

THE KING'S CROWN



March 2023

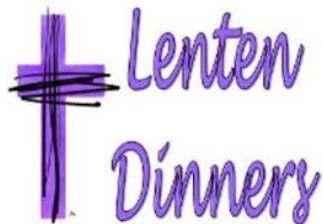
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesdays 6:00pm & Service 7:00pm

March 4 **Men's Breakfast 7:30am**



March 11 **Women's Group Project Fair 9:30am**



March 18 **Talent Variety Show 7:00pm**



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 Desk of Pastor Wolling

The time in-between

It has been said that Israel's 40 years in the wilderness were necessary not because it took that long to get Israel out of Egypt, but rather because it took that long to get Egypt out of the Israelites. In a favorite passage of mine the Israelites moan "We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks..." (Num 11.15).

King of Kings is no longer in the wilderness, but we haven't 'arrived' quite yet. We are in-between and most of us find 'in-between' times unsettling. We can adapt to wilderness, and arrival at the 'promised land' engenders celebrations and a sense of well-being. But in-between? Mostly uncertainty.

Yet in-between time is the time of greatest creativity – a time when new paths are charted and huge goals are considered. Being forced to leave behind the familiar patterns of being and doing, we are freed to consider what might be, what we truly value, what we might want to accomplish. It is a time when individuals and organizations are freed to consider what they truly want. The hardest task is often to let go of the 'cucumbers' of our past.

Our glowing memories of the success of the past can become the 'baggage' we drag with us, using up our energy and goodwill. Yet those memories also contain valuable insight into our core values, our internal sense of mission, and the impact we have made.

So the questions we need to consider are not How do we get the old system up and running again? But rather What was it that was valuable in the old system? What benefits did it bring to me and others?

We ask these questions with a discipleship lens. Has my faith grown in the past 5 years? What aspect of our shared life as a worshipping community contributed to that growth? Where have I been challenged by God's Word? Comforted? Corrected? Taught? What part of our call to discipleship has fallen by the wayside?

My task among you is to constantly be asking just those questions. When you have discerned the answers you will know what type of spiritual leader you need to lead you into a promised land. God is with us on the journey.

Pastor Wolling

Children of God, Journeying with Jesus

Hello! I was recently reminded of a homework assignment Pastor Dana from Atone-ment Lutheran Church assigned some youth during a study session. I think it is applicable for all of us. Here's some thoughts to ponder: "Write down three ways that God or the church nourishes you." Reflection: "What is a way that God gives a direction to you? How does God talk to you?"

I thought, God speaks to me through the breath of life. Job 33:4 -The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. It is my hope that you take some deep and nourishing breaths this Lenten season. I recently spoke with a toddler from a music group that meets at King of Kings. The child shared "It's Valentine's Day" and accepted an invitation to use the craft supplies to make her daddy a valentine. Her words with enthusiasm were, "Yes, let's go!" Unlike Valentine's Day, God loves us EVERY day. John 20:21-22 - Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

I was recently asked by a parent, what do we do, it seems they want to come back to church, but don't know how? Simply stated, it seems they need to make the decision to re- turn, make the commitment and to attend. God is always with us. Love is. Sometimes, invi- tations to walk alongside others to assist in the transition from home to the worship service may help. If there is something someone at King of Kings can help you with, please let us know.

The congregation is the church, and each member has their faith journey. Together we live in relationship with one another, break bread together, assemble to worship, for fel- lowship, for teaching, for prayer and encouragement in the faith, as God creates disciples, and we encourage one another. During these days we live, it seems we all have schedules, commitments and activities that draw our attention. During the Lenten season, take time to slow down, look inward, pray, reflect, attend worship and to observe the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. At King of Kings, we will be gathering for Ash Wednesday, Lenten Study Service on Wednesday evenings, and our Sunday service. There are some additional fellowship events on our church calendar.

In the words from the toddler, will you join in with a "Yes, let's go!" ?

I leave you with the words from Isaiah 42:5-7

This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.



Enjoy the breath of life,
Maria Jackson



Reflecting on Lent , I always like to think of it as a time when I more intentionally "turn back" to God , or "repent". In the Gospel readings of Jesus's meetings with Nicodemus, and a Samaritan woman, of His healing of a blind man , and the raising of Lazarus, we will hear over and over that Jesus is the living water for our thirsty souls. We'll learn of God's unconditional love for all people, and of His power to overcome death.

The music of Lent can be moving, powerful, worshipful, and prayerful. The Handbells will be playing " When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" on March 5. The Son-Light Choir will be singing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of this month, and on March 19th the Sunday School children have prepared a song called " What Would Jesus Do" - a song about how it is much easier to face the tough things in life if we always turn to Jesus.

There will be a hymn, as well as reflective music for the mid-week Lenten services that are at 7:00 p.m. Weds. evening during Lent.

So please come and worship as we journey through Lent together with Christ as our Guide, our friend , and our Savior.

I'll leave you with words from one of the pieces that the Son-Light Choir will be doing in March.

Always Enough Songwriters: John Mark Hall / Ed Cash / Matt Armstrong

In a dry and weary land , Lord, you are the rain
In a sea of shattered ones , Your love comes rushing in.
You hold the world within your hands and see each tear that falls -
Through every fire and every storm You're always enough
Always enough -

Your love is peace to the broken , Faith for the widow
Hope for the orphan , Strength for the weak

Your love is the anthem of nations , Rings out through the ages
And You're always enough for me.

I rejoice for my Savior reigns! I rejoice for He lives in me!
God on high He has set me free and worthy is the Lord

Your love is peace to the broken , Faith for the widow
Hope for the orphan , Strength for the weak .

Your love is the anthem of nations , Rings out through the ages
And You're always enough for me.

In a dry and weary land
Lord , You are the rain ...

See you in church!

Beth Colbert

Director of Music Ministry



Reconciling In Christ (RIC)



Ephesians 2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility

Just as a reminder of what becoming a RIC congregation is about. “

The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program”.

Hi all. So, a few things happened in the past few months here at KoK, but this does not mean that we have forgotten about, and are willing to set RIC on a shelf. We do intend to move forward in our quest to have King of Kings become an RIC congregation. So, as we begin the next phase just a few things to think about as we continue to welcome all into our congregation

The words we use to talk about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and issues can have a powerful impact on our conversations. The right words can help open people’s hearts and minds, while others can create distance or confusion. For example, the abbreviation “LGBT” is commonly used within the movement for lesbian, gay, bi and transgender equality, but it can be confusing and alienating to people who don’t understand what it means (for many media and mainstream audiences, the term gay and transgender is more accessible without being overwhelming). Here are just some suggestions when it comes to speaking to and about Gay, Lesbian, and Bi folks.

Terms to Use	Usage Examples	Terms to Avoid	Explanation
<p>gay (adj.)</p> <p>lesbian (n. or adj.)</p> <p>bi (adj.)</p> <p>bisexual (adj., if needed on first reference for clarity)</p>	<p>“gay people”</p> <p>Gay man/men”</p> <p>“lesbian couple”</p> <p>“bi men and women”</p> <p>“He is gay.”/She is a lesbian.”/</p> <p>“He is bi.”</p>	<p>“homosexual”</p> <p>“gay” (n.) (as in, “He is a gay.”)</p>	<p>Gay is an adjective, not a noun; it is sometimes used as a shorthand term encompassing gay, lesbian and bisexual orientations (though not transgender people or gender identity). Also, while many lesbians may identify as gay, the term lesbian(s) is clearer when talking only about a woman or women. Anti-gay activists often use words like “homosexual” to stigmatize gay people by reducing their lives to purely sexual terms.</p>

I will continue to highlight some of the terminology that might be confusing in the articles to come.

So please, look for opportunities in the upcoming months and throughout 2023 to have discussion with the RIC Core team as we will be looking for opportunities to talk to all in small group settings.

If you have any questions or comments about becoming an RIC congregation, please contact Barb Winkel or Sarah Richardson.



The Ministry Site Profile team asks that all KoK members complete a survey regarding the search for a new Pastor. If you have not yet completed this survey, please call or email the Church office and a survey will be sent to each KoK member in your household. You may request either a hard copy or an emailed copy.

Lenten Season Community Collections

During the Lenten Season we are collecting some staple items to be donated to Interfaith Works and other community programs.

Week of:

February 26 - paper towels

March 5 - trash bags - all sizes

March 12 - toilet paper

March 19 - feminine hygiene products

March 26 - dish soap and dish rags

April 2 - bath soap and wash cloths (including for infants)



Schedule for March

Usher

3/5 Rick/Kathy Sampson
3/12 Eric Richardson/Sara Richardson
3/19 Hollie Zimmerman/Karen Wild
3/26 Carl Bastedo/Bob Hickman

Lector

Bob Lebel
Peter Pavlacka
Lisa Sousou
Kurt Richardson

Worship Assistants

3/5 Peter Pavlacka/Cheryl Gatling
3/12 Jeff Swanson/Bob Hickman
3/19 Stephany Richardson/Michele Hayes
3/26 Lauren Seiter/Kathy Sampson

Counters

Steve Salem/Niel Zuern
Art Leitgeb/Jeremy Clark
Weta Hayden/Lorraine Savidge
Weta Hayden/Jenna Wysokowski

Altar Guild for March Beth Colbert/Jodell George

People News...



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Sarah Richardson on the passing of her mother, Marge Roberts. May God's love and His promise of eternal life bring you comfort and peace.

We are grateful to Tom Henry and the Rev. Anne Russ, who have been our worship leaders during the past weeks. We also extend our thanks to the Rev. Gail Wolling, who is serving as King of Kings Transitional Pastor.

The Rev. Wolling was "in the news" recently, authoring one of The Post Standard's CNY Inspirations features. Her thoughtful writing on January 22nd was entitled "Resetting Compasses."

Faith Formation / Sunday School



Sunday School continues to meet at 10:45 weekly. We have been studying the New Testament stories of Zacchaeus, Road to Emmaus, and Mary and Martha. Maria has been busy seeking "Sowers of Faith" to lead our classes, and has successfully filled many positions. There are still a few spots left if you want to help lead and many spots to assist in our Sunday School.

Upcoming Stepping Stones:

Prayer Tents - March 5 -

1st Communion - TBD - please email the church if your child is interested in First Communion Classes. Students in first grade or above are eligible to participate. Classes will include a few parent/students classes, then a first communion.

Sunday School students will participate in a special event March 19, March 26, and Palm Sunday April 2. The Sunday School will be presenting a Road to Easter Lessons. Students will experience the events leading to the cross as if they were there with the disciples. The purpose is to retell the biblical account of the last week of Jesus' life on earth before the crucifixion. Students will visit 3 stations each week to experience.

There will be no class on April 9, Easter Sunday.

Thanks, Sue Evans, Faith Formation Leader

Contact Maria Jackson at koklayministries@gmail.com

MBSB (Ministry of Brief Stewardship Blurbs): ...

Thank you, Oh God, for entrusting to me the gift of _____.

Please help me to find ways to share it better with the community into which you have called me.

We are not accepting books due to overflowing donations with limited storage space. Thank you for your support of this community service project.

Dawnelle Jager and Jodell George



Variety Show

March 18, 2023 at 7pm

We are showcasing any talent you have. Whether it's musical, dancing, karate moves, art, poetry, pottery, wood work, knitting, cooking etc...

Sign up for an act, creative piece, or
Prepare a creative snack to share.

All ages are encouraged, even a refrigerator master piece. Bring a friend! This will be a fun family night and all are welcome.

Art pieces and snacks call or text
Shari Murray (315)561-9323

Creative Acts to share call or text
Beth Colbert (315)373-9363

Beadiful Workshops

Feeling strung out and want some creative time to unwind? Join Pat Lebel & Maria Jackson for a "A BEADiful Life" workshop. Registration is required and no beading experience is required.

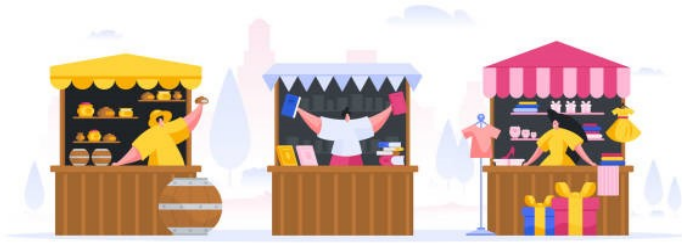
You'll create a beaded project pending what you've decided to make. An "idea box" will be available to inspire while Pat & Maria will help you with techniques. Perhaps you'll attend a session to make a pair of earrings, bookmark or bracelet, or decide to commit to 3 sessions over 3 months to work on a longer project or 3 different items. You just might find; stringing beads is for you, and you decide to attend all 3 sessions.

Most materials will be provided. However, there might be an item we ask you to bring to class pending the beading project chosen. Pat &

Women's Group Project Fair March 11, 2023

Come attend a project fair on Saturday, March 11, 23 from 9:30-2:00 in the fellowship hall. Bring your supplies to work on any projects that you are doing, perhaps share a special technique and enjoy socializing with others. You might even be inspired to do a new craft. We will have muffins to munch on in the morning and a light lunch will be provided.

There will be a swap table where you can donate any patterns, notions, craft supplies, books, magazines, or any other items.



Please sign up on the bulletin board, or call the church office. Any questions, please contact Jen Foor, Dawnelle Jager or Lynn Weeks.

King of Kings Quilt Group

A quilt is not actually a quilt until it has been put together with the top, batting and bottom layered together. There are ways of anchoring the fabrics and batting together so that the completed quilt will lie flat, without puckers or pleats in the top or bottom layers. There is thread basting (most tedious especially in a large quilt), spray basting using a spray with a tacky liquid that allows the layers to adhere to each other, using a special "gun" that attaches the layers with little plastic tags (think of the plastic fasteners used in a store for price tags) and pin basting using curved safety pins. Each way has its drawbacks and each has its benefits. Discussion of the different ways of getting the completed quilt tops ready for quilting will be discussed at the next quilt meeting.

Join me Tuesday March 14th at 1 p.m. for discussion and demonstrations. And as always, any questions can be directed to Donna Huberty donnahuberty@outlook.com or 315-935-5422.





Council Corner...

At its February meeting, the Council reviewed reports from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer....all is in order. Reminder: please turn out the lights in any rooms not being used. If you are the last one out of the building, please take a minute to do a quick check and turn off all lights.

The Worship and Music Committee is working to provide lectors, ushers, video coverage etc for all of the additional services to be held during Lent and Holy Week. Look for announcements at services/in the bulletin/in What's Up and please help if you are able to do so. Also, make note of the Lenten and Holy Week services as the dates are announced.

Action items at the February meeting included: approving the King of Kings 2023 charter for our long time Boy Scout Troop; formalizing the King of Kings agreement with Pastor Gail Wolling as Transitional Pastor.

Council was pleased to hear that the Call Committee and Ministry Site Profile Committee are ready to begin work. You will be hearing more as we make our way through the Call Process.

Men's Breakfast Group News...



Our monthly Men's Group Breakfast will be on **Saturday, March 4th at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**. We start with coffee at 7:30 and food at 8:00 am. Kurt Richardson is the cook extraordinaire. Suggested donation is \$3.00.

Please If you have any questions regarding breakfast, please contact Peter Pavlacka or Chuck Grundner.

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