

# THE KING'S CROWN



December 2017

King of Kings Lutheran Church

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 2**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**December 10**

**Living Nativity at 5:30 pm**

**December 17**

**Church Greening**



**December 24**

**Worship at 9:30 am, 4:30 pm &  
11:00 pm (Carol Sing at 10:30 pm)**

**December 31`**

**Worship at 8 :15 & 10:45 am**

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January  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
December 9

### 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

## *“Joy to the World”*



Recently in one of my visits (the calendar for December is on page 10), I was reminded of the year that we sang this Advent Hymn/Christmas Carol - which is it, on Easter Sunday! This member's reflections included: "Well, this is rather weird; what's this 'to' about? Well, this makes perfect sense." It celebrates Jesus' birth, as well as his reign as King.

This is the substance of our faith - incarnation. Word made flesh, God with us) and Resurrection. (Victory over sin and death.) I've been thinking about this as we've read Rob Bell's *"What is the Bible?"* A friend wrote me recently wondering what I thought. She had read reviews suggesting the book was glib; not very scholarly.

I simply laughed. It's aim is to make reading the scriptures more accessible to us. And that is a really helpful thing.

One of our twenty-somethings and I met back in October. She really didn't know what she believed. I mentioned this study had started and she was shocked that there were other ways to read the Bible. I had to tease her about how many sermons she had heard me preach. We laughed together.

My point is a simple one. When we read the Bible this way, the Word be-

comes amazingly fresh and reading the Bible becomes a more exciting journey.

We embark on that journey each time we enter the season of Advent which brings us right to Christmas and the Good News that God is indeed with us. We celebrate that news over and over again at the Living Nativity (December 10th at 5:30 pm), the Sunday School Christmas Pageant (December 17th at 10:45 am), the Greening of the Church (December 17th following worship) and on Christmas Eve at three services of worship.

"To Us a Savior is Born."

We celebrate this news until April 1st (April Fool's Day), when we rejoice and sing Joy to the World (again) as the good news of Jesus' resurrection touches us all.

May God bless your reading of God's Holy Word this Advent/Christmas Season and always.



# King of King Presents a Living Nativity

King of Kings Lutheran Church will present our 22nd Annual outdoor Living Nativity on the church grounds on Sunday, December 10, 2017, beginning at 5:30 pm.

This reenactment of the Christmas Story, *The Birth of Christ*, as told in the Gospel of Luke, is King of Kings' Christmas gift to the community.

The event, which takes about 30 minutes, will be followed by a free meal of hot soups, chili, bread, and desserts with special live music. All are welcome!



We are looking for interested members to **help with our Living Nativity**. Volunteer opportunities include costume prep, stage set-up and tear-down, greeting and hospitality. Please contact Pastor Paul at the church office if you are available to help.

## 2018 Annual Budget and Annual Meeting

### BUDGET



This is to announce that the Annual Meeting is being held on Sunday, January 21st at 12:00 noon. This is a week earlier than usual. It is our goal to have booklets completed by the 14th; that day, at 9:30 am, we will present the budget for the year.

On January 21st, we will have Sunday School at 9:30 am, and one service of worship at 10:45 am. In addition to the budget and other reports, we will also vote on a newly-revised constitution, approved by the Synod with hours and hours of work by Chuck Grundner. If you want to read the revised constitution, it can be found on our congregational website ([www.kingofkings-ny.org](http://www.kingofkings-ny.org)).

# Christmas and New Year's Eve Worship

With these sacred days being on Sunday this year, we have changed times for the services both weekends:

## Christmas Eve:

- \* 1 morning service at 9:30 am - Chrismon Service (**NO Sunday School on this day**). The children will help Pastor Paul decorate the tree and learn about the meaning of the decorations.
- \* 4:30 pm - Lessons, Carol and Candlelight (**NO 7:30 pm service**). We have chosen this earlier hour so that families can attend worship and then go home to share in dinner. This will be our traditional service with special music, candle lighting, brass choir and senior choir.
- \* 10:30 pm - Carol Sing. Come and pick your favorite carols.
- \* 11:00 pm - Carol Service of Holy Communion. We will have special musicians (vocal and instrumental) at this service of worship. We will include candle lighting to this service of Holy Communion.

## New Year's Eve:

- \* 8:15 am Covenant Renewal Service
- \* 10:45 am Covenant Renewal Service

This service invites us to review the previous year and look ahead to 2018. It includes personal confession, personal renewal of one's life, along with Holy Communion.





# POINSETTIAS

Orders are now being accepted for poinsettias that will decorate our church for Christmas. You may order **plants for \$10 each**, to be placed in “**honor of**” or in “**memory of**” a loved one(s). Or you may donate money that will be used to purchase additional plants and special arrangements for the church. We would like to order several **hanging baskets at \$20 each**.

Fill out the form below, or use one from the Sunday bulletin. A “flower box” and envelopes will be on a table in the narthex. Please place your order form and a check (made payable to King of Kings) or cash, in an envelope and drop it in the box **no later than Sunday, December 10**.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUANTITY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia plants at \$10      Color Choice:     red             pink             white

\_\_\_\_\_ Hanging poinsettias at \$20      Color Choice:     red             pink             white

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for church flowers

\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

In honor of:  
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In memory of:  
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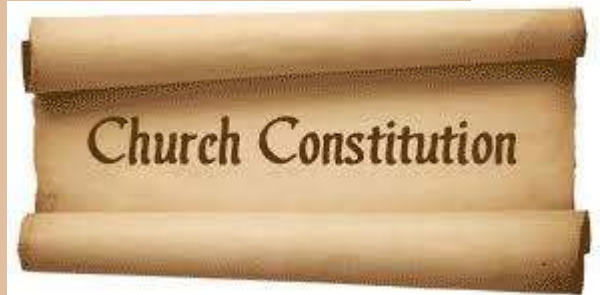
## Council Corner...

At this month's meeting, Council worked through the first draft of the 2018 budget. The final budget is a work in progress as pledges are still being turned in by members. December is the last chance to sign up with Pastor Paul for a visit. Dates will be posted for available times for December meetings in the narthex.

The Council wants to express their appreciation to Chuck Grundner for his work on updating our Constitution. The Synod reviewed the first draft and returned it to us with only a few minor adjustments. It will be posted to our website for your review prior to a congregational vote in January. Could would also like to thank Alison Woytowich for her commitment and service to our church while sitting on Council. We wish Alison and Rich the best as they await the birth of their first child.

Yours in Christ,  
Your Church Council

King of Kings has had to revise it's **Constitution** to comply with Synod guidelines. The revised Constitution must be approved by the congregation. The Church Council will be seeking this approval through a vote at the Annual Meeting in January.



The revised Constitution has been posted on the King of Kings' website at [www.kingofkings-ny.org](http://www.kingofkings-ny.org). Please visit the website and review the revised Constitution in preparation for this vote.

If you have any questions, please contact any of your Church Council members.

Submitted by Niel Zuern, Vice-Chairman, King of Kings Church Council

## Transition Team Update...



The Transition Team met with the IIP Search Team in November to share interview ideas once we receive an interim pastor candidate's name from the Bishop's office.

During this time of transition, please feel free to refer to the King of Kings website that provides answers to commonly-asked questions about the transition process. This information can be found at <http://kingofkings-ny.org/transitionfaqs>. If you have a questions that has not been answered, please ask! In addition, please check out the updated timeline in the narthex to see what's been accomplished so far and look ahead to 2018.

Looking ahead to January...stay tuned for details about the Dinner Dance coming up on January 13, 2018. We are pleased that Bishop Macholz will be joining us for this event and will also be preaching at both services on Sunday, January 14, 2018.

On January 21, 2018, the Annual Meeting will be held and there will be one morning service of worship. On this day, Pastor Paul will preach his final sermon at King of Kings.

Pastor Paul's last Sunday will be January 28, 2018. There will be one morning service at 10:00 am, with Pastor Dave Preisinger preaching. A reception will follow the service.

If you have any questions about the transition process, 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!



### Men's Fellowship

We will meet again on **Saturday, December 2nd** at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and open discussion. Questions, please call Brian Genalo at 652-6180.

## People News...



On November 26th, Pastor Paul baptized **Jace Byrnes**, infant son of **Nicole** and **Jim Byrnes**. May God bless his new life in Christ.

As members of the Cicero-NorthS yracuse marching band, **Samantha Clark** and **Tyler Swanson** were among the participants in the recent New York State Field Band Competition at the Carrier Dome. The band took top honors in its division for the second consecutive year! And...the band also won a national title in the November 4th Championships in Allentown, PA, posting the highest score of the day with more than 40 bands competing!

**Ben Long** and the B'ville Bees Marching Band came in fourth in the highest class at the Nationals at the Dome.

**Nathan Reeves** has not completed his running. He finished 8th in the sectionals in Cross Country. He had another great race with the sectional team who qualified both for the Nationals and the Nike Cross Country Tournament.

On Sunday, November 5th, Bible Sunday was celebrated at King of Kings. Three of our Sunday Schoolers - **James Hayden**, **Mary Hayden** and **Jacob Garrett** received their Bibles.

*Mark your calendars now:*

*The Dinner Dance to celebrate Pastor Paul's retirement is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Holiday Inn on Electronics Parkway. Tickets will be on sale soon, and more details will follow in the King's Weekly. Come help us celebrate Pastor Paul's almost 40 years in the ministry and 30+ years at King of Kings.*

**Happy Retirement!**



## 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.

### Annual Reports

A simple reminder to everyone responsible to write an annual report that they are due in the church office **no later than January 2nd**. Please try to email your reports if at all possible. The church email address is [kingofkingsny@gmail.com](mailto:kingofkingsny@gmail.com). If you need a template for your report, please don’t hesitate to contact Joan in the church office. **The Annual Meeting is one week earlier this year, so please get your report in on time.** Thanks!



I would like to thank all who were able to attend the Town Hall Meeting. Your generosity to the Senior High Youth continues to be outstanding. And your support to your faith family is bar none.

Thank you to all who stepped up and consented to help out during worship services. Many hands make light work.

Also, to all of you who spoke to, emailed, or wrote to me afterwards, thank you. Your support is humbling. As I said at the meeting, I plan on continuing to serve this community, and to do what I can to keep King of Kings on the right track.

Thank you again, Barb Winkel.

# VISITS WITH PASTOR PAUL

December is the last month that Will be making visits. They have been delightful; some wonderful memories to share and celebrate. Here is the list for the month. Either sign-up on the Transition Timeline or call the church office.

The week of Christmas, I will be home, but I will also be with family. If that week is the only week that fits your schedule, please let me know. Also, I do have some open time on the weekends. Please speak directly with me for those hours as well.

Tuesday, December 5:

1:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, December 12:

1:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, December 6:

1:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, December 13:

1:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, December 7:

1:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, December 14:

12:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_





## Daytime M&M's ~

Ladies, the month of January we will be reading and discussing the book, "*The Broken Way*" by Ann Voskamp, acclaimed author of the book, "*One Thousand Gifts*" which we have also read. "*The Broken Way*" beacons you into more time, more meaning, more authentic relationships...more intimacy with God." Excerpts from the book: "What if a kind of communion is found in a trinity of brokenness - through broken laces and broken people and being broken and given...When our own brokenness meets the brokenness of the world, don't we enter into and taste the brokenness and given-ness of Christ?...We are made in the image of God, and wasn't God's heart made to be broken too?...The seed breaks to give us the wheat. The soil breaks to give us the crop, the sky breaks to give us the rain, the wheat breaks to give us the bread. And the bread breaks to give us the feast...and He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them..." Join us as we read this remarkable book together. We meet at noon at the home of Marcy Grundner on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.



## Church Greening Prepare the Way of the Lord!

The Annual Church Greening will be held immediately following 10:45 am worship on **December 17th**. We are looking for many hands to help decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

Please sign up on the poster in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please speak with Lorraine Savidge.

You are invited...

## **Lutheran Adult Mission Trip**

**May 7-11, 2018 at Mar-Lu-Ridge Conference & Retreat Center  
Jefferson, Maryland**

**Cost: \$325 per person**

**This includes 4 nights lodging, 7 meals and a day trip to Gettysburg led by Tom Henry**

**If you would like more information, please call  
Bonny McCabe (Good Shepherd, Fayetteville) 315-877-3945 or  
Tom Henry (St. Mark's, Baldwinsville) 315-706-6393**

**A maximum of just 20 people can be accommodated  
at Mar-Lu-Ridge, so to hold your spot,  
please send your \$100 deposit by 1/31/18  
(Checks payable to central Crossroads Conference)  
to Bonny McCabe**

**14 Shriver Drive, Baldwinsville, NY 13027**

**Hope you will join us!**



## **King of Kings Quilt Group**

Oh No! Christmas is almost upon us and we didn't get all those handmade gifts done. Not to worry, how about some adorable, quick-to-sew bed pillow cases? They can be sewn in any cotton or flannel fabrics. Think of the adorable children's juvenile fabrics, or the soft florals for a romantic bedroom and the cozy flannels that are perfect for chilly winter nights. The pillow cases are a quick sewn project that will whittle down your Christmas list and you will have successfully given your handmade presents to family and friends.

Come **Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm** for the pattern and tutorial. Email Donna Huberty for the list of products needed for this project.

[rhubert1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:rhubert1@twcny.rr.com)

# Sunday School News...

Preparation is under way for the **Sunday School Christmas Pageant** "*Just a Little Christmas*". We would like to invite the congregation to join us for it on **Sunday, December 17th** during the 10:45 am worship service.



We will be practicing during Sunday School each week in December, so it is important that kids join us for Sunday School on time each week. We will have a **full dress rehearsal** on **Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 am.**

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For  
God so  
loved the  
world He gave  
His one and only  
Son that whoever  
believes in Him shall not  
perish but have eternal life  
John  
3:16

## Discretionary Fund

We have been helping several people who come to the church (including our own members) asking for help with food, rent, gas or other expenses recently. Pastor Paul's Discretionary Fund has been depleted. If you can, please make a donation marked "Discretionary Fund" and give it to Pastor Paul or in the offering basket. Thanks for your generosity.



## Support us when you shop this holiday season

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials  
at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

You shop. Amazon donates.

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As you prepare to do your holiday shopping online, don't forget that King of Kings Lutheran Church, Liverpool, NY is a charitable organization on Amazon Smile. What does this mean? Well, if you go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0921739> and start shopping, King of Kings will receive 0.5% of the amount you spend. This does not cost you any extra money. It is "FREE MONEY" to us.

So, please change your Amazon shortcuts to <http://smile.amazon.com> and after you sign in choose King of Kings Lutheran Church as your charity. Just make sure you have the one in Liverpool, NY. Then ask all of your friends and family to do the same. Just think of the possibilities.

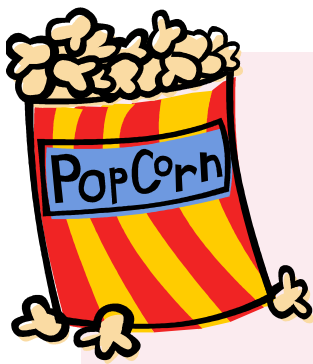
Barb Winkel



## Ecumenical Service of Remembrance

This is an annual service hosted by Maurer Funeral Home and the churches in the Liverpool Clergy Association. How does one embrace, live with, and experience peace, love, grace and means of God while one is still grieving and yet its time to also celebrate the holidays with friends and family.

This year the service will be held on **Friday, December 1st at 7:00 pm** at Liverpool Presbyterian Church.



## Movie Madness

Join us on Saturday, January 6th (week change), at 7:00 pm at Barb and Weta's home. As this will be the last time Pastor will be with us for a while, we will be viewing one of his favorites, *The Apostle* (1997).

"After his happy life spins out of control, a preacher from Texas changes his name, goes to Louisiana and starts preaching on the radio." Starring Robert Duvall, Farrah Fawcett, Billy Bob Thornton and June Carter Cash. Rated PG-13.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

See you at the movies!

## Adult Forum

We meet each Sunday at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. Oh, and if you have wondered about Food & Fellowship - it's for all - a time for conversation, fellowship and some wonderful food to eat.

**December 3:** Prayer Fellowship

**December 10:** Food & Fellowship

**December 17:** "Generosity" with Steve Erdley.

**December 24:** No Class

**December 31:** No Class





The cold of December often arrives sooner than we would want, but the season of Advent, culminating in the joy and celebration of Christmas, is my most favorite time of the year.

Of course, the music of the season is all around us. Too often the schlocky stuff on the radio becomes an annoyance rather than a reflection of the deep meaning of the season. However, at King of Kings, you will hear and sing music that celebrates the hope, the peace, the joy and the love that Advent and Christmas are all about.

Special music will be provided throughout the month by the choir, the Son-Light Band, the brass and the handbells, as well as additional soloists and instrumentalists. The Living Nativity, on December 10th, is filled with songs and carols, and Christmas Eve will have the traditional “Silent Night” sung by candlelight...

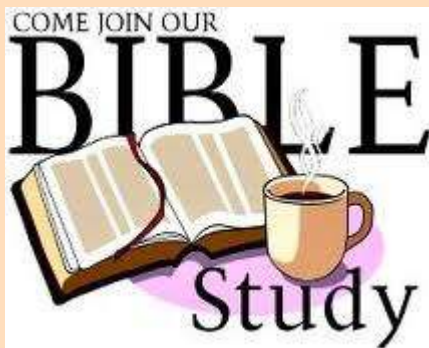
To quote from the Matt Redman/Chris Tomlin song “Noel” *“Noel, Noel! Come and see what God has done. Noel, Noel! The story of amazing love! The Light of the World given for us. Noel.”*

Please come and see what God is doing at King of Kings during this Advent and Christmas season!

See you at church,

Beth Colbert, Coordinator of Music

## Bible Discovery Study of Philippians

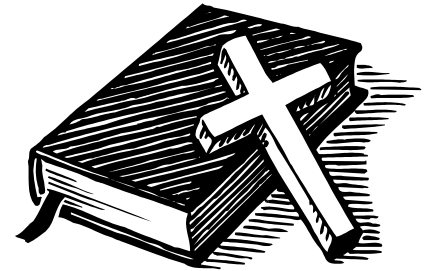


Beginning on **Tuesday, November 28th** and for four Tuesday mornings, we will study Paul’s letter to the Philippians. All are welcome! I’ll spend one more time with my favorite of the Apostle’s letters at classes on November 28, December 5, 12, and 19, and we’ll go from 10:00—11:30 am.



# CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

**November** was a great month! We had our regular classes, we worshipped at Liverpool Presbyterian Church and some of us participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner. We also were assigned our parts for the Living Nativity. Speaking of the **Living Nativity**, we have rehearsal on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00-3:00 pm, and then the dress rehearsal on the 10th.



We also have **class sessions** scheduled for both the **3rd** and the **17th**. It's been a great year so far! Thanks for your support of our Confirmands!



## Senior High News...

November was a busy month. We raised **\$704** at the Town Hall luncheon; thanks for your support. We baked close to 100 apple and pumpkin pies. Thanks **again** for your support. Some of us participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner as a way to serve our community.

In **December** we will have a "Socks and Soup" service project on the 3rd and we'll be participating in the Living Nativity on the 10th. Has everyone gotten their parts? (Rehearsal is December 2nd from 1:00-3:00 pm. On December 17th we'll enjoy Christmas cookies and talk about different Christmas traditions - around the world, as well as in our own families.

Oh, don't forget **January 7th**, in the evening, we will have our "**Three Kings Party**" with some of our college youth, as we say goodbye to Pastor Paul. Bring a \$5 gift to share (wrapped, please). There will be a sign-up sheet for the party in the Youth Room.

See you at worship, *The Senior High Youth Advisors*

## Church Council

Barb Winkel, Chair	414-6495
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Pat Lebel, Council Member	214-8749



## Ministry Teams

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