

Kishwaukee SOMA NEWS

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.

Kishwaukee Welcomes the Tonjes Family! *an interview by MaryBeth Overmyer*

Last Sunday after having the pleasure of listening to an amazing sermon preached by our “new” pastor Eric Tonjes, I wanted to talk with Elizabeth but I had to wait in line for my turn just like I have to wait for my cookie and coffee during social hour. We here at Kish are so excited to have Eric, Elizabeth, Rebekah, Canaan and Silas Tonjes (pronounced like sponges only with a T) join our family that we are actually waiting in line to get to know them better. I spent a little time with Elizabeth and the kids last week and I can tell you that we are very lucky to have them as a part of our Kishwaukee family. I’d like to share a little of what I learned about this amazing family with all of you. I would also like to give a shout out and a huge thank you to our Pastor Search Committee for the many hours they put in as they followed God’s lead to bring the Tonjes family to us. This was a huge commitment of time and effort — the fruits of their labor produced the Tonjes family; they could not have done a better job finding us a great pastor and bringing this family and our new friends into our Kishwaukee family.

Eric and Elizabeth bring their family to Stillman Valley from Lincoln Nebraska. Eric grew up in Milford Nebraska the son of Dan, who is a teacher and Carol, who is a home maker. He has one sister, Sara. Eric graduated from the University of Nebraska/Lincoln and majored in History with a minor in religious studies and received his Master of Divinity from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis Missouri. Before he came to Kishwaukee he served Grace Chapel in Lincoln as an assistant pastor.

Elizabeth and Eric met at the University of Nebraska/Lincoln. He asked her out and they went on a date, which must not have gone so well because at the end of the date she told him that she did not want to go out or see him anymore. But then something changed ... because 7 months later they were married! I have a feeling that there is more to that story that we will have to learn at a later time :) They will celebrate their 10th year of marriage on their next anniversary, May 25.

Elizabeth grew up in Gothenburg Nebraska. They met at the University of Nebraska/Lincoln where Elizabeth studied family science, early childhood and social work. She was a social worker and worked with the WICK program in St. Louis while Eric was going through the seminary. Elizabeth’s father Dave is a family doctor and her mother Kathy is a” home maker extraordinaire and





Pastor Eric Tonjes

Start date: May 1, 2016 Installation Service: July 17, 2016

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Tonjes Family, continued

helper of everything.” She has one brother Daniel and one sister Emily. As many of you know, in April Elizabeth was diagnosed with cancer. She has had surgery and started her chemo treatments. Elizabeth is one of the sweetest people, I have met. She is smart, soft spoken, strong and an amazing mom. She is also an amazing wife and demonstrates a powerfully strong faith to have been able to move forward and not let her cancer diagnosis stop this life changing move. Hopefully she can feel that her family is growing exponentially and that Kishwaukee is joining alongside all her friends and family in Nebraska to be with her every step of the way in prayer and support in whatever way she needs us, as she continues to fight this cancer.

Their three children are full of life, love and creativity—it is going to be so much fun to watch them as they grow into the people that God intends them to be. Rebekah Joy is 5. While I was with them she helped me read a lot of really fun books. I have been told that after a trip to Chicago Rebekah has decided that she wants to become a famous architect. Canaan Drake is 3 years old and oozing with super hero powers, which is really lucky because while I was visiting a very large, green, fuzzy snake attacked Rebekah and me. Canaan seized the opportunity to save us from certain doom (I may have a new hero)!!! Unfortunately Silas Daniel (1) slept a good portion of the time that I was visiting so I did not have as much time with him, but I did notice that he has a very healthy appetite. I have a suspicion Silas is working on his super powers, too so that he can help his brother keep Stillman Valley free of villains. I really enjoyed my time with the kids and know that you are all going to love to get to know them better. Eric and Elizabeth have a lot of fun adventures ahead of them with these three wonderful children in their lives.

God has given us a very special gift by bringing the Tonjes family to us and I know that we are going to enjoy doing life alongside them. We are honored that God trusted us to walk with Eric, Elizabeth, Rebekah, Canaan and Silas as we all do this thing called life hand in hand, united in Christ and with the guidance of our Amazing friend and Lord. It is with our hearts open and full of God’s love that we welcome the Tonjes family. I know that we are going to have a lot of fun as we each get to know Eric, Elizabeth, Rebekah, Canaan and Silas on a more personal and individual level a little more every day, week, month and hopefully for many, many years to come.

We are truly blessed to have Eric join us as our new pastor and doubly blessed that he brings with him his amazing family and is willing to share them with us especially when there might be very big, fuzzy green snakes lurking about. We will not fear because Canaan is already on the job with Silas his understudy close behind — we will be safe!

Pastor Eric Tonjes Installation Service

Sunday, July 17, 2016

4:30 pm

Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to attend the Installation Service for our new pastor, Eric N. Tonjes. The service will be held Sunday, July 17, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary.

A dinner in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. Please RSVP to the church if you can join us!

Ham, dessert, bread/butter, and beverages are provided. You are asked to bring two dishes to pass (choose from potato, vegetable or salad).

RSVP to 815.965.1940 or send an email to office@kishonline.org.

Kishwaukee Presbyterian Women Report

Annual Picnic for Women's Care Center set for August 2, 2016

A Brief Background: When was this picnic first held?

Having decorated the Woman's Care Center for different holidays, including making tablecloths and banners, it was decided we really would like to get acquainted with the residents of the Women's Care Center. In 1990 we invited the women, children and staff at the Rockford Rescue Mission to a picnic. It was held at Brasses' pond (which is just around the corner from the church). This event was a special treat for them, offering a unique chance to come to the country with open spaces.

In more recent times the picnic has been moved to the Davis Junction Park where the kids can enjoy the playground equipment.

Plans for the Picnic This Year?

Again this year our picnic will be held at Davis Junction Park on August 2, 2016. This is a great get acquainted time for everyone as we eat, play games and visit.

Kishwaukee has supported the Mission for many years and this is a good way to learn how they rescue and restore these women first hand.

Watch for a sign-up sheet to participate in this year's picnic — you'll be encouraged as you meet these ladies. All women of Kishwaukee Church are invited to join us!

Submitted by Mary Yankus



The Rescue Mission's Women's Crisis Center offers 24/7/365 emergency services for women, women with children and intact families. Last year, the mission provided more than 15,350 nights of shelter for 478 different individuals, 29 percent of whom were children; and more than 117,000 meals of breakfast, lunch and dinner were served. In April of 2016 the new Women's Crisis Center was opened. "We're calling it Pitney Place," Sherry Pitney said, "as a way to memorialize our founders: my mother- and father-in-law (Nadine and Gerald Pitney). It was my mother-in-law's heart and love to see the mission care for women and children like it had been for men."

Missions Report

by Heather Gorsegrner; Campus Ministries trip to Frakes, Kentucky

Romans 12:6-8 says “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach, if it is encouraging, let him encourage, if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously, if it is leadership, let him govern diligently, if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” I’ve been using my gift of serving since my freshman year of high school when I went on my first Youthworks trip and I’ve continued to use this gift throughout high school and college.

As a senior at Augustana, this was my fourth and final trip to Henderson Settlement with Campus Ministries. Henderson Settlement is located in Frakes, Kentucky; right on the Tennessee/Kentucky/Virginia border. Frakes is located in Bell County, which is one of the most poverty stricken areas in the country. The Settlement provides several services to the people of Frakes and the surrounding area. There are home improvement projects, a thrift store, a food bank, youth programs, a senior center, and more. Each year I’ve worked on different home improvement projects such as painting, flooring, and siding.

This year, my group and I were assigned to a home improvement project in which we were asked to build two 8x12 wooden porches—one for the front door and one for the back door of a trailer home. We worked on building these decks all week; despite the weather conditions of rain, snow, wind, and cold temperatures. The resident that we were building the porches for was this sweet woman in her fifties named Maddie Louise. She was so happy, excited, and grateful that we were there; but not just because we were building her new porches. Rather she seemed to really enjoy our company. In fact, she told us that she doesn’t

normally talk as much as she was doing with us. She shared stories with us, told us some new recipes to try, and told us more about herself. Maddie also has such a good attitude and outlook on life. Throughout the week, I lost track of the number of times that she said that “We have so much to thank the Lord for.” This simple statement spoke volumes; Maddie doesn’t have much, yet she is so thankful for what she does have and she’s not going to complain about what she doesn’t have. Although I was there to share my gift of serving, I felt that Maddie Louise was a ministry to me.

1 Peter 4:10 says “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” I have been so blessed to be able to use my gifts to serve these past few years and I look forward to any future opportunities that come my way.



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
June 5	Lindsay Molitor
June 12	Pam Glendenning
June 19	Mark & Aimee Rosko
June 26	Ashley Phillips
July 3	Faith Chavers
July 10	Kayla McKinney
July 17	Jayda Reynolds
July 24	Lindsay Molitor
July 31	Ashley Phillips

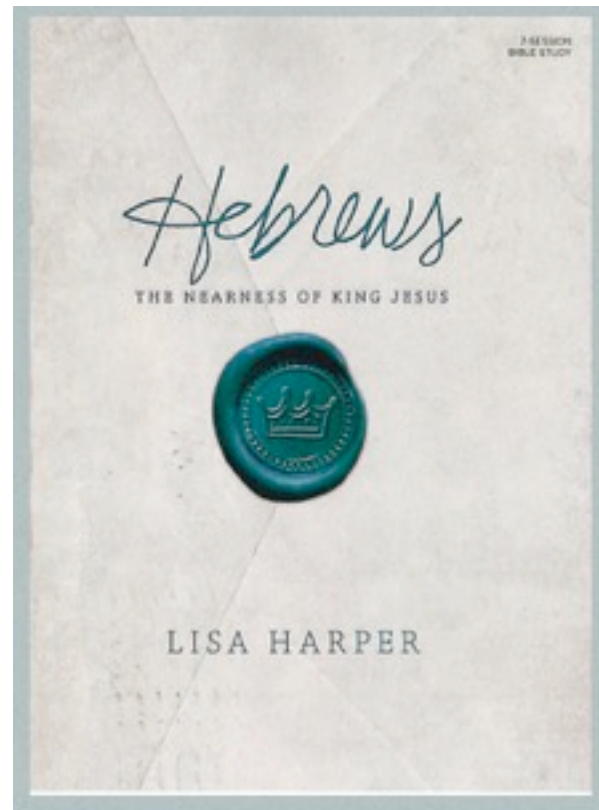
children 5 years old and younger

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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
*Hebrews; the Nearness of
King Jesus*
by Lisa Harper
June 9 - July 28
9 AM class and 6:30 PM Class
Books are \$14

The Book of Hebrews is a rich, dense section of Scripture that can intimidate the most scholarly biblical student. Lisa Harper makes digging into Hebrews fun and doable, as only she can, without losing an ounce of depth. Hebrews was a sermon for a specific people and culture in the midst of martyrdom and persecution, but is also so relevant for us today, reminding us to continue walking toward Jesus regardless of our culture or our circumstances. Join Lisa as she journeys through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter: Jesus is our accessible King. He is not a faraway God, but an up-close Redeemer who draws near to us. Hebrews helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, but He is also compassionate, empathetic, and loving to no end (7 sessions).

Birthdays

Birthdays in June

- 1 Evan Ruggeberg
Meagan Challand
- 2 Eric Moriarty
Mike Stone
- 4 Lydia Molitor
- 5 Sunny Williams
Cole Linscheid
- 6 Austin Glendenning
Brian Kunce
- 7 Colleen Pearson
- 8 Tim Flynn
Ashley DeVries
Kelsey Mizner
Arlo Phillips
- 9 Elaine Nicholson
Mackenzie Flynn
- 10 Brian Hall
Becky Gocken
Joanne Reynolds
- 12 John Holsinger
Natalie Meiners
- 13 Steve Bartscher
- 14 Geoffrey Hillers
- 15 Marie Young
- 16 Amber McClendon
Cindy Thompson
Brian Brooks
Brett Terviel
- 17 Linda Kahle-Langston
- 18 Kathy Harms
Eileen Wagner
- 21 Mark Overmyer
Maggie Erdmann
- 22 Angela Wyckoff
- 24 Michael Smith
Morgan Fischer
- 25 Ayden Alderks
- 26 Molly Engelkes
Kate Vandiver
- 27 Darby Canciamille
Emma Moss
- 28 Lauren Lyons
Isabelle Bartscher
Nathan Boelkins
- 30 Lisa Key
Tara Larson

Birthdays in July

- 2 Matthew Williams
- 3 Brent Pearson
- 4 Pat Hanna
Tatum Glendenning
Bonnie Pulfer
- 5 Brittany Frisbie
- 6 Janell Lewellen
- 7 Linda Swanson
- 8 Amanda Kester
- 9 Joan Martin
Ashley Koenig
Brianna Koenig
George Stevens
Kayla Fleming
- 11 Debbie Hahn
- 12 Kylie Swanson
- 13 Deb Castle
Brennan Showers
- 14 Roger Quick
Anna Rainwater
- 15 Hanna Wallin
- 16 Troy Kutz
Sherry Werckle
- 17 Curt Werckle
- 18 Nile McCammond
Jude McGhee
- 19 Zach Owen
- 22 Raina Ruthe
- 23 Dave Brooks
Keenan Lewellen
Corban Wessell
- 24 Marcia Larson
- 25 Sarah Langston
Lisa Williams
Lauren Key
- 26 Chris Amundson
Randy Moore
Emma Schaefer
- 28 Erin Wyckoff
- 29 Caden Wiehle
- 30 Carley Frost
- 31 Connie McGhee
Meleah Sheridan
Boone Alderks
Jean Sherwood

Anniversaries

In June:

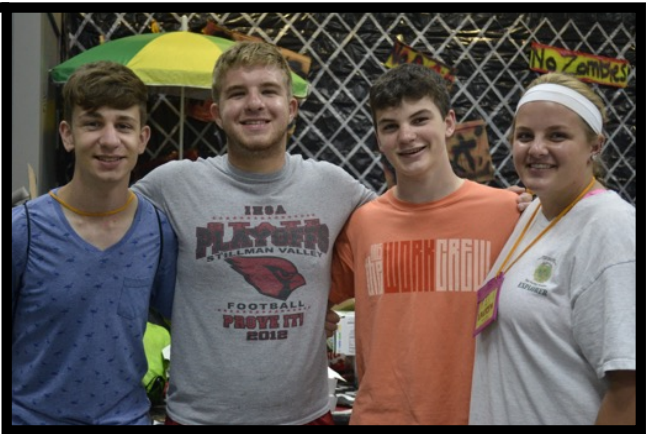
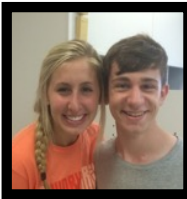
- 3 Dirk & Angie Palmer
- 3 Andy & Ashley Phillips
- 5 Duane & Carol Pansegrau
- 6 Randy & Jennie Clingon
- 6 Mark & Aimee Rosko
- 6 Steven & Katie Peterson
- 7 Jeff & Brigitte Mickey
- 8 Maynard & Lorene Stivers
- 8 Bruce & Laurie Gerardy
- 10 Ryan & Meagan Challand
- 12 Ron & Cindy Jennings
- 14 Dave & Dana Brooks
- 17 Gene & Molly Engelkes
- 17 Brian & Janet Hall
- 17 Wayne & Priscilla Yankus
- 18 Fred & Kim Hiort
- 19 Brad & Kathy Owen
- 20 Herb & Lillian Herbeck
- 20 Scott & Darby Gensler
- 20 Ryan & Alyson Stodola
- 21 Gaylen & Pat Bastian
- 23 Jack & Carolyn Kutz
- 26 Eric & Jill Swanson
- 29 Brian & Lisa Key
- 30 Doug & Malynnda Mueller

In July:

- 1 Bill & E.J. Gensler
- 4 Charley & Leah Holsinger
- 6 Darrin & Deborah Castle
- 6 Tim & Rhonda King
- 7 Eric & Maxine Geil
- 8 Mike & Debbie Hahn
- 9 Marty & Dawn Typer
- 12 Michael & Julie Glendenning
- 12 Jeremy & Janesa Gravenstein
- 13 Roger & Lisa Bauer
- 18 Jeff & Lori Cox
- 22 Troy & Sue Kutz
- 23 Bill & Sue Busser
- 23 Rich & Kim Hanna
- 23 Danny & Danielle Schaefer
- 25 Mike & Valerie Stone
- 25 Kyle & Heather Roberts
- 30 Bill & Linda Kahle-Langston
- 30 Al & Heather Alderks



"And on the matter of a new air conditioning system, the hallelujahs have it."



By Michael Smith, Youth Director

This Summer: The More You Know, The More You Grow!

Let's be honest: Summer is our favorite time of the year. If that is true for your family, it's most certainly true for our students! For months, we've had nearly 80 students sign up and anxiously await our two camp ministries: **WorkCamp**, and **Great Escape**.

Workcamp @ Minneapolis, MN
39 high schoolers. 24-29 July.

Great Escape @ Green Lake WI:
37 junior highers. 11-16 July.

In the context of a beautiful place, surrounded by loving leaders: Our camp ministries afford each student the unique opportunity to learn Christ. The more they know...they more they grow! Here are some of the many ways we'll be working with students to help them know the fullness of Jesus better.

Great Escape *summits and sherpas*

We'll be climbing our way to the top of camp with this year's theme: Summit! Our main speaker, Eric Alexander, guides people with disabilities to scale mountains alongside him. In 2001, Eric led a blind

person to scale the top of Mt. Everest...all 29,035 feet of it! Eric's faith is inspiring, and will challenge students to consider how to face the mountains of life with Christ's help.



To further reinforce the theme, Green Lake Conference Center has constructed a new Climbing Tower and High Ropes Course! We'll be encouraging our students to participate in these activities; they're a great means of teaching our students how to climb through life together.

Leading the way for each adventure are the great training 'sherpas' around: 13 adult chaperones, and 16 student WorkCrew leaders...with the potential for more to join us! That's the largest amount of leaders we've ever been able to bring.



WorkCamp *bootcamp, fellowship together*

True story: Mission trips are no picnic. Serving others is not always easy. So before we leave for Minneapolis next month, we're meeting as a team to get the most out of our experience. Your child is invited to join us for **Workcamp Bootcamp!** Bootcamp begins June 22, and meets most Wednesdays from 6-7:15p. We'll be talking teamwork, unity, service, and love as we gear up to serve.

Bookending our trip are two great fellowship opportunities:

Breakfast, Worship: Sunday July 24th, 8:15a. Before we go, all families are invited for breakfast & worship!

Missions Dinner: Wednesday August 3rd, 5:30p. Hear how God used our students at WorkCamp!

Every activity, every message, and every meal can help our students know Jesus better. We'll see you this summer!

-Michael



Worship Kidstyle

in June

Worship Kidstyle continues to be a blessing during our 9:00 am church service.

Children experience worship as a family with our congregation as they join our praise team up front each week. Children are then dismissed to Worship Kidstyle after a moment of prayer. Children 3 years old through Kindergarten attend our Kingdom Kids worship in the Children's room. Children 1st grade through 5th grade attend our Faithful Followers worship in the fellowship hall.

This month in Kingdom Kids we will learn about the many ways *God is Always With Us* with a focus on Baby Moses. Acts 2:25a *The Lord is always with me.*

This month in Faithful Followers we will wrap up the story of Adam and Eve and the moment Man Disobeyed. We will then learn about walking with Jesus and having that ultimate belief in Him.

Worship Kidstyle will meet on June 5, 12, 19 & 26. We will be taking a short break this summer and resume at the start of the Meridian school year. We covet your prayers over our children as they use this summer to worship with their families; may they be blessed with each message. We also covet your prayers over our volunteer teachers and aides. If you feel led to offer your gifts to the Worship Kidstyle program please contact an administrator today! Each gift God grants us with may be used in a multitude of ways in each program. How can you bless our Kishwaukee children this week?

Tara Larson 815-963-2901
Malinda Hurt 815-218-5327



Vacation Bible School

**June 13 - June 17, 2015
at Kishwaukee Church**

Finding Truth Below the Surface

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.*

VBS Motto *Jesus sees, Jesus knows, Jesus Saves*

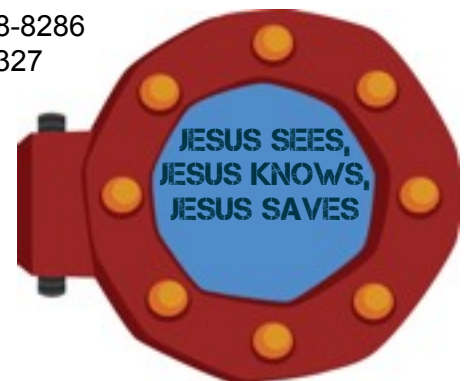
VBS Mission focus Cru – formerly *Campus Crusade for Christ*

VBS missions will center on the college campus ministry, Cru. We will be collecting monetary donation in support of this great ministry! Students will learn about Cru, their vision, and the many ways they reach students all over the world. We will draw connections as to how they too can reach out to peers at their school, on sports teams and community groups. We are grateful for the support our Kishwaukee supported missionaries for Cru, Karl & Meg Glendenning, have offered through materials and prayers for VBS.

VBS Sunday – Join us for worship with VBS music at 9:00 AM, with fellowship following the service on **Sunday, June 19th.**

Tara Larson (815) 963-2901
Heather Alderks (815) 978-8286
Malinda Hurt (815) 218-5327

*Pictures of VBS will
be published in future
newsletters ...*



Adult Education

Two Classes Offered on
Sundays

A Gifted Body

led by Pastor Eric:

We are called by God to live together as the body of Christ. However, just like a human body, you need all different parts for Jesus' body to work well! Join us as we explore the idea of spiritual gifts within the interconnected body and work to discern ways each of us are uniquely gifted by God. This is a 4 week study located in the sanctuary.

The Blazing Center

led by Larry Larson:

Everything revolves around God. As the most valuable and glorious person who exists, God is loving when He calls us to worship Him. His pursuit of glory and our pursuit of joy are not at odds - God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. This is a 9 week study located in classroom 1.

Child care will be available for children 5 years old and younger in the nursery during Sunday School.

Children's Sunday School

Children who have completed K-5th grade are welcome to join us in classroom 9 for Sunday School.

**Check out this event
for the community
Mega Sports Camp!**



Hey Parents! Ready to drop a **TON OF FUN** right into your child's summer? Come and join an awesome experience **on June 27th – July 1st, Monday – Friday, from 4:30 – 7:30 PM, at Davis Junction Park**

The MEGA Sports Camp is right for you!

Meridian School District Churches is offering kids in **1st – 5th grades** one awesome time. “We want to give kids the chance to learn more about sports, discover character-building concepts, and have a whole lot of fun”.

At **MEGA Sports Camp**, kids can choose between Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Soccer. It doesn't matter if they've played all their life or just started yesterday, **MEGA Sports Camp** helps kids improve their skills. The camp creates a positive and encouraging environment that pumps up their confidence and self-esteem.

Between Sports Sessions, coaches lead in songs and help kids experience inspiring sports and Bible stories to help character-building themes take hold in kids' hearts. **And most importantly, Kids will discover God's great love for them.**

For more information please call:

Kerry Hughes: 815-721-7855

Marcy Hughes: 815-631-9609

Lynn Burch: 815-757-5978

Sign up online at

www.valleycov.org/kidsclub/megasportscamp2016/



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

JOIN US

for Worship
every Sunday
at 9:00 AM

Sunday School
every Sunday
at 10:30 AM

Coffee Fellowship
at 10:15 AM

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of Eric Tonjes as Pastor of Kishwaukee Church.
A dinner will follow.
See page 3 for more details on how to RSVP....