

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – APRIL 17, 2026

Join Us!

Sunday Highlights

Congregational Meeting Alerts

APRIL 26 | 9 AM

Candidate will Preach for the Call; afterward, there's a Congregational Meeting to vote on the Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation and Discipleship.

MAY 3 | After 9 AM Service

For the purpose of naming and electing a replacement for one Elder vacancy – a one-year term, Class of 2026.

April 19th Activities

Charting the Course Storytelling Event | 10 AM

safeTALK Training | 1 PM



This Sunday: Jesus Himself

Luke 24:13-25

This week's sermon reminds us that we often encounter Christ in the **midst of our questions**. He walks beside us in moments of uncertainty, illuminating truth step by step. This passage from Luke invites us to consider where Christ might already be accompanying us—through conversation, Scripture, or the steady unfolding of grace in daily life. We are challenged to remain open to His presence...even when it comes in unexpected ways.

Prom Season Is Here! Volunteers Needed to Help with Prom Pics.

Prom season is rapidly approaching, and we receive many requests from high schoolers and their parents to take prom photos on the Kirk grounds. To accommodate them, we need volunteers to assist during these sessions, which typically last 90 minutes on Thursday or Friday evenings. Our goal is to have at least 10 volunteers per session. If you are interested, please email Ron Kuhn at rkuhn5@yahoo.com.



Special Invitation for Visitors

Visitors, you're invited to a **small-group fellowship with Rev. Rami Michael Almaqdas!** It's a lovely opportunity to converse with Pastor Rami and learn more about the Kirk.

Light refreshments will be served.

WED., APRIL 29 | 6 PM - 7 PM

Spaces are limited. Scan QR Code to RSVP.



Or RSVP to Mercy Adams ~ 248-631-4565 by 4/27.



Charting the Course: Kirk Storytelling Event #1

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th | 10 AM - 12 PM | Refectory

Important Notice

Congregational Meeting | April 26, 2026

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called by the Board of Session to be held on **Sunday, April 26, 2026**, after the 9:00am worship service to vote on the Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation and Discipleship. The candidate will Preach for the Call during the 9:00am worship service.

SPECIAL NOTE: Livestreaming services will be suspended for both the 9:00am Preach for the Call as well as the 11:00am service.



safeTALK

Youth & Family

safeTALK Event | April 19

Our community has lost several young people in recent years to suicide. Will you help prevent the next tragedy? In this workshop, you'll learn red flags to look for and, importantly, learn tools that will help you make a difference.

High school students aged 15 and up are particularly encouraged to attend.



Apply the TALK steps:
Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe

Done in a Day!

Explore the Kirk's Attic, Grab Blueprints & Renderings, Finish Tidying the Refectory Kitchen



Join us on **Saturday, May 9**, for a Done in a Day project at the Kirk.

A major project is to bring all the blueprints and drawings from the attic to the Refectory and sorting and organizing. They will then be sent to be digitized. We will finish inventorying and cleaning the Refectory Kitchen and organizing the tablecloths.

The project will **begin at 9 AM** and is expected to **last until 1 PM**. Please bring gloves if you have them. All are welcome—coffee and doughnuts will be provided!" Please **RSVP to Beth Kerr at bkerr316@aol.com** to let her know she can count on you. Plus, she'll know how much coffee and doughnuts to provide. Get it all done in a day!

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!**

Good Neighbor Program



Help us provide hygiene and hope to our neighbors at CCRT.

Items can be placed in bins outside the Sanctuary
May 3, 10, and 17th.

Continuing our partnership
with Pontiac to serve
those in need.

Kirk in the Hills

Most needed items:

Shampoo, Conditioner
Bar of Soap
Deodorant
Tooth Paste
Toothbrushes
Razors, Shaving cream
3-1 Men's Body wash
Toilet Paper
Feminine Products
Paper Towel
Laundry Detergent

Support our Sandwich Ministry

Drop sandwiches off on Tuesdays between 9:00-9:30 am
in front of the Welcome Center. Contact Glenda Herb
with questions: gherb@comcast.net

Preparation instructions:

- **Simple Ingredients:** Use bread, meat, and cheese with no condiments, or make PB&J.
- **Packaging:** Place each sandwich in an individual bag (do not cut) and then place all individual bags back into the original bread bag.
- **Labeling:** Clearly label the outer bag with the number of sandwiches, the type, and the date made.

Pro-Tip: These travel-sized bottles from your last trip are great, but full-sized items help families stay stocked for longer!

Stay Tuned for Upcoming Youth Mission Updates!

The Kirk Youth Have BIG Plans for Sharing God's Love in Costa Rica

The Children, Youth and Family team soon will reveal the mission projects the Senior Youth will focus on while in Costa Rica. They're going to be busy!



Breakfast & Silent Auction in Support of the Mission Trip to Costa Rica

The Breakfast & Silent Auction that was scheduled for Sunday, April 19th will be rescheduled. We'll let you know the date as soon as it's available.

Questions?

Email Mike Jarasz at mjarasz@kirkinthehills.org

KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON

Presents

"Pewabic Tile & Its Kirk History"

Featuring

Anne Dennis,
Director and Archivist

See the original etchings and how they turned out inside the Kirk.

April 21, 2026

11:00 a.m. | St. Andrew's Room



Reminder! Kirk Seniors Luncheon | April 21

Looking forward to seeing you for 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.

Good Neighbor Program- Toiletry Drive

Necessities shouldn't be luxuries. Help us provide hygiene and hope to our neighbors at CCRT.



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Tooth Paste
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Kirk in the Hills

CCRT serves over 2,000 people each year.

Bring items to the May 12th Deacon meeting.

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Questions? Contact Molly mollyedavid@gmail.com

FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS BREAKFAST

Protecting Children Together MAY 13, 2026

8:00am*-9:30am

This year's breakfast, *Protecting Children Together*, focuses on the vital mission of child abuse prevention and intervention.

We are excited to announce the following speakers for our breakfast:

Sheriff Michael Bouchard
Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Annetra Jones
Statewide Director
of Family Preservation, **Samaritas**

Blythe Tyler
President and CEO, **CARE House**
*Doors @ 7:30am. Program begins @ 8:00am.



Tennis Shoe Drive!

The KITH is now taking collections of tennis shoes for kids at a local elementary school in Pontiac. We would really appreciate your donations!

- **Ages:** Kindergarden - Fifth Grade
 - **Sizes:** 11-13, 1-8
 - **Where:** Walt Whitman Elementary School
 - **Condition:** Brand new/Like new
- Tennis Shoes only please!

Collecting from
April 12th - May 24th

Turn-in box is found in the
welcome center

**Welcome Center hours: Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am *Charting the Course* ~ Kirk Storytelling Event & Brunch - Refectory
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
- 10:15am Confirmation Class
- 10:15am St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir - Abbey 26
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 11:45am High School Mission Trip Meeting - Abbey Lounge
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 12:15pm Safe Talk Training - Refectory
- 3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep - Refectory Kitchen
- 5:30pm Youth Group - Heritage Hall & Youth Room

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 12:00pm Ministry with Pontiac - Abbey 34
- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 11:00am Kirk Seniors Luncheon - St. Andrew's Room
- 5:30pm Confirmation // Elders Dinner - St. Andrew's Room
- 6:30pm Session Meeting - Abbey 28 & ZOOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:30pm Socials Committee Meeting - ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 9:00am NLT Meeting - Abbey 34
- 10:00am Pastor-led Bible Study - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:15am BHHS School Visit
- 9:30am Woman's Thursday Morning Bible Study - Upper Room
- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team - Colonel George's Study
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
- 7:00pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper Room
- 6:00pm Lock-in

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 11:00am Arne Hull Memorial Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Memorial Tea for Arne Hull - Fireside Room

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- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 1:30pm Choir Rehearsal for "Tree of Life" Hymn Fest
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - St. Andrew's Room
- 3:00pm "Tree of Life" Hymn Fest - Sanctuary
- 5:30pm Youth Group



Women of the Kirk Ladies Tea Party

May 16 | 12-2pm | Refectory

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of warmth, connection & joy!

Dress in your favorite spring attire and join us for tea, light sandwiches, & sweet treats.

Reconnect with old friends & welcome new faces into our community!

Please invite the special women in your life to share in this meaningful afternoon. *.\$25/person*

Register & Pay:
Scan Here →

