

# THE KING'S CROWN



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 2**                      **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**February 3**                      **SOUPER Bowl of Caring**

**February 14**                      **Church Council Meeting**

**February 17**                      **Puppets at Worship**

**February 24**                      **Pot Luck Luncheon**



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March  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
February 15

### 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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### *Stories We Could Tell*

Geneva and I were attending a Lutheran congregation in South Carolina that had historically taken a seminarian from the Lutheran Theological Seminary for field education. The pastor of the above congregation had not responded to my invitation (as associate professor of contextual education) to serve as a field education supervisor for the coming year so, I was hanging-back on the 'receiving line' to personally ask if she would accept my invitation. An elderly southern gentleman standing in line to greet the pastor said to my wife: "Aren't you 'people' Baptist?" Geneva responded that we were not Baptist but rather, Lutheran and not only that - but her husband was on the Lutheran faculty in Columbia. The gentleman was incredulous and as he shook the (now embarrassed) pastor's hand - he very loudly protested my wife's assertion of our being Lutheran: "But pastor, they say that they are Lutheran!"

As part of celebrating African American Lutheran Black History, brother Howie Mansfield is helping me produce a podcast of an historical narrative of Black Lutheranism. Paper copies will be made available to those with limited internet access, as well. In addition, YOU are invited to join me for conversation at the 9:30 and NOON hours on February 3 and 10 - in the Fellowship Hall - regarding 'the voice' of African decent Lutherans on the continental U.S. and the Virgin Islands.

Pastor Carroll



Below is a letter from the Liverpool Housing Authority that came with a \$1,000 donation to King of Kings (from the House at 807):

## Council Corner...

Council would like to thank Jenna Wysokowski and Mary Moyer for their time and commitment to King of Kings. As sad as we are to see them go off of Council, we are excited to welcome Alicia Francis as Council Member and Scarlett Erdley as Recording Secretary. We are sure they will both be wonderful additions.

Thanks to your generosity in 2018, our total income came in at about 99% of budget. Because of this we were able to put extra monies towards the mortgage and to add to the contingency fund, and the capital and building fund. We continue to strive to pay off our mortgage as quickly as possible so that we might be able to free up monies to utilize in more missional works.

We have a number of items that we are working on at this time. They include the formation of a Local Community Outreach Team that Pastor Carroll will work closely with, the creation of a Sexual Harassment policy for our staff (which is a NY State mandate), plus Council and the Call Committee will be meeting with Dean Wolling to ensure that all is being done to find our next call Pastor.

We also met for a number of hours to ensure a balanced budget for 2019.

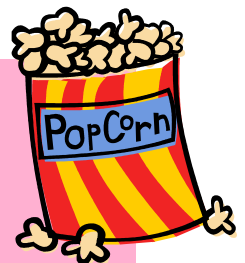
We would like to thank you all for your support and continued prayers as we work to make King of Kings a place where "something special happens every day".

Yours in Christ,  
Your Church Council

### Movie Madness

Join us on Saturday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Barb and Weta's home. We will be viewing **Boy Erased** (2018). "Jared Eamons, the son of a small-town Baptist pastor, must overcome the fallout after being outed as gay to his parents. His father and mother struggle to reconcile their love for their son with their beliefs. Fearing a loss of family, friends and community, Jared is pressured into attending a conversion therapy program. While there, Jared comes into conflict with its leader and begins his journey to finding his own voice and accepting his true self." Stars Russell Crowe and Nicole Kidman. Rated R.

Please sign up on the bulletin board. See you at the movies!



# Sunday School Update...



Coming up this month in Sunday School, we will be participating with the rest of the church in **Souper Bowl Sunday** on February 3rd. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a National group that uses the energy of the Super Bowl to encourage youth to care for people in their local communities who are hungry. In the spirit of this, we will be collecting cans of soup for St. Paul's Food Pantry. Please remember to bring in a can (or more) of your favorite soup!

**Heifer International Update:** As of January 13th, we have raised \$271 for Heifer. That is enough for 2 pigs. Did you know that each family that receives a pig also receives an education in its care and feeding? One pig can produce as many as 16 piglets that can be sold for income helping to lift a family out of poverty.

Coming up in March, our **kindergartners** will be participating in the **Prayer Faith Stepping Stone** on the 10th. Parents, please be on the lookout for more details and plan on joining your child on the 10th during the Sunday School hour.

Sue Tierney

## Pot Luck Luncheon

A Pot Luck Luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, February 24th at 12:30 pm**. Please bring a dish to pass and join in the fellowship in the middle of winter. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this fellowship event, please speak with Shari Murray.



## Call Committee Update...

The Call Committee and the entire congregation await word from the Synod that candidate name(s) have been submitted for consideration. Pending that, the Call Committee has established operational procedures to insure that discussion and decision making is representative of the members of King of Kings. Interview questions have been formulated and are in the process of being refined for initial and subsequent sessions with candidates. Dean Gail Wolling will be meeting with the Committee to talk through the ways in which the Synod will support the process such as vetting of candidates, setting up interviews and off-site visits. As this journey unfolds, you will be kept apprised via announcements, the King's Weekly and the newsletter.



### *Call Committee*

Thanks to the hours and hours of prayerful work behind the Ministry Site Profile, the Holy Conversations, the determination of Core Values, and the Prioritized list of Ministry Gifts, the King of Kings family has equipped the Call Committee with an excellent roadmap to do its work. We humbly ask that you continue to keep the Committee in your prayers.

You are invited to speak with any member of the Committee if you have thoughts/questions/ideas that you would like to share. Members of the committee include: Chris Jordan, Chair; Jake Draper; Jennifer Foor; Brian Genalo; Jerry Holland; Joanne Keim; John Mischler; Don Spoerke; Sue Tierney; Dave Wackerow and Eileen Welch.

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

The annual SOUPER Bowl where we collect both canned goods and your financial contributions for world hunger is scheduled for **Sunday, February 3rd**. We have received over \$100 and 150 cans in recent years. Thanks in advance for your generosity.





## Men's Fellowship

We will meet again on **Saturday, February 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.

## King of Kings Quilt Group

Have you ever looked at a quilt and thought to yourself, "I wish I could make one like that?" Or, "I could never learn to do that."

Actually you can! If you have any experience sewing, you can quilt. You may not be able to make the quilt of your dreams on the first try, but you could learn the basics that put you on your way to learning how to quilt. Starting in February, we will be learning the first steps to making a quilt. It won't be like Grandma used to do it, but actually quicker, more precise and more likely to be finished rather than sitting in a basket.

Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm will be the start of our new quilting lessons. There is no charge for these classes. We will be cutting our fabrics with a rotary cutter on a cutting mat using an acrylic ruler. If you want to observe the class before taking the plunge, you are welcome. An extra cutting station will be available for anyone who would like to learn this wonderful way of precisely cutting fabrics (and it is much faster than cutting with a scissors).

In the coming months, the next stages of making a quilt will be discussed and the class will be hands on, well on the way to actually making their own small quilt.

Please contact Donna Huberty with questions or to be on her email list for the more information and materials needed. [Rhubert1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:Rhubert1@twcny.rr.com) or 315-935-5422.





## People News...

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to **Kelly Schneider** on the passing of her father, Edward Jones, and to **Ed** and **Lynn Weeks** on the passing of their brother-in-law, Tom Donnelly. May God's love and many good memories bring you comfort and peace.

Congratulations and all good wishes to **Marine Corporal Alex** and **Bridgette Richardson** on the birth of their daughter, **Everly Marie**. Sharing in the little one's happy welcome are proud grandparents, **Eric** and **Stephany Richardson** and uncle, **Caleb Richardson**.

A special photo taken by **Julie Yoder** captured first place in one of the daily "Picture of the Day" segments on the local Channel 9 TV news. Julie's winning entry, entitled "Baby's First Christmas", was an adorable picture of her granddaughter **Riley** sitting on Santa's lap.

**Kyle Richardson** received his Eagle Scout award during a special Court of Honor on Saturday, January 5th.

**Nathan Reeves**, who is a senior at Liverpool High School, was named to the 2018 All-County Boys Cross Country Team.

**Samantha Clark**, who is a senior at Cicero-North Syracuse High school, was among the students recently honored with selection to the 2019 Senior High All-County Chorus.





# SAVE THE DATE...

Spring Retreat for Women

## Mindfulness

A Way of Life

**WHO:** Women from your Congregation

**WHERE:** Spiritual Renewal Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave., Syracuse NY 13210

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:00-3:00

**HOSTED BY:** Good Shepherd, Fayetteville; St. Peter's, Verona; and St. Mark's, Baldwinsville

Pastor Marie Jerge will lead our program.

In her words, *"Mindfulness invites us always to live fully in the present moment - the only place we can meet the God who IS."*

More information to follow.

Mark your calendars now:

Senior High Youth Fundraiser at Bull & Bear Restaurant (on Route 31) on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Bring a flyer and our youth will receive 10% of your total check. This is valid all day on the 27<sup>th</sup>.



# CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

During the month of February, we will continue our studies of the 10 Commandments with sessions on keeping the Sabbath holy and honoring parents.



This month, during the 9:30 class session on February 3rd, we will prep for our class sessions. February 10<sup>th</sup> will be our double session with a lesson during the 9:30 hour and a second lesson following lunch together at noon. Lunch will be provided. We will once again have our family breakfast with Senior High Youth on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Plan to come with the whole family and enjoy a meal together. Quiz 3 Review for session 11-14 will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30 hour.

KCY is no longer doing Sermon Outlines and will instead be meeting with Pastor Carroll for a conversation about his sermon following the 10:45 a.m. service on the following Sundays: March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming important dates include the Volleyball Marathon on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Faith Projects and Luke Outline due on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and Confirmation on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

In Christ, and with JOY,

Joanne Keim

KCY Education Guide



## Ladies Group Update...



***Mark your Calendars for these scheduled events at KOK for 2019:***

February 5: 9-2 pm - Make and Take freezer meals. Bring your lunch.

March 9: 10:30 am – Children’s Book Cook – Preschool to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; 4<sup>th</sup> grade and over needs helpers. Lunch provided.

May 18 – Women’s Retreat with area congregations

November 16: 9:30 am - Craft Day and Military Members Christmas Stockings

December 15: 12:30 pm Cookie Exchange

### ***Other upcoming events:***

April – Beaver Lake Nature Walk

May – Book Discussion for summer reading list

June – Picnic and Service Project

July – Tour Harriot Tubman Museum and Lunch in Auburn

September – Women’s Health and Wellness

We are still looking for volunteers to organize small groups. This would involve setting dates and communicating. We imagine the groups can run themselves. We are also looking for event and service project ideas. Talk to us – we are happy to help.

Remember to check the bulletins and your email for further details, impromptu events, and announcements.

Jennifer Foor, Dawnelle Jager, Lynn Weeks



## Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

I'd like you to recall one of your most memorable "Aha!" moments...Got it? What brought it about? What made that light bulb go off? The spark of an epiphany is often a new experience or encounter that changes our perspective. As we journey through the Epiphany season in the church year, we celebrate the ways in which God has revealed God's self to us in Christ. The challenge is to hear the Gospel with fresh ears, and to approach our lives of faith with anticipation, open to new "Aha!" moments that deepen our relationship with God.

John Michael Talbot and Michael Card perform a song entitled, "Immanuel/ Behold Now the Kingdom." The lyrics read in part, "Behold now the kingdom, Emmanuel. See with new eyes." By seeing with new eyes we become open to how God is at work among us. It is a perspective of hope. Where we may have lost a vision for the future, or become discouraged with a stalemate, seeing with new eyes invites the Holy Spirit to reveal how God can bring new life. Sometimes it takes setting aside that with which we are comfortable to make room for something new.

In our conversation around the first commandment, "You shall have no other gods," in confirmation class this past Sunday we talked about what can become an idol in our lives. Our relationship with habits, attitudes, things and even people can blind us. The commandment reveals to us our need at times to seek a new, God centered perspective. From that perspective I believe we can be blessed with an abundance of epiphany moments.

I know that there is much that troubles our hearts locally, nationally and globally. I am not saying that a new perspective will fix what is wrong in the world, but a new perspective that is open to the work of the Holy Spirit among us is a good place to start. As we journey through this epiphany season I invite you to consider those epiphany moments in your life where there was a star in the sky to follow, when water has been turned to wine and when you have gained new sight. They, along with the story of Scripture, will serve as reminders that God continues to reveal God's self and by God's grace, we can be open to see it.

Peace, Deacon Nancy

To listen to the song mentioned in the article, go to <https://youtu.be/-B7psaog3ss>.

## Meet our new Director of Music and Organist:

Hi! I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me to King of Kings as your new music director.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I moved to the U.S. in 1994 with my family (my parents, brother and sister). Soon after we arrived and settled, I began providing piano lessons and playing at the local churches. Those two things helped me pay for college! In 2002, I graduated from Syracuse University with a BA in Music Education and a minor in Philosophy. Considering that I began playing piano at the age of 6, I continued to take piano, organ and voice lessons throughout my college years. Between 2002 and 2018 I achieved numerous post-bachelor degrees in the fields of education from SUNY Oswego and Syracuse University. All of these made me a better teacher and a more accepting person. I have been working as a public school music teacher for the past 16 years (13 years at NSCSD). I currently reside with my own family in Manlius, NY. Things that I like to do the most are: raising my three kids, doing DIY projects around the house, playing piano/singing, working out, running/hiking, and playing for church services! It is extremely rewarding to be able to contribute to people's spiritual enrichment, which I value very much.

You can contact me with any musical requests, including asking for your favorite hymn, offering to plan an instrument or singing during offertory, communion, and prelude. It is never too late to join our wonderful choir as well! We gladly welcome any new members. The choir currently meets every Sunday right after the 2nd service. However, if this time does not work for you, please let me know.

I am very excited and grateful to be a part of your community!

Kristina Vernyi



# Church Council

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## Ministry Teams

Finance, Doug Keim	695-3993
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Stewardship, _____	
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Hospitality, Cathy Miller	622-5301
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