

# Rev. Brian Episcopo

"People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart." Proverbs 21:2 NLT

If I did exceptionally kind things for my wife for entirely manipulative or selfish purposes, did it really matter at all how "kind" they were? On the scorecard of "Kind Things Brian Episcopo Did For His Wife," would any of those wrongly-motivated kind gestures be on the list? Anyone with knowledge of my motives would honestly say no. So what about the good things we do for God? How many people will later find out that the number of good things they have "done for God" is infinitely lower because of their own heart's motives? As nuanced, ambiguous, messy, and difficult as it is to plunge the depths of our heart and its motives, we must look hard and long. What will we do with what we find down there? If Scripture tells us anything, it's that only God can change (or cleanse) the human heart (Ezekiel 36:26, Psalm 51:10).

#### **NOTES**

# **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Today is Communion Sunday. We serve grape juice instead of wine. Please see an usher or deaconess before the service if you would like a gluten-free cracker.

#### **FOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, June 18 | Collected at the East and West Entrances

Pick up a bag in the Hub today and return it with non-perishable food items next week. The donations benefit those in need in the Fox Valley.

#### **XCEL SPORTS**

# **Centershot Family Archery**

Tuesdays, June 13-Aug. 8 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. | Xcel Sportsplex Cost: \$25 | Learn more at **xcelsports.org** 

Centershot is our 8-week family archery program where you'll learn to properly handle and shoot a bow in a fun, interactive environment. Equipment is provided; for adults and children ages 9+.

# **ADULTS**

# **Baptism Class**

Sunday, Aug. 13 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Choir Room | No cost

Through this class, you will learn the significance and meaning behind "believer's baptism." Attendance is a prerequisite to participate in the next Baptism Sunday. Please register online at aachur.ch/abc81317

#### WOMEN

#### Summer Bible Study: Breathe

Tuesdays, June 13-July 18 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost for book | Register at **aacwomen.org** 

Busy? Tired? Overwhelmed? "The remedy has always been tucked in the well-worn pages of the Word. The solution for the chaos was right here all along." -Priscilla Shirer.

# **SENIOR ADULTS**

#### **Bible Breakfast**

Wednesday, June 14 | 8:00 a.m. (Second Wednesday of each month) Machine Shed Restaurant | No registration

Join us at the Machine Shed (220 Fox River Dr, Appleton) as we study the book of Romans. Bring a friend, your Bible, and \$6 to cover the cost of breakfast.

# YOUNG ADULTS Alliance PM

Thursdays in June 7:30 p.m. | SMC No cost or registration

Your youth behind you, the "real world" ahead of you — what's next? Whatever it is, we're in it together. Alliance PM is a Thursday night service for young adults to connect, worship, and talk about Jesus. Whether you know Jesus well or not at all, gather every Thursday night in June to discover (or re-discover) how Jesus takes us #FromNothingtoEverything.

# WELCOME We're glad you're here!

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at appletonalliance.org

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Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.