

When & What

Wednesday Evenings 7pm-9pm (Ignition) -

Crazy games, small group discussions, food, and loads of high-fives, this gathering is sure to put a skip in your step and increase your daily smile count.

Sunday Mornings 11am-12:23pm -

Energetic music, relevant teaching, great people, and free doughnuts! What more could an anthropoid ask for? All are welcome!

Tuesday Evenings 7pm-10pm -

College guys, cooking, eating, reading, discussing, praying, yelling, frolicking, and rocking. At Ian's house. Need i say more?

Meet the Team

Adult Leadership



Small Group Leaders

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 Jon Barnett | 7 Lynn Ransdell |
| 2 Dave Cody | 8 Kim Humes |
| 3 Micah Pierce | 9 Ashley Berkholz |
| 4 Gidget Kirk | 10 Coleen Lackowskie |
| 5 Kevin Sherman | Paul Hoover* |
| 6 Jamie Pierce | Priscilla Ramos* |
| | Julia Damon* |



* Not Pictured

Teen Leadership

- 1 Jamie Knupp
 - 2 Connor Cody
 - 3 Matt Harling
 - 4 Skippers the Unicorn
 - 5 Becca Laker
 - 6 Stephanie Kalustian
 - 7 Carly Zirkel
- Rachel Lawrence*



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Cleaning Superhero

Lisa Milhaupt

Worship Team

Jamie Pierce, Delanie Ransdell, Chris Alverson, Casey Smith, Eric Sherman, Dave Lloyd, Matt Harling, Dave Cody, Rachel Lawrence, Cassie Barnett

PYRO Drama Team (Tues 7pm-8:30pm)

Beth Harling, E.J. Drew

Vision

(Where do we want to be?)

Ministries exists to challenge and inspire students and adults towards a life dedicated to the teachings of Jesus, igniting a passion in their lives and equipping them to radically change the world they live in.

- To be holistically minded, involving entire families and not just students
- To continue to integrate students with the entire church, both locally and globally
- To continue to strive toward a ministry students, TO students

Mission

(How are we going to get there?)

- Communication
- Parental Involvement
- Monthly outreach focused events
- Monthly service focused events
- Sunday morning worship gatherings
- Tuesday evening (college guy group)
- Volunteer Leadership
- Wednesday evening Ignition (youth group)
- Weekly small groups

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What's Inside the Box?



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Calendar

JANUARY

25 Open Box (Matchbox 6pm-8:30pm)

FEBRUARY

11 Valentine's Day Party (Matchbox 7pm-9pm)

27-1 PMS Fest* (Fri 1/5pm - Sun 5pm)

MARCH

14 Pediatric Center Visit* (Matchbox 1pm-5pm)

21-29 U-46 Spring Break

APRIL

10 Easter Break

18 Bowling* (Matchbox 6pm-8:30pm)

24-26 Mantreat 09* (Fri 12/6pm - Sun 5pm)

MAY

8-9 Garage Sale (Matchbox 8am-5pm)

20 House Progressive* (Matchbox 7pm-9:30pm)

JUNE

10 Matchbox Kickout- (Matchbox 7pm-9:30pm)

12-13 Relay For Life* (Fri 4pm-Sat 7am)

24 Photo Scavenger Hunt* (Matchbox 7pm-9pm)

JULY

11 Cascade Drive-In* (Matchbox 6pm - 1am)

17-18 30 Hour Famine* (Fri 2pm - Sat 9am)

29 Six Flags Great America Trip* (8am-12am)

AUGUST

5 Graduation Party (Matchbox 7pm-9pm)

8-15 Philly Missions Trip*

21-22 Campout (Matchbox 6pm-9am)

31 Classes resume (approx.)

SEPTEMBER

12 Chicago Brown Bagging* (10am- 6pm)

25-26 Junior High Retreat* (TBD)

OCTOBER

24 Pumpkin Smash (5:30pm-11pm)

NOVEMBER

18 Fast-Food Progressive Dinner* (Matchbox 7pm-9pm)

20-21 ICTC* (Fri 9am -Sat 11pm)

DECEMBER

9 Caroling at Lexington Center* (Matchbox 7pm-9pm)

12 Christmas Party (2pm Ice-Skating*/5:30pm-9:30pm Party)

No Matchbox Sunday Service 12/27

No Wednesday Night Ignition 12/23 or 12/30

*Event involves travel and requires a permission slip

Dates are subject to change. see website for changes/updates

Event Details

PMS Fest – Our annual girls' weekend retreat at Kay Cullen's cottage, led by our incredible women small group leaders. This is a powerful weekend for the girls to spend time with one another and God in a communal way.

W339 N5025 Road O Nashotah, Wisconsin 53058

Mantreat – Our annual guy's weekend retreat at Ken Stepps' cabin is a great weekend just for guys to spend time together, balancing both the social and the spiritual into one incredible weekend.

63178 Lakeshore Drive, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

House Progressive Dinner – A fun and meaningful time to eat some amazing home-cooked food in the homes of some of our small group leaders. This is a great chance to be thankful for family and community in a way that's fun and inclusive of everyone.

Matchbox Kickout – An evening to celebrate with friends and families the students who are entering into 7th grade and into the Matchbox crew. Families are highly encouraged to come and experience The Matchbox family for themselves.

Relay For Life – A powerful overnight event geared to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Relayforlife.org.

Photo Scavenger Hunt – A goofy contest where students (driven by approved adult leaders) take photos of strange things around town. Always a blast!

Cascade Drive-In – An evening at the drive-in theater in West Chicago.

Cascadedrivein.com

30 Hour Famine – An event where students go 30 hours without eating to raise funds and awareness for starving people worldwide.

Graduation Party – A fun evening to honor our students who are graduating high school. Family and friends welcome!

Matchbox Campout – A strange end of summer overnigher that has become a beloved tradition. Held on Poplar Creek grounds, we spend time playing games, hearing testimonies, singing songs, and simply spending time together.

Brown Bagging – Our effort to put hands and feet to Jesus' words to serve "the least of these" in a way that encourages social and spiritual interaction, not simply physical. We'll put together bag lunches ourselves and then spend a few hours handing them to those in need, as well as spending time in conversation.

Pumpkin Smash – This Halloween event, chock full of bands, food, games, dancing, and even a car smash, is designed as an outreach and safe alternative for the young people of our community. Always a huge success!

Fast-Food Progressive Dinner – It is like a regular progressive dinner where you go to one family's house for appetizers, then another for the main course, etc. But in this case you go to multiple fast food locations.

Illinois Christian Teen Convention (ICTC) - A two-day conference designed for high school students.

Ictc.org

Caroling at Lexington Care Center – A chance for us to spend some time with our friends at Lexington and grace them with our "talents" as well.

Lexingtoncarecenter.com

Ugly Sweater Christmas Party – A delightful day of ice-skating, white elephant gifts, egg-nog chugging, hot cocoa, Christmas movies, and sweaters that never should have been made. A great chance for friends and family to join as well!

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