

THE KING'S CROWN



July 2024



King of Kings Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

July 16th—Pontoon Boat Trip & lunch @ The Retreat

Caregiver Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am

Men's Bible Study

Biweekly on Fridays 6:00am

August
Newsletter
Deadline is
July 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

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8

The Central Crossroads Conference (our conference) of the Upstate NY Synod recently formed a working group called the Faith Impact Team (FIT). The FIT came together because of the anticipated changes that will be seen in the greater Syracuse area over the next few years because of Micron and other tech corporations' development. Now is the time to ask: how will these changes impact churches, and how is God calling people of faith to respond?

The FIT is going to be a great blessing to King of Kings and other local congregations. They will help us avoid approaching an increase of population as competition for new members, but rather as an opportunity for collaboration and mutual flourishing. They will remind us to continue to serve the "least of these" in our communities. And they will help us strategize and implement ways to reach out to new neighbors and welcome curious visitors.

The FIT's stated purpose is "to bring the good news that God journeys with us." Everyone who moves to the area because of Micron's development will be on a personal journey, and we will also be on a journey as we adjust to changes and discern how the Holy Spirit is calling us to respond. Praise God that scripture promises over and over again that God is with us through every wandering and every trial. One of the prayers in our funeral service says: "Grant to us who are still on our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life."

We are a pilgrim people. Sometimes this is literal, like traveling to shrines and cathedrals. Sometimes a mission trip, such as building houses with Habitat for Humanity, might be called a pilgrimage: we have traveled in order to see the face of Jesus in new neighbors. Even on a day-long car ride with ornery children in the backseat, you are a pilgrim who is journeying with the Lord beside you and among you. And through whatever journeys of heart and faith we undertake together as Central NY transforms... as the nation faces another contentious presidential election... as international conflict continues to bring pain and uncertainty... God is with us through all of it.

Spend some time this summer contemplating the holiness of all the voyages you have taken and will take in your life. Living out our baptisms is a lifelong pilgrimage, with many side quests and switchbacks and detours along the way. May God protect and bless you in all your travels.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Rebecca



Summer worship is here - a time when the ensemble groups of the church are taking time off and worship is a little less formal.

So - it is a wonderful time for you to share your musical talents with the congregation! Instrumental and vocal solos are encouraged and welcomed. There are still many open dates available if you wish to sign up for special music.

Please feel free to contact me at: bmcolbert61@gmail.com, or call the church office at 315 - 622 - 2077 and Rachel will get your message to me.

May the joy of the Lord surround you in all of your comings and goings this summer - enjoy God's creation.

(But sign up for special music for a Sunday that you're around !)

See you in church!

Beth Colbert

Director of Music

The Mutual Ministry Team is actively seeking candidates from outside of King of Kings to apply for our **Faith Formation Director position**.

The job description is located on the church website www.kingofkings-ny.org

If you know someone who might be a great fit for this position, please encourage them to apply.

Thank you!

Your Mutual Ministry Team





Interested in a Study about "The Chosen"?

"The Chosen" is a television drama (meaning much is fiction) about the life of Jesus Christ, his disciples, and other people surrounding him. The first season was shown in 2019. Season four is now

streaming via Prime, Netflix, and Peacock. It also has its own private channel for free viewing.

Since each episode is about 50 to 60 minutes long, we are suggesting participants watch the episode at home (we will start with season one), then we will gather at church to discuss what we saw, felt, and experienced when watching it. We probably will also talk about what comes straight from the Bible and what doesn't.

Each season is eight episodes long. We would maybe start the week of September 22nd and end the week of November 10th.

If you are interested, please let Weta Hayden or Beth Colbert know, as well as what day and time would work best for you.

Have you look at the nursery registry?

King of Kings Lutheran Church's Community Registry Link

<http://tgt.gifts/kingofkingsnursery>

These items would benefit the nursery, making it safer and more inviting to our young families.



Our Sunday Services are now LIVE on BOTH Facebook AND YouTube



Streaming Sunday Service

Link on computer and phone
www.youtube.com/@kingofkings-ny

(No passwords required).

On your TV, go to the YouTube channel (837 on FIOS), type in kingofkings-ny and select the circle that has our name and our stained glass

SOCIAL STATEMENT FEEDBACK DISCUSSIONS

The ELCA develops social statements as “teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life.” (<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements>) There is currently a draft social statement on Civic Life and Faith for which the church is accepting feedback until September 30th. This statement will be voted on at the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.

Using the survey provided by the Task Force, these discussion meetings will be opportunities to review the social statement and encourage one another in providing feedback (positive and negative!) on the draft of the social statement. These social statements are truly intended to be products of our communal discernment, but that can only happen when we participate in the process of their development.

Discussion sessions will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and after worship on Sunday mornings (beginning at approximately 10:45am) in July and August. Please come having already read the section of the statement to be discussed. Come whenever you’re available—you don’t have to attend every session.

The social statement itself and the feedback survey can be found here: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Civic-Life-and-Faith>

Please get in touch with Pastor Rebecca if you need help finding them. She will also have printed copies available at the meetings.

SECTION 1 - Wed 7/10 and Sun 7/14

SECTION 2 - Wed 7/17 and Sun 7/21

SECTION 3 - Wed 7/24 and Sun 7/28

SECTION 4 - Wed 7/31 and Sun 8/4

SECTION 5 - Wed 8/7 and Sun 8/11

SECTION 6 - Wed 8/14 and Sun 8/18

People's News



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the Wagner family on the recent passing of John Wagner. May God's love and promise of eternal life bring you comfort and peace.

Congratulations to Lindsey Myers and her husband Joe who were recently married. Lindsey's parents are Lynn and Bill Myers.

Kudos to Anita Leitgeb, Donor Relations Director for The Salvation Army, who recently received a Milestone Achievement Award for raising \$5 million dollars for the organization. Way to go, Anita!

His friends at King of Kings were saddened to learn of the passing of Pastor David Roppel. Pastor Roppel provided pastoral support to King of Kings at various times in our congregation's history. Condolences are extended to his wife Becky and family.

Thank you to Bill & Lynn Myers for their donation of a grill to the church since ours bit the dust. A big thank you to the Myers!



We are transitioning our monthly newsletter, The King's Crown, to mostly digital format.

We are not planning on sending out hard copies of the newsletter except for out of the area and homebound members. The newsletter will be emailed out the congregation, it will be on the website and a limited number of hard copies will be available in the church narthex for pick up.

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

As I am writing this, we are preparing to participate in the Pride Parade here in Syracuse. Why should we go and support our brothers and sisters in this way? I feel that it is not just the LGBTQIA+ community that we must support if we truly wish to be followers of Jesus, but so much more. I believe Pastor Andrew Tobias Nelson can say it so much better than myself. I implore you to take the time to watch this 12-minute video of Pastor Nelson and Pastor Kwame Pitts as they report to the Upstate NY Synod (UNYS) on the Gender Justice and Racial Justice teams. (see link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIrMG8a039o>

So, with that being said, July is Disability Pride month, and National Minority Mental Health Awareness month.

July Awareness Months 2024

Disability Pride Month

Raise awareness about the capabilities and achievements of people living with a disability. This month-long observance aims to challenge stigma and promote a more inclusive workplace and world.

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

This month, rally to help better understand the mental health struggles felt in minority communities nationwide. This is a month for education, support, and most importantly solidarity.

How can you be supportive of those beloved children of God? Would you like to be on a new team to find ways to make all feel safe and welcome at King of Kings? If so, please contact Barb Winkel or Sarah Richardson.

Church Picnic

We had our summer church picnic on June 9th outdoors under the pavilion. Everyone had a great time! The weather cooperated and we had a lot of members attend. The food, fellowship and entertainment for the children was wonderful. Of course, the highlight was Yoder Chicken and the other delicious food members provided.

I want to thank everyone who helped in some way or another. We had a crew that set up the pavilion, brought out instruments and a speaker system so that we could all worship together outside. A special thanks to Shari Murray and team who set up and cleaned up afterwards. Sue Evans who provided games for the kids and Eric Richardson who grilled some delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. Of course we can't forget Julie and Greg Yoder for leading a crew of volunteers to barbeque the most delicious chicken for all of us to enjoy. The team consisted of so many including Morgan, Amy, Joe, Mike, Rich, Kyle, Bayley, Biley, Jamie, Maverick, Jake and Nicole. We appreciate all of your hard work!

Have a Great Summer,
Lisa Clark

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

*Let us be concerned for each other,
to stir a response in love and good works.*

Hebrews 10:24

Please join us at church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 for conversation, support and shared wisdom. Caregiving can be a challenging and disorienting experience. Come join this group when you are able. All are welcome, supporters and caregivers both.





**HELP OUR PANTRY
PARTNERS PROVIDE
MUCH-NEEDED
HEALTHY FOOD TO
OUR COMMUNITY
THROUGHOUT
THE SUMMER**

MOST NEEDED ITEMS



Canned chicken/Tuna (preferably packed in water), Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Soups, Cereal, Oatmeal, Beef Stew, Mac and Cheese, Chef Boy R Dee, canned Fruits and Vegetables, Shelf Stable Milk, Shelf Stable Juice, Flour, Sugar, Salt and Pepper, Oil, Dried beans, Nuts, Pasta, Rice (especially jasmine rice)

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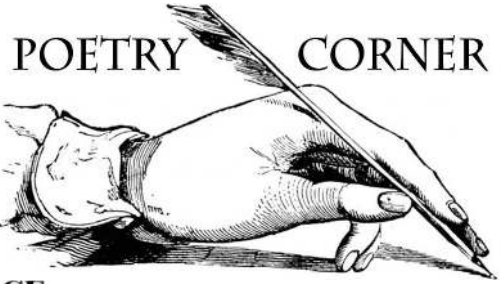


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AN ESSAY ON GRACE
or
the abolition of noses upon faces

BY WALTER M. WANGERIN, JR.

I

As goes
The nose
So follows face.

Such law's
The cause
In every place

Of fallen,
Bawled and
Bruised disgrace:

The one
Undone,
They're both debased.

II

A rule!
A rule
We can embrace!

A rule
To school
This sinful race!

A rule
No fool
Could dare outface

Without
His snout
Be ripped from base—

III

But what?
It's not,
You say, the case?

Nay, odds
(By God's
Outrageous Grace)

Are that
Tit's tat
Shan't keep apace;

Nor falls
Shall foll-
Ow proud displays;

Nor judg-
Ment cudg-
El him who strays.

IV

Effect-
'S defect-
Ed cause, these days,

Since Christ
Enticed
Their interspace

(In mor-
Al or-
Ders, anyways).

V

In short,
Abort
The commonplace.

Suppose
No nose
To lead its face;

The rule-
'S uncool
And's been displaced

By gift!
We're stiffed
With Grace on Grace . . .

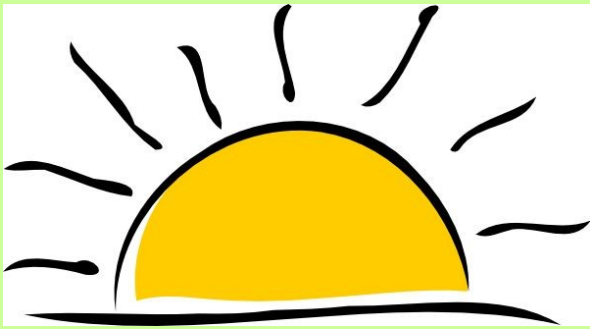
Sunday School Happenings

Thank you to all families who have attended Sunday School this school year. Your children are important to our program. As I was honored during the Church Picnic, I also spoke about changing the delivery of our messages. I want to bring back the Children's Message. Pastor, Sheirel, and I will be meeting to create a puppet children's message. It will be based on one of the readings during the service, and will include an interactive exchange between the children and the puppet, and follow-up activities to be completed independently at the children's table, to be taken home to complete later in the week. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the puppet and to prepare activities. Change is not easy, and I am not one to like change. But our attendance has been dwindling to 1-2 families per week, and adult support is very thin. I look forward to our new journey.

Thank you

Susan Evans
Sunday School Director





The Men's Bible Study Group meets every other Friday 6:00am in person or by Zoom (your choice). Please contact Steve Miller if you are interested in joining them. A new study has begun on the book "The Case for Christ."

Upcoming dates are

7/5, 7/19, 8/2



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Are you a Thrivent member? Are you willing to use your name/account to apply for a \$250 Thrivent grant for one or more of our ministries? It costs you nothing. Let Pastor or Rachel know.

Pontoon Boat Ride

Onondaga Yacht Club,

July 16th at 10:00am

Free of charge

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board

Lunch at The Retreat will follow for anyone interested (must pay for your meal)



Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast group will meet

Saturday September 7th.

Coffee will be up at 7:30am, breakfast food at 8:00am

No group meetings for July and August.



2024 Upstate NY Synod Assembly Report
June 3-4, Syracuse, NY
"Adaptive Leadership"

The assembly was again held at the beautiful Bethany Baptist Church in Syracuse. 224 people attended.

On the first afternoon, we were introduced to Synod staff, outgoing Deans, and Synod Council, along with various other committees. The treasurer's report was given by Todd Eames. Ministry reports were given.

After a short break, we heard from the LEAD Innovation Program Panel moderated by Pastor Imani Olear. Four pastors from our Synod spoke about new things their congregations have begun to implement this year. This ranged from planting a community garden; hosting a get-together breakfast each month; encouraging members to personally invite people to join their ministry at church; erecting a community center. The LEAD Initiative seeks to unleash and harness the collective genius of congregations to discover new and useful ministry innovations. By the end of this initiative, participant congregations will be more **adaptable, relevant, and thriving faith communities**. Thriving congregations equals a thriving church!

We finished the first day with service and Communion.

In the evening, we were invited to fresh air fellowship with cash bar, sundae bar and pretzels!

The second day began with morning prayer. The Bishop's report was given. Today is mostly concerned with voting on seats in the Synod, resolutions, and constitutional changes. However, there were task force reports given by Pastors Nelson and Pitts that we hope you will all take the time to view at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIrMG8a039o>

FYI: Pastor Rebecca had pre-recorded a video to be shown. Unfortunately, we could not hear the audio and she was called to the microphone by the Bishop to give her comments live. She was not happy about this, but gamely stood up, spoke eloquently and made King of Kings proud. Also, Barb and I were witnesses when later, privately, Bishop Miller told Pastor Rebecca that he owed her a favor for this mistake!

Thank you for allowing us to be your representatives.

Weta Hayden
Barb Winkel

Schedules for July

Usher

7/7 Bob/Joanne Kolch
7/14 Dan/Patti Weingarten
7/21 Rick/Kathy Sampson
7/28 Eric Richardson/Sara Richardson

Lector

Avery Head
Susie Bastedo
Lauren Seiter
Mary Lou Lorch

Worship Assistant

7/7 Stephany Richardson/Michele Hayes
7/14 Bob Lebel/Michele Hayes
7/21 Lauren Seiter/Kathy Sampson
7/28 Peter Pavlacka/Weta Hayden

Counter

Dave Allen/Eric Richardson
Bob Kolch/Cathy Miller
Weta Hyden/Kurt Richardson
Jenna Wysokowski/Art Leitgeb

Tech Booth

7/7 No stream or slideshow
7/14 Dave Krause/Bob Hickman
7/21 Howie Mansfield/Don Spoerke
7/28 Dave Krause/Pat Lebel

Coffee Fellowship

Kurt Richardson
Shari Murray
Cathy Miller
Shari Murray

Altar Guild for July

Lorraine Savidge

**** 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.*



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Kurt Richardson, Council Member
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