

THE KING'S CROWN



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you know we are in an ever-changing world, and we will have to change along with it. As of today, we are following the recommendations and mandates that Gov. Cuomo has announced.

Our staff will be working from home, our worship services will be entirely virtual. There will be no meetings held at the church or in anyone's home. If you are in need of Pastoral care, please call Pastor Tara on her emergency line at 315-516-8305.

Also, if you have any questions you may call the office at 315-622-2077 and we will be checking those messages. We will also be checking our emails and doing updates on the website and Facebook page as we move forward. We know that many of you are out of a job at this time and we continue to pray for you and all that are in this place, but if you are still able to keep up with your pledges it would be greatly appreciated as we fulfill our obligation to support our staff.

We appreciate your understanding as we are trying to keep everyone healthy both physically and spiritually.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tara Eastman

Barb Winkel, Council Chairperson

May
Newsletter
Deadline is
April 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

There are times that people need a pause into a quiet place to rest – like a toddler in need of nap time, or a parent in the need of a toddler to take a nap; we all have had experiences of pause – or “time out”. When my kids were little – there would be times that we all needed a redo in the midst of a hectic day and sometimes, out of love, we would get to our respective starting places, climb into our beds and take a short rest under the covers and once we had gathered ourselves – we would place our feet back on the floor and literally restart to our day.

In a world that moves too fast and furious for our own good – this moment we are being called to a time for rest and pause. It is the Lenten season; a time where we focus on prayer and fasting... and more than anyone has expected, we find ourselves in a time of social distancing and pause due to the impacts of COVID-19. For the remainder of month of March, King of Kings Lutheran Church will be observing a pause from face to face worship – on the advice of medical experts and in allegiance with the request of Bishop John Macholtz. However, this does not mean that we will pause our work, the proclamation of the gospel and our ministry in the Syracuse area.

Like the timely discussion on where is best to worship from today's gospel reading that features Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well; Jesus speaks to the woman's longing for community and connection with God and people – by telling her that,

“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

If there ever was an hour in which the church lives into this call to worship in spirit and truth, I believe that this season is the hour where we live into the call as disciples of Jesus Christ, with grace and forgiveness in hand; work to find a way to stay connected and worship God together. This is a challenge. We have physical roots to a place or church building – but as I wrestle with this lesson with you; I wonder if God is calling us to spiritual flexibility and emphasize the action of “worship in spirit and truth” above the physical place; just like Jesus and the Samaritan woman came to understand.

Yes the challenges of this time are real – and no one is fond of the temporary changes made to worship practices; but for the highest and best for the community of faith – we will find ways to connect with you and be your church so that we can continue to worship in spirit and truth.

So as we make adjustments in response to the highest and best – that we understand to be today – we ask for your patience and extend our prayers and worship to you virtually – and YES, children of God, this is still worship in spirit and truth.

We will have contact with you through our church website: <http://kingofkings-ny.org/> where you can find streaming worship in a video format. We will be streaming a modified service of the word Sunday mornings at 9:30am and will offer Holden Evening Prayer, Devotions and prayers at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings through Lent; and I will be offering a weekly sermon recap and prayer request video on Tuesday afternoons – all on the King of Kings Facebook page.

Please continue to financially support to ministry efforts of King of Kings as myself and our staff work to care your spiritual needs in this unusual time. For emergency pastoral needs, please call 315-516-8305, or call the office or email me at: reastman@outlook.com for non-urgent matters.

Walking in grace, Rev. Tara Lamont Eastman





Council Corner...

Your congregational Council met on Thursday March 12th with our Parish Nurse (Carol Genalo) and other medical and technical people to come up with a plan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We made decisions that we felt would help to keep our faith family healthy both physically and spiritually. Within hours those plans were outdated, but we will probably utilize these plans when we are able to gather together again. Pastor Tara and myself are continually working to keep up with the mandates and suggestions from government, medical personnel, and our Synod. If you have any questions feel free to contact the office, Pastor, or myself.

I hope that you have been able to join us for our virtual worship services on Facebook live and via a link on our website (www.kingofkings-ny.org). I would like to thank Howie for his quick and diligent work on this. Also, to the musicians who are willing to come in to make this a truly worshipful experience in these difficult times.

We would like to remind you that even though we are not able to meet face to face, as a congregation, our ministry keeps alive through different means. And in this light, we still count on your pledges and offerings at this time. Please remember to mail in your offerings or you can utilize our on-line offering by going to our website and click on the "On-line giving" button. You can set this up as "one time only" or you can set it up to come out automatically weekly, monthly, or yearly.

Please continue to look for updates in your email as far as when we can gather together again, or what you can do to help us keep King of Kings a healthy and safe place to gather.

Stay safe, stay healthy, wash your hands.

Yours in Christ;

Barb Winkel
King of Kings Congregational Chairperson





Greetings from the Deacon's Desk

Our children and youth are impacted each day by what they see, hear and experience; and by how we, as adults, respond to what is going on around us. Often, children are faced with the unknown or by tension around them and they can become fearful. They depend upon trusted adults to help them process experiences they do not understand. There are several things we can do in response to our children when they become fearful or worried:

Stop, Look and Listen

If your children express concern or worry, **stop** what you are doing, **look** them in the eye and **listen** to what they have to say. In this way we can communicate an authentic concern for them and for their feelings. A stove can be turned off, a phone put down or the TV silenced long enough to sit face to face with our children so we can hear their concerns. We can also intentionally set aside time for family devotions to process the day in light of our faith. *When we are truly present to each other we communicate loving compassion.*

Make Space

In fearful situations we may be inclined to say, "There is nothing to be afraid of" or "Don't worry, it will be okay," but these statements may not be comforting. When children talk about their fears or worries, they are very real to them. They need to know that we honor their feelings. It may be more helpful to say, "Tell me about what is making you feel afraid" or "Let's talk about it." We can encourage our children by assuring them that we are there for them and that God is with us always. Whenever Jesus said, "Be not afraid", he was directing the attention back to how God was present in the situation. *By respecting our children's feelings, we encourage them to express them in a healthy way.*

Model Healthy Coping Skills

There are times when we want to just fix what is wrong and make our children feel better. That is because we love them. While we may not be able to "fix things" for them, we can model a healthy response to stress. Taking deep breaths is one method that does in fact help our bodies to relax. Offer to do this with your child when they are worried or fearful. There are other simple tools to help children relax, like taking a walk, riding a bike, or listening to music. We can also help our children to lift their concerns to God in prayer. *While we may not have the power to change the immediate situation, we can change our response.*

Jesus entered the lives of people who were fearful, worried, isolated, grief-stricken and rejected. When the children came to him, he welcomed them fully (Matthew 19:13-14)

When Jesus encountered the sorrow of others, he too expressed sorrow (John 11:33-35). When Jesus felt the weight of his ministry he retreated for prayer (Matthew 26:36)

Jesus promised to be with us always. We have faith that God is with us in every aspect of our lives, in the good times and in fearful times. We experience God's presence in many ways, especially through the love and care of others. This is a gift we can share with our children every day.

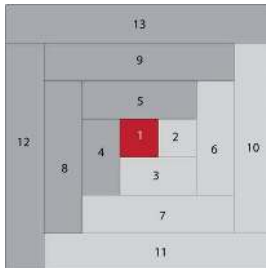
For a family devotion on fear go to: <http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/be-not-afraid>

Peace, Deacon Nancy

CONFIRMATION CONNECTIONS

Please look for updates on the KCY schedule for April through email messages.

In Christ, and with JOY,
Joanne Keim
KCY Education Guide



King of Kings Quilt Group

Sometimes making a quilt block is not just about sewing pretty fabrics together. There are blocks with meaning and history behind them. Take the humble Log Cabin block. The center square represents different things in different colors. A red square means the hearth of the home where a fire is burning, welcoming and warm. A yellow square is telling that a light is left in the window. A quilt hung on the clothesline outside of a house with a black square, during the times of the underground railroad, told escaping slaves that this home was a safe haven.

As many log cabin blocks are assembled, the light sides and the dark sides can be put together in many different ways making each quilt unique. Those quilts also represented different happenings, some of the names tell the story of Barn Raising, Straight Furrows, and Streak of Lightening to name a few. Alter the way the block is constructed and it becomes Courthouse Steps.

Our sampler series continues with the constructing of this simple block. We hope to be able to meet again soon. As always, any questions can be directed to Donna Huberty.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace coming to

King of Kings!



Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering beds to children ages 3-17 in need in the greater Syracuse area. Since October 2018, this organization has delivered 902 beds and counting!

King of Kings is excited to partner with this organization by collecting NEW pillows, along with twin-size mattress pads, twin-size sheet sets, and twin-size comforters. When we can meet again in person, you can leave your donation on the display that will be in the narthex.

Jon Wright, co-president of the Syracuse Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, will be joining us and presenting a Mission Moment at both services at some point in the future. If you'd like to learn more about Sleep in Heavenly Peace and other ways you can get involved, please visit their website at www.shpbeds.org/chapter/ny-syracuse, or speak with Bill Myers or Anita Leitgeb.

KCY Pay It Forward Event

This year's Pay It Forward is the collection of reusable shopping bags for the local food pantries. Jacob Garrett came up with this great idea and Deacon Nancy had challenged us to collect 250 shopping bags. Please help us meet this goal! New, reusable shopping bags can be put in the red box in the Narthex. Cash donations are also accepted and can be placed in the plastic jar. Thank you for your generosity!

We will continue this project into spring, once we can all gather face-to-face again. Thanks!



Sunday School Update...

Well, here goes with April newsletter article version 2. Since writing my first article EVERYTHING has changed and probably by the time you read this article things will have changed again. Sunday school is trying to adjust to those changes. We had our first virtual Sunday school class on March 22nd and it was a success with 18 kids in attendance! Thank you to the parents that supported the kids with joining us. It was great to see all of their faces on my computer screen and be able to share what is going on in our lives while we are at home. Baby dolls, pets, Lego creations, drawings, a lost tooth, a 60 piece puzzle and a first timer riding a two wheel bike were some of the shares.



We also discussed Deacon Nancy's children's message and her call to us to "Notice the Love". We discussed that some of our family members are "essential employees" and still out in the world doing important work. I challenged the kids to think about whom they know that is still doing this work and find a way to recognize them or thank them. I think that this is something the adults can do as well. We have lots of members of King of Kings that are still out there doing God's Work. Please join us in finding a way to thank them. It could be as simple as a note on the mailbox for the postal worker or a card or email to a nurse or doctor. I hope that in the coming weeks we can share what we are doing to Notice the Love and find a way to share it with you.

If you are the parent of a Sunday school that did not join us for our virtual class please consider joining us next week! I am sending an email on Saturday with the story of the week, what you can do at home and the computer link invitation to join class. If you are not receiving the weekly email let me know. Stay healthy and safe and I look forward to seeing you on my computer on Sunday morning!

Sue Tierney

People News...



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the Richardson families on the passing of **Barbara Richardson**, mother of **Steve, Kurt** and **Eric**. May God's love and many good memories bring you comfort and peace.

On Sunday, March 8th, **Pastor Tara Eastman** was officially installed during a special service at King of Kings. Members of the congregation who participated in the afternoon liturgy were **Barb Winkel, Anita Leitgeb, Bob Lebel** and **Becca Mansfield**.

Lee Savidge recently won medals in the Local 2020 Veterans Administration Creative Arts Competition:

2020 Creative Writing Categories:

- ~ Short, Short Story - titled "Doc's Dilemma" - First Place
- ~ Personal Experience - Humorous - titled "The Secret Word" - First Place
- ~ Personal Experience - Other - titled "Air Force Brats" - First Place
- ~ Poetry - Other - titled "Surprise Attack" - Third Place

First Place winning stories above will continue on to the National Level of the competition. In 2019, Lee's poem, "Fly Me to the Moon" won National Third Place.

Note: The Everson Museum in Syracuse will display some local first place items April 11 through May 10. These will include creative writing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, needlework, etc.



Women's Group



Greetings, peace and prayers to you during this National Emergency.

Thanks for your understanding of our late cancellation of Borio's Lunch. Until further notice, all events for the ladies' group are cancelled.

The people at PEACE were thrilled with the baby layettes made with the 60-yards of flannel that were donated by King of Kings' members. Baby care items, purchased with a Thrivent grant, were also donated. A huge thank you to all who helped make this project possible. You may be hearing more about PEACE and its work with our neighbors in the coming months.

Thanks to all of you who support the Little Free Library. Special thanks to Weta Hayden and her slide flashing on the KoK sign. The Library participation has increased, and will be continually stocked.

As always, thanks, KoK and all of you for your support. Contact one of us if you have suggestions for future events.

Jennifer Foor, Dawnelle Jager, Lynn Weeks

Schedules for April:

Slideshow Creation Team

	8:15 am	10:45 am
4/5	Howie Mansfield	Howie Mansfield
4/12	Howie Mansfield	Howie Mansfield
4/19	Teresa Mansfield	Keith Gatling
4/26	Mary Moyer	Lorraine Savidge

Counters

4/5	Mary Moyer / Lorraine Savidge
4/12	Doug Keim / Pat Lebel
4/19	Eric Richardson / Polly Henry
4/26	Kurt Richardson / Peter Pavlacka



As the Holy Week and Easter approach, I would like to offer a list of twenty classical pieces to set the mood for Christ's passion and resurrection. These are: J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion; T. Tallis' Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet; N. Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Festival Overture; J. MacMillan's Seven Last Words from the Cross; F. Poulenc's Quatre Motets Pour Un Temps de Penitence; G. Mahler's Symphony No. 2 Resurrection; A. Part's Passion; C. Gesualdo's Tenebrae Respsoria; R. Wagner's Good Friday Music from Parsifal; GP Telemann's Brockes Passion; A. Salinen's The Barabbas Dialogues; G. Rossini's Stabat Mater; P. Mascagni's Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rustican; B. Martinu's TheGreek Passion; J.S. Bach's Easter Oratorio; H. Berlioz' Resurrexit; A. Vivaldi's Stabat Mater; L.V. Beethoven's Christ on the Mount of Olives; A. Glazunov's The King of the Jews; and finally J. Tavener's Lament of the Mother of God.

The composers of these masterpieces meant to express their strong emotional connection with Christ's suffering and resurrection, as well as to help us feel something similar.

Kristina V.





Inspired by Dr. Seuss:

*The buildings were big, and people would smile
And travel they did, mile by mile.
But sick they become, in numbers it grew.
Businesses worried, communities too.*

*Things stopped for a bit, the world slowed its roll
The virus had certainly taken its toll.
But what they then saw, from slowing things down,
Is in fact they now had less reasons to frown.*

*Families now gathered, what game shall we play?
Pass me the blue crayon, give mommy the gray.
Dad's home guys! He'll read us a book
Then all of us together, we'll cook.*

*The lungs of the planet caught a small break
Less travel meant less pollution to make.
People did realize they'd all be okay
They don't need so much to get through the day.*

*Maybe this virus that caused so much stress
Showed the whole world that more can be less.*

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