

# KINGSWOOD ON THE MOVE

Summer 2026

Kingswood Church is invited to the **third annual Summer Ice Cream Tour!**

Bring the whole family! Bring a friend! Bring your neighbor!  
Ice cream is on you, but the fellowship is on us!

Join us on the following Wednesdays  
from 7:00-8:00pm

**JUNE 10 @ COVERED BRIDGE CREAMERY**

Location: 320 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove

**JUNE 24 @ DAIRY QUEEN**

Location: 600 Central Ave Ste 113, Highland Park

**JULY 8 @ GREG'S FROZEN CUSTARD**

Location: 1490 S Lake St, Mundelein

**JULY 22 @ SCOOPS AND COOKIES**

Location: 740 Waukegan Rd Ste 108, Deerfield

**AUGUST 5 @ YOFRUITO**

Location: 1240 W Dundee Rd, Buffalo Grove

Rain location is at Oberweis  
(9 E Dundee Rd, Arlington Heights)  
Check the EVENTS tab on [www.kingswoodumc.com](http://www.kingswoodumc.com)  
for weather updates.

## Welcome to Kingswood Church

Buffalo Grove

April 19, 2026



Interested in Children's & Youth Programs? Email  
Jenn Sawyer, Director of Children, Families,  
and Welcoming at [jsawyer@kingswoodumc.com](mailto:jsawyer@kingswoodumc.com)

Visit [KINGSWOODUMC.COM/PRAYER](http://KINGSWOODUMC.COM/PRAYER) to submit prayer  
requests and view this week's prayers and concerns.

Visit [www.kingswoodumc.com](http://www.kingswoodumc.com) to:

- Sign up for our e-news
- Sponsor altar flowers
- View upcoming events and serving opportunities
- Connect with us if you are a first-time guest



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### Called

Hearing and Responding to  
God's Voice

Wednesday, April 22  
Any time between  
5:00-7:00pm



RECLAIMING EVANGELISM: BECOMING  
A PEOPLE OF INVITATION

Sunday, April 26  
12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Both Campuses  
Lunch will be provided

### Congregational Care Seminar

Friday, May 8  
1:00-7:00 PM  
Saturday, May 9  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Buffalo Grove Campus  
[www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events)

### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Wear Green on Sunday, May 10

Resources at: [www.kingswoodumc.com/mental-health](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/mental-health)

### Musicians Needed for Summer Music

Contact  
Felicia Patton

### A Visit to South Africa

Thursday, May 14  
1:00 pm

Deerfield Campus Lounge

[www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events)

Welcome to Kingswood Church as we begin a seven-week sermon series that leads us to listen deeply to God's claim on our lives and direction for our service. **Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice** invites us to hear the various Biblical stories of those men and women who have said YES to God, and in turn, have grown in faith as they changed the world. What is God calling you to do? To say? To be? Join us this Sunday as we explore the call to Abraham and Sarah! Welcome to Kingswood!

On **Wednesday, April 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm**, join us for an Earth Day clean-up along Dundee Road as we care for our community and creation together. Gloves, safety vests, and bags will be provided, and you're welcome to come for any amount of time that fits your schedule. Meet at Kingswood at 5:00 pm, or simply find us anywhere along Dundee Road between Arlington Heights Road and Buffalo Grove Road. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join in and help make a difference!

Join us for a special event on **Sunday, April 26, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm**, hosted via Zoom at both campuses and led by Rev. Joe Graves. Together we'll explore how sharing our faith is a natural extension of love for our neighbors, grounded in listening, authenticity, and genuine welcome. Lunch will be provided at both campuses during the event. All are welcome! To sign up, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).

Kingswood is partnering with Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, First UMC of Arlington Heights, and the Northern Illinois Conference to host a two-day training for roles of visitation, care, and support, especially in times of challenging illness, struggle, or dying. We are asking you to plan on being there on **Friday, May 8, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. We are hosting at the Buffalo Grove campus. The whole northern region of Illinois United Methodists will be invited. Sign up online at [www.umcnic.org/calendar/caring-congregations-workshop](http://www.umcnic.org/calendar/caring-congregations-workshop) and use the discount code "CARE" to avoid payment.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month—a time to remember that mental health is for everyone, and that caring for our minds and hearts is part of our faith. Throughout Scripture, we see faithful people like David, Elijah, and even Jesus experience deep emotion, reminding us that we are never alone in what we feel. On **Sunday, May 10**, we invite the congregation to wear green as a sign of support and awareness.

Sign-up for Summer music has begun. We are looking for people to share their gifts with the congregation during the summer months when our music groups take a well-deserved rest. If you would like to share your music during service, you can reach out to Felicia Patton or send an email to [kingswoodmusic@kingswoodumc.com](mailto:kingswoodmusic@kingswoodumc.com).

Kingswood's 60s Plus ministry welcomes Pastor David Proffitt to the Deerfield campus on **Thursday, May 14, at 1:00 pm**, as he tells his story of the church in South Africa and his experience growing up there. There will also be a few travel pics from Pastor Lynn of her own trip there. Following the presentation, we will be enjoying a potluck dessert with fellowship. Willing to bring a dessert to share? Please let us know when you register for the event at [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).

## GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

## Song of Preparation

*More Like You*  
Black Hymnal #2167

**Prelude** Michael Fritsch  
*Amazing Grace* by Young

**Sermon** Rev. James Preston  
*Called to an Unknown Journey*

**Welcoming and Centering** Rev. James Preston

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Opening Hymn** *Thine Be the Glory*  
Blue Hymnal #308

**Anthem** Chancel Choir  
*We've Come This Far by Faith*  
by Mark Hayes

**\*Words of Gathering** Shelly Leonida

One: God is calling us to serve and love!

**All: Are we listening?**

One: God is leading us to new life and beginnings!

**All: Are we willing?**

One: God is speaking hope to us!

**All: Are we hearing this holy and joyful call?**

**Prayer of Intercession** Wendy Avner

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering** Wendy Avner

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Blue Hymnal #94

## Opening Prayer

**God of promise, who called Abraham and Sarah to go into the unknown, call us now out of comfort into faith. Open our hearts to hear Your voice, and meet us here and awaken us to Your presence. Send us from this place ready to follow, trusting Your call and becoming a blessing to the world. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. James Preston and Jenn Sawyer  
Eleanor Marie Chandler

**Announcements** Rev. James Preston

**Song After Baptism** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*  
Blue Hymnal #611 vv. 1 & 3

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** *Trust and Obey*  
Blue Hymnal #467

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**\*Benediction** Rev. James Preston

**A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures** *Genesis 12: 1-9*

**Postlude** Michael Fritsch  
*Christ Hath Burst His Prison* by Martin

**Ministry of Music** Handbell Choir  
*Blessed Assurance*  
by Sandra Eithun

\*Stand as you are able.

**A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures** *Genesis 18: 1-15*

**Liturgist:** Shelly Leonida  
**Scripture Reader:** Laura Klein  
**Ushers:** Gia Miller and Julie Turner  
**Greeters:** Donna Gavin, Lorelei Jarrell, and Paula Swanson

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by  
The Social Justice and Diversity Team.

Your gifts make a difference! We thank you for your generous financial gifts to the ministry and mission of Kingswood Church.

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Mail your check: 401 W. Dundee Rd.  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Offering basket  
in Fireside Room

The Service of Holy Baptism for Eleanor Marie Chandler  
April 19, 2026

We celebrate the Baptism of **Eleanor Marie Chandler**

Beloved Child of **Billy & Erica Chandler** Beloved Grandchild of **Gary and Ann Gillmeister, Bill and Lori Chandler, Bill and Kitty Chandler, and Margy Caesar** Beloved Sibling of **Adelyn Chandler** Godparents **Cassie Chandler and Tommy Sakkos**

## The Questions and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of injustice and reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Parents: **We do.**

Do you accept the freedom God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents: **We do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, and put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve Christ in union with the Church which Christ has opened to all people?

Parents: **We do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful disciple in Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's ambassador in the world?

Parents: **We will with God's help.**

## Question for the Godparents:

Will you nurture Eleanor in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example, she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Godparents: **We will.**

## The Covenant of the Congregation:

Do you, as the body of Christ called Kingswood Church, reaffirm both your commitment to Christ and your rejection of sin and injustice?

Congregation: **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and include Eleanor Marie Chandler now before you in your care?

**Congregation: With God's help, we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Jesus. We will surround Eleanor with a community of love and forgiveness so that she may grow in her trust of God and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for Eleanor so that she may be a true disciple of Jesus that walks in the way that leads to abundant life.**

## Baptism with the Laying on of Hands

**Eleanor Marie Chandler**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Presentation of Gifts

## Commendation and Welcome and the Certificate Commendation of Welcome

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care **Eleanor Marie Chandler**, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will all of you so endeavor to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**All: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Eleanor Marie Chandler, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.**