

# THE KING'S CROWN



October 2017

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 1**

**Worship in Pavilion**

**Chicken BBQ**

**October 15**

**Healing Service**

**October 22**

**CROP Walk at 1:00 pm**

**October 29**

**Reformation Sunday**

**Symphonia Concert**



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November  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
October 14

### Mission Statement

*“Empowered by the grace and love of Jesus, we are committed to growing in faith with the community.”*

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# Pastor Paul's Priceless Pearls

## *“A Dunking Booth - Really?”*



“I’ve been waiting for this for 25 years! Tell me more.”

**Sunday, October 1st** will be Pastor Paul’s **Retirement Bash** with all of our members - even our children. We will have Sunday School at 9:30 am and worship in the Pavilion (weather permitting) at 10:45 am (no Saturday or 8:15 worship that weekend).

The Yoders will be making their famous Yoder chicken and we will also have someone grilling some hot dogs. We ask that people bring a dish to pass (last name A-L dessert; last name M-Z salad/side dish). After worship, we will eat lunch and then move into game time. We’ll have a bounce house for the younger children, face painting, balloons, can jam, bean bag toss and a few more games for everyone to enjoy.

The thing is, the 1st of October is approaching rapidly. Hence, **contact the church office right away** as we prepare for this event. Thanks to the **Yoders, Shari Murray, Cathy Miller** and a host of others for making this a most fun event as we celebrate together some of the wonderful and rich ways

that we have shared God’s love, mercy and grace here at King of Kings.

As I write this, we haven’t even enjoyed our day at the zoo. God has been so gracious to us. As one of our friends said to us last year, when I think of King of Kings, “I think of a prayerful and playful congregation”. How cool is that?



# Town Hall Meeting



I would like to invite everyone at King of Kings to a **Town Hall meeting on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:45 service.**

KCY will be providing lunch for those who would like to help support their trip to the National Youth Gathering next year.

Not only will this be a time to talk about the state of King of Kings, but also to inform everyone about where we are at in the transition process. Hopefully, we will be able to answer all of your questions about what's going on and our hopes for the future.

So put the date on your calendar and look for the sign-up in the Narthex, so that KCY will be able to provide enough food for all. I hope to see you all there.

Yours in Christ;

Barb Winkel, King of Kings Council Chairperson

## BUDGET



### 2018 Budget Time

For all of you who are in charge of a committee, or have a budget line, it is that time again to send in your budget line numbers for 2018.

As you are probably aware, Gary Steiner has moved and is no longer our financial budget person. So, we are asking you to please send your budget requests to Doug Keim.

Doug has graciously offered to take over this very important position for us. And as this is his first year doing this, the earlier you can get these numbers to him, the more time he will have to compile this for us. We would like to have all of the numbers in by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your leadership, and your consideration in this important part of the life of King of Kings.

Yours in Christ,

Barb Winkel, King of Kings Council Chairperson

## God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work, Our Hands was held on Sunday, September 10th. We had about five area churches participate and work at five different locations. This year's charities were: VanderKamp, Rescue Mission Warehouse, Salvation Army Youth Outreach Center, and the Main Street Early Education School. There was also a Trivia Game Day that was held on September 16th at Syracuse Home. We had 43 members of King of Kings participate in the different venues. 23 of those members worked here at church doing a number of projects (baking cookies for the Samaritan Center, putting together CROP Walk packets, making health care kits for Lutheran World Relief and preparing for the BBQ following worship). The weather was beautiful and we were able to have our BBQ in the pavilion! Thanks for your participation!



## **CROP WALK - October 22nd** **12:30 pm Registration Begins** **1:00 Walk Begins**

We will meet at Willow Bay, walk to the SALT Museum and return to Willow Bay. Our goal is as many members of the congregation walk as is possible. I would love a minimum of 50 walkers and I am hopeful that we can raise \$5,000 in my last year here.

Registration packets can be picked up in the narthex. You can also register online and make donations online. Simply go to:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/syracusenyc/kingofkings](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/syracusenyc/kingofkings)

**Thanks for your participation!**

# Staffing Needs



Council regretfully has accepted Courtney Johnson's letter of resignation as Coordinator of Faith Formation. Also, Kathy Sampson has indicated that she will remain as Coordinator of Outreach only until the end of the year. So, we are looking for someone to take one, or a combined form of these two positions. The hours are flexible, and can be a rewarding way to serve this community.

Likewise, we are still looking for someone to work in the nursery. This position would be every other Sunday.

All of these positions are an important and essential part of King of Kings in keeping in line with our mission statement. If you are able to step in or know someone who might be interested please see Pastor Paul or Barb Winkel.

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# Help Wanted



As summer slips away, and King of Kings begins to come alive in earnest, there are a number of places that we could use a little help. Please check out this list, and if there is something that you might be interested in please let Pastor Paul or Barb Winkel know, and they can get you in contact with the right person.

- Worship and Music Chairperson
- Ushers
- Counters
- Altar Guild
- Working in the Booth
- Slideshow creation team

- Worship Assistants
- Singers and musicians
- Coffee makers
- Helping with Funeral Receptions
- Lectors
- Sunday School

If there is something that might interest you, and you do not see it on this list, let us know. I am sure there is room for you to help out wherever the Spirit is leading you. As you can see we really can use your help. If you could just give one extra hour a month it can really make a big difference.

## Council Corner...

Our September Council meeting was both productive and prayerful. We voted to accept Michael Plagerman as our new organist and are excited to have his wonderful music guide us through worship each week. We received an informal review of our finances and spending, and everything is in perfect working order. We also spent a great deal of time discerning financial support criteria to make sure the church is the best possible steward of our resources and the generosity of the congregation. Expect to hear more about this in the coming months.

Sunday School began on September 24th and on September 27th, the Interim Pastor Search Team met with Mark Betley to learn more about their role and to understand what will unfold in the coming months. Lots of other important dates coming up through the fall - we encourage you to keep an eye on the calendar.

We continue to have staffing holes we need to fill going into the end of the year. We recently posted the Coordinator of Faith Formation and Coordinator of Outreach Ministries positions to local job search sites. If someone you know may be interested in these jobs, please direct them to the job descriptions on King of Kings' website. We also have an immediate need for a nursery care provider every other week and would ask that you put any potential names forward for this position as well.

Yours in Christ,  
Your Church Council



## Transition Team Update... What's Your Question?



The Transition Team has been listening to your questions about what to expect when Pastor Paul retires in February, 2018. We'll be answering questions in the newsletter each month. In addition, there is a link on the King of Kings website that provides answers to previously-asked questions. The link is <http://kingofkings-ny.org/transitionfaqs>. Please take a moment and check it out!

**This month's question:** What is the process for reviewing permanent Pastor candidates?

**The answer:** A Permanent Pastor Call Committee will be formed in 2018 and will represent a cross section of the congregation. The Bishop's Office will forward names to this committee which, along with the Church Council, will work through the interview and trial sermon process. It is possible that only one name at a time will be provided by the Bishop's office. As previously mentioned, a special congregational meeting will be held once a final candidate is identified and the congregation will vote to call that candidate to be our next Pastor.

If you have any additional questions about this process or have other questions about the transition in general, please contact a Transition Team member (Chris Jordan, Anna Salem, Steve Miller, Julie Yoder, Barb Nies, Jerry Holland, Howie Mansfield, or Anita Leitgeb) or a Council member (Barb Winkel, Doug Keim, Niel Zuern, Pat Lebel, Jenna Wysokowski, or Alison Woytowich).

We are grateful for your continued prayerful support!

Welcome



### Welcome New Members

We are looking forward to receiving new members on Sunday, November 19th. In preparation for that day, we gather 3 times for conversation with one another and some of our members.

Grace	November 5th at 9:30 am in the parlor
Gifts	November 12th at 9:30 am
Gathering	November 19th at 7:00 pm

If you would like to join King of Kings or know someone who would, please speak with Kathy Sampson or Pastor Paul.

# People News...



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the **Mossotti family** on the passing of **Nancy Mossotti** and to the **McCabe family** on the passing of **Bonny's father, Warren Noble**. May God's love and many good memories bring you comfort. *If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we die to the Lord. So if we live or die, we are the Lords.*

On Sunday, August 27th, farewell and Godspeed was offered to **Michael McCormick**, our interim summer organist, as he headed back to Westminster Choir College.

On Sunday, September 3rd, King of Kings extended a warm welcome to **Michael Plagerman**, our new organist and choir director.

All good wishes to **Chris** and **Kristin Bastedo** on the birth of **Riley**. Sharing in the welcome were the new little one's sister, **Elianna**, and grandparents, **Carl and Susie Bastedo**.

Best wishes to **Nicholas Riley** and **Jennifer Phillips**, who were married in Saratoga Springs on July 20th. Nick is the son of **Kristin Woodlock**.

Congratulations to **Brynee Murphy McHenry**, who gave birth to a child, **Murphy**, in early September. Congratulations to **Kaeli Dixon**, who gave birth to a daughter, **Emerie** on September 12th. Also, congratulations to **Nicole and Josh Becker** to whom a son, **Christian**, was born. Proud grandparents are **Karen and Craig Anders**.

Congrats to **Nathan Reeves** who recently took first in a Liverpool Cross Country race against West Genesee. Congratulations to **Joe Yoshinaka** who made the soccer team at Liverpool.

**Ngor Nyang** is running for SUNY Potsdam. Both **Tyler Swanson** and **Samantha Clark** are in the C-NS Marching Band. **Ben Long** is in the B'ville Marching Band.



## Adult Forum

9:30 am Sunday mornings in the parlor

October 1 - Prayer Fellowship

October 8 - Rick Steeves: "Travels with the Apostle Paul"

October 15 - Food & Fellowship

October 22 - "Slow Kingdom Coming" (Session 3)

October 29 - Reformation Celebration



## From your Stephen Ministers...



Stephen Ministry is just one of the care groups offered to you at King of Kings. We begin our monthly meetings by inviting you to be a part of our book discussions. We are currently having wonderful conversations about growing together through small groups using the study entitled, “**One Anothering**”. Even if time doesn’t allow for you to read the chapter in advance, it doesn’t matter. What matters is the gift of being present with one another and having wonderful conversations about the topics addressed each month in the book. Come one time, or every month. We’ll save a seat for you.

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New from Stephen Ministries, “**Cancer-Now What?**” is a book written by Stephen Ministry founder, Kenneth Hauck, PhD. *“In writing this book, Dr. Hauck, a clinical psychologist and pastor, drew on everything he learned as he walked alongside his wife, Joan, during her battle with cancer.”* This new resource guides and supports cancer patients and their loved ones through the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges they may encounter. This book, and a companion “Giver’s Guide” booklet are in our church library for you to borrow. A pamphlet about ordering copies of the book and companion guide is on the bulletin board. If you need someone to walk alongside you during a difficult time in your life, whether it be a cancer diagnosis, or other life circumstance, know that a Stephen Minister is willing to help. Please contact Pastor Paul about your concern, or a Stephen Leader (Lynn Myers or Marcy Grundner). Stephen Ministers are available to pray with you, and be a listening ear for you.



### Fall Clean-Up:

October 28, 2017

8:30-11:30

Yes, we did a great job with our “summer spruce-up”, however there is still some work to be done as we prepare for winter. We will gather on **Saturday, October 28th from 8:30-11:30 am**. If you can’t be here, but would still like to help, please contact Niel Zuern for a list of what needs to be done.



## Daytime M&Ms ~

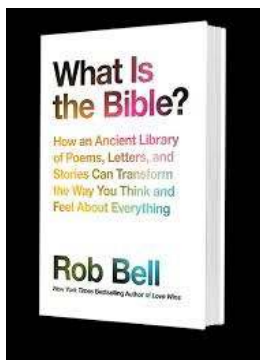
The women's Daytime M&Ms (Mary & Martha) Bible study began their Fall study on September 12th. We meet at the home of Marcy Grundner on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 12:30 pm. The title of this semester's study..."Living the Chocolate Life-Savoring God's Sweet Grace" by Deb Burma. "No matter the 'taste' of your days...bitter or sweet, dark or light, lumpy or smooth...you are wrapped in God's love! Each session includes a dessert recipe, prayers, Scripture memory verse, chocolate fun facts, group activity and life application". We have saved a chair just for YOU! Feel free to contact Marcy with any questions.

*Hopefully you've noticed that since September 10th, there has been a Mission Moment, placemat, and handout during worship to remind us about the importance of striving toward a life of meaning and purpose as we engage in the worship and honoring of God. Coming in October will be a mime, an informational moment, and an inspiring video.*

*Obviously, this is the time we ask every family unit to "pledge" for the coming year so that our Church Council can compile a budget by January and continue our work here at King of Kings. We ask that you fill out these "Faith Offering" cards (after praying and discussing it with your family) and return them in the offering basket or mail them to the church office no later than October 30th.*

*Thank you, The Stewardship Committee*





## **“What is the Bible” by Rob Bell**

- ⇒ Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm at Bull & Bear beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm at the home of Paul & Wendy Burke beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>

As I work on preparing, I already have over 35 legal-pad pages for conversation. I can't wait! My goal is to start in late September and be finished by the end of November.

As some of you have said, this is both an enjoyable and challenging read...and certainly not a book where you would agree with everything in it.

### **Holy Communion at King of Kings**

Some people have asked about our Holy Communion policies. Lutherans have a wide amount of practices from communion of infants to waiting until after Confirmation. King of Kings has moved the ages at least twice since I have been the Pastor AND have honored family practices when they are different from our usual practice.



I have told parents that if they would like for their children to receive Holy Communion, that I would support that at any age. I simply ask parents to talk with their children about the meaning of Holy Communion.

We still will offer a class around 1st grade, and again at 5th grade, and certainly during Confirmation, as we grow in faith and understanding.

As I already mentioned, we have had young children from different faith communities who receive communion weekly and who also participate in our classes. It has worked well and honored our Lutheran understanding of Word and Sacrament.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak directly with Pastor Paul.

## Reformation in Music:

### Another Approach to our Reformation History

An interactive learning opportunity led by Julie Grindle to help us to understand and appreciate the music from Bach and Mendelsohn. (There might be some singing of hymns.) Come. Bring friends too!



Sponsored by Learning at the Crossroads

**SPECIAL PRICE:** \$10

**DATE:** October 21, 2017

**LOCATION:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fayetteville

**TIME:** 9:00 am registration; class 9:30-2:30. Lunch included.

**SEND REGISTRATION CHECKS** made payable to **Central Crossroads Conference** to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 435 S. Main Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212 or call (315) 458-1481.



## King of Kings Quilt Group

As the days get shorter and the air is crisp, we start to hunker down in our cozy homes and think of the holidays coming up. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are next on our calendars. Let's perk up our tables with some holiday themed placemats. Whether a quick gift for someone or a gift to yourself, these easy striped placemats will decorate your table in a jiff.

Come and join the fun Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Sunday School wing.

For more information, or to get on the email list for a list of materials, contact Donna Huberty.

# Sunday School News...



We officially kicked off our Sunday School year with Rally Day on September 24th. We welcomed our incoming 3-year olds who celebrated a Faith Stepping Stone that day as they officially became Sunday School students. The older children began to learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation with a story and special project. We will continue this lesson with an intergenerational event on Reformation Sunday, October 29th during the Sunday School hour. We invite all members of the congregation to join us for this event.

In October we will harvest the squash that we planted back in May in our garden. When the plants began to grow this summer we had a bit of a surprise in that from one seed packet, we grew two different types of squash. We have already harvested about 15 summer squash, while many butternut squash continue to grow. We will be picking the butternut squash early in October and donating them to St. Paul's Food Pantry.

## Coming up this fall:

10/22 and 11/5 - Faith Stepping Stone for 3rd graders - Bibles

10/29 - Intergenerational Reformation event - 9:30 am

11/26 - Advent Workshop - 9:30 am

12/3 - Faith Stepping Stone for 5th graders - Worship

12/17 - Christmas Pageant

**Sue Tierney**

## All Saints Day Prayers

We will offer prayers for all who have died in the past year on **All Saints Sunday - November 5th**. If you would like to include the name of a family member or friend in the church bulletin, please add the name to the prayer list in the narthex, or contact the church office.

*"If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we did to the Lord. So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."* (Romans 14:7-8)



# Reformation 500 Celebration of 500 Years October 29, 2017

Worship at 8:15 am and 10:45 am

Special choirs and music included

The Video: "Martin Luther" to the tune *Manic Monday*

InterGenerational Event at 9:30 am

Meeting Martin Luther / Some German baked goods

**"Flat Luther"** Project

Gifts for everyone to celebrate our Lutheran heritage

The Enrollment of our 7th graders into Confirmation at the 10:45 service

2:30 pm Reformation Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral / Symphoria

Mendelsohn's Reformation Symphony and Bach's Cantata "A Mighty Fortress"

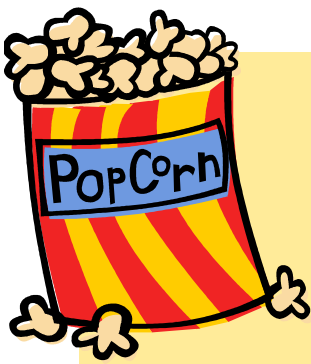
## Living Nativity

**December 10, 2017**

We will begin recruitment of actors and actresses in October. We will gather to discuss every person's job commitment also in October. We will offer two times for people to meet - one in the day time and one in the evening.

At this point, all of our major positions are filled, thanks be to God! There is one still outstanding - someone to serve as Organizer and Director of the Event / Someone to work behind the scenes. If you are interested in working on this year's Living Nativity, and have some good organizational skills, please speak with Pastor Paul or Alicia Francis.





## Movie Madness

Join us on Saturday, November 11th, at 7:00 pm at Barb and Weta's home. We will be viewing *The Zookeeper's Wife* (2017). "The time is 1939 and the place is Poland. When their country is invaded by the Nazis, the Warsaw zoo owners covertly begin working with the Resistance and put into action plans to save the lives of hundreds from what has become the Warsaw Ghetto." Rated PG-13.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

See you at the movies!

## "Developing a Life Inventory"

A few weeks ago, one of our members (who recently turned 70) asked me if I did any work with members in planning for funerals. I realized that I have not highlighted this work in a few years.

My answer was yes - I have a form entitled, "Life Inventory", which a person can complete and leave on file at King of Kings. It has some of the basic information that your family may not know at the time of death.

I will hand these out to anyone and then suggest we discuss the inventory before it is filed. I hope you will take advantage of this ministry. My "Life Inventory" is in the files as well as a few other members.

If you would like to see a copy of the Life Inventory, please speak with Joan in the office or me.



Music is in the air!! October is a busy month at King of Kings. After our Pavilion worship on October 1st, we get back on our regular schedule and you will hear plenty of worship music filling the sanctuary! The choir, the Son-Light Praise band, the Brass Ensemble and the Bell Choir will be providing music of praise and joy on Sunday mornings. Tina Wilcox provides beautiful piano music at the Saturday Christian Café services.

We continue to extend a warm welcome to Michael Plagerman, our new organist and choir director for the 10:45 Traditional Service. We are blessed to have him with us.

Reformation falls at the end of October this year and the services on October 29th will include a lot of special music as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Don't forget to plan on attending the special Symphoria Concert on October 29th. It will be a concert of music of Lutheran Composers celebrating the Reformation. It should be a real treat and I hope you plan on attending. More information is available in the King's Weekly and there is a sign-up sheet for the concert in the narthex.

It is a joy and blessing to get together and worship through the beautiful fall season, the "harvest time" when we celebrate the bounty that God has given us.

See you at church,

Beth Colbert, Coordinator of Music

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## Symphoria "Reformation Celebration" Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm

at St. Paul's Cathedral in Syracuse.

Tickets are \$35/adult; \$27/seniors; \$5/students and children under 18 are free.

There is a 20% group discount for purchases of 8 or more tickets, so please sign up by September 30<sup>th</sup> on the bulletin board if you would like to go with other members of King of Kings.

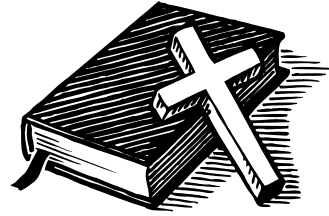
If you have any questions, please contact Shari Murray





# CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

During the month of October, we have had to reschedule a few events. Class sessions will be held on October 15 and 29. Also, we will ALL be participating in the annual CROP Walk on October 22nd. We hope that parents will join us. Your children received registration packets at the retreat. You can also register online and your children can receive pledges that way as well. (See the CROP article for the web address.)



## Senior High News...

Thirteen of us are signed up and registered for the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. We are looking forward to an awesome experience!

October has some wonderful events planned. Each Sunday morning we will meet at 9:30 am. The schedule is as follows:

- 1 CROP Walk conversations / memories
- 8 Team Adventure (make up for July)
- 15 How We Use and Care for our Money
- 22 Houston Video
- 29 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation

A few special events this month include **October 8th**. We will worship at 8:15 am and then leave for the **Team Adventure Ropes Course** at 9:30 am. This is a make up as we got rained out in July. We'll invite any college youth to join us. Come dressed for the outdoors and bring a bag lunch and a water bottle.

**October 22nd** is the **CROP Walk**. Registration is at 12:30 pm, and the walk begins at 1:00 pm. We have the same goals as last year. \$100 in pledges gets you a free pizza, and \$500 raised earns a gift card to Destiny. You can pick up your registration forms at church or do all of your registering online.

Once again, Pastor Paul will take all of the youth and their parents to the B'ville Diner following the walk for a thank-you milk shake.

*The Senior High Youth Advisors*

# Church Council

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