

THE KING'S CROWN



January 2024

King of Kings Lutheran Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6th—Men's Breakfast

January 7th—Sunday School resumes

January 9th @ 1:00pm—Quilt Group

January 20th @ 11:00am—RIC Meeting

January 20th @ 7:00pm—Movie Madness

January 21st @ 10:45am—Congregational Budget Meeting

January 28th @ 11:45am—Annual Congregational Meeting

Brunch @ 10:45am

February
Newsletter
Deadline is
January 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 Rebecca

*For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all
and is generous to all who call on him. (Romans 10:12)*

Having grown up in the Upstate NY Synod, the words of its vision statement—recited at many a synod assembly, synod council, and Lutheran Youth Organization meeting—are imprinted on my heart: We are a resurrection people who pray first, walk together, and change lives. At some point during my decade away, this statement was retired... and that's okay! The words didn't go anywhere, and now there is an opportunity to connect to a new way of sharing and explaining the synod's ministry of the gospel.

As a synod, we are encouraged by our current bishop to cultivate a G.R.A.C.E. mindset. The letters of G.R.A.C.E. stand for five discipleship practices: **G**enerous Love, **R**estorative Justice, **A**daptive Leadership, **C**ollaboration & **C**onnections, and **E**xperimentation.

When I think of “generosity,” my mind often turns to the story of the loaves and fishes from scripture. Not many stories are found in all four gospels, but something about the way five loaves and two fish fed an entire crowd seems to have struck the ancient writers. There is amazing comfort in the promise that whatever amount we have to offer will be magnified by the power of Christ. Far from an excuse to be stingy, it's a reassurance that we have and are enough to do incredible things. Generosity flows from this kind of freedom!

And “love” often brings my heart to the famous passage from 1 Corinthians 13. Although we frequently hear those words at weddings, I have read them several times at hospital bedsides and funerals. St. Paul tells us that love has power. Love is enduring. Love takes risks, and although it makes us vulnerable, love is what gives meaning to all our faith and hope.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to offer the world the same generosity and love that has been shown to us in our salvation through Christ without distinctions between worthy and unworthy, neighbor or stranger, sinner or saint. The Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis has a guiding question she counsels Christians to live by: “What would love have me do today?” That is a question that can guide us in our church, in our homes, and in our communities.

Among your co-workers, what would love have you do today? With your children or parents or siblings, what would love have you do today? In the grocery store or the waiting room at the doctor's office or at a school board meeting, what would love have you do today? I encourage you to dwell with that question and listen for how the Holy Spirit answers you.

In gratitude and hope,
Pastor Rebecca



Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who shared their time and musical talents with us throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons! Music can elevate our worship, lift our hearts in joyful praise, and help us connect to God in unique ways.

Please consider sharing your musical talent with King of Kings this year. There is always room for singers in the Son-Light Choir, and I can use vocal or instrumental soloists at various times throughout the year. Steve Richardson leads the Brass Ensemble and is always willing to add members to the group. Please get in touch with me at bmcolbert61@gmail.com if you have an interest in helping out with the music ministry of the church.

In closing, here are lyrics from "One True God" by Steven Curtis Chapman. (The Son-Light Choir will be singing this on the 14th.)

"One voice in the dark
A song that lights up the stars
One breath that gives life -
One sovereign in power
Who speaks with thunder and fire
One Lord, one King
There is no other that can compare to You
Jesus, You are -
The One alone in greatness
The One who never changes
Jesus, You are
The One who rose in power
The One who reigns forever
Jesus, the one true God"



May you keep music in your heart as we move into this New Year, and may the peace of God be with us all.

Shalom, Paz, Frieden, Paix, Salaam, Amani , Pokoj - Peace~

Beth Colbert

Director of Music

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL MEETING

King of King's Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 28th. We will have a brunch after service and the meeting will start at 11:45am. Please look for a signup sheet or call the office with any food items you can bring to share for the meal and whether you will be in attendance for the meeting. It is important that we have as many members in attendance as possible as we need a quorum for official business. We will have babysitters in the nursery for young families.

BUDGET MEETING FOR 2024

We will have our line-by-line budget meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 21st after the 9:30am service in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be provided. Our budget committee comprised of Doug Keim, Treasurer Carl Bastedo and Financial Secretary Barb Winkel will be presenting the budget to all members in attendance. This will be the time to ask questions and express any concerns you might have. Please plan to attend this important meeting so that all inquiries can be answered in advance so that the annual meeting will run much smoother.



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



You are Not Alone!

At King of Kings Lutheran Church, we embrace all individuals and respect their dignity and worth, for all are beloved children of God. We seek to recognize everyone's own distinctions, and we strive to protect all from oppression. As a congregation we share God's vision of love for people of every race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socio-economic status, age, ability, political persuasion, and personal history. At King of Kings, we commit ourselves to ongoing and consistent efforts to advocate for racial equality, and to be allies to all who are oppressed simply for being who they are. Our sanctuary is a place for worship and praise, and to celebrate baptisms, marriages, funerals, and other milestones of growth in faith for all who come. Here we believe there is a place for EVERYONE.

Welcome to King of Kings.

This is the welcome statement that the RIC Core Team composed and Council has approved. This welcome statement DOES NOT override our Mission Statement. It is merely to show people that we are truly a welcoming congregation.

Now it's your turn!! Since this is a statement that comes from the congregation, we need your input. We will be having a discussion on Saturday, January 20th at 11:00 am. Please join us for Coffee, Cake, and Holy Discussion.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact any of our RIC Core Team members with your thoughts. The Core Team members are Barb Winkel, Sarah Richardson, Jennifer Foor, Weta Hayden, Betsy Herpich, Dawnelle Jager, Bob and Pat Lebel, Sue Tierney. Also, if you would prefer you could talk with any of your Congregational Council members, which include Lisa Clark, Steve Miller, Jennifer Foor, Robin Ngumbi, Kurt Richardson, Sue Tierney, Carl Bastedo (Treasurer), Barb Winkel (Financial Secretary), Cindy Johnson (Recording Secretary).

COUNCIL CORNER

The council met on Thursday, December 14th. Our budget team reported that they are working hard to prepare 2024's budget and present it to the congregation at our annual meeting on January 28th. We celebrated with Pastor Truland as she has moved into her house and has a permanent residence here in Liverpool, New York. She is very happy in her new home but there are still a lot of boxes to unpack and move her cat "spooky" into his new home.

Steve Miller and Kurt Richardson have put together a team of 12 men who have offered their services to a newly formed Maintenance and Grounds Committee. We thank these members for their offer to help maintain the beauty and structure of our church. One of their first projects will be replacing the kitchen and bathroom floors with a new product to enhance the durability and look of these 30-year-old floors.

The council was notified that our Sexton's last day will be 12/31/23. Her schedule will be filled with new family obligations. We are currently looking for a replacement.

We pray that everyone enjoyed a joyous Christmas and celebrated the beauty of another year to praise God for the gifts he has given us.

Season's Greetings,

Lisa Clark
Council Chair

People News...



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Al Seifts. May God's love and promise of eternal life bring you comfort and peace.

Ian Bishoff and Brian Senf were cast members in the recent Finding Nemo Jr. production of the Baldwinsville Theater Arts Program.

Thank you to Weta Hayden for coordinating Pie Church and to all who baked pies, helped set up and serve, and donated funds for the event.

Thank you to Barb Nies and Sue Evans for coordinating the children's Christmas pageant and to all who participated in the special presentation.

Special thanks to Beth Colbert, King of Kings Director of Music, and to the Handbell Choir and the Son-Light Choir and the Brass Ensemble for their beautiful musical offerings during Advent and Christmas.

Brick Walkway

Our brick walkway leading from the Fellowship Hall to the Pavilion is a loving remembrance of those who have been a part of our King of Kings

congregation over the past 50+ years. Favorite Bible verses, and names of family and friends, have been imprinted on the bricks and Dan Weingarten carefully constructed the walkway in honor of our church's 50th Anniversary. There are several empty bricks which were used to create the original path, but can be replaced with new, stamped bricks. Is there someone who you would like to honor or remember and whose name(s) you'd like to see on the path?

Perhaps you have a favorite Bible verse you would like to see on the path. Seeing the names and Bible verses brought back memories of friends at King of Kings who have moved away, or who are no longer with us. Many still worship here. The verses have been comforting to read knowing that it is our faith that binds us together in God's church.

So...here's the thing....I don't know who initially organized the pathway, how much the bricks cost, or the company from which the bricks were purchased. If anyone knows this information, and/or would like to assist in continuing this project, please contact me. If there is enough interest, we'll send out more information and put up a sign-up. It would be ideal to get this project started now, to begin the process, because it will take some time to complete.

Thank you for your interest. To God be the glory.

Marcy Grundner

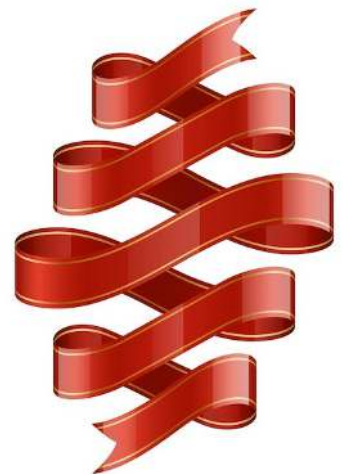


Sunday School & Stepping Stones News for Families from Sue

Our Nativity Pageant was very successful. Congratulations to all our youth who participated, including our narrators for keeping the story going and parent helpers. Special thanks to Barb Nies for the script, Beth Colbert for our music, Dave Krause for our slideshow, and our set builders Pat Lebel and Deanna Pavlacka.

Sunday School classes will resume on January 7, after church from 10:45-11:30, in the far classroom, with music and songs following by a lesson with a video component. Classes will run until February break, with the exception of the annual meeting day. We will be learning about Abraham's descendants Rebekah, Issac, Jacob and Esau. We are looking for "Sowers of Faith," who are adults who can teach or help assist with weekly classes. Thank you for the parents who stay during class to be the assistants to their child/children. The sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Sue Evans, by leaving a message with Rachel in the office or email church.

Susan Evans





KING OF KINGS QUILT GROUP

You all have heard the abbreviation UFO. Unidentified Flying Objects. But have you heard it in quilting terms? A UFO means Un - Finished Object or a WIP (Works In Progress). Most of us have a couple, or a few.....or a lot of UFO's.

Let's dig a project out of the drawer, closet, out from under the bed or wherever one might be hiding and bring it in to finish. "Finished is better than perfect." And you can cross it off the list!

The Quilt Group meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Join me as we get one of our UFO's back on track, on January 9, 2024. Contact Donna Huberty with questions donnahuberty@outlook.com or 315-935-5422.

Happy New Year!



Movie Madness

Join us on Saturday, January 20th, 7:00 p.m., at Barb and Weta's house at Moyers Corners (please see the directory for the exact address).

We'll be viewing *A Man Called Otto*, 2023, starring Tom Hanks. "Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around." Rated PG-13

If you wish, you may bring a snack (popcorn/drinks will be provided). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Schedules for January

Usher

1/7 Eric Richardson/Karen Wild
1/14 Dan/Pati Weingarten
1/21 Rick/Kathy Sampson
1/28 Eric Richardson/Sara Richardson

Lector

Betsy Herpich
Sherry Miller
Dave Allen
Susie Bastedo

Worship Assistant

1/7 Cheryl Gatling/Kathy Sampson
1/14 Jeff Swanson/Bob Hickman
1/21 Stephany Richardson/Weta Hayden
1/28 Peter Pavlacka/Michele Hayes

Counter

Kurt Richardson/Dan Weingarten
Eric Richardson/Peter Pavlacka
Dave Allen/Greg Yoder
Cathy Miller/Jeremy Clark

Tech Booth

1/7 Jacob Sousou
1/14 Howie Mansfield/Pat Lebel
1/21 Lisa Clark/Jeremy Clark
1/28 Howie Mansfield/Don Spoerke

Coffee Fellowship

Kurt Richardson
Carl Bastedo
Cathy Miller
Shari Murray

Altar Guild for January

Dawnelle Jager

**** For any questions or changes to the schedules, please reach out to the person who coordinates volunteers for your role and then let Rachel know of any changes.*



Church Council

Lisa Clark, Chair
Steve Miller, Vice Chair
Barb Winkel, Financial Secretary
Cindy Johnson, Recording Secretary
Carl Bastedo, Treasurer
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Kurt Richardson, Council Member
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Ministry Teams

Finance, Doug Keim
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Service Ministry Team, _____
Worship & Music, Beth Colbert
Children's Ministry, Sue Evans
Mutual Ministry Committee, Anita Leitgeb
Parish Nurse, Health Ministry Team, _____
Fellowship, Shari Murray
PALMS, Weta Hayden
Stephen Leader: Marcy Grundner
Quilters: Donna Huberty
Women's Group: Dawnelle Jager
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Women's Group: Lynn Weeks

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