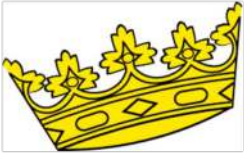


# THE KING'S CROWN



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>October 6</b>  | <b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b>                                  |
| <b>October 17</b> | <b>Ladies Group Craft Project</b>                                  |
| <b>October 21</b> | <b>Puppets at Worship</b><br><b>CROP Walk</b>                      |
| <b>October 27</b> | <b>Leadership Retreat</b>  |
| <b>October 28</b> | <b>Reformation Sunday</b><br><b>Rite of Enrollment at 10:45 am</b> |

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November  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
October 13

### 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

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## “KATIE” LUTHER:

### An integral participant in the Protestant REFORMATION

Tradition in the Lutheran Church records that Katharina von Bora was a daughter to a family of Saxon landed gentry. According to common belief, she was born on 29 January 1499 in Lippendorf; however, there is no evidence of this date from contemporary documents. Due to the various lineages within the family and the uncertainty about Katharina's birth name, there were and are diverging theories about her place of birth. Lately, however, a different view upon this matter has been proposed: that she was born in Hirschfeld and that her parents are supposed to have been Hans von Bora Hirschfeld and his wife Anna von Haugwitz. Neither can be historically proven. It is also possible that Katharina was the daughter of a Jan von Bora auf Lippendorf and his wife Margarete, whose family name has not been established. Both were only specifically mentioned in the year 1505.

**Life as a nun** It is certain that her father sent the five-year-old Katharina to the Benedictine cloister in Brehna in 1504 for education. This is documented in a letter from Laurentius Zoch to Martin Luther, written on October 30, 1531. This letter is the only evidence for Katharina von Bora's time spent within the monastery. At the age of nine she moved to the Cistercian monastery of Marienthron (Mary's Throne) in Nimbschen, near Grimma, where her maternal aunt was already a member of the community. Katharina is well documented at this monastery in a provision list of 150/10. After several years of religious life, Katharina became interested in the growing reform movement and grew dissatisfied with her life in the monastery. Conspiring with several other nuns to flee in secrecy, she contacted Luther and begged for his assistance.

On Easter Eve, 4 April 1523, Luther sent Leonhard Köppe, a city councilman of Torgau and merchant who regularly delivered herring to the monastery. The nuns successfully escaped by hiding in Köppe's covered wagon among the fish barrels, and fled to Wittenberg. A local student wrote to a friend: 'A wagon load of vestal virgins has just come to town, all more eager for marriage than for life. God grant them husbands lest worse befall.'

Luther at first asked the parents and relations of the refugee nuns to admit them again into their houses, but they declined to receive them, possibly as this was participating in a crime under canon(church) law. Within two years, Luther was able to arrange homes, marriages, or employment for all of the escaped nuns—except for Katharina. She first was housed with the family of Philipp Reichenbach, the city clerk of Wittenberg. Later she went to the home of Lucas Cranach the Elder and his wife, Barbara.

Katharina had a number of suitors, including Wittenberg University alumnus Jerome (Hieronymus) Baumgärtner (1498–1565) of Nuremberg and a pastor, Kaspar Glatz of Orlamünde. None of the proposed matches resulted in marriage. She told Luther's friend and fellow reformer, Nikolaus von Amsdorf, that she would be willing to marry only Luther or von Amsdorf himself.

**Marriage to Luther** Martin Luther, as well as many of his friends, were at first unsure of whether he should even be married. Philipp Melancthon thought that Luther's marriage would hurt the Reformation because of potential scandal. Luther eventually concluded that "his marriage would please his father, rile the pope, cause the angels to laugh, and the devils to weep." Martin Luther married Katharina on June 13, 1525, before witnesses including Justus Jonas, Johannes Bugenhagen, and Barbara and Lucas Cranach the Elder.

There was a wedding breakfast the next morning with a small company. Two weeks later, on June 27, they held a more formal public ceremony which was presided over by Bugenhagen. Von Bora was 26 years old, Luther 41. The couple took up residence in the "Black Cloister" (Augusteum), the former dormitory and educational institution for Augustinian friars studying in Wittenberg, given as a wedding gift by the reform-minded John Frederick, Elector of Saxony, who was the son and nephew of Luther's protectors, John, Elector of Saxony and Frederick III, Elector of Saxony.

Katharina immediately took on the task of administering and managing the vast holdings of the monastery, breeding and selling cattle, and running a brewery to provide for their family and the steady stream of students who boarded with them and visitors seeking audiences with her husband. In times of widespread illness, Katharina operated a hospital on site, ministering to the sick alongside other nurses. Luther called her the "boss of Zulsdorf," after the name of the farm they owned, and the "morning star of Wittenberg" for her habit of rising at 4 a.m. to take care of her various responsibilities.

The marriage of Katharina von Bora to Martin Luther was extremely important to the development of the Protestant Church, specifically regarding its stance on marriage and the roles each spouse should concern themselves with. "Although Luther was by no means the first cleric of his time to marry, his prominence, his espousal of clerical marriage, and his prolific output of printed anti-Catholic propaganda made his marriage a natural target." The way Luther described Katie's actions and the names he gives her like "My Lord Katie" shows us that he really did feel strongly that she exhibited a great amount of control over her own life and decisions. It could even reasonably be argued that she maintained some influence in the actions of Martin Luther himself since he says explicitly, "You convince me of whatever you please. You have complete control. I concede to you the control of the household, providing my rights are preserved. Female government has never done any good".

Luther also makes the statement "If I can endure conflict with the devil, sin, and a bad conscience,

Then I can put up with the irritations of Katy con Bora.” This again exhibits his reluctance, but overall willingness to give her control and a voice in their lives and his eventual support for all women to behave in the same way.

In addition to her busy life tending to the lands and grounds of the monastery, Katharina bore six children: Hans (7 June 1526 – 27 October 1575), Elizabeth (10 December 1527 – 3 August 1528) who died at eight months, Magdalena (4 May 1529 – 20 September 1542) who died at thirteen years, Martin (9 November 1531 – 4 March 1565), Paul (28 January 1533 – 8 March 1593), and Margarete (17 December 1534 – 1570); in addition, she suffered a miscarriage on 1 November 1539. The Luthers also raised four orphan children, including Katharina's nephew, Fabian.

Anecdotal evidence indicates that Katharina von Bora's role as the wife of a critical member of the Reformation paralleled the marital teachings of Luther and the movement. Katharina depended on Luther such as for his incomes before the estate's profits increased, thanks to her. She respected him as a higher vessel and called him formally “Sir Doctor” throughout her life. He reciprocated such respect by occasionally consulting her on church matters. She assisted him with running the menial estate duties as he couldn't complete both these and those to the church and university. Katharina also directed the renovations done to accommodate the size of their operations.

**After Luther's death** When Martin Luther died in 1546, Katharina was left in difficult financial straits without Luther's salary as professor and pastor, even though she owned land, properties, and the Black Cloister. She was counselled by Martin Luther to move out of the old abbey and sell it after his death, and move into much more modest quarters with the children who remained at home, but she refused. Luther had named her his sole heir in his last will. His will could not be executed because it did not conform with Saxon law.

Almost immediately thereafter, Katharina had to leave the Black Cloister (now called Lutherhaus) on her own at the outbreak of the Schmalkaldic War, from which she fled to Magdeburg. After her return, the approach of the war forced another flight in 1547, this time to Braunschweig. In July 1547, at the close of the war, she was able to return to Wittenberg.

After the war, the buildings and lands of the monastery had been torn apart and laid waste, the cattle and other farm animals were stolen or killed. If she had sold the land and the buildings, she could have had a good financial situation. Financially, they could not remain there. Katharina was able to support herself thanks to the generosity of John Frederick I, Elector of Saxony and the princes of Anhalt.

She remained in Wittenberg in poverty until 1552, when an outbreak of the Black Plague and a harvest failure forced her to leave the city once again. She fled to Torgau where she was thrown from her cart into a watery ditch near the city gates. For three months she went in and out of consciousness, before dying in

Torgau on December 20, 1552, at the age of 53. She was buried at Torgau's Saint Mary's Church, far from her husband's grave in Wittenberg. She is reported to have said on her deathbed, "I will stick to Christ as a burr to cloth."

By the time of Katharina's death, the surviving Luther children were adults. After Katharina's death, the Black Cloister was sold back to the university in 1564 by his heirs. Hans studied law and became a court advisor. Martin studied theology but never had a regular pastoral call. Paul became a physician. He fathered six children and the male line of the Luther family continued through him to John Ernest Luther, ending in 1759.

Margareta Luther, born in Wittenberg on December 17, 1534, married into a noble, wealthy Prussian family, to Georg von Kunheim (Wehlau, July 1, 1523 – Mühlhausen, October 18, 1611, the son of Georg von Kunheim (1480–1543) and wife Margarethe, Truchsessin von Wetzhausen (1490–1527)) but died in Mühlhausen in 1570 at the age of thirty-six. Her descendants have continued to modern times, including German President Paul von Hindenburg (1847–1934) and the Counts zu Eulenburg and Princes Eulenburg und Hertefeld.

(Historical information taken from: Wikipedia – September 9, 2017)

So, dear family of King of Kings, as we remember and celebrate our Lutheran reformation heritage: **Word Alone/Grace Alone/Faith Alone** -- let us not forget our foremother (Katie) who played a primary role in bringing the Lutheran-expression of the Protestant Reformation into being.



## **Healthy Congregations Workshop**

### **Leadership in Healthy Congregations**

Third is a series of four offered in central Upstate NY Synod

**Saturday, October 20th 9:00-3:00 pm**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

201 Hazel Street, Liverpool

**Cost \$20/person** (includes workshop materials, snacks & lunch)

**To register:** call St. Paul's Lutheran Church (315-457-3210) or

Email: [stpaulslivoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulslivoffice@gmail.com)

Register by Monday, October 8th to reserve your spot.



## It's time for the CROP WALK

The Crop Walk is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. It is also an opportunity to work in partnership with our community in an effort to fight hunger. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus reveals God's concern for those who are hungry. Jesus' concern took the form of action to feed the hungry and in so doing pointed to God's activity in the world. As followers of Christ we are called to share God's concern for those whose nutritional needs go unmet. By participating in the Crop Walk in the name of Christ our actions point to the presence of living, compassionate God in and among us. I encourage you to consider participating in this ministry by either sponsoring those who will be walking or to come on out to walk on October 21st. Registration materials are available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hall, who is our congregation's leader for this event.

To learn more about the Crop Walk, go the Greater Syracuse Crop Hunger Walk website at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/syracuseney>.

If you would like to make a donation to the King of King's group page, visit: [www.crophungerwalk.org/syracuseney/kingofkingslutheranchurch](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/syracuseney/kingofkingslutheranchurch) . Thanks for your generosity!

## Thrivent Choice

### An Important Note for all Thrivent Choice Participants

All Thrivent members who receive Thrivent Choice Dollars **MUST** request, by phone or email, that your dollars be sent to your choice of agencies. If this isn't done, we lose the opportunity to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars.

I would encourage you to designate King of Kings as the recipient of your Choice Dollars. That money is designated by our council to support mission projects, capital needs and other favorite ministries of King of Kings.

If you have questions about this convoluted process, don't hesitate to contact the Savidges, Swansons or Sampsons. You can call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836.

# Ladies Group Service Project



**Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 pm at Church**

We will be making pillowcases to be given to the kids at Golisano Children's Hospital. These are great fun to make and are adorable when done with novelty or holiday or seasonal **cotton or flannel** fabrics for kids.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEW TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT.** You can pin, iron, fold or "rollup the burrito". (That intrigues you, doesn't it?)

If you are able, please bring some "kid friendly" fabric in cotton or flannel. You will need:

- 3/4 yard of fabric of something fun for kids
- 1/4 yard of fabric that "coordinates" with the above
- A 2" wide piece of fabric that is an accent to the other two...a solid works well

Out of "season" fabric is fine; Golisano will hold them until the right "season".

If you are unable to bring fabric, we will have some extra. So, don't let that stop you from joining the fun!

If you are a sewist, bring your machine, pins, and cutting tools, etc. Donna Huberty will be demonstrating the technique at the Quilter's Meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm. Come and learn how the magic happens. (See her article on page 11 of this newsletter.)

Jennifer Foor, Dawnelle Jager, Lynn Weeks,

## FABRIC DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Group will be making pillowcases for the kids at Golisano Children's Hospital. They are collecting "kid friendly" novelty/holiday/seasonal cotton or flannel fabric. Out of "season" fabric is fine; Golisano will hold them until the right "season". See the Ladies Group article above for fabric specifics. If you don't have everything, the 3/4 yard of fabric will still be very welcomed.

There will be a bin under the bulletin board for your donations. Please have the fabric to the church by Sunday, October 14th.

# Sunday School Update...



We officially kicked off our Sunday School year with Rally Day on September 16th. 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 completed a service project by assembling 3 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone that donated school supplies for the kits. An extra special thank you goes to **Lorraine Savidge** who sewed the bags for us.

Our garden this summer has been full of surprises. The first surprise came when we first went to plant our garden and discovered that zucchini was already growing. Next we discovered a nest with 5 baby bunnies in it. Over the course of the summer we picked 21 zucchini, 1 acorn squash and 7 butternut squash. All of the produce was donated to St. Paul's Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone that helped to keep the garden watered throughout this very dry summer. A special thank you to **Bill** and **Lynn Myers** for helping us with this special project!

This year we will continue to collect our offering for Heifer International. As in the past, we are asking members of the congregation to help by sharing your spare change. You can place coins in the milk jug in the office or give it to any Sunday School student on Sunday morning. We will vote, as a group, during the month of October to determine our goal for the year. Stay tuned for details.

As always we welcome members of the congregation to join us as teachers, substitutes or with special projects. Please see me if you are interested.

Sue Tierney



## Samaritan Center

**Thank you** to all those that helped out at the **Samaritan Center** on Sunday, September 9th. It was a very successful day as **32 of us from King of Kings** were on hand to serve **216 meals**.



## Transition Team Update...



We are so grateful for everyone who participated in our series of Holy Conversations! The information discussed at these gatherings, along with the earlier work done by the Transition Team, will be incorporated into the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). At this time, the Council is looking to send the completed MSP to the Synod for approval in November. This is an important step in the process of preparing to call a new full time Pastor to King of Kings.

On October 27th, the Transition Team will be part of the group participating in this year's Leadership Retreat. The focus of the retreat will be identifying and raising up new leaders in our congregation. Look for an update on these discussions in a future newsletter.

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&Ms ~



The topic for our Fall study (September - December) is entitled, "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks" by Priscilla Shirer. The workbook and study are accompanied by a DVD presentation and leaves plenty of time for group discussion. All women are welcome to attend this study. M&Ms (which stands for Mary & Martha) meets at the home of Marcy Grundner on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Give her a call to let her know you'd like to attend one or all of the sessions as your schedule allows. We gather at 12:30 and the study begins at 1:00 pm and runs until (approx.) 3:00 pm. The workbook costs \$13.49 which includes tax and S&H.



**Fall Clean-Up:  
November 3, 2018  
8:30-11:30**

**Men's Fellowship**

We will meet again on **Saturday, October 6th** 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 have some work to be done as we prepare for winter. We will gather on **Saturday, November 3rd 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.



**THRIVENT \$500**

During the month of October, Thrivent is sponsoring Feed Northeast 18. They are encouraging groups to host a food drive and collect at least 500 items for a food pantry. The first 60 groups that collect 500 items will receive \$500 for their designated food pantry.

King of Kings will be participating in this event but has decided to turn it into a friendly competition - Youth vs. Adults. There are two barrels in the Narthex. Bring in your food items and place them in the Adult or Youth barrel. Let's see which group can collect the most food. Suggested food items include (but are not limited to) canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, canned tuna and pasta sauce. All food, and hopefully the \$500 check, will be given to St. Paul's Food Pantry.





## Prayer Concerns

In an effort to keep our Prayer List current, beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>, members will remain on the Prayer List, all other persons will be kept on the list for 30 days, unless otherwise requested. Members of the Care and Concern Team are concerned about the privacy of those being lifted up in prayer. Therefore, a person's ailment will not be listed. We trust that God know what the challenge is. Please contact Joan in the office with your Prayer Concerns, and we will list the name of the person requesting the prayer in our list.



## King of Kings Quilt Group

We are teaming up! The Ladies Group is planning a fun service project that will bring smiles to the faces of children. Pillowcases are going to be sewn and donated with kids in mind. They will tell you more about the plans in an article found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our quilt group will be teaching the quick and easy method to make pillowcases. You can learn to make these pillowcases in your choice of fabrics for yourself or to give as a gift on **Tuesday, October 2nd**. Then join the Ladies Group on **Wednesday, October 17th** to make your donation of time, fabric and love to children in need.

For each standard/queen size pillowcase, the fabrics can be of cotton or flannel, 3/4 yard for the main, 1/4 yard coordinating for the cuff and 2" of accent fabric.

The technique uses a number of straight sewing pins to anchor the fabrics and then the fun begins with one seam to sew the three fabrics together, as the start of a pillowcase, a couple of sewn seams later...done, cute and ready for your bed!

Come to one of the nights or both. Quilt Group is Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Sunday School wing. Call or email Donna Huberty for more information.

## Council Corner...

At the September 13th meeting of Council, we:

- \* Gave thanks to God for the opportunity to use our Time and Talents in service to members of the congregation and to Christ's Church.
- \* Received a message from the Transition Team of their intent to meet every other month, as they transition from bidding farewell to the interim pastor to welcoming the regularly Called pastor.
- \* Received from staff a 'Dash Board' helping the Council to track the progress of "Holy Conversation" strategies and timelines.
- \* Received a report from the Property Team Chairperson regarding attending to our facilities' furnaces touch-ups that will be done.
- \* Accepted (with regret) the resignation of Michael Plagerman as Director of Music/Organist effective October 15, 2018.
- \* Discussed interim music staff options and search processes (headed up by the Worship and Music Team).
- \* Celebrated the positive responses of those invited to serve on the Call Committee in search of the congregation's next regularly Called pastor. The Council Chairperson reported that there are a few 'slots' still needing to be filled and she is awaiting responses from additional invitees.

Julius Carroll,  
Recorder



# CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

During the month of October, we learn about Lutheran Life. In the spring we will go deeply into a study of the 10 Commandments.

In October we gather for two class sessions on Sunday, October 14th. During the 9:30 class session we will complete Session 4 and then at noon we will gather for Session 5. Please have lunch for your child when we do afternoon sessions. Our prep time to get ready for these sessions is during the 9:30 hour on October 7th.



October 21st will be Quiz Review for sessions 105 and then the CROP WALK (servant event) at 1:00 pm with shakes to follow at the B'ville Diner. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Pledge forms are available at King of Kings or you can register online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/syracuseny>.

On October 28th KCY will take their first Quiz of the year on sessions 1-5 during the 9:30 hour. At the 10:45 am service is the Rite of Enrollment in which our 7th grader, Jack Heatley, and his parents, will make their commitment to KCY.

Please refer to the KCY calendar for upcoming dates and contact Kurt Richardson ([dibishku@hotmail.com](mailto:dibishku@hotmail.com)) or me ([jkeim@ocmboces.org](mailto:jkeim@ocmboces.org)) with any questions.

In Christ, and with joy,

Joanne Keim, KCY Education Guide



## People News...

Our Senior High Youth are gearing up for their school activities this fall. **Nate Reeves** is running cross country for Liverpool High School. **Samantha Clark** and **Tyler Swanson** are participating in the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Marching Band.

Thanks to everyone who participated in God's Work, Our Hands on Sunday, September 9th. A variety of activities were offered. We appreciate the work of **Sue Tierney** and **Kathy Sampson** who coordinated our congregation's events, and hats off to all who helped out.



Hello~

We wish Michael Plagerman Godspeed as he leaves King of Kings and starts playing and directing at his new church in Corning. We have been blessed by his music, his wonderful sense of humor, and his commitment to the music ministry here.

I will play for both the early and late Sunday morning services starting October 14, 2018. I will be covering the 10:45 service through the Christmas season as this will give the recruitment team time to find an organist for that service.

I do need some help from the congregation: please think about sharing your talents and time with one or more of the following music groups.

8:15 Morning Praise Service: I can use singers and musicians for the Son-Light praise band. Also, singers and musicians to provide special music on Sundays that the band is not playing.

10:45 Traditional Service: Singers for the Adult Choir, or for duets/small groups. Instrumentalists.

Handbell Choir: the hand bell choir is led by Beth Head. The choir performs once a month at both the 8:15 and the 10:45 services. I know they can always use more ringers - and it is a lot of fun.

Brass Ensemble: this group is led by Steve Richardson. They play several times throughout the year - Reformation Sunday, the Christmas season, and Easter Sunday, to name a few. A good emboucher and a great sense of humor are requirements for this wonderful group.

Another great help to me would be if you are chatting with someone who is new to the church (or who have not previously been involved in the music ministry) and they express an interest in perhaps giving it a try, please put them in touch with me! Or let me know about it and I will touch base with them.

By working together I am confident that KoK's music ministry will remain vibrant and strong throughout this period of transition.

Thank you!

Beth Colbert, Music Leader for the Morning Praise Service

## Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.




Tickets are on sale at Central Crossroads Conference congregations for LCM's Reformation Fundraiser Dinner. Please speak with Deacon Nancy or Annaliese Schlecht if you would like to purchase a ticket or two. The Genesee Grande Hotel in downtown Syracuse will again host this popular event.

**Bonny McCabe, youth worker, and the Rev. Marie Jerge, former bishop, will be recognized as this year's "Distinguished Disciples." Beth Broadway, Executive Director of InterFaith Works of CNY, will be keynote speaker.**

Tickets for the full dinner and program are \$75 each. Patron tickets and patron tables of 8 will also be available. If you cannot attend, or even if you do, you might consider making a \$75 donation for a student to attend.

For over 100 years Lutheran Campus Ministry has been working with students at Syracuse University, thanks to the support of generations before us. With the help of all of us, it will be here for another hundred years.

*Soli Deo Gloria (To God be the Glory).* We often hear that phrase relating to the gifts one brings to worship. We truly believe that God is glorified when we bring our praises to the worshiping community. To that  note\* , we invite you to share your musical gift - vocal or instrumental - during worship throughout the year. This could be individual or small groups. During this time of transitions on a number of levels, Beth Colbert will be coordinating the schedule and any accompaniment needed would need to be set up with her. Please contact Beth by email or through the church office.



## Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

Our faith is a gift from God. Martin Luther said, "Faith is a divine work in us...Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith." If we take Luther at his word, then faith is a force to be reckoned with! Empowered by the Holy Spirit faith is something that motivates and sustains us to be the body of Christ in this world.

As baptized children of God we are people of faith. As individuals we engage our faith in a variety of ways. What that engagement looks like for each of us depends a lot on our personality, our life experience and our unique giftedness. That is the beauty of faith. It is formed as we live it and it is formed as we grow into it.

Christian faith is a bold and confident trust in a living God who has come to us in Jesus Christ. When we participate in faith practices such as worship, fellowship, service, learning and proclaiming the good news, we have an opportunity to grow in that confident trust. Our faith doesn't get bigger or stronger. The faith God has given to us is sufficient. It is we who grow and get stronger. When we encounter Jesus in prayer and in loving our neighbor we are transformed. That is what faith formation is all about - living in a dynamic transformative relationship with God.

I pray you will continue to support and participate in the faith formation here at King of Kings. If you would like to have a conversation about how to become more involved in faith formation, my door is always open. I welcome your ideas for new opportunities as well. Together let us engage this living, busy, active, mighty thing we call faith for the sake of the world.

Peace, Deacon Nancy

Coordinator of Lay Ministries and Faith Formation

***"God blesses us. We bless others. And in a perfect world,  
the blessings roll forward like ripples on the water.  
We can hoard all the pebbles we want, but they mean  
little until we toss them in the water."***



# THANKSGIVING DINNER

Let's make King of Kings' 12<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving dinner another great success! It is happening again in our Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, with one meal service to begin at noon.

We need help in many areas:

- ⇒ Kitchen workers during serving of meal;
- ⇒ Kitchen workers for final kitchen clean up;
- ⇒ Servers (buffet style);
- ⇒ Teenagers, preteens to serve drinks;
- ⇒ Adult supervisors of teen servers;
- ⇒ Welcomers/senders, minglers;
- ⇒ People to set up tables, chairs, etc. on Wednesday eve after 7:00 p.m.;
- ⇒ People to take down tables, chairs, vacuuming after 2:15 p.m. Thursday;
- ⇒ Donations of food;
- ⇒ YOU to get the word out to your family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances through social media, etc.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex beginning October 7th.

Many of our families have started a new tradition by serving others on the actual holiday and then having dinner and thanking God for their good fortune at another time this holiday weekend. Won't you consider trying something new? Let's emulate Jesus and show hospitality to our community.

Weta Hayden  
Chair



# Church Council

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