

# Northern Illinois Conference 2024 One Matters Award

*Kingswood United Methodist Church*

**Buffalo Grove and Deerfield, IL – Lake North**



Kingswood Church is celebrating our one-year anniversary as a three-campus congregation. We celebrate our adoption-merger with the former Christ UMC which created campuses in Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, and Online. The adoption and move to a multi-campus reality reflects similar work by the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles, creating various locations for experiencing the Gospel of Jesus.

Our baptisms have primarily been infant baptisms, but we did celebrate two adult baptisms and professions of faith this year. We also had a robust confirmation class in 2023, and we will confirm 11 youth in 2024. We have had several new members join the church by transfer, but several have come as restoration of faith professions.

We are committed to a culture of invitation and have been doing intentional training about creating a culture of invitation. We continue to celebrate our mission to LOVE God, SERVE others, and BUILD sacred community as followers of Jesus.

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