

# THE KING'S CROWN



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 2**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**



**March 6**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Worship at 12:10 pm & 7:30 pm**

**March 9**

**Children's Book Cook at 10:30 am**

**March 14,  
21 & 27**

**Lenten Dinner & Worship**

**March 17**

**Puppets at Worship**

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April  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
March 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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### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday will be on March 6<sup>th</sup>. KOK will offer two Services on that day: 12:10 & 7:30. The 12:10 time, historically here at KOK, is to give folks who might be on their lunch hour time to take part in the liturgy. Council, please note the correct evening time: 7:30 – I mis-spoke at the last Council meeting.

What is “Ash Wednesday”, anyway? I share with you a portion of an article written by The Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts: *Ash Wednesday: Practice and Meaning* (used with permission of the author).

*Ash Wednesday is a Christian holiday (holy day) that is not a biblical requirement (just like Christmas and Easter, which are not commanded in Scripture). Nevertheless, it has been honored by Christians for well over ten centuries, falling at the beginning of Lent, a six-week season of preparation for Easter. In the earliest centuries, Christians who had been stuck in persistent sin had ashes sprinkled on their bodies as a sign of repentance, even as Job repented “in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6). Around the tenth century, all believers began to signify their need for repentance by having ashes placed on their foreheads in the shape of a cross. Notice: even this sign of sinfulness hinted at the good news yet to come through its shape. Ash Wednesday is not some dour, depressing holy day because it symbolically anticipates Good Friday and Easter.*

*The distinctive activity of Ash Wednesday services is the “imposition of ashes.” Ashes are placed on the foreheads of worshipers as a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness. The person who imposes the ashes quotes something like what God once said to Adam after he had sinned: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Gen 3:19). This is the bad news of our sinfulness that prepares us to receive the good news of forgiveness in Christ.*

*The denial of death . . . it's all around us. When people die, they are often alone, sequestered in hospitals far away from the sad eyes of friends and family. If someone happens to die at home, the corpse is quickly sent away from the grieving relatives. In polite society, one doesn't talk much about death. And when it's necessary to say something that has to do with dying, nifty euphemisms keep us from confronting the brute facts. When I lived in California, people would say, “Uncle Fred passed away.” In Texas, for some reason, people are more succinct, saying, “Uncle Fred passed.”*

*Of course, our own fears concerning our own demise match our cultural squeamishness about death. We don't want to think about our own mortality, and we do many things to pretend that it's not approaching. We dye our graying hair. We cover our age spots with makeup. We get cosmetic surgery to preserve the image of youth. Rarely do we seriously think about our own death. As a pastor, I'm amazed at how unusual it is for someone to make plans for his or her own memorial service, or even to leave notes for the family. These are things we'd rather not have to bother with.*



*What gives us such freedom to think about death? Are we Christians morose? Do we have some peculiar fascination with dying? I don't think so. Rather, what allows us to stare death in the face is the assurance of life, real life, eternal life. When we know our lives are safe in the hands of God, and that this physical life is just the beginning of eternity, then we're free to be honest about what lies ahead for us. We can face death without fear or pretending, because we know the One who defeated death.*

Dear members of KOK, since I have been with you, I have had two members come to see me about their desires for hymns, scripture readings and worship details for their funerals. Let me make an invitation for you to have a confidential pastoral conversation with me, as well.

For, remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Pr. Carroll



## **Transition Team Update...**



The Transition Team has been busy working in the background as our congregation moves forward in the transition process. The team has begun work on a Resource Listing which will help a newly-called Pastor learn about our community. The Listing, which will be available in both print and digital formats, will include such items as contacts for realtors, doctors, dentists, grocery stores / gas stations / convenience stores, places of interest, places of mission (where volunteers can serve) and school districts. Our goal is to have this resource ready by April 30th.

We have also started to discuss how we will welcome a new Pastor and help them acclimate to the congregation and the community. Early planning will help to ensure that we have all the bases covered when the time comes to call a new Pastor.

We are incredibly grateful for the congregation's prayerful support during this time of transition! 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, Alicia Francis, or Greg Yoder).

## Council Corner...

News from our February Meeting...

We wanted to pass along that after analyzing the reverse time and talent chart, it was determined that at King of Kings, 82% of the people are doing 100% of the work. This seems to debunk the 20% theory.

Your Council also authorized sending \$1400 to Prince of Peace in Greensboro, North Carolina to be used for new signage around their building and to support their mission. We will also be entering into discussions with this congregation about becoming partner congregations.

The financial forecast is Light Green.

The congregation has received \$1,000 from the sale of House at 807. \$600 will be sent to the Clinton Home and \$400 will be sent to our local Meals on Wheels organization.

A reminder that March 6th is Ash Wednesday and services will be held at 12:10 pm and 7:30 pm.

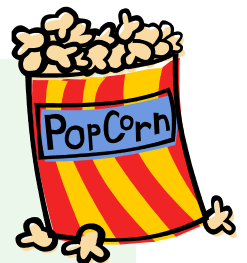
We would like to thank you all for your continued prayers and support as we work to "open the eyes of the blind, that they might see Jesus as their personal Savior."

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...



Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Age-appropriate Lenten Devotionals are available for all students to take home and use throughout the season of Lent.

The **Prayer Tents Faith Stepping Stone** is schedule for **Sunday, March 10th during the Sunday School hour**. This Faith Stepping Stone is for kindergarten students (or similar age students who didn't participate last year). Those students will attend a special class along with their parents to learn more about prayer.

A **special thanks to Eric and Stephany Richardson** who have lead this event for several years. We are **looking for someone to take over this FSS for next year**. This is a one Sunday per year commitment. The lesson and all materials and the date of the event is flexible. If you are interested in learning more, please see Sue Tierney or Sue Draper.

Sue Tierney



It's time to prepare **Easter Food Baskets** for the pantry we support at Brown Memorial. Because of space limitations, Brown Memorial has a few guidelines for the baskets:

- Put everything in one bag (one paper bag inside two plastic bags for strength), as a lot of their families do not have transportation and will be walking.
- Please no perishable items, other than a ham. They do not have storage for perishables, and the bags will not be given out until later in the week.
- Please plan on larger families (6 or more people).
- For Easter they suggest: a ham, 2 boxes of potatoes, 1 can of pineapple, 4 cans of vegetables, 3 cans of fruit, 1 jar of applesauce, baked beans, juice, 1 box of bread/muffin mix and a boxed cake mix/can of frosting.

**Baskets are due by 10:30 on April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Brown Memorial is very grateful for your generosity over the years in donating these baskets. You have shown their families the love of Jesus by your generosity and commitment.



## Men's Fellowship

We will meet again on **Saturday, March 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.

### Call Committee Update...

To answer everyone's first question: The Call Committee has not yet received any candidate names from the Bishop's office.

The Committee and Church Council did have a productive meeting with Dean Gail Wolling in mid-January. Dean Wolling carefully reviewed the call process with the groups and spoke at length about how the Synod will support KoK in this journey. In addition, all were heartened to learn that the King of Kings pastoral opening has been spoken about to those who may be interested in making a move. As mentioned at the Congregational meeting, if any KoK members know of someone who might be a good candidate, you are encouraged to give the name to Chris Jordan or any member of the Call Committee.

In February, the Call Committee met to work on refining interview questions/topics and an assessment tool. The Committee will meet to further this work, so that they are ready when a candidate name comes from the Synod. The Committee is grateful for the support and prayers of the congregation and asks that you continue to hold them in prayer.

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

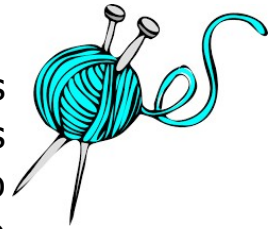


*Call  
Committee*



## Calling for help making **Prayer Squares**!!

Prayer Squares are comforting handmade knit or crochet squares that an recipient can carry with them at any time. These Prayer Squares are in a basket on the table outside of Joan's office and are available to anyone who might like/need one either for themselves or to take to someone else who they feel may benefit from it's comfort. We have been offering these Prayer Squares for the past year, and much to our surprise and delight, these squares have been very well received and I am having trouble keeping the basket full.



On Saturday, January 26th, a few ladies gathered to offer ideas and to start making these squares. We decided so far on three patterns, two knit and one crochet. I would be happy to pass the patterns out to anyone who would like them so either touch base with me or the church office so I can be sure to get them to you. This is a great way to use all of that leftover yarn you may have laying around. Patterns are available to anyone who would like.

The group decided they would like to meet again, and we would love to have more people join us. This time we will be meeting on **Saturday, March 16th from 10:00 am—12:00 noon at church.** Bring your knitting and crocheting supplies! Any questions, contact Carol Genalo.

### **King of Kings Quilt Group**

Quilting is an art. It is an art project with fabric. It allows anyone who cannot draw or paint still be creative and satisfied with the results. And it doesn't hurt that the end result can be warm and comforting, eye candy on a wall, or used as a supportive pillow. But as with any art form, there are rules to make the project a success. When you know the basic rules, you have the creative license to break those rules and do it your way.

Come to the next installment of the back to basics beginner "Intro to Quilting" on March 5th at 7:00 pm in the Sunday School wing. It's free and it's fun! If you just want to, as they said in college, "monitor" the class, that's okay.

Interested? Ask Donna Huberty any questions and get on her email list for the more information each month.



## 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 by the end of March 2019, 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

## People News...



**Becca Mansfield** was among the Liverpool High School second place winners receiving silver key awards in the 2019 CNY Scholastic Art competition. The program honors the creative work of junior and senior high school students from 13 Central New York regions.

**Allison Tierney** was among the Liverpool High School student recently honored with selection to the Junior High All-County Band.

We have a couple of older members who may need a ride to church from time to time, so we are reaching out to you, the members of King of Kings, to see who might be available and willing to help.

Please contact the church office if you are interested and let Joan or Deacon Nancy know what your availability would be such as 8:15 am, 10:45 am, or any other specifics you would like to offer.

Any questions? Speak with Carol Genalo.





**Lutheran Campus Ministry**  
**Spring Music and Basket Festival**

Sunday, March 31, 2019

2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church 210 Hazel St., Liverpool

Sharing Food and Fellowship

Music and Learning

## **Lenten Worship**

**Ash Wednesday is March 6th.** We will gather for worship at **12:10 pm** (spoken service) and **7:30 pm**.



Each **Thursday** during Lent we will gather for a **meal at 6:30 pm**, followed by **worship at 7:30 pm**. We will use "*Holden Evening Prayer*" as our Vesper liturgy again this year and there will be a series of dramas that will contain the messages for each evening.

Watch for more information in the March newsletter. Sign-ups for each meal will be posted in the narthex.

# CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS



During the month of March, we will continue our studies of the 10 Commandments. At the 9:30 class session on March 3rd, KCY will take Quiz 3 on Sessions 11-14. On March 10th and March 31st, KCY will prepare for our sessions the following Sundays. KCY should also bring Luke Outline and Faith Project information to the March 10th and March 31st Sunday School hours. March 17th 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. March 24th will be our second church visit of the year; we will be going to Bethany Baptist. We will leave at 10:00 am and return at 1:30 pm.

KCY is no longer doing Sermon Outlines and will instead be meeting with Pastor Carroll for a 30-minute conversation about his sermon following the 10:45 service on the following Sundays: March 31st and April 14th.

Volleyball Marathon is on March 8th and 9th. KCY has been provided with information on this event which is always a fun time!

This month, the 9th grade confirmands will meet to plan for Confirmation. The date and time are still being determined, so look for a future email with details on this event.

Upcoming important date: Faith Projects and Luke Outline are due on May 5th.

In Christ, and with JOY,

Joanne Keim, KCY Education Guide



**Reducing the Risk** Training Dates have been scheduled for **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon** and **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. *If you work with the children or youth of our congregation in any capacity (on a weekly basis or even once a year), you must attend one of these training sessions, even if you already attended one years ago.* A refresher class is mandatory every five years for all who work with our youth. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy.

# Ladies Group Update...



## **Mark your Calendars for these scheduled events:**

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

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

Jennifer Foor, Dawnelle Jager, Lynn Weeks



## **Fellowship One Day Event:**

### **A Day at Watkins Glenn - Foliage Boat Cruise**

**Thursday, September 19th**

Cost is \$95 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, lunch on the waterfront, admission to Seneca Lake Foliage Cruise, bus ride around the track at Watkins Glen Raceway, all taxes and gratuities and some free time to stop at local shops.

Pink handouts are available in the narthex. Speak with Shari Murray for more information. This tour is run by Bella Tours & Travel, and sponsored by the Town of Clay.



## Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

As you read through this month's newsletter, I invite you to note the many, many opportunities to engage your faith through our ministry at King of Kings. From Lenten mid-week worship to Sunday School, from Bible Study to Volleyball and lots of ways to share our time, talent and treasure in between. There is something for everyone.

During the season of Lent we often talk about what we plan to "give up" for Lent. This comes from the Lenten discipline of fasting. It can also be a faithful observance of Lent to begin something new. Whether it is through a renewed commitment to personal devotions or hosting a coffee hour, we grow in our faith as we live our lives in Christ's name. Lent is a great time to be part of a ministry that has sounded interesting but you have yet to participate in.

If you are interested in participating in a ministry or you would like to talk to someone about what is available, please let me know. I am happy to have a conversation with you about your interests and your calling to serve Christ with your gifts and talents. Perhaps you have an idea for something completely new and different. We can talk about what that might look like as well.

Empowered by the grace and love of Jesus, we are committed to growing in faith with the community. That is our mission and that is a blessing. I am excited to see what God will do in and among us at King of Kings during the season of Lent.

Peace, Deacon Nancy



A little information about the organ: Our church organ has three keyboards called manuals, and a pedalboard. The top manual is Swell, the middle is Great, and the bottom is Positive. Each keyboard's length is about 5 octaves.

First organs (around 200 BC) were made exclusively for secular music. They were small and portable. Some looked like an accordion. Over a thousand years later, the pipe organ found its permanent place in Catholic Churches. Those organs were quite large and non-portable.

Not as elaborate versions of the organ became popular in other church denominations of Western Europe, and later in the US. It has been a 2-person job (with one person playing and the other pumping the air) until the revision of the instrument due to the invention of electricity (electrically pumped air). The cheaper, more compact and more convenient variations of organ became widely popular at churches and homes starting in the 1950's. To be continued...

Please don't hesitate to join us for choir rehearsals (traditional later service) that are held every Sunday right after the second service. You can try it out and practice with us until YOU feel comfortable singing in front of people No pressure!

Kristina Vernyi

**Take me out to the ballgame!**



Come join King of Kings at the **opening day for the Syracuse Mets on April 4<sup>th</sup>**! A block of 15 tickets has been secured. Cost of each ticket is \$11.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions? See Shari Murray, Howie Mansfield or Anita Leitgeb.



# Church Council

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