

THE KING'S CROWN



February 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 1 | Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am |
| February 9 | Ministry in Daily Life |
| February 16 | Prepare and Serve Dinner at
Brown Memorial |
| February 17 | Office Closed |
| February 23 | Welcome Pastor Tara/Pot Luck Luncheon |
| February 26 | Ash Wednesday |



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

On January 26th I will be in the pulpit and presiding at the Communion table for the last time (or, until you have me come back to preach at a special occasion!). In preparation for the 26th - the Council Chairperson sat down with me to go over what needs to be added to the liturgy to acknowledge my leave-taking. We Lutherans (as a liturgical church body; "liturgy" meaning: the work of the people) have rituals for (personal and institutional) rites of passage.

I will be asked, in the ritual, if I recognize and accept the completion of my ministry among the saints at KoK. The response called for is: **I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.** And I DO; give thanks to God:

- ◇ For your willingness to offer me an opportunity to intentionally walk/work among you in the church; community and, in your homes - during this time of KOK's transition
- ◇ For your taking your baptismal Call by God to love your neighbor with words and with deeds - seriously
- ◇ For your understanding that if the work of the congregation is within the Will (to the best of our discernment) of God ===financial strength will undergird the vision and programs

And a word of thanks to God for the partnership with:

Joan Boyle: she testifies to the reality that administration has ministry in its job description by not only pushing paper - but, enabling members to be about their work for Jesus.

Deacon Nancy Wagner: living-out the rostered designation of one who serves in the ministry of the spoken Word of God and Service to the Community - in/outside of the congregation's walls. Nancy does this with theological acumen and pastoral centering.

Beth Colbert, Key Board Musician/Praise Band Director: using her gifts of playing and directing with a deep knowledge of contemporary Christian music - - interacting with 'traditional' worship.

Kristina Vernyi, Organist/Director of Music: bringing passion and musical variety to a traditional instrument used to lead a congregation in worship and liturgy.

Yes, we Lutherans have a ritual for life's passages. And so, as I take my leave as your intentional interim pastor = **I give thanks to God for our ministry together!**

Yours in the risen Jesus; who is the Light of the worlds,

Julius Carroll

Worship Leadership on Sundays in February



As we await the arrival of Pastor Tara we are blessed to have a variety of worship leaders in the month of February.

- ⇒ On February 2 Pastor Jen DeWeerth will be with us to lead worship. Pastor Jen has led worship for us in the past and we look forward to her being with us again.
- ⇒ February 9 will be “Ministry in Daily Life” Sunday at King of Kings. We will hear from Chris Jordan, Stephany Richardson and Howie Mansfield who will share how they live out their faith in daily life. We will also be officially say farewell to the Jordan Family with a Godspeed and Farewell blessing. Worship will be the Service of the Word.
- ⇒ Bob Lebel will lead worship with Holy Communion and preach on February 16. Bob is a congregational preaching deacon for King of Kings.
- ⇒ On February 23 Keith Gatling will be preaching. Keith is also a congregational preaching deacon for King of Kings. The 23rd will be Pastor Tara’s first Sunday with King of Kings and she will lead worship and preside at Holy Communion.

Pot Luck Luncheon

A Pot Luck Luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, February 23rd at 12:30 pm**. This is also Pastor Tara’s first Sunday with us. We hope everyone will be there to welcome her in style!

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 or any other fellowship event, please speak with Shari Murray.



Council Corner...

Council is very pleased and excited to announce that our new Pastor, Pastor Tara, will begin the next chapter in the life of King of Kings by leading worship on February 23rd. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this happen and for the support that we have felt from every one of you.

We are also very happy to announce that once again, thanks to your generosity, King of Kings has ended 2019 in the black financially. We also would like to thank you all for your support in the recent months as we worked to get a balanced budget for 2020.

It was brought to the attention of Council that it was felt that the attendance numbers seem to be dwindling. We did look at the numbers for the past 3 years, along with the financial numbers. We found that there has been a drop of attendance by 21% since 2016 yet, financially, we are virtually the same. The attendance drop is not outside of the world wide problem of attendance in churches. This, plus the fact that we are in transition, Council felt that we would like to continue to monitor this, however, there is no need to panic at this time.

We also were able to thank Pastor Carroll for his guidance through the past 2 years. We will surely miss his wisdom and caring as he and Geneva head back to North Carolina. We pray that he will find time to get some much-deserved rest before the Spirit calls him onto the next part of his faith journey.

Your Congregational Council

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 16th

"Ashes to Go" on Ash Wednesday 7:00-9:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm in the King of Kings parking lot.

We will also have worship with Holy Communion at 12:10 pm and 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.





Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

With Lent beginning at the end of the month, I thought I would write about the day that begins this deeply rich season, **Ash Wednesday**. The tradition of observing Ash Wednesday has a long history. The use of ashes as a means to remember our mortality is an ancient practice. Around the 10th century the tradition of placing ashes on the forehead entered the practice of the church. Ashes are mentioned as a symbol of sorrow and repentance in the Bible in many places. The most familiar story may be of Job who repented in dust and ashes (Job 42:6). This image is carried into our practice in the 21st century as we pause on Ash Wednesday in confession and repentance. Ash Wednesday reminds us to remember who we are and who God is. We are beloved children of God, created in the image of God, who also turn in toward our selves and away from God and others. In the words of Martin Luther, we are “both saint and sinner.”

The Ash Wednesday service includes the reading of Psalm 51 which begins, “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.” We hold in tension the reality of our sin along with the reality of God’s grace. We ask for mercy with faith in God who is merciful. We ask for forgiveness with faith in God who forgives.

There is another time in our lives of faith that a cross is made upon our foreheads, and that is the day of our Baptism. At that time we hear the words, “Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” This is the sign and promise we carry with us into lent and every day as we journey through life.

Here are a few activities from Vibrant Faith at Home to enrich your Lenten Season:

For Families with Children:

Jump Start Lent

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/jump-start-lent>

For Families with Teens:

Lenten Candles

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/lenten-candles>

For Adults/Couples:

A Lenten Wilderness

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/a-lenten-wilderness>

Peace, Deacon Nancy

Coming us this month in Sunday School, we will be participating with the rest of the church in Souper Bowl Sunday on **February 2nd**. 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 12th, we have raised \$250 for Heifer. That is enough for one alpaca. Did you know that each family that receives an alpaca also receives an education in its care and feeding? Heifer provides llamas and alpacas to families living in high altitudes in the Andes Mountains of South America. Few other animals can withstand the harsh conditions. The gift of an alpaca means a child will finally get a chance at an education, thanks to the money earned from selling the wool.

Sue Tierney, Sunday School Superintendent



Men's Fellowship

We will meet again on **Saturday, February 1st** 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 will be preparing and serving a meal at Brown Memorial on Sunday, February 16th.

We are in need of volunteers to cook the meal (at King of Kings), transport the food to Brown Memorial, and people to serve and clean-up at Brown.

If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.





People News...

All good wishes and our prayers for God's blessings are extended to **Pastor Carroll** and his wife, **Geneva**, as he concludes his service as Intentional Interim Pastor at King of Kings. Surely there will always be many fond memories of his ministry here.

In keeping with a family tradition, **Courtney Johnson Albiker** and **her sister** were spotted on local TV, as they were bell-ringing for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign.

The Liverpool High School Euphonium Ensemble recently represented the Liverpool Central School District at the New York State Music Associations' Winter Conference in Rochester. During the conference, Liverpool High School music teacher, **Stephen Salem**, and Soule Road Middle School music teacher, Anna **Salem**, presented a clinic entitled "From the Back Row: Listening and Playing from a Low Brass Player's Perspective."

Andrew Moyer and **Catherine Fafone** were married on January 18, 2020 in the Family Chapel at St. John Fisher College. While invitees thought they were attending an "engagement party", the couple surprised their guests with exchanging their vows! The couple will reside in the Rochester area. Parents are **Darren** and **Mary Moyer**.

King of Kings Quilt Group

Shortcuts are great when they lead to a faster, easier way of getting where you are going. And in quilting there are fun ways to get to the destination in quick shortcut methods. This year we are exploring those possibilities and making one block at a time that will be put into a sampler quilt. In February, strip piecing is the technique. By sewing strips of fabric together and cutting after, we arrive with units sewn together ready to create a quilt block without dealing with tiny little pieces of fabric.

Join us Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm. Contact Donna Huberty for more information. Let's investigate where this shortcut leads us!





CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

During the month of February, we continue our study of the Apostles Creed.

February 9:30 a.m. hour:

February 2nd - Quiz 2 on Sessions 6-9

February 9th – Session 13

February 16th – KCY & Senior High Youth 5th Annual Family Breakfast – all families are welcome to attend and join us for breakfast during the Sunday School hour.

February 23rd – Class Prep for Sessions 15 and 16

In February we gather for 2 class sessions on Sunday, February 9th. During the 9:30 class session we will complete Session 13 and then at noon we will gather for Session 14 for the Apostles Creed. Lunch will be provided.

Some upcoming important events include:

March 1st – 2 sessions at 9:30 a.m. and noon

March 13-14 – Volleyball Marathon at SU with youth from other Lutheran congregations. Information will be coming soon!

March 29th – 2 sessions at 9:30 a.m. and noon

Please don't forget to be working with your child(ren) on their Luke Outlines (5th, 6th and 7th graders need to summarize Chapters 1-12 in the Book of Luke) and Faith Projects (8th and 9th graders). These are due on April 19th.

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

In Christ, and with JOY,

Joanne Keim

KCY Education Guide

Trace, Cut Sew (Women's Group)



Trace, cut and sew was the theme for our service project in January. The sixty yards of flannel generously donated by this congregation were made into thirty sets of bibs, burp cloths and receiving blankets that will be donated to the Northwest Family Resource Center that serves Baldwinsville and Liverpool. Baby care items will be included thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant.

A special thank you to the KCY group for tracing and cutting out the fabric in preparation for the sewing portion of the project.

Ladies, mark your calendar for upcoming events:

March 15th "Early Spring" brunch/lunch at Borios Restaurant in Cicero;
12:30 pm
April 5th Redhouse Theater to see Fences

M&Ms (Mary & Martha) Women's Bible study



Ladies, at our Women's Retreat a few years ago, we read a few segments from Liz Curtis Higgs' book entitled, "Bad Girls of the Bible: and what we can learn from them". We will be reading this book in its entirety January through March in our M&Ms (Mary & Martha) women's Bible study. "When she was perfect, beautiful and innocent, I found no toehold where I could connect with Eve. When she was tempted by her flesh, humbled by her sin and redeemed by her God, I could sing out, 'O sister Eve! Can we talk?'" - excerpt from the book. Liz shares the stories of 10 famous women from the Bible whose situations may sound familiar in a very humorous, and insightful way. Find a copy of this book and join the discussion about these women (and what we might have in common with them) at the home of Marcy Grundner on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 12:00 noon.



With bittersweet hearts, we bid farewell to our dear Pastor, Dr. Julius Carroll, as he moves back to his hometown in North Carolina.

With his passion for God's word, compassion for people and human rights, Dr. Carroll served as a role model to our KoK congregation and will continue to inspire minds everywhere he goes.

A gifted singer, Dr. Carroll appreciated music and sung regularly with the senior choir. He will be dearly missed by all choir members. I don't think I've heard anyone sing "The Lord Be with You" in a more soothing and soulful tenor voice as did Pastor Carroll.

We will strive to continue the tradition of celebrating African-American culture through music and word, as introduced by Dr. Carroll, especially considering that February is Black History Month. Our warmest wishes to Pastor Carroll in all his future endeavors!

Kristina V.

Central Crossroads Lutheran Joint Transfiguration Celebration on Sunday, February 23rd at 4:00 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church (873 Dewitt Street, Syracuse). All are welcome to come and join in as we enjoy an uplifting Transfiguration service. Lutherans will be coming from throughout the Central Crossroads Conference. The service will include a conference-wide choir and soloists under the direction of Frederick Willard, Director of Music at St. Stephen. If you'd like to be part of this ever-growing choir, contact Fred at fhwillar@hotmail.com. If you would like to take part in the service, contact Pastor Deb Stein at [A circular logo with a red heart in the center containing a black cross. The heart is surrounded by a white ring with text, and the entire design is enclosed in a yellow and blue border.](mailto:pas-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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