

# THE KING'S CROWN



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 2**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**June 3**

**One service at 10:45 am**

**Sunday School Closing**

**Church Picnic at 12:00 noon**

**June 10**

**Summer Schedule begins**

**One service at 9:30 am**

**June 24**

**Godspeed for National Youth Gathering**

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July  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
June 9

## Mission Statement

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



## From the Pastor's Desk

***When the day Pentecost had come, (the believers in Jesus)  
were all in one place.*** Acts 2:1

At the time that you read this newsletter, the Festival of Pentecost will have come (May 20th) and a group of young persons would have been confirmed in their faith in Jesus and been ritually 'transferred' into adult membership at King of Kings as we gathered in one place.

Now that we are in the Season of Pentecost (twenty-six Sundays in total), what does the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit mean for our lives? Sunday Scripture lessons will help us wrestle with that question.

I would like to suggest a summary of what it means (since our baptism) to have the Spirit of God in our lives.

- \* The Spirit of God **CALLS** us to faith in God and in God's Son - Jesus. There is not enough human will; human philosophical understanding or, human peer-pressure to bring us to the baptismal waters of new life. The Holy Spirit is the 'engine' of God that **drives us** or, uses parents/surrogate parents to **take us** to the waters of baptism.
- \* The Spirit of God **GATHERS** us into fellowship: worship, faith formation, conversation around the joys/challenges/sorrows of one's life within the preceding week and what it means to follow Jesus in our daily lives.
- \* The Spirit **SENDS** us into our communities of residence; King of Kings' community context and extended areas of service in the wider-Syracuse context.

Dear siblings in Christ, from our baptism, the Spirit of God calls - gathers - sends us; so that we are not gathered in one place — **for long**.

God's Peace and Blessings along our baptismal journey,  
Pastor Carroll

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## Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

Gratitude is what comes to mind as I reflect on my time here at King of Kings. Over the past four months you have welcomed me into the midst of the ministry you do in the name of Christ and it has been a blessing to me. In my years of ministry, I have observed that each congregation has what I would describe as a "climate". The climate here at King of Kings is one of hospitality and faithfulness.

Hospitality is a quality that communicates the love and compassion of God. You showed great patience and hospitality with the many supply Pastors that served us during the transition. The feedback we received from them was very positive and they felt welcome. I have appreciated the welcome I have received.

Faithfulness is a gift of the Spirit and is vital to healthy ministry. I am amazed at the variety and vitality of the ministries here at King of Kings. St. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4 that we are gifted by God "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ". My prayer is that you will continue to work together in this faithfulness and that God will continue to bless the work of your hands and your hearts for the sake of the Gospel.

I am grateful that our faith journeys have intersected. Our time together has been a blessing to me and I will continue to hold you in my prayers, as in the words of St. Paul to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." May God continue to richly bless your ministry.

*Scripture for reflection: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16*

Peace, **Deacon Nancy**

**Sunday, June 3rd**

**Sunday School at 9:30 am**

**One service of worship at 10:45 am**

**Sunday School Closing**

**Church-Wide Picnic at 12:00 pm**



The Young Families, Fellowship and Hospitality teams are gearing up for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday, June 3rd, starting at noon. Come meet Pastor Carroll in a relaxed fun setting; let the kids loose in the bounce house and to enjoy fun activities; celebrate the closing of yet another wonderful year of Sunday School and eat! Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many hamburgers and hot dogs you and your family would like. We also ask that you bring a dish to pass.

Last Name A-M: salad or side dish

Last Name N-Z: dessert

There will also be an ice cream truck with a treat for all!

# Ladies Group at King of Kings

Twenty of us met for brainstorm/organization sessions. Here are some highlights and updates of our discussions:

- ~ Open to all women of the church and friends
- ~ Informal gatherings
- ~ Special interest groups



## ***Mark your calendars with these events:***

Wednesday, July 25 at 6:00 pm

### **Picnic in the Pavilion**

Potluck with children and a service project (TBA.)

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

**Geocache** with Weta Hayden and Tina Wilcox.

## ***Look for the sign-up poster in the Narthex to indicate your interest in these groups:***

Gardening, music, service projects, games, books, outings, speaker series, retreat, movies, museums, crafts, crochet/knitting, exercise, retirees, BLD (breakfast, lunch or dinner at KOKs or out) and Donna Huberty's quilt group Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Feel free to add ideas of your own.

Contact us with your interests, ideas, suggestions or questions, and look for e-mail, bulletin and newsletter announcements.

Jennifer Foor

Dawnelle Jager

Lynn Weeks



## Council Corner...

Council met for the first time with Pastor Carroll being part of the Council. We enjoyed welcoming him, working through the agenda with explanation as needed and sharing our goals and progress.

Transition Team came to visit and a discussion was had about the next steps that we wish them to focus on. We applauded their diligent work in the process of helping Pastor Carroll's arrival, and the beautiful work they have done to further the process of the first draft of the MSP. The congregation survey produced valuable information for our work ahead. Thankyou Transition Team for your dedication, expertise and love for our Church family.

The newly-formed Ladies Group presented their first project. They requested council endorsement of the construction and operation of a Free Lending Library on the church property. It was discussed that this was not only for our members but could be used to engage visitors that use our building for meetings, and may, with time, be used as an evangelism tool. Watch for it in the parking lot area.

Our confirmands were presented: Evan Kirk, Becca Mansfield, Ben Ngumbi and Griffin Schumacher.

Our CPR/AED training moves forward. Staff are required to be trained and there will be 10 additional available spots, for people interested in taking advantage of this training.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support with their financial giving, support of the leadership committees as they work through our transition and most of all for the continued support of all the activities that make our mission possible. We continue to work towards our Mission Statement:

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

Yours in Christ,  
Your Church Council

## Transition Team Update...



At the May Council meeting, the Transition Team presented a draft of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the church council. The MSP included information gathered from the congregational survey taken earlier this year. Over the next several months, the Council will work with Pastor Carroll to finalize the MSP and submit it to the Bishop.

We look forward to working with Pastor Carroll as he continues to get acclimated to Central New York, as well as supporting his ministry among us over the next 12-18 months. During this time, Pastor Carroll will help King of Kings discern how God is calling us to serve as we enter the next phase of our history and prepare to call a new Pastor.

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 Greg Yoder).

Thank you for your continued prayerful support!



### **Daytime M&M's ~**

Ladies, this summer, our M&M's (Mary & Martha) daytime Bible Study will be doing a study on the Lord's Prayer entitled, "Pray Like This - Living the Lord's Prayer" by Steve Gaines. This study "outlines the Model Prayer Jesus gave His disciples and shows believers today how to pray with an understanding of who God is and what He desires for our lives". Included in this study is a short video presentation for each session.

We meet at the home of Marcy Grundner on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays with a gathering time of 12:30 pm, and study beginning at 1:00 pm. Marcy lives at 8407 Filaree Circle, Baldwinsville, 13027. If you have some time available this summer, join us for one or all of the sessions. If you've never attended a Bible study, no problem. You do not need to be a Bible scholar to attend. We're all just interested in learning more about Christ and His loving plan for each of us. What better way to grow in His love than to be in His Word. Join us. Call Marcy or email her or feel free to just show up on any or all of the following dates: June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, August 14 and 28.

# CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS



During the month of May, we finished our study of the Life of Jesus with a lesson about The Great Commission. Our goal was to help the youth understand and experience the power of Christ's call to go and make disciples of all nations. We also welcomed our 9th graders: Evan Kirk, Becca Mansfield, Ben Ngumbi and Griffin Schumacher, into our church family during the affirmation of their baptism, and joined in the sharing of this stage of their faith journey at the Confirmation Banquet and service. The 6th graders joined us for our last KCY session and we look forward to an exciting three years as they help us all grow in faith.

The month of June brings us to the end of another year of KCY as we celebrate the steps we've taken this year on our faith journey., MVLCC or Confirmation Camp, is in the Buffalo area this year at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. LCLC is located in Bemus Point, on the shores of beautiful Lake Chautauqua and offers many of the traditional camp experiences we have had over the years at Vanderkamp and some exciting new ones - like sailing! I encourage you to check out their website for more information at [www.lclcenter.org](http://www.lclcenter.org).

In Christ, and with JOY,

Joanne Keim, KCY Administrative Guide





## Positions Available



**Funeral Reception Coordinator(s)** - This can be a team effort. The Coordinator calls for contributions of side dishes and desserts, orders deli meat platter, calls for help to set up and clean up, shops for incidentals, and maintains the Funeral Receptions notebook.

**Kitchen Coordinator(s)** - This can be a team effort. The Kitchen Coordinator keeps an eye on the health of the kitchen in general. Follow up after it has been used to make sure it's been cleaned and items are back where they belong. Clean out the refrigerator once a month. Check for outdated foods in the cupboards and freezer periodically. Monitor coffee supplies and communicate when more are needed. Assemble a team to deep clean the kitchen once or twice per year.

**Volunteers to Archive Documents** - We will be scanning paper copies of council minutes (dating back to the beginning of time) to store as edocuments, both on a dedicated hard drive and in the cloud. This is a simple, monotonous, but important task as we preserve documents before they are lost to fading, accidental disposal, or damage. Comfort in a PC environment, including opening programs, naming and saving documents in files is needed. General knowledge of scanning documents is also needed. Multiple volunteers are welcome!

### Coming Soon to King of Kings -



Though different churches have put it in to practice in different ways, a prayground is a place in the front of the sanctuary where young children can experience worship through age-appropriate worship materials and tools that will help keep them engaged in worship.

Prayground FAQ's from Grace Lutheran in Apple Valley Minnesota are located here:

<https://graceofav.org/prayground/>

The name "prayground" comes from Rev. Catherine Renken, pastor of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Kennesaw, GA, who brainstormed with others when the prayground at Grace in Apple Valley, MN was being built. The names has caught on!

Eight Prayground Stories:

<http://www.traci-smith.com/church-pray-grounds-eight-stories-and-inspiring-examples-kidmin/>



### Syracuse Chiefs Baseball

Star Wars Night with Light  
Sword Giveaway and Fire-  
works after the Game!

Join with the northern area Lutheran churches for  
Star Wars night at the Syracuse Chiefs

**Saturday, July 21st**

**Game Start Time: 7:05 pm**

**Syracuse Chiefs vs. Louisville Bats**

**Group Rate Tickets: \$9.00 each**

Sign-up by Sunday, July 1st with ticket money

To Shari Murray

*(make checks payable to King of*

*Kings Lutheran Church)*

### Men's Fellowship

We will meet again on **Sat-  
urday, June 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.



**We pray Godspeed upon our seniors as they graduate this June!**

**Best of luck on the next chapter in your lives!!**

**Congratulations also to our college graduates:**

**Noah Raymond**

Onondaga Community College

**Johannes Vorbath**

South Korea

**Emily Richardson**

Boston College

BSN in Nursing





For the month of May, cereal was the suggested item to

donate. By mid-month, there were 8 boxes of cereal dropped off, in addition to other foods donated. Thank you!

The suggested item for June is **peanut butter**.

All contributions are appreciated all the time, any time. The recommended item is just one way to help keep a variety of items available on the shelves of St. Paul's Food Pantry, housed at Brown Memorial.

## Still Time to Register! Register for Ride & Run for the Rescue

Ride & Run for the Rescue, Saturday, June 23rd, Long Branch Park Liverpool, is a USATF certified and timed 5K. Walkers are welcome. Ride includes five bike routes to choose from (2, 10, 20, 40, 62 miles); the two-mile is a family fun bike ride. Breakfast, lunch, t-shirt and medal are included with registration. For information call 315-701-3891 or register at [www.RideAndRun.org](http://www.RideAndRun.org).



## People News...



On Sunday, May 6th, the congregation welcomed the **Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll** as King of Kings' Intentional Interim Pastor. May God bless Pastor Carroll's ministry with us.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to **Dave Wackerow** on the passing of his wife, **Elaine**, and to **Wendy Burke** on the passing of her nephew, **Matthew Martinez**. May God's love and many good memories bring you comfort and peace.

**Madison** and **Brayden Lapp** received their first Communion on Sunday, April 22nd, Christ the Good Shepherd Sunday.

On Sunday, May 20th, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrated with our confirmands: **Evan Kirk, Becca Mansfield, Ben Ngumbi** and **Griffin Schumacher**, as they affirmed their baptismal promises with the Rite of Confirmation.

**Nate Reeves** was named to the All-Central New York Indoor Track Team. Nate also represented Liverpool High School at this year's Glavin 3200 Invitational. He ran two miles in 9:40 minutes for a tenth place finish. Way to go Nate!

**Johannes Vorbach** was named to the All-Central New York Swimming/Diving Team. He swam for the Liverpool High School team this past season.

**Becca Mansfield** was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Wednesday, May 9th.

**Kyle Richardson** is rowing for Liverpool High School. The team swept all three races at the Ithaca Ice Breaker Regatta and defended it's Section III Championship at Long Branch Park.

Congratulations to **Tyler Myers**, who is an Onondaga County Sheriff Deputy. He received an award during a ceremony on Tuesday, May 22nd, for saving the life of someone who was going to jump off a bridge.

## Sunday School Update...

Sunday School closing is scheduled for **June 3rd**. This will be our last week of Sunday school for this school year. All Sunday school children will be participating in the 10:45 worship service as we wrap up Sunday school for the year. Come help us celebrate all that we have learned!

As of the middle of May we have collected **\$655** for **Heifer International**. That is enough money to purchase 5 goats. Stay tuned to see if we make it 6!

We once again will be planting and caring for **squash in the church garden**. The seeds have been started indoors and will be transplanted outdoors in June. This year we hope to fill two of the garden boxes with two different varieties of squash. Children are invited to help water the plants on Sunday mornings during the summer months. If all goes well we hope to have squash to harvest and donate to St. Paul's food pantry in the fall.

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank all of our teachers** for their hard work and dedication this year. **Nicole Swanson, Lynn Weeks, Caitlin Genalo, Polly Henry** and **Mary Lou Lorch** have been with us week in and week out throughout the school year. Their dedication and consistency make Sunday School possible. I would also like to thank **Pat Lebel, Barb Nies, Lisa Clark** and **Shannon Haynes** who have led a class on one or more Sundays during the school year. We appreciate their willingness to join us and share their gifts with us!

Our **planning for next school year** will begin soon. We continue to appreciate the support of this congregation but as always could use more help. If you are able to help on a weekly basis or are interested in helping one or more times throughout the school year we need you. Educating our youth in Christ is vital to the future of this church and it starts with our youngest children in Sunday school. We have a terrific group of kids! Please consider joining us and see for yourself.



Sue Tierney



## SAVE THE DATES!

As part of our congregational discernment regarding: Where God Might Be Leading Us in the next 'chapter' of King of King's Life, congregational members and interested friends will be gathering in a series of **Holy-Conversations**. These gathering are **not** congregational meetings but rather, are times to speak with/ listen to one another's hopes and dreams for how King of Kings might look/do moving into the future. The dates and topics to be discussed are below.

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018 @6pm** (dinner will be offered). Items to be discussed are:

- \* A summary of what our congregation is excited about; as we are about God's mission inside/outside of our buildings. Ministry Site Profile
- \* A discussion about our ministries that are not going too well. And, are there opportunities for ministry that we might be missing?
- \* Brainstorming about the Core Values of this congregation. In this next chapter of our congregation's life – what ministries are non-negotiable?

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018 @6pm** (dinner will be offered). Items to be discussed are:

- \* Based on the Core Values (identified on 7/11) what Goals – Strategies – Realistic Time Lines need to be put into place/action as we move into the next chapter of King of Kings' life?

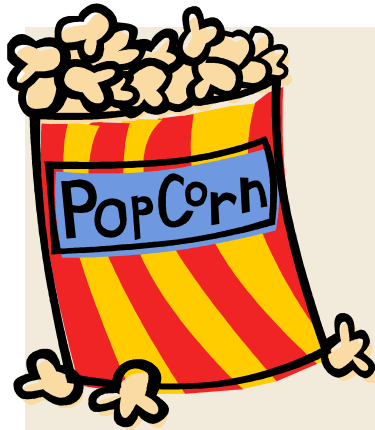
**Sunday, September 16, 2018 after the 10:45 Service**. Items to be discussed are:

- \* Reflection on the Ministry Site Profile results regarding: Characteristics of the New Pastor and, The 5 Top Ministry Tasks of the New Pastor.
- \* Given the Core Values (above) and the Goals and Strategies (above) – are there pastoral characteristics and or, top 5 ministry tasks that need to be adjusted/added?

The result of the above three Holy Conversations (to be included in the Ministry Site Profile) will give ourselves and the synod staff an in-depth picture of this community of faith; living into the next chapter of our life.

This is my prayer,

Pastor Carroll



## Movie Madness

Join us on Saturday, July 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at Barb and Weta's home. We will be viewing ***Same Kind of Different as Me (2017)***. "Based on the inspiring true story of international art dealer Ron Hall (Greg Kinnear), who befriends a homeless man (Djimon Hounsou) in hopes of saving his struggling marriage to Debbie (Renée Zellweger), a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the most remarkable journey of their lives. Jon Voight plays Hall's father, with whom he reconciles thanks to the revelations of his new life. Rated PG-13.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

See you at the movies!

## King of Kings Quilt Group

Do you have a narrow wall space that needs something to fill it, but cannot find a narrow picture to fit that area? Why not use a bell pull hanging? Typically a bell pull would be done in embroidery or needlepoint. But we are going to make a cute narrow quilted wall-hanging that will be 6 inches wide and however long you need. Fusible paper backed web is perfect to adhere fabric flowers and leaves to the background and your artistic talent will make each wall-hanging unique! Join us Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm to make this adorable narrow wall hanging. Contact Donna Huberty for with questions or to get on her email list .





As I sit in a Philadelphia coffee shop on a sunny day writing this, I am reflecting on the tremendous blessings afforded me in my musical career. From having studied with numerous high-level teachers, to my exceedingly talented wife, to the extraordinary churches for whom I have had the joy of working. Certainly, King of Kings falls into the latter category and I waste no time in telling friends and colleagues alike how fond I am of my new employers. We at King of Kings are richly blessed with the gift of many talented and active musicians and it is a great honor to coordinate with all of them in worship.

Some of the blessings given us at this juncture in our history manifest themselves as challenges. Much change is taking place and we are charged with seizing opportunities for growth in our individual lives of faith, our corporate experience of worship, and our ministry as a congregation. Now that we are in the summer months where warmth and relaxation abound, I wonder if we might all use a pleasant afternoon on the porch (I would humbly suggest a nice glass of Grüner Veltliner as company – perhaps I should make a monthly wine recommendation, for ministry purposes, of course) to evaluate our contributions to King of Kings' work in Syracuse.

The astute among you will foresee the inevitable call to action conveyed in this note. Naturally, I would like to suggest that you consider joining the music ministry at KoK. In the next year we are going to see some changes in the structure of ensembles, rehearsals, and performing schedules so as to better accommodate increasingly busy schedules. Hopefully, this will enable possibilities for participation for many who are currently unable to join us.

It takes relatively little time to make music for the church, but the investment pays dividends. It uplifts the downtrodden, it enriches your own faith, it encourages growth, it develops community, it brings Christ to us in yet another miraculous way. However, like raising a child, making music also takes a community and a little bit of sacrifice. As a congregation, King of Kings sings extraordinarily well, so I will hear no more of this, "I can't carry a tune in a bucket" nonsense. I am the one getting a doctorate in music, I'll be the judge of tune carrying capabilities; you needn't worry about that any longer. In addition to the multiplicitous opportunities to sing at KoK there are also avenues of participation for nearly every other musical medium, all you need to do is make known your desire to participate. Seek and ye shall find!

While this may be the end of this note, it is not the end of my advocacy for church music and it is most definitely not the last of this that you will hear from me! Until my next exhortation, I pray that you all have a blessed summer and that the Holy Spirit works in us all so that we might more fully integrate ourselves into the mission of the church in whatever way we are called.

Soli Deo Gloria, Michael



## Senior High News...



The Senior Youth would like to thank **Julie and Greg Yoder**, along with their band of fire pit assistants for the scrumptious Yoder's Chicken on Mother's Day. The flower and bake sale, along with the chicken fundraiser, enabled our youth to meet their financial goals for the Houston National Youth Gathering. The trip is right around the corner and the youth have made their final decisions on t-shirt designs and travel arrangements. Pastor Carroll spoke with our teens about his experience at the Youth Gatherings which added to their anticipation of worshipping and working alongside 30,000 other Lutherans.

The farewell service for our Gathering participants is scheduled for June 24th at 9:30 am. Please join us as we send our youth and adults to Houston. And, if you would like to be a **Prayer Partner** for our participants, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

A blessed day was celebrated when Becca Mansfield, Griffin Schumacher, Evan Kirk and Ben Ngumbi completed their KCY Confirmation program and were confirmed on May 20th. It's also an exciting time for our Senior High Youth because that means we've added four new members to our cool clan of teens.

We **thank the congregation** for all of your continued support of the youth and their fundraising efforts to enable them to participate in mission trips and various other programs. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer, whether on vacations or stay-cations. Our youth will be sharing their mission moments with you during an August service. See you then!

*The Senior High Youth Advisors*

### **Save the Date(s)!**



**Star Wars Night at Syr. Chiefs is Saturday, July 21st**

**Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, August 30th**

**God's Work, Our Hands is Sunday, September 9th**

**CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 21st**

# Church Council

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## Ministry Teams

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