

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Buffalo Grove | Deerfield

April 12, 2026



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Christ is RISEN! Christ is RISEN Indeed! Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, proving that death, chaos, and injustice do not have the final word. Today, we continue to bear witness to Jesus and his post-resurrection appearances to the disciples, from a room filled with frightened followers to the shore of the Sea of Galilee. As Christ appears to us, may we celebrate with confidence the gift of hope, justice, and new life! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**



On **Wednesday, April 22, from 5:00 to 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 to 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.



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 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.



Come have a fun girls night out with clay on **Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 pm!** No prior experience necessary. Using a pop can and terra cotta clay, we will create a vase, pencil holder, or votive candle holder (your choice). Perhaps you'll even have time to make a trinket dish! Price will be \$5 to cover clay and a single kiln fire. Please bring a rolling pin. Also, feel free to bring snacks to share. To sign up, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.



Kingswood's 60s Plus ministry welcomes Pastor David Profit 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.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcoming and Centering Jenn Sawyer

***Opening Song** *Every Praise*
by Hezekiah Walter and John David Bratton

***Words of Gathering** Evenjlina Solanki

One: Come and follow Jesus!

All: A Healing Balm and The Good Shepherd!

One: Come and walk with Jesus!

All: The Living Water and the Bread of Life!

One: Commit your hearts to Jesus!

All: The Resurrection and the Life!

Opening Prayer

Risen Christ, you come into our locked rooms and speak peace over our fear and doubt. We long to see and believe, so meet us in our questions and strengthen our faith. On the shores of our daily lives, call us again by name, restore us in your love, and invite us to follow you. Feed us with your grace, so that we may feed your sheep and bear witness to your resurrection in all we do. Amen.

Children's Sermon Jenn Sawyer

(Children are invited to follow their teachers to Sunday school at this time. They will return for communion later in the service.)

Song of Praise *So Will I (100 Billion X)*
by Joel Houston, Michael Fatkin, and Benjamin Hastings

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Gospel *John 20: 19-31*

Song of Preparation *More Like You*
Black Hymnal #2167

Sermon Rev. Dwight Stewart
Peaceful Presence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Dwight Stewart
You are invited forward to receive by intinction or a sealed cup/wafer. We practice open communion. Our online worshipers are invited to have a cup of juice and a piece of bread/cracker for each person in your home.

Communion Song *In Remembrance of Me*
Black Hymnal #2254

Prayer of Intercession Elaine Ahrens

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 Elaine Ahrens

Special Music Allelus & Handbells, acc. Michael Fritsch
Holy
by John B. Dykes

Announcements Kate Lapetino

***Closing Song** *Above All*
by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc

***Benediction** Rev. Dwight Stewart

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Evenjlina Solanki

Scripture Reader: Vicki Schauer

Ushers: Ric and Donna Sisi

Greeters: Sue Kluge and the Lally Family

Communion Servers: Lisa Bischoff, Anne Block, John Klein, Laura Klein, Sue Kluge, and Jess Thompson

Communion Bread: Randy Rogers

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Eydie Olson in celebration of Eydie and Wally Olson's 39th wedding anniversary!

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by Adult Formation.

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