

THE KING'S CROWN



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 4, 11,
18, 25 | Lenten Dinner @ 6:30 pm
Lenten Worship @ 7:30 pm |
| March 7 | Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am |
| March 8 | Pastor Tara's Installation @ 2:00 pm |
| March 12 | Council Meeting |
| March 13/14 | Volleyball Marathon |
| March 29 | FSS - Prayer Tents |

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



Painting "Always" by Rev. Tara L. Eastman

Always We Begin Again

The prayerful phrase ***"Always We Begin Again"***, is one that has followed me in various forms and for many years. In scripture, this phrase can be paired or compared with the text from Lamentations 3:22-23. ***"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning."***

This "Always" prayer mantra was shared with me by a spiritual director at the Mount in Erie, PA... as a kind and wise nun spoke these words to my restless and worried state; ***"Always we begin again."***

In times of new beginnings: I think of New Year's Day, first days of school, and in our case together; the beginning of our call together as pastor and congregation of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Liverpool, NY. We are at a new beginning – together with God holding and forging our "we-ness" in new and exciting ways. While we are in-the-midst of Lent, a time of reflection and prayer, here we have this beginning, this seed of a new life – we – together.

The Spirit of God has a way of bringing newness when we least expect it; and as this well-loved phrase of mine, ***"Always we begin again."*** – might allude; has been a great traveling companion in

many life-changing circumstances over the years. Even in great change and challenge, this "Always" prayer has inspired and given me hope!

In this time of newness – there is great excitement and hope for the ministry to come; and for that I'm excited and thankful. But in this newness, there is some learning to be had and lines that are yet to be drawn, and possibly re-drawn. We in this, "together ministry" have the blessing of "always, beginning again"; and are given the space to experiment, try, fail and try again and again – all for the sake of God's mercy and love.

As Sister Joan Chittister writes in her book, *Following the Path*, ***"...But no one I know thinks is all happens in a straight line. No, life is far more exciting than that. It's learning to live it that matters. Finding our own particular challenge may be difficult at first. But we do. Finally. Eventually. However difficult the way."***

And so, in the steadfast love of God, we begin together in the winding path of life and ministry following the call of the Spirit – as a new "WE". There is joy, challenge and adventure ahead. We will begin to know each other and with the help of God; love each other as fellow children of God.

With the help of God may we, always we, begin again in joy, sorrow and all that our new journey holds. Each morning mercy is new, and thanks be to God for the "WE" calling of King of Kings Lutheran Church; for this beginning and every beginning to come. ***Always we, begin again.***

Walking in grace,

Rev. Tara L. Eastman

Lenten Midweek Services



Lenten Midweek Services begin **March 4th**. We are choosing to move to a WEDNESDAY evening service this year. The meals will be homemade soups, bread and dessert. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board.

Remembering that we have several gluten-free attendees (and some dairy-free), we are requesting that those who make soups identify whether it is GF/DF or not (it's okay if it's not, but just need to know). Same is true for the desserts provided.

Deanna will make the breads each week. The meals will begin at 6:30 pm in the back room at the end of the hall. A sign-up for setup and cleanup will be posted as well.

Worship will be held at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Thanks to Tina Wilcox for offering to accompany this service again this year, and to Bob Lebel and his CILT Team for constructing the content of the worship.

Hoping to see many in attendance - it's great fellowship over a meal and insightful messages to move us along our Lenten journey.



Council Corner...

Preparations continue for the installation of Pastor Tara on March 8th at 2:00 pm. Your Transition Team and Call Committees continue their wonderful work in welcoming Pastor Tara. Please join in and bring a dish to pass as it will be a pot-luck. We will celebrate with the whole community as we start our new life with Pastor Tara.

After many years of dedicated service as Financial Secretary, Art Leitgeb has decided to retire from this position. He has been so faithful to this important work. His position will end by June and we thank him for the coverage as we seek to fill this position.

Beginning in April, there will be opportunities to participate in Town Hall meetings to discuss the possibility of calling Deacon Nancy to a permanent position. Please stay tuned for dates and times for this important conversation.

In Christ,
Your Congregational Council



Men's Fellowship

We will meet again on **Saturday, March 7th** 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.



Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

Back in November, the Service Ministry team started to work on plans to provide a meal for one of Brown Memorial's weekly Sunday community dinners. One goal of this particular service ministry was to combine the sharing of resources and the building of relationships to meet a need in the community. On February 15th we provided a meal for about 75 people in partnership with our sisters and brothers at Brown Memorial. Thank you to the 20 King of Kings members who participated in a variety of ways to provide a meal for our neighbors. The food for the meal was purchased through a Thrivent Action Team Grant, and as usual, the donations of cookies were greatly appreciated.

There are many things that come to mind for me as I think back over the day, but a few things really stood out for me. One was the way in which everyone worked so hard to accomplish such an enormous task. This was our first time providing a meal at Brown Memorial and we learned a lot along the way. Everyone stayed focused on the ministry before us and people were fed with love and compassion, along with the chicken and potatoes. The second highlight for me was the smile on a young girl's face when I handed her a bowl of chocolate ice cream. It brought joy to my heart to see the joy on her face. Then there was the opportunity to be present for the beginning of the worship service that followed the meal. We sang songs of praise to God in the same space where the meal had been served. It was a reminder to me that we had been invited into the lives of our neighbors, not just to provide a meal, but also to be present with them.

As we move through this season of Lent I invite you to reflect on how God may be calling you to be present to those around you. Where might you find opportunities to build relationships with others? How might God be calling you to serve your neighbor? How have you experienced the joy of giving and receiving? Where do you see God at work in these experiences? If you would like to chat about how God may be calling you to serve, my door is always open.

For reflection: Psalm 107:9 *"For God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things."*

Peace, Deacon Nancy



People News...

A warm welcome and our prayers for God's blessings are extended to **Pastor Tara Eastman**, who began her ministry at King of Kings on February 23rd.

Emerson Melody Colbert, infant daughter of Matt and Michele Colbert, was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 19th. May God bless her new life in Christ.

On Sunday, February 9th, the congregation extended its good wishes to **Chris** and **Kelly Jordan** and **their children** with a Godspeed and Farewell blessing.

Jacob Sousou was selected a member of the 2020 Junior High All-County Band. He was among the students performing during the 2020 Junior High All-County Festival on January 24th and 25th at Solvay High School. The Onondaga County Music Educators Association sponsors the Festival.

King of Kings Quilt Group

Continuing on our journey with shortcuts, we are going to see Flying Geese. While there are many ways to get to the unit called Flying Geese, we will be learning the "No Waste Flying Geese" which makes 4 units at a time. Using those units, a quilt block can be constructed with the most delightful names. Goose on the Loose, Scattered Geese, Flock of Geese, Gaggle of Geese are just a few of the blocks containing Flying Geese units.

Please note that the date for the March Quilt Groups has changed from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday. Please join us Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm for the next block in our sampler series. For more information and/or questions, contact Donna Huberty for more information. Let's fly away!





CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

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

March 9:30 a.m. hour:

March 1st – Session 15

March 8th – Quiz 3 Review

March 15th – Quiz 3 on Sessions 10-14

March 22nd – Class Prep for Sessions 17 and 18

March 29th – Session 17

In March we gather for 2 class sessions on Sunday, March 1st AND Sunday March 29th due to the early break in April. During the 9:30 class session on March 1st we will complete Session 15 and then at noon we will gather for Session 16 for the Apostles Creed. Lunch will be provided. On March 29th during the 9:30 hour we will complete Session 17 and then Session 18 at noon with lunch provided.

Some upcoming important events include:

March 13-14 – Volleyball Marathon at SU with youth from other Lutheran congregations.

April 26th we will be visiting St. Elias for our 2nd church visit of the year.

May 30th – Confirmation Banquet (time to be determined)

May 31st – Confirmation at the 10:45 a.m. service

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 May 10th.

In Christ, and with JOY,

Joanne Keim

KCY Education Guide

Women's Group



Date: March 15th

What: Brunch or lunch at Borio's Restaurant on Oneida Lake in Cicero

Time: 12:30 pm at restaurant

Sign up: on the bulletin board

If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 11:45

Questions: See Jen Foor, Dawnelle Jager or Lynn Weeks

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.



In a Christian church of any denomination, the repentance through singing was and continues to be a regular part of worship. This practice can be traced far back to the life of ancient Israel. “As the people made their way toward the Temple in Jerusalem, as they approached the presence of a holy and just God, they would sing these Psalms of Ascent, several of which are songs of repentance and trust in God’s steadfast love. This shaped the people’s hearts so that when they arrived at the Temple, they fully acknowledge their unworthiness to be there and the fact that it is only by God’s grace and mercy that they are able to draw near to the presence of God. And by doing this regularly as part of corporate worship, it created a rhythm of repentance for life.”(www.ReligiousAffections.org)

The practice of repentance through singing continued through the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and even after the split of the church. Singing Kyrie Eleison or “Lord, have mercy” has been a well-practiced tradition during the Catholic services. The phrase was used even before the formation of the Christian church, and was always sung in Greek. The use of the Kyrie was first noted to be used in Eastern Christian services, and later adopted by Rome, consequently preserving its original language. Although Martin Luther eradicated most of Latin singing from Lutheran services, he believed that keeping the song of repentance “Kyrie Eleison” in Greek was imperative.

Kristina V.



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