

THE KING'S CROWN



January 2019

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1

Office Closed

January 5

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

January 20

**Puppets at Worship / Baptism
Budget Meeting @9:30 am**

January 21

Luther Bowl @ 12:00 pm

January 27

**One Service @ 10:45 am
Annual Meeting & Luncheon**

February
Newsletter
Deadline is
January 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

Not For Our Children's Eyes

Please keep this article from the younger members of our congregation, because in the spirit of full-disclosure, I need to share with you that the Wise Men were not at the manger on Christmas-Eve/Day. The wise men find their way into the Christmas pageants in our congregations because we read the Christmas Story in the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus according to Luke. Take a 'peek' at Matthew's Gospel and you'll see that the Wise Men are not in the story. The focus, in addition to Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, is on the shepherds and their reactions to the good news of the Savior - coming into the world; for all people of the world. Look at Mark and John - you'll see that the Christmas Story is not told - at all. The writers of Mark and John assume that their Christian communities were very - familiar with the story of Jesus coming to earth - as God with flesh on; the day that the Church calls Christmas.

I'll have more to say about the Wise Men on "The Festival of the Epiphany" (January 6th).

Okay, if you get this newsletter before Christmas Eve, sit the children back on your lap and continue reading: "...because there was no room in the inn...".

Pastor Carroll



Save the Date!!

2018 Annual Budget and Annual Meeting

This is to announce that the Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th at 12:00 noon. On Sunday, January 20th at 9:30 am, we will present the budget for the year. This will be the only time we will go through the budget line by line.

On January 27th, we will have Sunday School at 9:30 am, and one service of worship at 10:45 am.

Please mark your calendars now so you can join us!

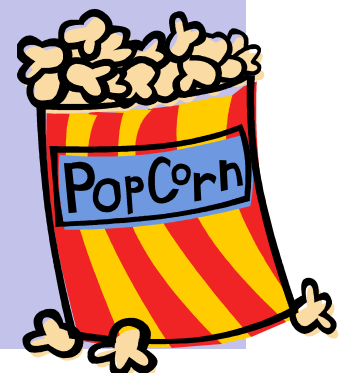


Movie Madness

Join us on Saturday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Barb and Weta's home. We will be viewing *Darkest Hour* (2017). "In May 1940, the fate of Western Europe hangs on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on knowing that it could mean a humiliating defeat for Britain and its empire." Stars Gary Oldman and Lily James. Rated PG-13.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

See you at the movies!



Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Conversation will take place on Sunday, January 20th at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Doug Keim will present the budget recommendations from the Church Council at that time. The Church Council will be in attendance in order to answer any questions.

The entire Annual Report will also be available for people to read before the Annual Meeting on the 27th.



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.



Sunday School Update...

December was a very busy time of year for the Sunday School classes as we prepared for the annual Christmas Pageant. The children had a wonderful time putting the show together this year and we hope the congregation enjoyed "A Red Letter Christmas". A special thank you goes to Wendy Hawkinson for directing this year's production and to Lynn Weeks for the extra time she put into making new costumes.



Regular Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th. As always, we are in need of adults to help lead the school age class' lesson. Any help you could provide would be invaluable. Please consider lending a hand just once or throughout the year. The curriculum is all set and lessons are provided. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the classroom or you can speak to me directly. Thanks!

Sue Tierney

Would you like to have an updated photo taken for the narthex? Polly Henry is available to take **family photos** for the Congregational Photo Board. Please contact Polly directly to set up a time to have your picture taken. She would like to have all photos taken by January 15, 2019. Thanks!





Operation Northern Comfort will be hosting **SC59, a mission trip to Panama City, Florida from January 12-20, 2019**. We are partnering with the Newman Center at SUNY-Binghamton and Operation Blessing.

Panama City was hit hard by Hurricane Michael, and there will be a lot of cleanup work to do.

We're looking for volunteers for this trip. The group will be leaving Saturday, January 12 from Central New York and arrive in Panama City on Sunday. We will be staying overnight Saturday at a church in Bristol, Virginia.

The cost for the trip is \$200, which covers round-trip transportation, lodging and meals in Panama City. The work will be strenuous but very rewarding.

Space is limited. Volunteers should contact David Robinson, Operation Comfort Registrar at DRR1123@att.net.

Norm Andrzejewski

Operation Northern Comfort

<http://www.operationnc.org>



Men's Fellowship

We will meet again on **Saturday, January 5th** 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.

King of Kings Quilt Group

Happy New Year! As the toasts begin for a great new year, we turn the calendar page to discover that New Year's Day falls on the first Tuesday of the month. So, to enjoy your holiday, the Quilt Group will **NOT be meeting in January.**

But, get ready for the new year as we go back to basics in February. This would be a great time for anyone who may be interested in learning to Quilt. We are going to cover the "start to finish" a small beginner project. But, not to worry, all of you who are more experienced...you will be challenged to make the same project in miniature! If you want to come to observe and not sew, that's okay. If you do not have the necessary tools yet, we will help you with ours. No sewing machine to bring? That's okay too....Donna always has hers set up for anyone to use.

KOK Quilt Group meets once a month, the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Sunday School wing.

Contact Donna Huberty for more information or send your email to get on Donna's email list for the materials needed for any quilt group project.

Happy New Year! See you February 5th, the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.





People News...

A warm welcome to **Kristina Vernyi**, who is our new Director of Music/Organist for the 10:45 am Sunday Services. We pray for God's blessings on her ministry of music with us.

On Sunday, November 25, **Mack John Richard**, infant son of **Matt Colbert** and **Michele Crysler**, was baptized at King of Kings. May God bless his new life in Christ.

On Sunday, December 2, the congregation celebrated the Faith Stepping Stone of Worship participate with **Lily Correll** and **Emilie Sousou** and their families. At this stage in our Christian Education program, the children learn about Lutheran worship and they are trained to assist in worship by acolyting, reading lessons, or assisting as ushers.

Avery Head, playing the bagpipes, was among the musicians taking part in the eleventh annual Solstice at St. Paul's Cathedral in Syracuse.

Mary Lou Lorch, playing the harp, participated in the Harmony of Harps Christmas Program at the Liverpool Methodist Church.

Nathan Reeves placed at No. 15 in the Section III boys cross country state championship race which took place at Sunken Meadows State Park on Long Island.

The boys swim team season at Liverpool High School is underway, with **Kyle Richardson** as the team's captain.

And...in conjunction with further details about the CROP Walk and its efforts to end hunger one step at a time, **Sofie Gatling** appeared in a press photo in a local paper.





Council Corner...

The December council meeting started out with a festive luncheon supplied by Julie and Greg Yoder. Then the long afternoon of line by line 2019 budget review and revisions commenced. The budget is coming together nicely and will be finalized in a special budget meeting in early January 2019.

Council has regretfully accepted the resignation of Mary Moyer's position as council recording secretary and accepted the nomination of Scarlett Erdley into that position. Council is forever grateful for Mary's hard work and dedication with recording our (your) meetings.

Jenna Wysokowski will also be leaving the KOK council in 2019. Jenna has provided a faith-filled voice during this time of transition and her voice of reason at the meetings will be missed. We are seeking a new candidate to fill this role on the KOK council. If you have interest please let Pastor know and he will get you in touch with the appropriate person.

On a request by Pastor Carroll, Council approved a 2019 gift through the Thrivent Choice for a "Love Offering in the name of Dr. Julius Carroll" to the United Lutheran Seminary - Philadelphia Campus, scholarship for Lutherans. Council also approved for this to continue as an annual gift through our benevolence giving in future years starting in 2020.

The council reviewed requests to approve two new members to King of Kings: Ashley Harris through Affirmation of Baptism in late December and Margaret Evelyn O'Connor through Baptism in late January 2019. We are proud to continue to grow through newborn and young adult membership.

Finally, the search for a new Music Director and Organist has been completed and council approved the nomination of Kristina Vernyi to that position starting in January 2019.

Your Church Council

CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

During the month of January, we have our Winter Retreat on the 11th and 13th. We finish studying Lutheran Life as we learn about Worship: Meal and Sending. That same weekend, we will start our studies of the 10 Commandments with sessions on Gods & Idols and Name in Vain.



For another year, we are excited to be a part of Luther Bowl on Monday, January 21st. At noon we will gather for a service, complete a service project and go bowling with youth from our neighboring Lutheran churches. If anyone needs a ride, please let me know.

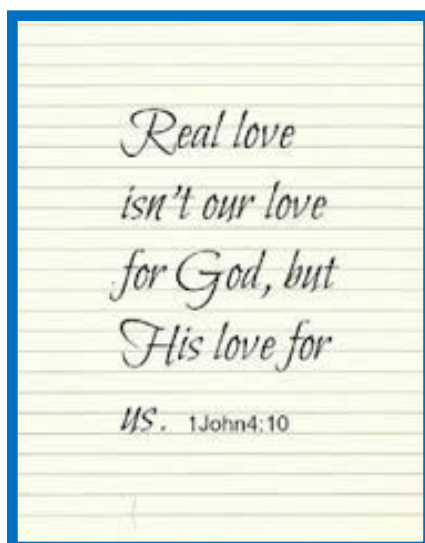
This month, during the 9:30 class session on January 6th, we will prep for our retreat the next weekend. Quiz 2 Review will take place on January 20th with Quiz 2 being given on January 27th. This quiz covers sessions 6-10.

Please refer to the KCY calendar for upcoming dates and contact Kurt Richardson or me with any questions.

In Christ, and with JOY,

Joanne Keim

KCY Education Guide





Happy New Year!

So much to be thankful for - and so much to be hopeful for. Thankful for the beauty and holiness of the Christmas season just past; hopeful knowing that God is with us on our journey forward.

I'm thankful for **Tina Wilcox** and **Rob Mossotti** who shared their talents with us over the last few months in helping to provide music for the 10:45 Traditional Service. I'm hopeful - and thankful! - about our new Organist, Choir Director and Director of Music who is starting this month.

Kristina Vernyi will be starting at King of Kings on January 6, 2019. She comes to us with a wealth of organ, piano, and choral directing experience. She has served as organist at several churches in the past, and she is currently a music teacher in the North Syracuse school district.

Please help me welcome her into our King of Kings family. I look forward to her fresh ideas and her enthusiasm for music ministry.

I will continue on as the music leader for the 8:15 Morning Praise service, but I will be stepping down as the interim Director of Music.

We enter this New Year full of hope, anticipation, full of thankfulness.

May we continue to worship God through our music, illuminating His Word, and spreading the good news that Love has come! Christ is Born!

See you in church!

Beth Colbert, Interim Director of Music





Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

In congregations where I have served in the past, I have led a **prayer group**. In the prayer group we prayed for the needs of the congregation, for each other and for prayer concerns brought to the group. We prayed aloud and in silence. The prayer group was informal and open to anyone who wanted to participate. While we met at the church, we also invited those who may not have been able to get to church to pray from home at the same time.

King of Kings has a strong prayer life with many opportunities to gather for prayer as a group or from home. I would like to add one more opportunity. I would like to offer a mid-week prayer group at the church on **Thursday mornings from 8 – 8:45**. If you cannot come to the church at that time but would like to participate from home you are invited to pray at the same time as the group. If you will be praying with the group from home please let me know so we can include you and your prayer concerns.

The Thursday prayer group is not intended to replace any existing prayer ministry. It is my hope that adding another time for God's people to gather for prayer will be fruitful for the congregation. You can never have too much prayer.

The **Thursday prayer group will start on January 10, 2019**. We will meet in the parlor. I welcome your input and suggestions as we begin this new ministry.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart. Martin Luther

Peace, Deacon Nancy



A few pictures
from our Sunday School
Pageant on December
23rd



Church Council

Barb Winkel, Chair
Niel Zuern, Vice Chair
Mary Moyer, Recording Secretary
Art Leitgeb, Financial Secretary
Carl Bastedo, Treasurer
Jenna Wysokowski, Council Member
Greg Yoder, Council Member
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Rev. Julius Carroll, Intentional Interim Pastor



Ministry Teams

Finance, Doug Keim
Property, Niel Zuern
Global & Local Outreach, _____
Stewardship, _____
Worship & Music, Deanna Pavlacka
Adult Faith Formation, _____
Youth Ministry, _____
Children's Ministry, Sue Tierney
Young Families, Jen Hepburn & Kelly Jordan
Mutual Ministry Committee, Bob Lebel
Parish Nurse, Health Ministry Team, Carol Genalo
Fellowship, Shari Murray
Transition Team, Anita Leitgeb
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