

2026

Experience God's
Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – MARCH 27, 2026



Join Us!

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

March 29 | Palm Sunday

Sermon Topic: "Lament"

(Matthew 23:37-39)

April 2 | Maundy Thursday

5:30pm - Family Communion Service

7:30pm - Journey to Jerusalem

8:45pm - Tenebrae & Stripping of the
Paraments

April 3 | Good Friday

Sanctuary Open for Prayer - 9am - 12pm

Worship Services - 12pm | 3pm | 7:30pm

Good Friday Family Movie Night | 5:30pm

Showing "King of Kings" - Heritage Hall

CHRIST IS RISEN!

April 5 | EASTER 2026

Sermon Topic: "Believe"

6:45am - Sunrise Service

7:00am - Easter Sunday Service

9:00am - Easter Sunday Service

10:00am - Front Lawn Celebration!

11:00am - Easter Service

Palm Sunday: Praying with Jesus - Lament



As Jesus approaches Jerusalem in Matthew 23:37, his words carry both heartbreak and longing: "...I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." It is a striking image—not of judgment, but of protection, tenderness, and grief. His lament reminds us that divine love is not abstract. It is personal, persistent, and vulnerable to rejection. The

reflection for Palm Sunday invites us to sit in the tension where celebration and sorrow coexist. The waving of palms and the shadow of the cross are not contradictions but companions. As Holy Week begins, we are called to a deeper posture of presence, walking with Christ through the full weight of love that grieves, hopes, and endures. Lament does not diminish hope—it refines it.

COFFEE HOUR HERITAGE HALL

NOTE: Coffee Hour will be in the Fireside Room on Easter Sunday after the 9:00am service ONLY.



Holy Week Begins Sunday!

PALM Sunday

March 29, 2026 | 8:00am | *9:00am | 11:00am

*9:00am Service - Begins outside with a reenactment of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with live donkeys and the waving of Palm Fronds. Those interested in participating should arrive at the Welcome Center by 8:45am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: *Journey to Jerusalem*



Join us on **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:30pm** for **“Journey to Jerusalem,”** a sacred interactive drama with Holy Communion. The service will be followed by Tenebrae and Stripping of the Paraments at 8:45pm. Come with Jesus on his final journey to Jerusalem: washing the feet of the disciples, sitting at the table for the Last Supper, and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE TIMES:

9:00am – 12:00pm: Sanctuary open for private prayer and reflection

12:00pm: Worship (*Sanctuary*)
(Including a Children’s Moment)

3:00pm: Worship (*Sanctuary*)

5:30pm: Family Movie Night – showing “King of Kings” | Heritage Hall

7:30pm: Worship (*Sanctuary*)

All services will be Livestreamed.

April 3, 2026

Celebrate Easter at Kirk in the Hills

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Alleluia! He is Risen! Come, bring your family, celebrate Easter Sunday with us! Join us for the following:

6:45am - Resurrection Service (Columbarium) | 7:00am - Easter Worship Service
9:00am - Easter Worship Service | 10:00am - Front Lawn Celebration (*Easter egg hunt, petting zoo, face painting, hot chocolate, and coffee*) | **11:00am - Easter Worship Service**

Children, Youth & Family

VBS - June 14–18, 2026

Calling All Volunteers!

If interested, contact:

Sarah Ford at sford@kirkinthehills.org or
Lauren Clopton at lclopton@kirkinthehills.org.



CREATE YOUR OWN RESURRECTION EGGS

Children and families are invited to join us on March 29 at 10:00am,

following the 9:00am Palm Sunday service, in the Abbey Lounge to create Resurrection Eggs. This hands-on activity explores the meaning of Holy Week. Cost is \$5 per family—register one family member on Realm or scan the QR code to sign up.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

Communion, Love, and Humility - Communion service with foot washing, fellowship with Christ and each other.

Join us for Maundy Thursday for a family communion and foot washing service in the Refectory. Please join at 5:30pm for fellowship in St. Andrew’s followed by a 30 minute worship service at 6:00pm in the Refectory.



GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY

MOVIE NIGHT - Join us on Good Friday (April 3rd) at 5:30pm in Heritage Hall for a showing of the movie **The King of Kings** with pizza and popcorn.

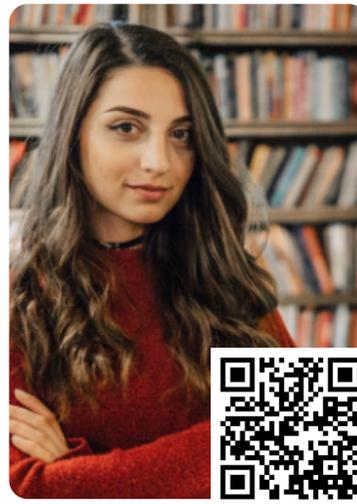
Want to bring a pillow, blanket, or bean-bag chair? Please feel free to do so! This service concludes promptly at 7:15pm due to the 7:30pm Good Friday evening service in the Sanctuary. Please scan the QR code to sign up so we know how much food is needed.



Digital Safety Reminder!

There have been reports of scam emails **falsely appearing** to come from Pastor Edwin. Please remember that Kirk pastors and staff **WILL NEVER** ask by email or text for gift cards, money, or financial assistance. If you receive a suspicious or urgent

message, **DO NOT RESPOND OR SEND FUNDS**—contact the church office to verify.



College Student Care Packages

Deacons will be sending Care Packages to our youth in college. If you know a college student who would like to receive a special Kirk care package, please send us their address by scanning the QR code to the left. **Deadline is April 6.**



Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers

Spring Yard Cleanups – Your Yard, Their Mission

- From mid-March through early June, our mission team is available to help with yard work, planting, mulching, painting, and more. There is no set fee—donations are appreciated (please provide supplies). Schedule your date by scanning the QR code or contact Mike Jarasz at mjarasz@kirkinthehills.org

Silent Auction Donations Needed

We are seeking new items, themed baskets, gift cards, tickets, or services for our upcoming fundraiser. Drop-off **deadline is April 12.** Contact Mike for details.



Donate Easter Lilies in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One by This Sunday

This Sunday is your last chance to dedicate Easter lilies. To donate, submit \$25 (payable to Kirk in the Hills) with your name and dedication to Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 **by March 29**, or sign up online or via the QR code.



Kirk Seniors Luncheon - April 21

You are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, fine food, and fascinating history as we explore **Pewabic Tile & Its Kirk History**. Pewabic Pottery Director and Archivist Anne Dennis will share the *original etchings* during the presentation. **Lunch is \$25/person.** Please register by scanning the QR code. **Register Today!**



Adopt -A- Road

It's time for our semi-annual Long Lake Rd. cleanup through the Adopt-a-Road program. Please join us on **Saturday April 18 at 9:00am** in the west parking lot for fellowship & donuts before we break into teams for cleanup. Contact Ann.manning.21@gmail.com for more info.

Deacon Fund Month – Show Your Support

We invite you to support the ministry of mercy with a generous Lenten gift. Your giving sustains:

- Congregational Care
- Congregational Benevolence
- Kirk Community Care
- Worship



Your gift ensures that no one in our Kirk family is forgotten, unseen, or uncared for. Please scan the QR code to give your gift.

2025 Annual Report Available

The 2025 Annual Report is available in the info racks throughout the church or can be obtained by email request to jzellers@kirkinthehills.org.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

@ the Kirk

Join Us! Get Involved!

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Holy Week Begins!

Palm Sunday

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- *9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary (**Special procession
starting outside*)
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour -
Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:15am Resurrection Eggs -
Abbey Lounge
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir
- Abbey 26
- 11:00am Worship Service -Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal
- Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary
Tour
- 5:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Kirk Preschool on Spring Break

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry -
Welcome Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 10:00am Pastors Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches - Abbey 27

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday

- 9:30am Woman's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 5:00pm Maundy Thursday rehearsal
& dinner - Kirk House
- 6:00pm Family Communion & Foot-
washing Service - Refectory
- 7:30pm *Journey to Jerusalem* -
Sanctuary
- 8:45pm Tenebrae & Stripping of the
Paraments - Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Good Friday

- 9:00am Personal Prayer & Reflection
- Sanctuary
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper
Room
- 12:00pm Good Friday Worship Service
(*includes a children's moment*) -
Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Good Friday Worship Service
- Sanctuary
- 5:30pm Good Friday Movie Night
featuring *The King of Kings*
plus pizza & popcorn -
Heritage Hall
- 7:30pm Good Friday Worship
Service - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Holy Saturday

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible
Study (Zoom Only)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Christ is Risen!

Easter Sunday

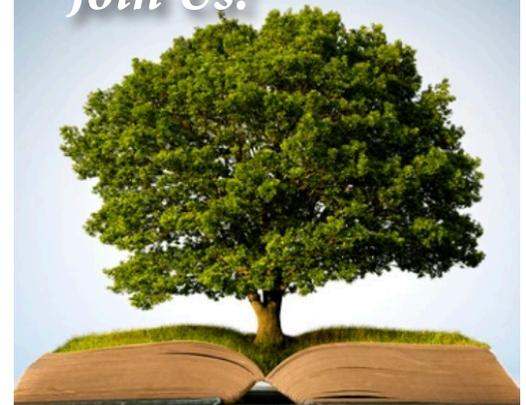
- 6:45am Sunrise Service -
Columbarium
- 7:00am Easter Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 9:00am Easter Worship Service -
Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- Melrose Chapel
- 10:00am Celebration on the Front
Lawn - Outside Front
Lawn (*Easter egg hunt, a petting
zoo, & facepainting plus
doughnuts, hot chocolate &
coffee*)
- 11:00am Easter Worship Service
-Sanctuary
- 12:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer

**NOTE: In observance of Easter,
the OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026. Please
mark your calendars.**

Join Us!



TREE OF LIFE:

*A Celebration of Trees in
Hymns and Anthems*

Sunday, April 26, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Join us for an hour of hymn singing as we explore the theme of **Trees in hymnody and anthems**. With narrator Michael Silhavy, senior projects editor at G.I.A. Publications in Chicago, Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe, James Biery, organ and Marilyn Biery, conductor. Come prepared to lift your voice in song!



SAVE THE DATE

FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS
BREAKFAST

Preventing Child Abuse
MAY 13, 2026
8:00am-9:30am