

WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD CHURCH

BUFFALO GROVE | DEERFIELD

JULY 6, 2025



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Welcome to Kingswood as we begin our sermon series, ***SHE BELIEVED: Bold Stories of Women in the Bible***. Too often the church will focus on the same biblical passages and stories over and over, frequently missing powerful stories that are difficult and challenging. Often, those stories are about women of faith who boldly live their trust in God in amazing ways. For the next four weeks, we will explore some very challenging stories that call us to confront injustice, stand with the marginalized, embrace courage, and share radical hope. You will meet Tamar, Deborah, Esther, Joanna, and Mary Magdalene. Get ready to be amazed! Welcome to Kingswood!



Disciple I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Over the course of 34 weeks, the study covers the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments) following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem. There will be an informational meeting in August, and the study will start in late August or early September. Contact Pastor James for more info.

Kingswood Summer Scenes Presents...
Book Club at the Sawyer Home
'The Anxious Generation'
by Jonathan Haidt
Monday, July 7
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Order at www.anxiousgeneration.com/book
Sign up at www.kingswoodumc.com/events

Our first Kingswood Summer Scene is a book club reading at the Sawyer home. We will be reading *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt and discussing what's happening with the phenomenon of social media, technology, and screens of all kinds that seem to run our daily lives. Join us on **Monday, July 7** at 6:30 pm as we support each other through ideas and actions to support our families. To sign up and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

Kingswood Summer Scenes Presents...
Project Linus Blanket Benefit
Make blankets for ill children ages 0-18
Buffalo Grove Campus
Wednesday, July 9
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Sign up at www.kingswoodumc.com/events

Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children 0-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Their mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children in need with a new handmade blanket. We will be making fleece tie blankets on **Wednesday, July 9** at 1:00 pm at the Buffalo Grove campus. Material will be furnished. Instructions will be provided as needed. To sign up and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

Kingswood Summer Scenes Presents...
Make Your Own Prayer Square at the Sewing Space
Deerfield Campus
Thursday, July 10
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Sign up at www.kingswoodumc.com/events

Come and join us on **Thursday, July 10** at 7:00 pm at The Sewing Space in the basement of the Deerfield Campus to make your own prayer square! It's a great way to see what you can do in just a short time. All the materials will be provided, as well as sewing machines and snacks! There is no sewing experience required. We will have folks available to teach those who do not know how to use a machine. To sign up and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

KINGSWOOD ON THE MOVE
JOIN US 7-8 PM:
July 15 Greg's Frozen Custard
1490 S Lake Street in Mundelein
July 29 Graeter's
1347 Shermer Road in Northbrook
Our main location will be at Observers in Arlington Heights across from Buffalo Grove High School. kingswoodumc.com/events

Kingswood Church is invited to our second 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! We will meet at 7:00 pm on select Tuesdays during the summer at various ice cream shops around the Buffalo Grove and Deerfield. Our next stop will be at Greg's Frozen Custard in Mundelein on **Tuesday, July 15**. To view the dates and locations, visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

Kingswood Summer Scenes Presents...
Sew a Port Pillow at the Sewing Space
Deerfield Campus
Monday, July 21
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Sign up at www.kingswoodumc.com/events

Join us at on **Monday, July 21** at 7:00 pm The Sewing Space to learn how to make a port pillow which will be donated to Lemons of Love in Mt. Prospect. It is a small square pillow that attaches to a seat belt to protect cancer patient's ports while riding in the car, and Lemons of Love gives away hundreds of them. We will have people available to help you if you are not familiar with the use of a sewing machine. It is easy to do and it's a great project to try if you are interested in learning to sew. All materials will be provided and finished product will be donated. To sign up and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Michael Fritsch
My Lord! What a Morning Diemer

Welcome and Centering Rev. James Preston

A Prayer for Our Nation Rev. James Preston

Youth Mission Trip Blessing
Rev. James Preston and Kate Lapetino

***Opening Hymn** *Blessed Assurance*
Blue Hymnal #369

***Words of Gathering** Debbie Reid

One: God who calls us to courage and boldness!

All: Esther, who risked all to save her people!

One: Deborah, who judged with wisdom and strength!

All: Tamar, who claimed justice when it was denied!

One: Mary Magdalene and Joanna, first to proclaim the risen Christ!

All: Let us rise with them in hope, and holy boldness.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Righteous God, we come before you, seeking justice, as Tamar did. Grant us the courage to stand against wrongdoing, even when silence is easier. Remind us that your justice prevails, even when human systems fail. Like Tamar, may we walk in your wisdom, advocating for those who cry out for what is right. Amen.

A Witness from Tamar Vicki Schauer

Ministry of Music Rev. James Preston and Sue Fujii
The Servant Song
Green Hymnal #2222

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures *Genesis 38: 6-30*

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Preparation *Woman in the Night*
Blue Hymnal #274 vvs. 1 & 2

Sermon Rev. James Preston
The Need to Right a Wrong!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession Jay Jayapalan

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 Jay Jayapalan

Offertory Michael Fritsch
Be Thou My Vision Irish Tune

Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. James Preston
(You are invited forward to receive by intinction or a sealed cup/wafer. We practice open Communion--all are welcome to partake. Our online worshipers are invited to have a cup of juice and a piece of bread/cracker for each person in your home.)

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

Announcements Rev. James Preston

***Hymn of Sending Forth** *Thine Be The Glory*
Blue Hymnal #308

***Benediction** Rev. James Preston

Postlude Michael Fritsch
Toccata On "A Charge to Keep" Young

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Debbie Reid

Scripture Reader: Wendy Avner

Ushers: Alison and Paul Taylor

Greeters: Linda Gorr and Beth Weeden

Communion Servers: Janis Fritsch, Beth Jayapalan,

Jay Jayapalan, Gia Miller, and Julie Turner

Communion Bread: Debbie Reid

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