



Meet KAYN's New Director: Joshua Westurn



We are very excited to introduce the new Director of the KAYN Ministry, Joshua Westurn. Josh began working on June 1st and has spent this month working beside Joshua Strunk to ensure a smooth transition. He has had numerous opportunities to

spend time with the students and school administration and has already started to build a strong relationship with many who are affiliated with KAYN.

Josh and his wife Amanda were married in 2014. Josh graduated from Geneva College with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and minor in Student Ministry. His wife Amanda has her bachelor's degree and is a Registered Nurse. For three years, Josh served as the Youth Director at a church in Washington state. They are so excited to be back in Pennsylvania to be a part of the KAYN family. In his free time, he enjoys reading, playing Spikeball and rooting for his Minnesota sports teams.

Raising KAYN: Calling All Volunteers and Golfers

As a nonprofit organization, the Kiski Area Youth Network is dependent upon a team of strong and committed volunteers in order to be successful and reach as many students as possible for Christ. There are several ways for you to support the work of KAYN, from providing snacks or paper products to chaperoning events and mentoring students. We are currently in the process of searching for new volunteers and updating our Volunteer Database. If you are interested in serving KAYN in a new way, please visit our website (www.KAYN.org) and complete

the brief 'Volunteer and Ministry Support Form'. The form can be easily accessed by clicking on the blue 'Volunteer' hyperlink on the homepage.

We also want to remind you about KAYN's 3rd Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, August 26 at Willowbrook Country Club. The first two golf outings were filled with fun, fellowship and friendly competition, and we hope that you can join us for another great event this year! For details and registration information, please visit kayngolf.wordpress.com.

Prayer Requests

Prayers of thanks that God **continues to meet the needs of KAYN**. We are especially thankful that he brought us Joshua Strunk to serve as the Interim Director and Josh Westurn to be the new full-time Director.

Pray for a **smooth transition** as Josh W. assumes the role of Director. Pray that he continues to build strong relationships with students and school administration.

Pray for Josh and Amanda as they are in the process of **looking to buy a house** within the school district.

Pray that the students have a **safe summer** vacation and continue to be involved with KAYN's summer events.

Send your prayer requests to us at kiskiareayouth@gmail.com or find us on at www.facebook.com/KiskiAreaYouth or on Twitter @KiskiNet

Director's Corner: Thoughts from the New Director of KAYN

Becoming the Director of KAYN is an incredible opportunity. I'm really looking forward to working alongside the churches in our school district to reach students for Christ. I have a strong passion for teaching the Word and showing love to students, and KAYN provides me with the perfect platform to live out my passions. Although my wife and I aren't originally from the Kiski area, we have already formed a love for this community and the people here. The opportunity to work with Kiski Area High School is a blessing: whether that is character coaching in the fall, getting connected with various clubs, or meeting with the school administration. Amanda and I have much to be thankful for: first to God for leading us to KAYN, second, to the board for the overwhelming support and care that they have shown us, and lastly to all of our KAYN supporters who are allowing me to minister to this community and cultivate relationships that God will bring to fruition. God has a plan for KAYN and I fully believe that He will accomplish great things through this ministry. Habakkuk 1:5 says, "Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

~ Joshua Westurn



Josh and Amanda Westurn join the Love God Eat Pie Bible Study at Kings!



Students at the YMCA for this year's final Thursday night program.

A Farewell Reflection from Dr. Joshua Strunk

Last year, when I first started working with KAYN, I had no idea what to expect. There was so much to learn and so many people to meet. To be honest, as excited as I was, I was a little intimidated as well. Jesse Ledbetter left big footprints to try to walk in, and the task before me was not only to pick up where he had left off, but also to prepare the way for whoever it was that God was sending us to replace him (I could not have imagined a better choice than Josh Westurn). I cannot begin to tell you how overjoyed I was when I was so readily embraced by our students and volunteers, the KAYN board and the leaders in the community.

All in all, I could not have asked for a better experience. From character coaching to working with the Bible Club, the Thursday nights at the Y to our studies at King's on Tuesdays; every time a student "got it" and their eyes lit up with a new awareness of God's love for them, I found myself struck again at the goodness of God. At the end of this year, I had the privilege of giving opening remarks at Kiski's Graduation Commencement. There I reminded them of the old African proverb: that it takes a village to raise a child. We must always remember that strong communities are composed of people who share a common history, culture, value system and vision for the future. While they may be diverse in their backgrounds and perspectives, they are united in purpose, expressing through their very lives the beauty of our nation's great aspiration - E Pluribus Unum.

Our community has been strong, it is strong, and it will remain strong so long as we remember that we are all in this together. And KAYN has been given a sacred opportunity to play a pivotal role in the midst of it all. So, as the writer of Hebrews reminded his readers almost two millennia ago, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses . . . let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (12:1, ESV).
