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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to WKIW, IRONWOOD, MI, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 1 July to 30 September. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific.

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Housing – Economy	Closer Look	7/3/22	7:00pm	28min	Americans On the Move - The Great Reshuffling? Facing realities, sometimes economic, sometimes health-related, people nationwide are reassessing personal priorities. Dvera Cohn of Pew Research Center confirms “about 1 in 20 adults told us they had moved permanently or temporarily due to the coronavirus outbreak,” a marked uptick from years past. Related Links: https://www.makemymove.com/ https://www.bankrate.com/authors/jeff-ostrowski/
Faith	Closer Look	7/10/22	7:00pm	16min	GenZ Christians Surveyed On God, The Bible And Society GenZ Christians have questions about practical faith. They want Scripture-based solutions for the issues they face alongside their friends. “I can no longer avoid truths about racial injustice, about environmental destruction and I do not know if the Church cares about this.” For them it’s pastoral – not political.
Employment – Education	Closer Look	7/10/22	7:17pm	15min	Tech Careers Encouraged Among Black Youth Through ‘Hidden Genius’ The Hidden Genius Project began when five business and tech titans, all black men, partnered to mentor black boys for careers in science and technology in Oakland California. Not only do 95% of program participants graduate from high school, but many go on to head up other impactful social and educational outreaches in their communities. Spoke with founding Executive Director, Brandon Nicholson.
Special Needs	Closer Look	7/17/22	7:00pm	22min	‘Spend A Day In My Wheels’ Challenge Helps People Understand What It’s Really Like To Use A Wheelchair Nathan Johnson from Lebanon, Tennessee, wanted his son Alex who uses a wheelchair, to feel comfortable and have equal access to facilities in public places – just like others do. To help people relate, the Lebanon, Tennessee, family came up with the Spend a day in My Wheels, Wheelchair Challenge, showing people what it’s really like to use a wheelchair. “They had to go to the bathroom and go the water fountain. They had to go to the football field and back. They had to do just things that seems simple, until you’re in a wheelchair in which those things become more difficult.” Alex says, despite the difficulty, the majority of participants come up to him after the challenge and tell him how eye opening the experience was.
Pet Safety	Closer Look	7/17/22	7:22pm	16min	Helping People And Pets, “For The Love Of Alex” Pays Vet Bills Expensive vet bills can force a heartbreaking choice. “The tragedy is that a lot of these pets are surrendered to a shelter -- or they are euthanized – because their family cannot afford their medical care,” says Carla Isenberg, program manager at For The Love Of Alex. “We are trying to help those who are financially unable to help their pet.”

Incarceration – Ministry	Closer Look	7/24/22	7:00pm	30min	Jail to Jobs, Prison Fellowship 'Remembers Those In Prison' Christ-centered ministries like Prison Fellowship and Jail To Jobs Austin break into that hopelessness with practical and spiritual reform. Hip-hop artist Lecrae partners with Prison Fellowship, performing concerts in select prisons, speaking and encouraging inmates to embrace a second chance at life. He has several relatives who have been in prison, “even my own father was incarcerated, some of my closest uncles as well.”
Childhood Programs	Local Closer Look	7/24/22, 8/21/22	7:30pm	20min	Talked with Mark Lambert, Executive Director of UP Kids in Houghton and Ironwood with the purpose of caring for children and building brighter futures through programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters and Parenting for Success, as well as foster care and adoption. Lambert talks about the need in the UP and how UP Kids is working to combat the adversity some kids face every day.
International Ministry	Closer Look	7/31/22	7:00pm	26min	Ukraine Refugees Fed, Comforted By Convoy Of Hope “People need hope ultimately --and that’s what a full belly gives them – it allows them to plan for the future,” says Ethan Forhetz of Convoy of Hope. Truckloads of tuna, beans, rice, fresh water, baby food, hygiene kits even cellphone chargers distributed through European Christians have been crucial to the survival of displaced families. Lead spokesperson Sara Forhetz says this ultimately fulfills the Convoy mission. “The real hope of the world is Jesus -- to make Him famous through the local church.”
Education	Local Closer Look	7/31/22, 8/28/22, 9/25/22	7:30pm	20min	Talked with Renee Pertile, Director of the Gogebic-Ontonagon Head Start and Early Head Start in Ironwood. Pertile explains the local need of children and their families as well as the importance of School Readiness and how they meet that need. Because they are part of the Community Action Agency, Pertile also outlines some of the other programs serving people for lack of food, weatherization, and homeless assistance.

International War – Ministry	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	July 2022	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 20min	Maryland Christian Travels 4,400 Miles to Encourage Ukrainian Refugee Families “Being Ukrainian and seeing the injustice that was happening, it just broke my heart. My heart still isn’t settled, knowing everything that is going on, knowing all these innocent people that – one day they’re living their normal lives – and the next day everything that they know and are familiar with is just taken away.” So, when an SBC opportunity to travel to a Ukrainian refugee center in Poland was made available, Victoria Kolosey said, “It was just kind of a no-brainer,” a gift from God. Arriving at a major refugee center in Warsaw, Poland, Victoria noticed something that hadn’t been reported much in the media. Some of the refugees who had made it to safety across the border were also returning to Ukraine and then back to Poland now and then, despite the risks, to check on family members who remained. “If anything meant the most, it was family.” The Russian invasion has created millions of refugees and displaced families. And the war is causing extensive trauma.
Sports – Faith	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	July and August 2022	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 3min	Leading Pickleball Player Shares Faith with Competitors Pickleball is sort of like tennis. A smaller court, a different type of ball used. It's also gaining steam as a sport across the country. Stacy Lynn Harp is a leading player in the sport and is organically sharing her faith with other players. “I don’t actually go to pickleball to evangelize. But I think when people are authentic and real, I think He reveals Himself to people. And people come to Him through that.” She admits she judged other players without knowing their stories. But that changed one day when she reached out to a competitor. She says, "You know my background is as a therapist. Just curious, what is one of the worst things you've ever gone through in your life?" The answer stunned her. She wrote that story down. Then kept writing other stories from those she talks with. Eventually, Stacy wrote a book, Pickleball Faith. Stacy gets a lot of feedback. And has learned valuable lessons throughout the years. She hopes others in the pickleball community apply those lessons to their own lives.

Technology – Faith	KLOVE’s Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	July 2022	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 27min	<p>Digital Discipleship: Church Volunteers ‘Boldly Go’ Into the Metaverse</p> <p>Dan Bracken directs communications for Ginghamburg Church, which has campuses in Dayton and Tipp City. The church leadership team was sharing mutual interest in virtual reality (VR) and applied for – and received – a denominational grant of \$3,000 to purchase 7 VR headsets. That led to asking church members about their interest in this up & coming 3-D interactive Metaverse world. Knowing some church folks who showed interest in reaching people for Christ in the VR realm probably have little, if any, experience with this tech, an interest session was held. “17 different people showed up. And we had a blast!” So far, the main tool Ginghamburg Church is using is Horizon Worlds, the Metaverse area controlled by Meta, is a Prayer World location, “that, right now, seems to be one of only four, maybe five, prayer worlds to even exist (there) ... and the only one focused on person-to-person interaction.” Bracken adds, “We hope for it to be a safe place for real prayer, with real people,” in VR space. “I think our primary focus, at least for now, is in relationship building and the discipleship side of things.” Simply put, they want to introduce people to Jesus, and then help them grow in Him.”</p>
Ministry	Closer Look	8/7/22	7:00pm	30min	<p>Pastor Burnout, Caring For Your Leader’s Soul</p> <p>Providing spiritual comfort to a congregation is hard enough in normal times – but add a deadly global pandemic to the job and overworked pastors suffer immeasurable stress. “Mental health is a topic we are all thinking about,” says Savannah Kimberlin of Barna Group which researches and tracks trends in Christian ministries nationwide. In fact, Barna surveys in 2021 found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety or depression. Nearly 40% rate their emotional well-being as just ‘meh’ or even poor. Kimberlin says “what we recommend as Barna is that pastors find healthy safe places -- whether it be professional counselors, spiritual mentors, even other pastors within someone’s local community -- safe places where leaders can process things like isolation, marital struggles and parenting stuff. Our research does suggest that leaders who prioritize doing that are more whole in their ministry as a result.” The Barna research also uncovered some very specific ways churchgoers can spot trouble before a leader reaches their point of no return. “Take some time to care for your pastor’s soul,” Kimberlin urges, which could include writing a kind note, taking them out to lunch just to chat about sports, babysitting their kids for free or making it possible for them to take an extended sabbatical.</p>

Healthcare – Ministry	Closer Look	8/14/22	7:00pm	29min	<p>Living With Chronic Illness? Advice For Faith And Family “It can be very isolating when no one really gets it,” says Susan Rodriguez at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. As a licensed clinical social worker, she works with patients who experience emotional pain caused by their debilitating physical condition. “They feel like they’re being looked at as lazy, not wanting to work, saying ‘my family thinks I just wanna be home all day,’ she explains, “but many are licensed, they hold degrees...they have contributed to society and they want to continue doing that.” To ease that loneliness and distress, Rodriguez recommends involving loved ones in as many doctor visits and conference calls about therapies and treatments as possible. But having family or friends understand isn’t the ultimate goal, says Pamela Piquette of Chronic Joy Ministry. Her cure for that gap is to lean into God and His promises of comfort. Her ministry supports people with tools like bible-based studies specific to your circumstances and offering alternate serving ideas for building community.</p>
Employment	Closer Look	8/21/22	7:00pm	30min	<p>Land Your Next Great Job! Crossroads Career Services Offers Advice</p> <p>Losing your job can be emotionally draining and can even lead to questioning your faith in God. “To have some anger, some bitterness, some regret is a very natural thing,” agrees Dave Sparkman of Crossroad Career Services, who challenges jobseekers to ask themselves “...a truly curious question. ‘I wonder what God’s up to here?’ CCS is a collaboration of career coaches founded more than 20-years ago on the principle that no one should struggle alone to find meaningful work. Their professionals help Christians examine their lives and skills and help them prayerfully consider a vast array of vocational opportunities.</p>
Addiction	Closer Look	8/28/22	7:00pm	13min	<p>Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery</p> <p>Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 outta 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700.</p>

Faith	Closer Look	8/28/22	7:14pm	17min	<p>Faith Of Her Father - Baby Jessica's Dad</p> <p>The unlikely rescue of Baby Jessica from a well back in 1987 remains one of the world's most watched news stories of all time. There were "multiple miracles," says her father Chip McClure, "more than you can count...God's hand was evident." In the days and months after, the family received thousands of calls and truckloads of mail from all over the world, people in personal distress who were encouraged by the McClure's faith and the good news of Jessica's rescue.</p>
Childhood & Family Issues – Ministry	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	August 2022	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 20min	<p>Once An Orphan Himself, David Mubiru Is Now "Father" To More Than 30 Orphaned Children</p> <p>David Mubiru has led an interesting life. Most ordinary young men in their twenties aren't responsible for 38 amazing children, but David is far from ordinary. As a child David tragically lost both parents in a car accident. A caring uncle took over his care, but sadly lost his battle with cancer after a few short years, leaving David an orphan. As a very young teenager on the streets of hectic Kampala, Uganda, David had to collect plastic bottles on the street in order to have enough money to buy food. Through the providence of God, David met a kind pastor in the middle of an outdoor service. The man of God became like a surrogate father to David and even offered to pay him to clean the church. David earned enough money to find a place to live--a rare feat for a 13-year-old. He never forgot life on the streets and would often try to feed the other orphan children who were alone and desperately trying to survive. Soon after that, a woman posted about David's story on Facebook. More money began to pour in--enough for David to start to feed not only himself, but the other children as well. David is now "father" to 38 children. He has taught them the Word of God, how to worship and sing praises to Him. He also takes care to feed each child flavorful, healthy food. All of them have a safe place to eat, grow, learn and be loved.</p>
Family Issues	Closer Look	9/4/22	7:00pm	29min	<p>Real Talk On Adoption - Thoughts On Trauma, Dignity and Birth Parents</p> <p>Children separated from their biological mothers will inevitably grieve that loss. "That's trauma, when we lose our first family," says Jenn Hook co-founder of Replanted Ministry. Hook spent years counseling foster children as a mental health professional. "We're not always looking at it from the adoptee's side," she warns, for example, repeatedly calling one's adoption a 'gift' can unintentionally hurt your child. Vanessa Joy Walker is an author and lifecoach who was herself adopted as a baby. "The issues of identity and abandonment are interwoven into who I am, they are part of what I call my emotional DNA."</p>

Finances	Closer Look	9/11/22	7:00pm	29min	<p>Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge</p> <p>Inflation, simply defined, is a rise in the cost of things we need to live – like food. When COVID-19 forced shutdowns, foodstuffs no longer flowed easily and inexpensively from farms to factories and stores to your kitchen. This global disruption, combined with federal fiscal policies to fight economic slowdown, nearly guaranteed that Americans would feel checkout sticker shock. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? Assoc Prof. Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.</p>
Education	Closer Look	9/18/22	7:00pm	15min	<p>'Dare To Dream' School Assemblies Ignite Hope In Tweens, Teens</p> <p>If you're committed to helping kids grab their God-given potential, Randy Rich says first you have to find them. "And where do kids meet in the largest numbers in a mandatory setting? School!" Randy is a former NFL defensive back and vice president of Air1's Dare To Dream. "And guess what? Schools are required to have a certain amount of assemblies during the course of a year to encourage their students!" The D2D motivational program does visit high schools but sees greatest success among kids slightly younger. "By the time a student reaches 8th grade a little over 80% of their value system in place – meaning the way they look at morality, sexuality, integrity – so where are we focusing our intention with Dare to Dream? Middle School." Various artists, musicians and pro-athletes take the mic to share their own struggles to believe and achieve. Kids hear Christian music artists like Lauren Daigle and Toby Mac on videos to kick off each session. The assemblies are not evangelistic, but principals and teachers are fully aware that Dare To Dream is sponsored by Christian radio network Air1. Air1 - Worship Now is owned by Educational Media Foundation (EMF) and is a sister to the K-LOVE Radio Network.</p>

Technology – Childhood Safety	Closer Look	9/18/22	7:15pm	15min	<p>Young Children Give Out Phone Numbers, Chat With Strangers Online</p> <p>An Interview with the Center for Cyber Safety and Education and Eliza McCoy with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about their age-appropriate training program called Netsmartz.</p> <p>The realities of internet missteps by younger and younger children exposes an urgent need to teach kids how to spot and report suspicious activity. “A child gets a phone now on average by 10-yrs-old. We can’t wait till they’re in middle school or high school.” The shift to distance-learning during the COVID-19 pandemic added a new dimension to the risk, as kids were mandated to spend even more unsupervised time online. Increased cyber connection with your child’s school also increased family exposure to ID thieves and potential financial ruin as emails that appear to be from teachers could actually be phishing scams “There’s been lots of cases where children have had bankruptcy because where loans were taken out in their name.” Protective apps, strong passwords, discretion on social media posts and direct parental supervision remain crucial to preventing such events, but Craven says there is no substitute talking to kids about how to protect themselves from digital threats.</p>
Mental Health	Closer Look	9/25/22	7:00pm	13min	<p>Tell Me More' - 3 Words To Prevent Teen Suicide</p> <p>Crushing loneliness and lack of purpose has seized millions of young adults, causing a frightening spike in teen suicides. Mental health experts urge parents, teachers and pastors to turn the tide of dark thoughts with these three little words: “Tell me more.” Monika Kelly gets advice from Maureen Underwood with the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide who also serves as a social worker and psychotherapist.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS:</p> <p>Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide USA: (732) 996-0056</p> <p>America's Health Rankings - Teen Suicide</p>
Ministry	Closer Look	9/25/22	7:14pm	16min	<p>‘Call-In’ Bible Studies Connect To Faith And Friendship</p> <p>When COVID-19 forced churches to close and halted even small social gatherings, Christians continued to crave interaction with fellow believers. Soldiers For Faith Ministries launched ‘call-in’ bible studies back in 2012, but stay-at-home orders in 2020 crystalized the ministry purpose and mission. “When the pandemic hit,” says founder Kelly McAndrew, “all of a sudden we understood what God had prepared us for.” Headquartered in Texas, with facilitators in New Jersey, Florida and Colorado, all Soldiers For Faith bible studies are by-phone only. They deliberately avoid video. “There’s something about just picking up the telephone, not having that judgement,” explains McAndrew. “It’s just absolutely pure to be on the phone, to hear people’s voices, to hear their hearts.”</p>

Relationships	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Sept 2022	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 15.43min	<p>The 'Lost Art of Letter Writing' - Patti Garibay Encourages Girls to Discover Real Friends</p> <p>American Heritage Girls founder Patti Garibay is giving young girls a chance to connect the old-fashioned way – by becoming pen pals. “It’s just a beautiful way to have a memory and also to have great communication with someone that they don’t even know.” Garibay says girls are used to a lot of disappointment, especially through negative interactions on social media. But the AHG Pen Pal program gives them a chance to foster meaningful and lasting relationships. “It is a wonderful way for likeminded girls to really foster relationship and that’s doing the old-fashioned handwritten letters that are sent to each other,” says Garibay. She says writing letters to each other is “a beautiful way to have a memory and also to have great communication with someone that they don’t even know.”</p>
Athletics – Special Needs	KLOVE's Positive People News Podcast with on-air 60sec promo for podcast	Sept 2022	4 per week, 16 total	60sec Podcast 21.17min	<p>Blind Golfer Starts Non-Profit to Teach Golf to Visually Impaired Kids</p> <p>Chad "Doc" NeSmith, 51, had big plans growing up. From the age of 5, Doc knew that he wanted to play football--as a quarterback in high school, at a Division 1 college and ultimately in the NFL. Those plans were abruptly changed when Chad turned 12. His doctors diagnosed him with retinitis pigmentosa--"tunnel vision"--a genetic disorder that would eventually take his sight. "I think God had a plan and back then I didn't realize it, didn't care for it." Doc said. After meeting his future wife in college, the two had a conversation about God. Doc says his faith wasn't solid at that time but was moved by Pat's willingness to marry him even without a solid foundation. Pat was volunteering at Franklin Graham's very first crusade in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and invited Doc to go. At first, he declined the invitation, but at the last minute decided to go. Doc was moved by the testimonies at the crusade and went forward to accept Christ. Coincidentally, the volunteer at the crusade helping him to walk through the process had lost his sight as well. Doc missed competition sports. After doing some research, Patricia suggested the game of golf. Doc told her that if he couldn't figure out how to play in fairly short order, he would quit. He quickly fell in love with the game. So much so that Doc went on to win the National Blind Golf Association Championship in 2016 and 2017. After a few years, the joy of being a champion started to dim so Patricia suggested Doc find a way to give back to the community. Together, along with his parents, they started AVID -- A Vision in Darkness. AVID is a program for children as young as 7 who've lost their sight, to learn how to play golf. Their mission is to get rid of all of the real and artificial things that block blind and visually impaired children who want to play golf.</p>