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Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church seeks to glorify God through worship, discipleship, fellowship, service and evangelism, presenting to Him people mature in Christ who take His Gospel into the world.



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Pastor Eric Tonjes, preaching



Biography of Pastor Eric Tonjes

Anticipated Start Date is May 1, 2016!

The Pastor Search Committee is thrilled to report that after fifteen months of weekly meetings, reviewing applications, emails, telephone calls, and most importantly, prayer, that Pastor Eric Tonjes has accepted the call to be the next full-time pastor of Kishwaukee Church. Pastor Eric is on schedule to begin his ministry with us May 1, 2016. He has already passed his review with the EPC Ministerial Committee on February 26 and will appear before EPC Presbytery on April 29 for the final step in the hiring process. We are very pleased that Pastor Eric will be visiting with us and preaching on Easter Sunday at the 9 AM worship service! Below is a reprint of the biography on the Tonjes Family.

Meet the Tonjes Family

I grew up in Nebraska just outside one of the state's two major cities. Blessed with believing parents, I came to know the Lord at an early age. In high school the pastor of the church my family was attending began discipling me, leading to a sense of direction toward vocational ministry, a sense that was deepened throughout my time at the University of Nebraska. In college I studied History and Religious Studies, and through involvement in the local church and Reformed University Fellowship had this sense of calling encouraged. While there I also met a beautiful girl named Elizabeth, and we were married the summer of 2007.

After graduating from college, Elizabeth and I moved to St. Louis to attend Covenant Theological Seminary. We quickly joined Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship, a PCA church in the neighborhood where we lived, and loved getting to live out ministry where God had placed us.

Four years ago the Lord blessed us with the third member of our family, Rebekah Joy. Her birth was surrounded by some challenging circumstances, coming more than twelve weeks early and forcing her to spend almost five months in the hospital. Our son Canaan was born two years later, and we recently had our third child, a boy named Silas. Rebekah is an artist and dreamer, loving dance and imagination. Canaan is rambunctious and loves all things mechanical, fascinated by divining how things work. Silas mostly enjoys smiling at people and staring at shiny objects.

When not busy with the demands of life, Elizabeth enjoys using her many artistic gifts in creative ways. I spend my free time reading, playing music, conducting culinary experiments and pursuing a variety of hobby projects. In addition, we both love opportunities to practice hospitality and share our homes and lives.



Nursery Volunteers Wanted

We are seeking volunteers for the nursery to assist our paid helpers. To be added into the rotation of volunteers please contact Nursery Director Kari DeRosso by phone: 815.988.7628 or email jkderosso@T6b.com
Your help is greatly appreciated!

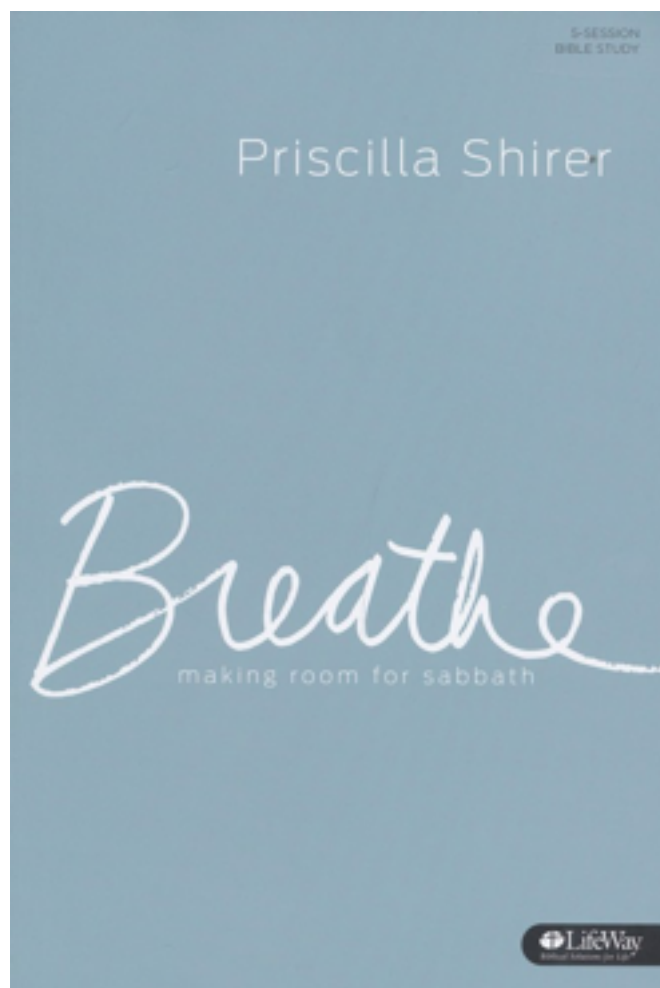
NURSERY SCHEDULE	9:00 Service
March 6	Lindsay Molitor
March 13	Ashley Phillips
March 20	Mark & Aimee Rosko
March 27	Pam Glendenning
April 3	Al & Heather Alderks
April 10	Lindsay Molitor
April 17	Ashley Phillips
April 24	Mark & Aimee Rosko
May 1	Pam Glendenning

children 5 years old and younger
Thank you for serving in this way. The nursery workers appreciate your help as needed. If you cannot serve on the day you are scheduled, please contact another volunteer to fill in for you or trade Sundays with you.
Thank you!

Kitchen Items: Lost & Found

If you are missing a container used to bring food to church or used to provide a family a meal, check the containers we've accumulated in the kitchen. Items left after a month or so will be donated.

Questions, contact Carol Davis, Kitchen Coordinator. 815.985.4863



THE NEXT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Breathe, Making Room for Sabbath by Priscilla Shirer

Begins April 7

9 AM class and 6:30 PM Class

Books are \$12

One of the greatest challenges facing women today is taking time to stop and breathe amid the activities and busyness. Being overcommitted can limit our Christlikeness and cause us to miss God's gifts. *Breathe* examines the Sabbath, explaining why God created it and how it was—and is—intended to be a gift to God's people. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, the concept of Sabbath will change your life. This is a five week study; books are \$12.

RSVP to order a book:

- email office@kishonline.org
- or call 815.965.1940.
- or sign up at www.kishchurch.org



By Michael Smith, Youth Director

Spring: Our Season to Grow!

Be honest: Winter was not terrible. I can count the number of below-zero days on one hand! Still: All it takes is one 50-degree day to tell you: **It's time for Spring.** We're just days away from Spring, and with that comes a lot of growth opportunities for our students:

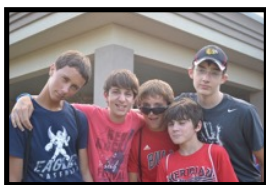
Group

Growing Incoming 6th Graders

They grow up too fast...but as your child grows into 6th grade, we want them to call Group home! On **Wednesday, April 13th**, 5th graders can take part in a three-week series including Worship, Breakout Groups, and more. Invites will be sent in the mail later this month; watch for it, and have your child join us!

Parents: Grow with your child. We're looking for 6th grade Breakout Group Leaders for the 2016-2017 ministry season. Our leaders help students discover Jesus and know him better. Contact me if you're interested!

SVHS Baccalaureate *Growing Graduates*



They grow up too fast...didn't I just say that? Before our students turn their tassels, we invite them to participate in Baccalaureate: A student-led service offering graduates & families the chance to recognize & celebrate God's blessing on each student. The SVHS Baccalaureate Service is **Sunday, May 14th**. Songs, testimonies, and more. Join us!

Confirmation *Growing 8th Graders*

Over the last three years, we've had the privilege of watching Jr. Highers "...grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus" (II Peter 3:18). Over the last nine months, our 8th graders have continued to grow throughout the Confirmation process.

Parents: Here's how the schedule is shaping out:

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **March 20:** Faith Statement Practice
- **March 27:** No Class; Easter Sunday
- **April 3:** Elder Interview Prep, YouLead prep
- **April 10th:** YouLead Sunday, Elder Interviews
- **April 17th:** Session Meeting, Parents & Students to attend.
- **April 24th:** Confirmation Sunday!

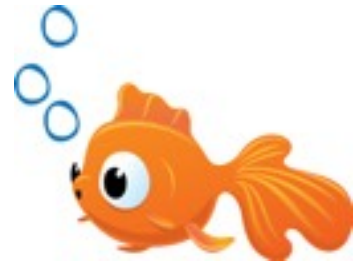
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Information. This theme has underwritten a lot of our content this semester. As students craft their faith statement, serve on YouLead Sunday and meet with their Elders, we're eager to watch how God will shape each student as they each approach Confirmation Sunday.

Church: God is forming our students. See firsthand on Confirmation Sunday!

-Michael





Vacation Bible School June 13 - June 17, 2015 at Kishwaukee Church

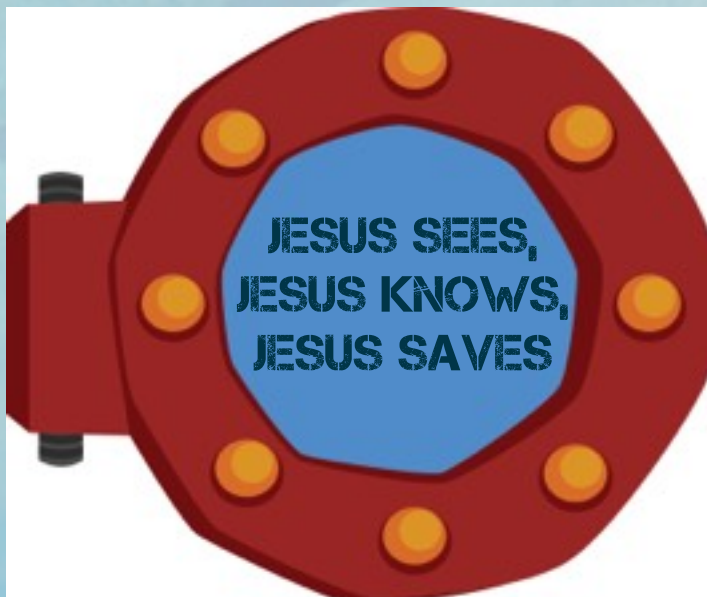
Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about VBS already! VBS will be 6/13-6/17 this year. There are openings for several teaching spots and other ways you can help volunteer to serve during VBS this summer.

Contact a VBS Administration for more information or to volunteer:

Tara Larson - kinglar1@mac.com - 815-963-2901

Heather Alderks - hnhbb12@gmail.com - 815-978-8286

Malinda Hurt - hurt.malinda@gmail.com - 815-218-5327



Details on registration will be announced soon. Check out the church website for the online registration when it becomes available.
www.kishchurch.org

This year's theme is *Submerged*.

The Bible verse is Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me, lead me in the everlasting way.

The VBS Motto is,

Jesus sees, Jesus knows, Jesus saves.

Christianity

By Doris DeForest
(Doris is Lew Riley's cousin)

Christianity is a wonderful thing.
Peace of mind and many blessings it
does bring.
Many brothers and sisters with which to
share
Heartaches and joys because they care.

A card, a phone call or a visit when we
are old
Means more to us than gold.
God's word tells of his great love
And a mansion he's preparing for us
above.
It's a beautiful city filled with God's
light.
I'm looking forward to that beautiful
sight.

There'll be a reunion with all of God's
heirs.
Jesus and all his believers will be there.
Because of my infirmities, I can't do
what I used to do
But I can still tell the story of Jesus
And how He gave His life for me and
you.

Is heaven your goal for eternity?
How we live our life will determine our
destiny.
I'm looking forward to that wonderful
day
When I hear my Savior say,
"Enter in, oh faithful one, your work on
earth is done."
But while I'm still here, I'll do my best
And leave it up to God to do the rest.

With Sincere Sympathy

Kishwaukee Church expresses our sincere sympathies to
the families of

Lucille Brass, Dale Johnson and Harriette Steder.
Each dear soul is now celebrating in Heaven with our
Lord and Savior!



Lucille Brass

June 6, 1918 -
March 16, 2016



Dale Johnson

November 24, 1928 -
March 6, 2016



Harriette Steder

July 30, 1924 -
March 11, 2016

Birthdays in March

- 1 Neysa McCammond
Bruce Roe
- 2 Carol Davis
Allison Voth
- 3 Linda Vandiver
Camille Lyons
Pat Reimer
- 4 Dave Werckle
Cole Lentz
- 5 Sandy Williams
Eric Geil
Caitlin Shearer
- 6 Grant McClendon
- 7 Darby Gensler
Avery Williams
Mary DeVries
- 9 Kerri Hall
Faith Glendenning
Sherry Wessel
- 10 Brody Kunce
Lena Hurt
Jon Dempsey
- 11 Terry Criddle
Ryan Hanna
- 12 Jennifer Smith
- 13 Cathy Tarro
Deb Steenken
Parker Trapkus
Silas Tonjes
- 14 Erica Shearer
- 18 Sara Moore
- 19 Nicholas Pavlik
Holland Reynolds
Jim Sherwood
- 20 Dorothy Gocken
Jenna Brooks
Brooke Mickey
Torry Williams
- 23 Britton Brooks
Matthew Stone
Josephine Rosko
- 24 Brenda Mengel
Bev Kearns
- 26 Dan Alderks
Donna Fruin
- 27 Richard Pulfer
Mallory Mershon
- 28 Bev Knowles
Matthew Flowers
Madison Rudsinski
- 29 Priscilla Ruggeberg
Jewel Holsinger
Chuck Kearns
- 30 Doug Hillers
Roger Bauer
Rob Mueller
- 31 Scott Gensler
Micayla DeVries
Olivia Campbell
Laurie Burnworth

Birthdays in April

- 1 Rich Hanna
- 2 Dan Knowles
- 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
- 10 Dax Williams
Zaida Clevenger
- 11 Jeff Cox
- 12 Curt Ruthe
Becca DeVries
- 13 Dylan Thompson
Anne Stevens
- 14 Whitney Lewellen
- 15 Heather Alderks
Pete Lyons
Amber Strohman
- 16 Leta Woolbright
- 17 Rachel Brooks
Brigitte Mickey
- 18 Pam Glendenning
Mike Meiners
LouAnn Milliard
Trace Hurt
- 19 Ben Knowles
Doug Lockard
- 20 Bill Peppin
John Blake
Olivia Schoenrock
Sarah Hanna
- 21 Paige Lockard
- 22 Taylor Miles
- 23 Ron DeShazo
Phil Knowles
Hope Mickey
- 25 Jennifer Williams
- 26 Janelle Trapkus
Heather Gorseger
Kris Mueller
- 27 Tim King
- 28 Torin Palmer
Todd DeVries
Jayda Reynolds
Rod Waltrip
- 30 Ellie Fischer
Don Wetzal

Anniversaries

In March:

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

In April:

- 8 Les & Phyllis Hillers
- 9 Russell & Sarah Hanna
- 15 Dan & Kylee Alderks
- 24 Curt & Jean Ruthe
- 27 Jared & Jennifer Williams
- 27 Mike & Tara Larson
- 30 Joe & Kari DeRosso
- 30 Robert & Krista Hanna



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in the New Testament when it
describes the church as the
"Body of Christ."*

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