

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Yesterday I was high up in the air on a ladder in the sanctuary when the storm that roared through Westland passed by the church. It gets noisy in there when it's only a *little* bit windy, so when those incredible gusts tore through the area it felt and sounded like the apocalypse was upon me. The lights flickered and the power went out just as I was stretching upward to hang the red, orange and yellow fabric on the cross.

It was pretty nerve-wracking for a few seconds, but then the power came back on and I could only laugh as I thought about the second verse of the Pentecost passage from which I preach every year: "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:2)

It's true, I was standing as opposed to sitting...but the rest sure was the same. From heaven? High up as I was, sure felt like it. Sound of a violent wind? Yup. Filled the entire house? You bet it did. Check, check and check.

Every so often I think God gives us those little reminders of God's presence: "Hey there, I'm here." Sometimes these reminders are simply that: reminders that God is indeed right there with us. Other times, however, these reminders are accompanied by epiphanies that come upon us just as suddenly as the sound of the wind from heaven came upon those Jews from every nation so long ago at the birth of the church. These epiphanies to which I refer are moments of instant understanding of an idea, topic, or direction that is coming straight from the third person in the Trinity. These precious moments of abrupt clarity are God speaking to us in the form of the Holy Spirit. Every year at Pentecost, we celebrate that day when our church began and when the Advocate that Jesus promised had arrived to guide us.

Sometimes we pass these epiphanies off as idle thoughts and random, frivolous musings that have no import or meaning. This is dangerous. It is not the kind of "dangerous" that suggests physical harm will be visited upon us, but rather it is dangerous because every time we fail to take seriously the wind that is moving through our thoughts and our hearts we do damage to our souls. We fall into a pattern of "humanity over deity" that unwittingly glorifies our human selves over God, believing that every little thing that comes upon our conscience and consciousness comes straight from us and not from God. To be sure, there are certainly many matters that fall into this category. And there are still others that I believe come from Satan himself, who takes advantage of our flawed humanity and pushes us to give in to the temptations of selfishness, hatred, deception, resentment, enmity and discord that constantly threaten to undo us.



But there is a failsafe. There is a defense against the Father of Lies that seeks to bring all of us down, and ramparts that can overcome the harm we would unintentionally inflict upon our souls: Seek the Advocate. Pray for the Holy Spirit to rest upon you and guide your thoughts, your words, your actions. If we remain in constant conversation with God (God who is Jesus, God who is the Father/Creator and God who is the Holy Spirit) then we will be as equipped as we can possibly be to respond appropriately to those sudden rushes of violent wind – those epiphanies and instant clarity of thought – with which we are blessed as we navigate this complicated world.

Very rarely in this world does our “long-game” – our longitudinal vision for all aspects of our lives – play out the way we thought it would. But if we remain in communication with God and seek the Spirit at all times, we will be able to recognize these “epiphanies” as God’s guidance rather than our own passing whimsy. God’s vision has never been the same as our own, so it is imperative that we lean upon the Spirit to make God’s guidance apparent while cutting off those weeds and vines of self and Satan that would choke out anything that would further God’s Kingdom here on earth.

If something is “laid heavily on your heart,” do not ignore it. Pray for guidance. Talk to your sisters and brothers about it, and let’s flesh it all out together. We’re living in strange times and God is always doing a “new” thing. So it’s up to us: will we choose to rely upon the Spirit and participate in God’s vision – whatever it may be – or will we instead ignore the Spirit and embrace only ourselves, doing all we can to get in God’s way?

Pastor Mike



Financial Report as of 4/30/2022			
	April	Year to Date	Budget
Income	6,635	25,106	31,883
Expenses	14,538	44,095	39,421
Net Income or Loss	-7,903	-18,989	-7,538
Liquid Assets*	109,823	109,823	
* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds. Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.			
<p>April numbers were significantly impacted by a 3 pay period month, annual premium on the building/liability insurance, and losses in mutual funds of \$4,800. These items totaled an additional \$10,000 in out of ordinary monthly expenses. So, the results are not as dire this month as it would seem by the final number. However, we are still subject to things that effect us and the country such as inflation, volatility in financial markets, shortages of goods, etc. that give concern regarding future givings, income and expenses.</p>			

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God’s love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in

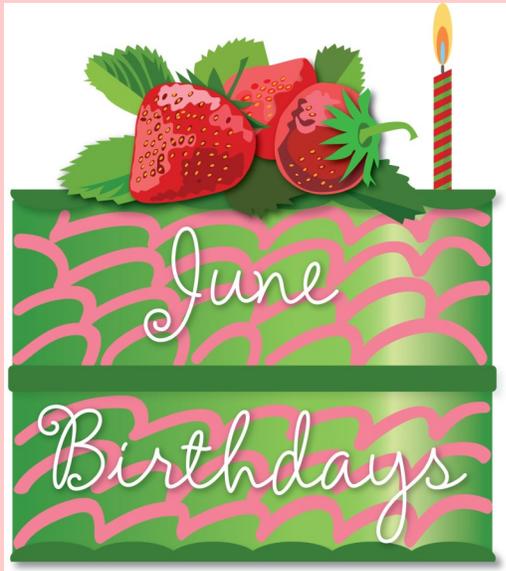
LEARN THROUGH PLAY PRESCHOOL

That is a wrap on our first school year at Learn Through Play Preschool! We want to thank the congregation of Kirk of Our Savior for their continued support and encouragement during this exciting time. May brought us so many awesome experiences. We took a field trip to Tollgate farm in Novi. The weather that morning was beautiful. The trip was very interactive for the students and parents and even included an opportunity to milk goats. As you can imagine some students were excited to help with the milking while others had no desire to touch the animal. We ended our school year with a beautiful and warm day which provided the perfect opportunity for a water squirter war. The kids and staff had a blast! Lastly we had the great honor to graduate 9 of our preschool students as they make their way into kindergarten in the fall. The ceremony was perfectly sweet, fun and full of emotion as this was the first graduating class of Learn Through Play Preschool. We look forward to many more opportunities to impact children within and around our community in the time ahead!

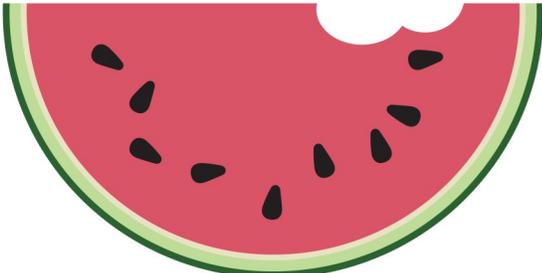


2022 PER CAPITA

The 2023 Per Capita charge per Kirk member is \$34. The increase is in accordance with the amount that the Presbytery passed on to the church. Payment can be made using the Per Capita envelope in the giving box or any method you choose to designate the funds. Thank you.



- 1 Geraldine Decker
- 6 Betty Willox
- 6 Colleen Williamson
- 26 Mark Gallaher
- 28 Dave Thomas

Hello

Summer

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Nancy Lee Pride (2024)

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

CHILDREN & YOUTH

MISSION/OUTREACH

Mieke Beckman (2023) Chairman and Elder

June Jennings (2023) Elder

FOUNDATION

Rob Otte (2024) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2023) Elder

TREASURER: Fred Kirk

CLERK: June Jennings

The membership of Kirk of Our Savior approved changes to the by-laws which eliminated the Board of Deacons. The number of Elders serving was also decreased from six to five. The Elders will now serve a 2-year term rather than the 3 years they had served previously.

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Elliott Elementary

Nicole Tillman's Second Grade Classroom



“This was their first field day ever due to the pandemic. They had a blast doing different relay activities and working in teams!” -Ms. Tillman

Earlier this year, Session chose to support new teacher Nicole Tillman and her second grade classroom at Elliott Elementary in the Wayne Westland School District.



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	4
5 10:30am Worship	6 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	7 5-8pm TOPS-Lounge	8	9	10 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	11
12 10:30am Worship	13 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	14 5-8pm TOPS-Lounge	15	16	17 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	18
19 10:30am Worship	20 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	21 5-8pm TOPS-Lounge	22	23	24 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	25
26 10:30am Worship	27 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	28 5-8pm TOPS-Lounge	29	30		

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	2
3 10am-Worship	4 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	5 5-8pm TOPS-Lounge	6	7	8 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	9

June 2022 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Wednesday, June 1

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Isa. 4:2–6
Eph. 4:1–16
Matt. 8:28–34

Thursday, June 2

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Zech. 4:1–14
Eph. 4:17–32
Matt. 9:1–8

Friday, June 3

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Jer. 31:27–34
Eph. 5:1–32
Matt. 9:9–17

Saturday, June 5

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Ezek. 36:22–27
Eph. 6:1–24
Matt. 9:18–26

Sunday, June 5

Day of Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Pss. 29; 33
Deut. 16:9–12
Acts 4:18–21, 23–33
John 4:19–26

Monday, June 6

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Eccl. 7:1–14
Gal. 4:12–20
Matt. 15:21–28

Tuesday, June 7

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Eccl. 8:14–9:10
Gal. 4:21–31
Matt. 15:29–39

Wednesday, June 8

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Eccl. 9:11–18
Gal. 5:1–15
Matt. 16:1–12

Thursday, June 9

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Eccl. 11:1–8
Gal. 5:16–24
Matt. 16:13–20

Friday, June 10

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Eccl. 11:9–12:14
Gal. 5:25–6:10
Matt. 16:21–28

Saturday, June 11

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Num. 3:1–13
Gal. 6:11–18
Matt. 17:1–13

Sunday, June 12

Trinity Sunday

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Job 38:1–11; 42:1–5
Rev. 19:4–16
John 1:29–34

Monday, June 13

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Num. 9:15–23; 10:29–36
Rom. 1:1–15
Matt. 17:14–21

Tuesday, June 14

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Num. 11:1–23
Rom. 1:16–25
Matt. 17:22–27

Wednesday, June 15

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Num. 11:24–33 (34–35)
Rom. 1:28–2:11
Matt. 18:1–9

Thursday, June 16

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Num. 12:1–16

Rom. 2:12–24

Matt. 18:10–20

Friday, June 17

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Num. 13:1–3, 21–30

Rom. 2:25–3:8

Matt. 18:21–35

Saturday, June 18

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Num. 13:31–14:25

Rom. 3:9–20

Matt. 19:1–12

Sunday, June 19

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Num. 14:26–45

Acts 15:1–12

Luke 12:49–56

Monday, June 20

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Num. 16:1–19

Rom. 3:21–31

Matt. 19:13–22

Tuesday, June 21

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Num. 16:20–35

Rom. 4:1–12

Matt. 19:23–30

Wednesday, June 22

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Num. 16:36–50

Rom. 4:13–25

Matt. 20:1–16

Thursday, June 23

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Num. 17:1–11

Rom. 5:1–11

Matt. 20:17–28

Friday, June 24

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32; 139

Num. 20:1–13

Rom. 5:12–21

Matt. 20:29–34

Saturday, June 25

Morning: Pss. 56; 149

Evening: Pss. 118; 111

Num. 20:14–29

Rom. 6:1–11

Matt. 21:1–11

Sunday, June 26

Morning: Pss. 67; 150

Evening: Pss. 46; 93

Num. 21:4–9, 21–35

Acts 17:(12–21) 23–24

Luke 13:10–17

Monday, June 27

Morning: Pss. 57; 145

Evening: Pss. 85; 47

Num. 22:1–21

Rom. 6:12–23

Matt. 21:12–22

Tuesday, June 28

Morning: Pss. 54; 146

Evening: Pss. 28; 99

Num. 22:21–38

Rom. 7:1–12

Matt. 21:23–32

Wednesday, June 29

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 125; 91

Num. 22:41–23:12

Rom. 7:13–25

Matt. 21:33–46

Thursday, June 30

Morning: Pss. 143;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 81; 116

Num. 23:11–26

Rom. 8:1–11

Matt. 22:1–14