preaching
Palm Sunday Celebration Worship
- March 31 ***..., but ...***
Luke 24
Rus Howard, preaching
Easter Sunday Worship Celebration
- April 7 ***A No Show***
John 7:1-13
Rus Howard, preaching
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
- April 14 ***Do Not Judge by Appearances***
John 7: 14-24
Rus Howard, preaching
- April 21 ***Do the Authorities Know?***
John 7:25-36
Rus Howard, preaching
Children’s Choir Sings
- April 28 ***Come and Drink***
John 7:37-39
Rus Howard, preaching



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 24 - **Palm Sunday** (8:30 and 10:00 AM)

Palm Waving Cross-Bearers

Rus Howard, preaching

March 28 - **Maundy Thursday** (7:00 PM)

Final Thoughts

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

March 29 - **Good Friday** - 7:00 PM

Community Good Friday Service

at Valley Covenant Church

March 31- **Easter Sunrise** - 6:00 AM

Whom are you seeking?

Outdoor Sunrise Service

Followed by a Easter Morning Breakfast

(Please RSVP for breakfast)

March 31 - **Easter Resurrection**

(8:30 and 10:00 AM)

..., *but...* - Rus Howard, preaching

Session News Update

Your Elders met on Tuesday February 8. We began our time together in worship and by receiving The Lord's Supper. Our devotion during this worship was about *Christian Worship*.

The Elders had prepared for our meeting, which was planned to be a study on Christian Worship, by reading 3 documents about Christian Worship. These documents were:

- Chapter 21 from *The Westminster Confession of Faith: Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day*;
- *The Larger Catechism; Questions 100 through 121*;
- Chapters 1 and 2 in *The EPC Book of Worship*: Chapter 1 - *Man's Chief End*; Chapter 2 - *Public Worship of God*.

God had other plans for our meeting. Instead the Elders spent time discussing a particular concern which had been brought to them. Your Elders spent several hours in discussion, reflection on scripture, and in prayer as they sought God's will and wisdom. I was proud of your Elders, because once again, they processed a concern faithfully, intentionally, biblically, prayerfully, and lovingly before proceeding one inch. *You should be proud of these men and women who serve you, Kish, and their Lord so faithfully!*

The Elders are scheduled to meet twice in March. Our first meeting will be an all-day retreat on Saturday March 9. The purpose of the retreat is to begin a spiritual process of discerning God's will for our ministry at Kish. Dr Andy Morgan, an EPC Pastor, will be leading us in this process.

As a part of this retreat, the Elders have asked to engage in *mission-service* work. Since, we will be meeting at the Rockford Rescue Mission, the Elders will break from their work, to serve the community lunch at the mission.

Our second meeting in March is scheduled for Tuesday March 12. At this meeting we will focus on the *business side* of our work. In 2013 we are experimenting with doing *business* every other month. At our meetings during the other months, we will focus on *bible study and our spiritual growth*.

I encourage you to keep your Elders in your daily prayers. Through a strong reliance upon God, they seek to serve you, Kishwaukee Church, our community, and Him, as God desires.



FAITH IN ACTION

Kishwaukee's Mid-Week Ministry

Highlights Coming up . . .

- **March 6 — INVITE A FRIEND**
- **March 13 — Last Night!**

SECOND SEMESTER CALENDAR

March 6 INVITE A FRIEND - Barnabas
March 13 Paul

We are wrapping up another great year of Faith in Action as we finish our study on *The Mighty Men and Women of God*. We are thankful for God's provision of dedicated volunteers who made this year of FIA such a wonderful success. Thank you for your commitment, FIA is not possible without wonderful volunteers like you!

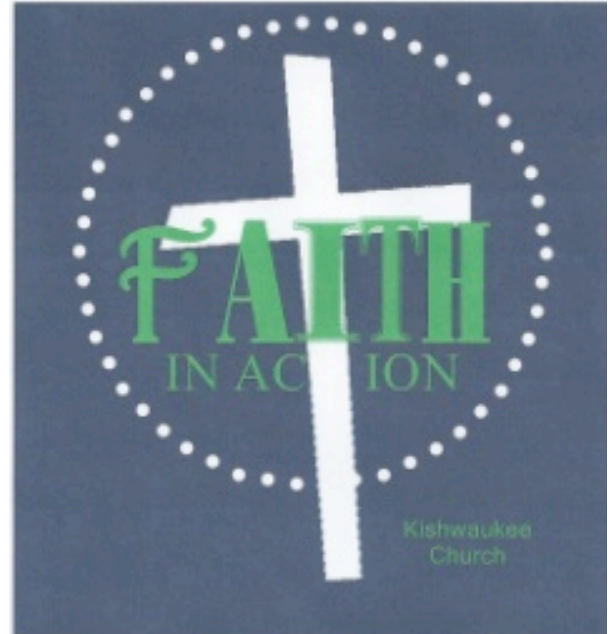
As we look back at the year, we have heard great stories about God's blessings, the power of prayer, and amazing men and women of the Bible. We have learned how to apply these lessons to our lives and how to put our *faith into action* so that others might come to know Christ. We have spent time in fellowship and learning His Word. Our roller skating and bowling outings provided some enjoyable fun time with family and friends!

Thanks again to all who participated in FIA this year. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Reminder: our last "invite a friend" night is **Wednesday, March 6th**. Please be sure to let the church office know if you will be bringing a guest for this evening. Our last scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, March 13th**.

2nd Semester Payments

If you need to make a payment for your family's meal plan, please see one of our FIA administrators. If you are unsure of your current balance due, you may contact Malinda Hurt in the church office or find an administrator while at FIA.



Scripture Memorization

Students are given the opportunity to memorize scripture weekly and those students who complete at least 90% of their verses will be invited to a special outing at the end of the year. **Remember: work on your scripture verse at home before you come to FIA** — you'll have better results if you work on your verses before coming to the table to recite the verse.

FIA Questions and Answers:

Please feel free to contact any of the Administrators with any questions you might have.

Angel Ballard — (815) 621-4580

Amber McClendon — (815) 222-3291

Julie Glendenning — (815) 739-7098



VBS -- Facing Fear! Motto: Trusting God!

So...how many ups and downs did you experience just yesterday? Theme parks can't invent a roller coaster to outdo the ups, downs and screaming sharp turns experienced by most families in the course of a NORMAL week!

In this exciting setting, children will be challenged to tap into God's promise to give them courage to face their fears by trusting Him! During VBS-Colossal Coaster World, kids will investigate the thrilling and dangerous adventures of Paul, who became a follower of Jesus. They'll be encouraged to trust, speak up, believe and stand strong knowing that God will give them confidence and courage in their lives.

Save the Date June 17th – 21st 9 am–11:30 am

There are several ways to get involved!



- Volunteer during VBS week
 - Set help
 - Connect and teach Bible lessons with a group of students
 - Assisting a leader
 - Helping with craft, snack, or missions
 - Set-up—June 16th
 - Take down—June 21st
 - Friday Night Family Program—June
- Donate supplies—list will be posted in the Narthex end of April
- Pray over the week
- Pray over children on Wednesday, June 19th as they learn the ABC's of becoming a Christian

Church Registration May 12

Public Registration May 26

**Teacher/leader meeting April 3
at the church from 6:30-7:30**

Worship Kidstyle

Kishwaukee's 8:30 AM Sunday Children's Church Program

What is Worship Kidstyle?

Worship Kidstyle is a children's worship service for ages 2 through 5th grade. The children are broken up into two groups, Kingdom Kids (ages 2 through kindergarten) and Faithful Followers (grades 1st through 5th). The children hear a Bible passage and lesson, which is emphasized with a craft, activity, and/or a game that applies the lesson to their everyday lives. They worship by singing songs of praise, reviewing the books of the Bible, looking up related scripture passages, and having prayer requests.

When is it?

Worship Kidstyle begins after the first worship song of the 8:30 service. We meet every Sunday except the following holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July.

How can I help?

We are also looking for volunteers to serve once or twice a year as extra hands - there is no preparation work required.

Contact Tara Larson for interest as a volunteer at kinglar1@mac.com or 851.963.2901 (no texting, please).

Worship Kidstyle Questions and Answers:

Please feel free to contact the Administrators with any questions you may have.

Julie Glendenning -- (815) 739-7098
Tara Larson -- (815) 963 - 2901



No Worship Kidstyle on the following Sundays:

March 31	Easter Sunday
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend
July 7	Fourth of July Holiday Break

WK Curriculum

The *Faithful Followers* are currently learning about miracles Christ performed. We will soon be switching gears and learning about Creation and the fall of man. Then they will be concentrating on Palm Sunday, Easter and Christ as our Savior. In May, we will begin bringing these principles into the home: loving one another, trusting in God, and forgiveness.

The *Kingdom Kids* have been learning a lot about Jesus. We are currently wrapping up the winter curriculum; Jesus' Birth, Jesus Cares, and Jesus Loves Us. This spring we will continue learning about Jesus as we talk about Jesus' Death and Resurrection; understanding that Jesus died for each one of us and what that means. We will then discuss how Jesus appeared to his followers and how he wants us to follow him; "Go and make disciples of all nations." In May, we will begin talking about The Church.

Birthdays in March

1 Neysa McCammond
 2 Carol Davis
 Allison Voth
 3 Linda Vandiver
 Camille Lyons
 Pat Reimer
 4 Carrie Fakhoury
 Chad Tyler
 Dave Werckle
 Cole Lentz
 5 Sandy Williams
 Mandi Moreland
 Eric Geil
 Caitlin Shearer
 6 Grant McClendon
 7 Darby Gensler
 Kelsey Typer
 Rebecca Johnson
 Avery Williams
 Sydney Gilbert
 Mary DeVries
 9 Kerri Hall
 Faith Glendenning
 Sherry Wessel
 Rick VonHolten
 10 Robyn Bernd
 Brody Kunce
 Lena Hurt
 11 Kaitlin Rippentrop
 Terry Criddle
 Ryan Hanna
 12 Nathan Wiles
 Jennifer Smith
 13 Cathy Tarro
 Deb Steenken
 Parker Trapkus
 14 Erica Shearer
 18 Sara Moore
 19 Nicholas Pavlik
 Holland Reynolds
 20 Dorothy Gocken
 Jenna Brooks
 Brooke Mickey
 Torry Williams
 21 Matt Guschl
 22 Tom Fennel
 23 Britton Brooks
 Matthew Stone
 Josephine Rosko
 24 Brenda Mengel
 25 Amanda Poulin
 Mara Dilbeck
 Anna Pearl
 26 Shawn Harms
 Edyn Bossany
 Dan Alderks
 Donna Fruin
 27 Katie Nelson
 Richard Pulfer
 Mallory Mershon
 28 Bev Knowles
 Matthew Flowers

Madison Rudsinski
 Anabelle Boelkins
 29 Susan Prusator
 Priscilla Ruggeberg
 Jewel Holsinger
 30 Doug Hillers
 Roger Bauer
 Rob Mueller
 31 Mark Glendenning
 Scott Gensler
 Macklin Larsen
 Richard Wessel
 Alexandria
 Schmadeke
 Micayla DeVries
 Olivia Campbell
 Laurie Burnworth
 Sandy Tanaglia
 Jim Sherwood

Birthdays in April

1 Rich Hanna
 2 Dan Knowles
 Amy Byes
 3 Alyssa Thompson
 4 Joan Bauer
 Regina VanBriesen
 Kim Hanna
 5 Sara Werckle
 Mark Mengel
 Dalton Engelkes
 Steve Williams
 8 Jordan Miles
 Michael Showers
 Adam VanBuskirk
 9 Austin Thomason
 Avery Lovgren
 10 Dax Williams
 Zaida Clevenger
 11 Jeff Cox
 Lori Fennel
 12 Curt Ruthe
 Becca DeVries
 Jordan Tanaglia
 13 Dylan Thompson
 Anne Stevens
 14 Whitney Lewellen
 15 Heather Alderks
 Pete Lyons
 Amber Strohman
 16 Leta Woolbright
 17 Troy Lantz
 Rachel Brooks
 Brigitte Mickey
 18 Pam Glendenning
 Mike Meiners
 LouAnn Milliard
 19 Mary Lou Covault
 Ben Knowles
 Doug Lockard
 20 Bill Peppin
 John Blake
 Olivia Schoenrock
 Sarah Hanna
 21 Paige Lockard



Anniversaries and Birthdays

22 Taylor Miles

23 Ron DeShazo
 Phil Knowles
 Hope Mickey
 24 Elaine Myrvold
 25 Jennifer Williams
 26 Janelle Trapkus
 Heather Gorsegner
 Kris Mueller
 27 Tim King
 28 Liz Amundson
 Torin Palmer
 Todd DeVries
 Jayda Reynolds
 Rod Waltrip
 30 Mackinzie Reimer
 Ellie Fischer
 Don Wetzell

Anniversaries in March

1 Jim & Melanie Mays
 1 Jerry & Jackie Dietrich
 3 Jim & Jean Sherwood
 5 Brett & Beth
 Glendenning
 8 Tim & Jessica
 Schoenrock
 17 William & Diane Peppin
 18 Mike & Coco Musso
 19 Michael & Joyce Meiners
 21 Michael & Leslie
 Showers
 24 Tim & Tammy Maiden
 25 Karl & Meghan
 Glendenning

Anniversaries in April

8 Les & Phyllis Hillers
 9 Russell & Sarah Hanna
 15 Dan & Kylee Alderks
 23 Tom & Marie Harmon
 24 Curt & Jean Ruthe
 26 Lowell & Jodi Beck
 27 Jared & Jennifer
 Williams
 27 Mike & Tara Larson
 30 Joe & Kari DeRosso
 30 Robert & Krista Hanna



Children's Discipleship Offering

As the Children's Discipleship Ministry Team considers how God wants us to teach children about God's ways, we are reminded to encourage and teach them to give thanks to God through our tithes and offerings. We would like parents to encourage your children to bring an offering on Sundays. We will provide a time to collect an offering each week where children can give during either Sunday School or Worship Kidstyle. All of the offering will be given to a mission outside of the church!

Adult Sunday School

Classroom #1: "I don't know what to say" "I don't want to offend people"

Most of us can think of one hundred reasons not to share the gospel. Evangelism can be intimidating. But it can also be a natural and exciting way of life. Beginning February 24, the Adult Discipleship class will begin a 12-week study called Evangelism: A Way of Life. Join us as we learn to communicate creatively about Jesus.

Classroom #11: Volume 11; The Path to the Cross: *That the World May Know*

This video study contains life-changing "Faith Lessons," hosted by historian & teacher Ray Vander Laan. The presentation takes viewers to archaeological sites few people ever see, where the geographical and historical contexts of the Bible take on powerful relevance for present-day believers. Join us as we take this exciting adventure guaranteed to make the Scriptures come alive like never before!

For many years, favorite jokes of James Hoisington were highlighted in the SOMA news. We're bringing back "Jim's Joke."

Have a favorite "Jim's Joke"? Have a funny joke to share? Submit to mhurt@kishonline.org

JIM'S JOKE

If You Gotta Go, Start Early

Tommie Stanaland of Perry, Florida, shares this story of a woman writing to inquire about campground facilities for a vacation. Not wanting to write "toilet", she thought of the old-fashioned term "bathroom commode." Thinking even that might be too forward she shortened it to "B.C."

The campground owner, not being old-fashioned at all, was stumped by the B.C. business in the letter. After much deliberation, he figured she must be asking for the location of the local Baptist church. So he sent her the following reply;

"I have the pleasure of informing you that the B.C. is located six miles north of the campground. It is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I will admit that is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take a lunch and make a day of it.

The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded that we had to stand up the whole time. Right now, there is a supper planned to raise money for more seats. It will be held in the basement of the B.C. It pains me that I am not able to go more regularly, but it is not for a lack of desire on my part. As we grow older, it seems to be more of an effort, particularly in cold weather.

If you do decide to come down to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time, sit with you and introduce you to all the folks. This is a friendly community."

--Submitted by Dorothy Gocken from Reminisce Magazine



The Children's Sunday School classes meet at 10:00 am each Sunday

H

Holy Lives

The goal is transformation: hearts shaped by God's Word.

E

Easy to Teach

Flexible, quality Bible learning, well designed and resourced.

A

Appropriate to Learners

Based on child development, research, learning styles.

R

Relevant to Culture

Current and connected to kids' lives today.

T

True to the Bible

So kids can learn, love, and live God's Word for a lifetime.

- PreK-1st grade meets in Room #15 (Children's Room in Fellowship Hall)
- 2nd-3rd grade meets in Room #6
- 4th-5th grade meets in Room #8

We have begun a new curriculum this winter, and so far it has been a hit amongst the teachers and the children.

Heartshapers, a publication from Standard Publishing, provides many opportunities for the children to gain a foundation of knowledge. Thus keeping God's word and doing his work, at the heart of their learning. Every lesson gives children the opportunity to interact with and use the Bible. Children discover what the Bible says and then make age-appropriate life responses. Heartshapers encourages children to learn Bible words and verses, so that God's word is planted firmly in their hearts and minds.

We have been exploring how to love, serve, and worship God. We are learning through His words how to be obedient and follow His commands. We have spent time learning the books of the Bible, finding scripture references, and learning the Ten Commandments.

Each week your child will receive a take-home paper that parents can go over with their children and interact with them about what they have learned each week at Sunday School. We hope you enjoy spending time as a family learning about God's word and applying it to your own life situations.

We look forward to working with the children throughout the year and helping them develop and nurture their relationship with their Lord and Savior. Thank you to the following people who have served as Sunday School teachers this past fall and winter: Richard Pulfer, Bonnie Pulfer, Angela Wyckoff, Tracy Lovgren, Molly Engelkes, Corinne Lyons, Shawn Reynolds, Joanne Reynolds, Jim Mays, Bonnie Brooks, Deb Vandyke, Sandy Williams, Paul Gibson, and Carrie Gibson.

If you have any questions or would like to become a Sunday School teacher in the future, please contact Carrie Gibson at 815-645-2568 or Joanne Reynolds at 815-234-7229.

Shaping hearts with God's Word



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You can now view the church directory from your iPhone or iPad by downloading the free Instant Church Directory Members App. Search for "Instant Church Directory Members App" in the App Store or use this link:
<http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app>.

Once you've downloaded the app, follow the simple login/verification steps and you will have access to our Kishwaukee Directory right on your iPad or iPhone!

If the app is unable to verify your email, please email office@kishonline.org. This way we can add your email to the directory, allowing the app to verify your church.



FIA Bowling Outing, Feb 23rd
Town & Country Lanes

Pictured: Austin Richards & Clayton Smith
Austin had just bowled a STRIKE!

MOM'S TIME OUT

Please join us for a night of fellowship and prayer on **March 12 from 7-8:30**. We will meet from 7-8 and enjoy fellowship and dessert, and then spend 8-8:30 in prayer.

Even if you have never been to Mom's Time

Out...please join us!

Julie Glendenning
9305 Hayrack Trail
Stillman Valley

Children's Music

- We welcome Brigitte Mickey as
- the music coordinator for our
- children's worship! Children
- participating in Sunday School,
- Worship Kidstyle, and Faith In
- Action will all be learning the
- same music, so that any child
- participating may sing during
- service. Lyrics and YouTube
- links to each song are available
- for you and your child to practice
- at home. Contact the church
- office if you would like a copy of
- this information. The children
- generally sing the 3rd Sunday of
- the month.



By Michael Smith, Youth Director

Spring into Leadership...and Membership!

As we approach the Spring season, our calendars remind us of a number of Spring events coming up:

Spring Break: Punta Cana, anyone?

Spring Cleaning: Yippee.

Spring Forward: Set clocks one hour ahead March 10th. You're welcome.

Likewise, our ministry calendars are filled with Spring season events that aim for **student leadership** and **student membership**. Check it out!

*Student Leadership:
To Lead is to Serve.*

It takes several 6th-12th students to make our large-group and small-group ministries effective. High School Life Groups are co-led by student leaders. Jr. High & High School Group details such as Food, Rec, and Worship depend on student leadership. This Spring, though, we increase our leadership and service opportunities in many ways. Consider:

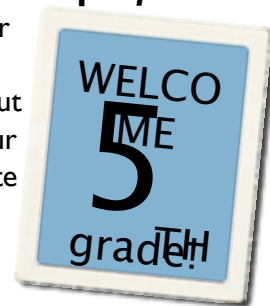
• **Jr. High 'You Own the Night': Monthly.** Each month, our student leaders get to do what we adults do: Lead the message, lead breakout groups, sing/play during worship, and more.

• **Food Bank Volunteering: April 20th.** Join us as we sort, label, and package food items for needy families in Northern Illinois. **6th-12th students** are invited to serve, first-timers and old-timers alike! **Parents**, consider chaperoning. It's fun, goes fast, and is a great way to serve with your child.



•5th Grade 'Sneak Peek' of Group: April 24th.

Before Jr. High starts, we want your 5th grader to feel welcome in Group! Worship, Message, Breakout Groups and more will be led by our student leaders. Watch for an invite in the mail, and encourage your child to attend!



*Confirmation:
For the Whole Church.*

Since August, Mary Devries and I have worked with our 8th Grade Confirmation students to help them understand further what ministry and membership looks like. This March and April, you'll be seeing a lot more of them:

March 3rd, YouLead Sunday: Students will be assisting in Liturgy, Ushering, Coffee Hour, and more.

April 28th, Confirmation Sunday: Students will be baptized and accepted into the membership of Kishwaukee Church.

Parents, Members: It takes an entire congregation to make Confirmation Sunday.

You have taught, chaperoned, prayed with and walked alongside our students throughout the years. On Confirmation Sunday, your ministry will be to welcome them into our fellowship, and bless them by saying, "You belong here."

-Michael



Ladies Spring Banquet

6:30 PM

Thursday, April 11

Theme: *A Prodigal Princess Meets the Prince of Peace*

Bring a Salad to Share

Watch for more details in your weekly church bulletin.

Rock House Kids Collection Items

March -- Breakfast/Nutrition Bars

April -- Fruit Roll ups, Fruit Cups, Snacks or Raisins

KPW ladies will take to Rock House mission after the last Sunday of each month.
Thank you!

KPW Schedule

March 5

Regular Meeting 6:30p at Church

Hostess: Dolores Brooks

Bible Study: Ch. 9 *Becoming a Woman of Simplicity*

RHK Donation: Breakfast or Nutrition Bars

April 2

Special Event 6:30p at Serenity House

Hostesses: Susan Moon &

Sherry Wessel

RHK Donation: Fruit Roll-ups, fruit cups or snacks, and raisins.

NURSERY SCHEDULE	8:30 Service	10:00 Service
March 3	Paul & Carrie Gibson	Brian & Janet Hall
March 10	Al & Heather Alderks	Amy Mershon
March 17	Angel & Alexa Ballard	Malinda Hurt
March 24	Rich & Kim Hanna	Kim Hiort
March 31- NOWK	Kris & Jennifer Mueller	Ashley Phillips
April 7	Molly Engelkes	Pam Glendenning
April 14	Nathan & Julie Boelkins	Malynda Mueller
April 21	Jill Swanson	Brian & Janet Hall
April 28	Paul & Carrie Gibson	Amy Mershon

CHURCH DIRECTORY IS ONLINE!

To view the most current church phone directory just go to the church website:

- www.kishchurch.org
- Click on the Resources Tab and scroll down to Church Directory
- A download will begin
- Click to open the download; it will ask for password

• Enter password **kishepc**

You'll be able to view the directory and photos -- you have the option to print out a copy right at home!

To submit corrections, changes and or additions send an email to office@kishonline.org. ***We also welcome your updated family photo being submitted!***

Are you new to Kishwaukee?

Do you have a new addition to your family?

Is the photo we have on file for you from the 1990s?

Send us a new picture and we will update your "profile" today!



Here's how to update your profile pix!

- email digital picture to office@kishonline.org
- have a photo taken at church during coffee fellowship
- hand in a picture for us to scan

You're Invited

The Red Brick Church family invites you to a book launch & 50th birthday celebration for Pastor Chris Brauns on Sunday, March 10. The event will begin at 5:30p.m. with a book signing of Chris's new book, *Bound Together: How We Are Tied to Others in God and Bad Choices*. Copies will be available for purchase. There will be a short presentation at 6:00p.m., and the evening will conclude with refreshments. No RSVP is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact the Red Brick Church office at 815-645-2526. Hope to see you there!

KCEPC Library Update

The KCEPC Library is dedicated to bringing you Christian and family-friendly books that cover a variety of fiction and non-fictional topics. DVD's, sermon audio, and bible studies can also be found in the library.

Our most current Marriage Retreat (Art of Marriage) offered suggested reading materials to enhance the retreat topics. Our library has added quite a few of those resources, along with many other new books to its' repertoire.

Have a book you'd like to see in the KCEPC Library? Contact Melanie Mays.

Hold lists are available, if your preferred resources are currently unavailable.

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Art of Marriage Books: *The 5 Love Languages* (Chapman), *The Christian Husband* (Lepine), *Unpacking Forgiveness* (Brauns), *Radical Womanhood* (McCulley), *Growing a Spiritually Strong Family* (Rainey), *Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God* (Mahaney), *Choosing Forgiveness* (DeMoss), *When Sinners Say "I Do"* (Harvey), *His Needs, Her*



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