

THE KING'S CROWN



September 2017

King of Kings Lutheran Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4

OFFICE CLOSED

September 10

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

September 17

Worship at the Zoo at 9:30
followed by brunch

September 23/24

KCY Retreat

September 24

Sunday School Rally Day

October
Newsletter
Deadline is
September 9

Mission Statement

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

Pastor Paul's Priceless Pearls

“See You in September”



Well, it's almost here! What a full month! **God's Work, Our Hands on September 10th. Worship at the Zoo on September 17th.** Sign up right away for these two wonderful events. Also, the **KCY Retreat is September 23 and 24.** Lot's going on!!

But there have been other changes. **Courtney Johnson** submitted her resignation this summer as her work in Ithaca *and* preparation for her wedding in October were keeping her busy enough.

We have been searching for a second **nursery attendant** *all* summer as well. This would be a team-position with Wendy Hawkinson. We are hopeful that someone from within King of Kings will take on this position.

We have offered **Michael Plagerman** the position of organist and senior choir director. You won't be disappointed. Michael is a doctoral student who comes to the east coast from the west with a stopover in the Midwest for his Master's Degree.

In addition, you should know that I had asked **Kathy Sampson** to remain on staff one more year till I retired. We hope to fill both Kathy's and Courtney's

positions this fall. The titles are: **Coordinator of Faith Formation and Coordinator of Lay Ministries.** The job descriptions are available on our website. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the church office.

One more thing - at the end of August I have completed **46 visits.** There are 60 more who have signed up to meet with me. **Sign-up Posters** for September and October are on the Transition Team Timeline in the narthex. Please fill your name in for a date, and these times don't work, please contact me in the church office and we will find a time. My goal for completion of these visits is December 21st.

Lots and lots going on. May God's blessings be with you.

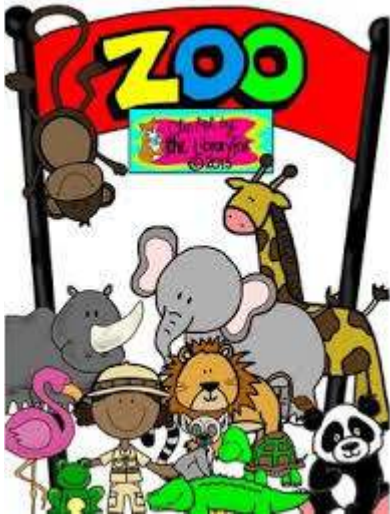


See you in
September

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. As of August 1st, we are at 92% of our 2017 pledges/offerings. It is because of your generosity that King of Kings is in the green zone.

You are the best!

The Stewardship Committee



Worship at the Zoo Sunday, September 17

It's time again for King of Kings' annual offsite worship event! This year we will be worshipping at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo on Sunday, September 17 at 9:30 AM. **Please note there will only be one worship service on this day.** A Buffet Brunch will be served after worship, followed by an afternoon enjoying all that the Zoo has to offer!

Please sign up in the narthex as soon as possible so we can provide the Zoo with an accurate headcount.

A free will offering will be received to help defray the cost of the brunch. The cost to the church for the brunch is \$14.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children.

Discounted Zoo admission tickets will also be available and distributed the day of the event. Please sign up for those when you sign up to attend the event. Zoo tickets will be \$3 for adults ages 18 and over and \$2 for children ages 3-17. Children under age 3 are free.

If you have any questions, please contact Anita Leitgeb.

We look forward to a great day at the Zoo with our church family!

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday will be held on **September 10th** this year. We will be distributing posters for InterFaith Works, working at the Salvation Army Youth Outreach Center, and the Rescue Mission Warehouse, and we will go to the Syracuse Home on Saturday, September 9th. Of course, we will be hosting the dinner with famous Yoder Chicken! In-House activities include baking cookies for the Samaritan Center, putting together CROP Walk packets, and assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you have any questions, please speak with Kathy Sampson.



CROP WALK - October 22nd

HELP!! We learned earlier this month that although the date had been chosen, no one had done any work yet for the walk. Dave Allen, Denise Morse, Deanna Pavlacka and Kathy Sampson are working with Amy Bobbette and myself to help make this walk become a reality.

We need **HELP**. We will put all the packets together on **September 10th** as part of the **God's Work, Our Hands** event. We will need people to staff a registration table. We will need people to help "stake out" the walk. We will also search for a group to staff the soup spot and the turn-around spot. If you can help in any way, please sign up on the table in the narthex.

I also want to invite you to walk. **Our goal - 50 walkers - \$5,000.** A reminder: we have raised over \$130,000 since I began to serve as pastor of King of Kings. It would be awesome if all of us who are able could at least walk part of the walk.

Thanks for your support!

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.



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.

Symphoria “Reformation Celebration”

Sunday, October 29th 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 30th 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



Council Corner...

The Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Courtney Johnson from her position as Director of Family and Community Ministries. Kathy Sampson will be stepping down from her position as Interim Director of Lay Ministries at the end of the year. We are searching for replacements for both of these positions.

The Council and Transition Team continue to work with the Bishop on finding an Interim Pastor. Any specific questions or suggestions should be directed to the Transition Team.

The Council approved Joan Pridmore as a Visiting Deacon. The new projection units should be installed in the Sanctuary by mid-October.

Mark your calendar for November 5th for the next Town Hall Meeting. A reminder to sign up for your visit with Pastor Paul. The sign-up sheet is on the Timeline in the narthex. See you in September!

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 feedback can the congregation give regarding the hiring of the interim and permanent Pastor?

The answer: Our Intentional Interim Pastor Search Team (IIP Search Team) was installed in July. This group, which represents a cross-section of the congregation, will be the eyes and ears of the congregation as we search for our IIP. Members of this team are Krista Kolodziejczyk, Colleen Richardson, Lauren Seiter, Ira Showden, Paul deLaubell, and Jeff Wysokowski. This group will vet candidates for the Church Council, which will ultimately make the hiring decision for the IIP. The established process does not include a vote by the congregation on the IIP candidate. The IIP will serve King of Kings for a minimum of 12 months. A Permanent Pastor Call Team will interview candidates in conjunction with the Church Council. 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!

We would like to thank all of you at King of Kings for your prayers, cards and words of comfort during our difficult time after the passing of my mother, Helene Houck. Your kindness has meant so much to us. God bless you all.

Julie and Ken Margrey and family

THANK YOU

People News...



On Sunday, July 16th, the following members of the Intentional Interim Pastor Search Team were installed: **Krista Kolodziejczyk, Colleen Richardson, Lauren Seiter, Ira Showden, Paul deLaubell** and **Jeff Wysokowski**.

On Sunday, July 23rd, our Haiti Mission Trippers helped lead worship and provided a typical Haitian lunch. Those who went to Haiti were: **Matt Colbert, Jeff Dwyer, Jossie Fulton, Heather Fulton-House, Cheryl Gatling, Chris Herpich, Pastor Paul, Sherry Hunt, Emma Northrop, Marissa Peters, Brian Richardson, Paul, Julie** and **Emily Rumo**, and **Kelly Schneider**.

Austin Leitgeb was "in the news" as one of the group of five recent Eagle Scouts from Troop 620 in Liverpool, who also graduated together from Liverpool High School in the Class of 2017.

On Sunday, August 6th, King of Kings bid a fond farewell and Godspeed to long-time members **Jeff** and **Mary Ann Mountz**, as they moved to their new home in Florida.

Best wishes and prayers for God's blessings are extended to **Sean Donahue** and **Colleen Boyle**, who were married at King of Kings on Saturday, August 12th.

On Sunday, August 27th, **Joan Pridmore** was installed as a Visiting Deacon.

Samantha Clark and **Tyler Swanson** are already involved in Marching Band rehearsals for C-NS.

Our **high school seniors** are preparing for their new experiences in college and the military. Please keep them in your prayers.

Adult Forum



We meet on Sunday mornings at **9:30 am** either in the parlor of Fellowship Hall. The first meeting is scheduled for **September 24th**, and will be a continuation of our study of *Slow Kingdom Coming* by Kent Annan.

In October, we will begin with Prayer Fellowship on the 1st and Food & Fellowship on the 8th. Please join us!

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. Due to the Labor Day holiday, we will meet on September 11th at 6:30 pm.

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.



Several years ago Una Lee donated a **Victrola** for the senior youth group to use. Obviously, this wouldn’t work out.

It is a great working piece. After checking with local antique dealers, we found it was only worth \$100.00, and they did not want it. Our idea was to donate the money to the Senior Youth Group. Now, we just want to find a good home for it. If you have questions, please see Kathy Sampson.



Daytime M&Ms ~

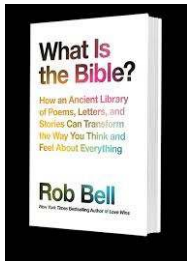
The women's Daytime M&Ms (Mary & Martha) Bible study begin their Fall study on September 12th. We meet at the home of Marcy Grundner on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 12:30 pm. The title of this semester's study..."Living the Chocolate Life-Savoring God's Sweet Grace" by Deb Burma. "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 at 635-5065 or email at mjg3@hotmail.com with any questions.

Beginning in September and ending October 15th, each week there will be a video, Mission Moment, skit, etc. 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.

Autumn 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 baskets or deliver them to the church office no later than October 30th.

Thank you, The Stewardship Committee





“What is the Bible” by Rob Bell

I have well over 30 people signed up. All of the 25 books were sold. If you haven't paid yet, please see Joan in the church office ASAP.

We have three times set - I will review and see if any group is too large. If you put a question mark by your name, please send us your preference right away. The times selected are:

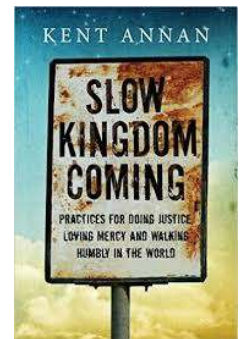
- ⇒ Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am beginning September 19th
- ⇒ Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm at Bull & Bear beginning October 8th
- ⇒ Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm at the home of Paul & Wendy Burke beginning September 21st

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.

“Slow Kingdom Coming” by Kent Annan

When you receive this, our first class will have been completed. I am using a 4-session course study guide. There is also a wonderful set of games and ideas about putting these faith practices to practice with your family. It can be downloaded from their website.



This book's major premise is so very important and helpful as we seek to live out our lives connected with the mission to which Jesus is calling us.

If you would like to join us, we're only meeting once a month and will be done by November. Keep your eyes on the King's Weekly for exact times of each meeting.

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.

Lutheran Campus Ministry in Syracuse would like to invite you to meet the New Dean,
Rev. Brian Konkol (ELCA) at Hendricks Chapel on
Sunday, October 1st 4:00-7:00 pm.

There is free parking near the chapel and the event is handicap accessible.

Tickets are \$60 each and are available through Lutheran Campus Ministry (email: grina@syr.edu)

Enjoy: music, fine food, student leaders and the honoring of the two Distinguished Disciples -

Rev. Gus Wedemeyer and Ms. Nancy Bader.

Sunday School News...

At the end of August we gathered for a back to school event to welcome our incoming 3 year olds. We enjoyed pizza, a story and assembled 30 school kits for LWR. We would like to extend a special thank you to Lorraine Savidge who sewed all of the drawstring backpacks for this special project.



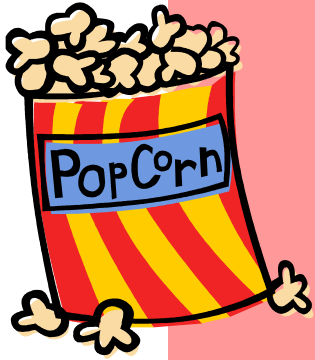
We will officially kick off our year with **Rally Day on September 24th** during the Sunday School hour. On Rally day we will begin to learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation with a story and special project. The children will make and color a "**Flat Luther**" (similar to Flat Stanley) and mail them to our Lutheran friends and family in other congregations around the country. We will then ask the recipient to take a picture of their Flat Luther at their church and send the picture back to King of Kings. If you have a family member or friend that attends a different Lutheran congregation please bring their name and address that day. Don't worry if you don't have someone in mind we will also have some former King of King's members that would love to participate. We hope to connect with Lutheran congregations both near and far with this project!

Sue Tierney

October 1st - Worship and Chicken BBQ

Please sign up on the bulletin board for your Yoder chicken; there will be hot dogs for those not wanting chicken. Please bring a side dish to share. Sunday School will be at 9:30 am, and then one service of worship at 10:45 am in the pavilion, followed by chicken BBQ.

Movie Madness



Join us on Saturday, September 9th, at 7:00 pm at Barb and Weta's home. We will be viewing *Hidden Figures* (2016). "The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program." Starring Octavia Spencer and Kevin Costner. Rated PG.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

See you at the movies!



St. Paul's Food Pantry At Brown Memorial Church

Because of the uncertainty of what the federal government will do with their budget this fall, New York State has made substantial cuts in the amount of the grants they give to local food pantries to operate.

We have received only half of the grant used to pay for the utilities we use to operate our freezer, refrigerator, heat and lights. We will have to make this up from our donations. Our food grant that we use to purchase food from the Food Bank of CNY has also been cut substantially. Also the amount of USDA food that the government has provided has diminished. The past several years we have received a Produce Grant that was to be used to purchase locally grown produce from local farmers. This year we are not getting one.

These cuts are having a major impact on the packages we provide for our families. We are appealing to our supporters for help. If you garden and have extra produce our families would greatly appreciate it. We even take zucchini. If you can purchase an extra item or two when you shop, we can use anything, and of course monetary donations allow us to purchase items locally.

King of Kings Lutheran Church,

Thank you for taking the time to listen and understand. We are so appreciative of not only the way you have taken us under your wings after you understood our situation, but your generosity with your time and resources.

The interest that you show in our success and development is something for which we feel very grateful—

Gracious Moyo and Stanley Moise

“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.

Summer is winding down and I hope that everyone had time to get some R&R in. A special thank-you to all of the musicians who provided music throughout the summer.



Thanks also to Mike McCormick who was our interim organist over the summer. We wish him much success as he returns to college.

We will continue with one Sunday morning service through September 17th, which is our off-site Worship at the Zoo. On September 24th, we will be back to our 3 weekend services: Saturday 5:00 Christian Café, Sunday 8:15 “Morning Praise” service and Sunday 10:45 Traditional Worship service.

Here is a brief description of each service:

The “Morning Praise” service meets at 8:15 on Sundays. It is an uplifting, liturgical based service that often includes contemporary Christian songs that you may hear on K-Love. Many songs are new interpretations of well-loved hymns, and many are favorites right out of the ELW hymnal. Our praise band, “Son-Light” helps to lead worship on the second Sunday of the month, and there is always special music on the other Sundays. “Morning Praise” is a joyful service that we hope will energize your spiritual journey, and help you connect with God and with God’s people.

The “Traditional Service” is held at 10:45 on Sundays. We use the ELW hymnal with wonderful organ accompaniment. An adult choir provides an anthem every Sunday, often based on classical works. Several times throughout the year, the handbell choir, the brass ensemble, and the handchime choirs provide special music for worship. You will find this service to be rich in tradition, and a reverent and peaceful way to worship and praise God.

The “Christian Café” service meets at 5:00 pm on Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the church. This service provides time for singing, reading of the lessons, and discussion following the sermon. The music is usually more contemporary, although many traditional, favorite hymns are sung. Communion is always celebrated at this service as well as the other two Sunday morning services.

We welcome you to any or all three services. A reminder that soon all of the musical groups of the church will be resuming rehearsals. Please share your talents and consider joining one or more of the following :

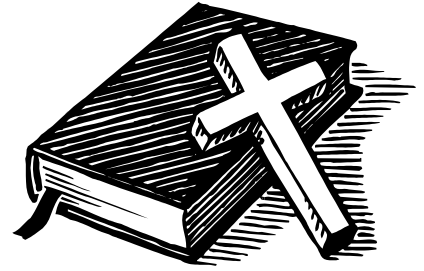
- ⇒ Son-Light Band, and soloists for 8:15 service - contact Beth Colbert
- ⇒ Adult Choir - contact Beth Colbert (we hope to have a new organist/choir director soon)
- ⇒ Handbell Choir - contact Beth Head
- ⇒ Brass Ensemble - contact Steve Richardson

Farewell to the last days of summer, but I am looking forward to the blessings of fall!

See you at church,

Beth Colbert, Coordinator of Music

CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS



We met with parents near the end of August. Our first **retreat** will be held **September 23/24**. At that time we will complete three sessions of our course work for the year.

Don't forget the **GWOH event** on **September 10th** and the **CROP Walk** on **October 22nd**. Both of these events are great service projects.

Parents - if you were not at the meeting on the 28th, know that we will send everything to you via email.



Senior High News...



Your advisors met at the end of August; we've begun to make plans for the National Youth Gathering in Houston next June, and our first day of Sunday School is September 24th. We'll plan out the year at that time; we have some ideas, but we want this to be your year.

In addition, we hope you will be involved both in the God's Work, Our Hands event on September 10th and the CROP Walk on October 22nd.

See you soon! Houston, here we come!!

The Senior High Youth Advisors

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