

SUMMER 2025

THIS WEEK – AUGUST 22, 2025

# @ the Kirk

## WORSHIP & SERVICE

### Usher's Spotlight

Thank you to the Ushers who served during the month of August!

#### 9:00am Service:

Jeffrey D. Sigelko, Captain;  
Kevin Brinks, Co-captain;  
Jeff Jones; Ron Kuhn; Amy  
Maple; Dick Morris; Ran-  
dall L. Pappal; Christopher  
Pascoe

#### 11:00am Service:

Howard H. Crumit, Jr.,  
Captain; David H. Owen,  
Co-captain; Jason Belt; Jay  
L. Cooke; Larry Galloway;  
Ken Glass; Edmond Jordan;  
Thomas L. Stewart; James  
W. Wells; Albert Zolton

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR  
on the Patio after the Garden  
Service (*weather permitting*)



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latest Kirk news and events, visit  
[kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) and sign up to  
receive our weekly email.



## THE RENEW & RESOUND HOMECOMING COUNTDOWN 09/07/25 | Get Ready!

*Experience God's  
Transforming Love*

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### Homecoming 2025 Is Just Around The Corner: Are You Ready?



This year marks the **5th Annual Homecoming Sunday** here at The Kirk! Join us for worship, fellowship, food, games, and fun on **Sunday, September 7, 2025**. We will have a combined worship service at 10:00am, followed by outdoor activities and food provided by The Kirk from 11:00am-2:00pm.

Our focus for this year's Homecoming Sunday is the **Renew & Resound Campaign!** This is our bold next step: an investment in renewing our sacred space where faith is formed, hearts are opened, and lives are transformed through God's love proclaimed in word and song. Renew & Resound is about preparing the way for deeper worship, broader reach, and a renewed spiritual experience for every person who walks through our doors or joins us online. We will reglaze all our beautiful stained glass windows, upgrade the Sanctuary lighting, sound, and streaming systems, install a new, handcrafted pipe organ, and prepare the Refectory and Sanctuary for a future filled with beauty, music, and mission. Visit [kirkinthehills.org/music/renew-resound/](http://kirkinthehills.org/music/renew-resound/) to learn more or make your gift today.



### The Daily News and The Good News!

Join us in the Upper Room (or by zoom) each Sunday at 10:10am We'll take a lively look at the news of the week through the perspective and hope of Christ's message. Join in a stimulating discussion that will enrich your faith and understanding. The class is open to anyone wishing to attend.

## Let's Grow in Faith: Join Us for Kyes Lecture Weekend!



### KYES LECTURE WEEKEND

Featuring

**Dr. Tod Bolsinger**

Co-owner and Principal,  
AE Sloan Leadership, Inc.

Executive Director,  
De Pree Center Church  
Leadership Institute

Senior Fellow,  
De Pree Center for Leadership

Associate Professor of  
Leadership Formation,  
Fuller Theological Seminary

**October 10, 2025**

**Friday Evening Dinner:**

**Leadership in a Continually  
Disrupted World.**

*Theme: How might people of faith become trusted  
leaders in a world of continued disruption and  
change?*

**October 11, 2025**

**Saturday Lecture: Leading When You  
Don't Know Where You Are Going.**

**(2 Chronicles 20:12)**

*Theme: How to learn a new way of leading?*

**October 12, 2025**

**Sunday Worship (9:00am & 11:00am):**

**Between the Chariots and the Sea**  
**(Exodus 14:11)**

*Theme: What do we need to do when we are  
tempted to fall back into the old ways that kept us  
trapped in the past?*

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10-12, 2025**

*Kyes Lectures are made possible by the Kyes Endowment Fund, established in  
memory of Roger M. Kyes, former Trustee of Kirk in the Hills.*



**VOCES 8**

**Friday, October 24, 2025**

*Choral Music Reimagined...*

**VOCES 8 CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**



Kirk in the Hills is excited to present the internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble **VOCES8** on **Friday, October 24, 2025 at 7:30pm**. All proceeds from ticket sales support the Kirk's "Renew and Resound" campaign to help us rebuild for worship and renew for community.

**Get Your Tickets Today!**

## Come Build Community with Sojourners!

**Sojourners!** meet the Second Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be Friday, September 12, 2025. Sojourners are people on a journey through life's seasons of grief. This is a support group for widows and widowers of all ages that provides a forum in which participants can share strategies for dealing with grief with others who understand.

## Prayer Requests

The Prayer Cordon meets at 9:30am every Tuesday in the Upper Room. Prayer cards are located in the pew racks. To receive the prayer list or submit a prayer request, please contact Wendy Beck at: [wbeck@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:wbeck@kirkinthehills.org).

## Volunteers Needed: Share a Little Love at Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is such a special time of fellowship—and we need your help to keep it going! Right now, Glenda Herb and Helen Campbell are doing most of the work, and a few extra hands would make all the difference.



It's simple: arrive at 9:30am to help set up, bring a small treat to share, and you'll be finished by 11:00am. To volunteer, contact Glenda at (248) 535-5196 or glherb@comcast.net.

Serving in this way is a wonderful opportunity to show love in action and build community together.

## Join Us on the 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy! Register Today



Kirk in the Hills is pleased to announce our 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy, April 13-23, 2026 – an 11-day trip to study Christian art and architecture.

The pilgrimage will be led by Pastor Edwin Estevez and Tracee Glab, Flint Institute of Arts Executive Director. In Italy, you will experience the most powerful visual representations of Christianity in the world. From humble works created in secret to grand public expressions in painting, sculpture, and architecture, this Christian art pilgrimage is sure to delight your senses and inspire your faith journey.

For more information, please contact Ruth Reading at 248-875-1371 or sterlingdesigns@yahoo.com.

## Support Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care at Kirk in the Hills on September 15, 2025

Join Kirk in the Hills and the Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care for a child welfare awareness evening. The presenters are local author Maria Roy sharing about her children's book "One Day at a Time: A Story About Big Feelings, Foster Care, and Finding Hope" and Covenant House Michigan. Dinner will be provided.

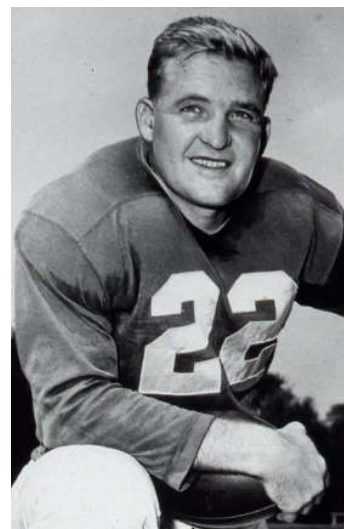
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## Kirk Seniors: Start the 2025-26 Luncheon Season With A Roar! Jeremy Dimick of the Detroit Historical Society Headlines our September 16, 2025 Luncheon

The story of the Lions catching on in Detroit doubles as the story of professional football finding its place in American popular culture. Before the Portsmouth Spartans relocated to Detroit and donned the Honolulu Blue in 1934, several pro football teams tried and failed to gain a foothold in the city. What made the Lions different? This presentation examines the instability of the infant NFL and how the Lions, and pro football won the hearts of Detroiters to become the institution they are today. We track the team from its small-town roots through its golden age in the 1950's, and into the present.



**For this new season, all luncheon meetings will now be priced at \$20.** Seating is limited so send your checks (made payable to Kirk in the Hills) and note on the memo line Kirk Seniors. You can also use Formstack. **Reservations are required by Thursday, September 11.**



**TRIVIA:** Can you identify this player who put the famous curse on the Lions?

# COMING UP THIS WEEK

## Join Us! Get Involved!

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- 8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Summer Garden Service -  
Columbarium
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private  
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:00am The Daily News and The  
Good News - Upper Room
- 10:00am Summer Coffee Hour -  
Front Patio/Fireside Room
- 11:00am Worship Service -  
Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Acolyte Training - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private  
Prayer - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm MOK Tour

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

- 6:00pm Homecoming Planning  
Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30pm EPNC Meeting - Abbey 28  
(Zoom Only)
- 6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9:00am Kirk Walking Group
- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper  
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry  
Meeting - Welcome Center
- 4:30pm Outreach & Mission Executive  
Board Meeting - Abbey 28
- 5:30pm CONC Meeting (Zoom only)
- 6:00pm Adult Christian Education  
(Zoom)
- 6:30pm Outreach & Mission  
Committee Meeting - Abbey 28

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 10:00am Pastor Bible Study -  
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 4:30pm Outreach & Mission  
Executive Board - Abbey 28
- 7:00pm Kirk Preschool - New Parent  
Orientation - St. Andrews Rm

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

- 11:00am Memorial Service for  
Anita Pinson - Sanctuary
- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team  
Meeting - Colonel George's  
Study

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk Bible Study  
(Zoom)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- 8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Summer Garden Service -  
Columbarium
- 10:00am Summer Coffee Hour -  
Front Patio/Fireside Room
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private  
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## Caring Friends

At Kirk in the Hills, we are blessed to have pastors and members who understand that one of our most important roles is to care for our congregation. The Caring Friends' Ministry offers friendly phone calls, cards and visits to our homebound members. During their visits, they share God's love and show our members how valuable they are to the Kirk. Do you know someone in need of a Caring Friend? Or, would you like to be a Caring Friend to one of our members? Please contact Glenda Herb at glherb@comcast.net or (248) 535-5196.

## An Open Invitation

We invite you to join us each week for our Sunday Worship Services: 8:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am.

You're also invited to get involved in our ministries, mission work, events, and activities. Please visit our website, [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org), for more details.

*If you're interested in becoming a member, please contact Mercy Adams at [madams@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:madams@kirkinthehills.org).*

## Baptisms

Interested in having your child or grandchild baptized at the Kirk? For more info, contact Jen Morris via email at [jmorris@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:jmorris@kirkinthehills.org) or via phone at (248) 973-8011.

## Pastor's Bible Study

On Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Upper Room, the Pastors rotate leadership and reading through the Gospel of John. If you would like to do a close reading study, you're invited to join us and dive deeper into scripture and your faith.



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