

# THE KING'S CROWN



June 2024



King of Kings Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Events

*Saturday 1st @7:30am/8:00am—Men's Breakfast*

*Sunday 9th after service—Annual Church Picnic*

*Tuesday 11th @ 1:00pm—Quilt Group*

**Caregiver Group**

*2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am*

**Men's Bible Study**

*Biweekly on Fridays 6:00am*

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July  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
June 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

*God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'* (Genesis 9:12-13)

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. You may have heard criticism that pride is sinful, even one of the “seven deadly sins,” and thus Pride Month is to be avoided, disparaged, or resisted. I think it’s a healthy mark of discipleship to interpret our world through the lens of our faith, so let’s practice that!

One thing to note is that the “seven deadly sins” is not a scriptural concept, rather a variable list that developed centuries after the life and ministry of Jesus. There are passages from the Bible that contain lists of actions and attitudes that are sinful which can indeed include words it’s possible to translate into English as “pride” (Mark 7 has one example), but there are also verses that speak positively of pride and boasting—when it lifts up others (2 Cor 7:4) and celebrates persistence through hardship (Romans 5:3).

Traditionally, pride-as-sin has been understood in a way that reinforces hierarchies and “better than/less than” comparisons between people. It indicates negative self-centeredness that harms others through an unwillingness to learn, grow, or practice generosity. It is a sin of isolation and oppression.

However, Pride as used by the LGBTQ+ community is exactly that: a call to community, an emphasis on human dignity, and a reminder of the power of joy to resist attitudes and forces that pull societies apart. To begin and end a conversation with “but pride is a sin” fails to acknowledge the limits of human language and how often we use one word to describe different, or even contradictory, ideas.

When the voice of the Lord has called to God’s servants, the scriptural response is, “Here I am.” Thus said Moses, thus said Samuel, and thus said Mary. “Here I Am, Lord,” is a beloved hymn of vocation. Proclamation of presence is powerful. LGBTQ+ Pride Month and the church both acknowledge this.

This June, how might you say, “Here I am!” with joy and confidence? How can you boldly bring your full self—including and especially your faith in Jesus Christ—to your workplace, family, school, and community? The rainbow of God’s covenant promises forgiveness when you fall short, love when you need it most, and the endless possibilities of new beginnings.

In Christ’s peace,  
Pastor Rebecca

\*This message is indebted to the book *Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity*, by Elizabeth M. Edman.



Welcome summer! Welcome to this time when we can spend more time outdoors, more time with friends and family, more time enjoying the many blessings in our lives.

The Son-Light Choir, the Hand Bell Choir, and the Brass Ensemble are all taking a break during the summer months, but the music ministry will continue to be an important part of summer worship.

I invite all singers and musicians to consider providing a special song, or songs, to enhance Sunday worship. Summer is the time for young people off from school who have been studying an instrument to play a piece and share your talent with us.

So dust off those instruments that have been lying around. Get those embouchures back in shape and let me know when you would like to make a joyful noise to the Lord! Warm up those vocal cords and come sing a solo or a duet! I will always be happy to provide accompaniment, and if you would like help selecting a piece to do - I can work with you on that as well.

Contact me at [bmcolbert61@gmail.com](mailto:bmcolbert61@gmail.com), or you can leave a voice message at the church office: 315 622 2077.

From the hymn "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" by Fred Pratt Green.

"Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
Alleluia! "

Happy Summer! Glory to God!  
Beth Colbert  
Director of Music



## **Attention: Need Paint Volunteers**

Help paint the King of Kings' Sanctuary, Narthex,  
and small hallway by the music room.

When: Entire week - Starting June 23 after service.  
Will finish up on June 29/30.

Paint when you can, often as you can, and as long as you can!

Signup in Narthex or contact Art.

Bring all the drop cloths you can and we need a few fans.

Coordinator: Art Leitgeb Email: [Art.Leitgeb@gmail.com](mailto:Art.Leitgeb@gmail.com) Phone: 315 243-7695

**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.**

## **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



Kudos to Becca Mansfield who was recently inducted into the Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society at Niagara University! The top 10% of juniors and seniors receive this special distinction annually. Becca is a rising senior and the daughter of Howie and Teresa Mansfield and the granddaughter of Deanna and Peter Pavlacka.

Connor Smith has qualified for National History Day's regional competition in Florida. Way to go, Connor! He is the son of Eileen Welch and Ted Smith, and the grandson of Barb Nies.

Nate Reeves has graduated from American University with a Master's Degree in Sports Marketing. Congratulations on a job well done! Nate's proud mom is Shannon Haynes.

Her friends at King of Kings were excited to hear that Katie Krafft Neufang has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Behavioral Health Scholar with her Master of Science in Nursing. Great job Katie! She is the daughter of former long time members Ken and Jen Krafft.

Eileen Welch was "in the news" with her recent appearance on Channel 9's Bridge Street. She was discussing her involvement with the Aging Life Care Association.

### *A Note from Art, Anita, Alicia & Austin Leitgeb*

We would like to thank our church family for all the thoughtful messages and cards on the passing of our dad and grandpa, Alfred Leitgeb. Your kindness in our time of need was greatly appreciated.

## 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 SAID YES!!!!!!**

I would like to thank everyone who were able to come and vote on accepting the Aspiration Statement on Pentecost. About 96% of you felt it was time to commit to becoming a RIC partner with Reconciling Works. But this is not the end, it's just the beginning!! So, what's next?

In June, we are hoping to work with our Episcopalian friends to participate in the Pride Parade. There will be a short service before and then an opportunity to walk in or just help out by handing out water, stickers, pamphlets, etc.

We will be discussing how to, and where to, display our Aspiration Statement. And the RIC Core team might be looking a little different in the near future. More on that as the changes come.

I would like to thank the Core team for all of the hard work to get us to this starting point. If anyone is interested in getting involved in the upcoming stages, as we grow into a RIC congregation, please contact Barb Winkel, or Sarah Richardson.

Here is your new Aspiration Statement!

#### **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.

Yours in Christ;

Barb Winkel and your RIC Core Team. Sarah Richardson, Weta Hayden, Dawnelle Jager, Sue Tierney, Jennifer Foor, Besty Herpich, Bob and Pat Lebel.



## KING OF KINGS QUILT GROUP

Block after block has been sewn. Now comes the creative part....where to put these bright Batik blocks so they are shining bright in this quilt top? The colors will jump out from the black background, but there needs to be some order, some balance, some fun making the completed quilt blocks look cohesive in our 60th Anniversary Quilt. Join us in laying out the fabric blocks to be sewn into the quilt top. Your artistic eye is needed in this next step.

Join us on June 11th at 1 p.m. on the Sunday School Wing. And, as always, contact Donna Huberty for more information, [donnahuberty@outlook.com](mailto:donnahuberty@outlook.com) or 315-935-5422

This is an exciting project and no sewing expertise is necessary!



### 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.





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**HELP OUR PANTRY  
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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)

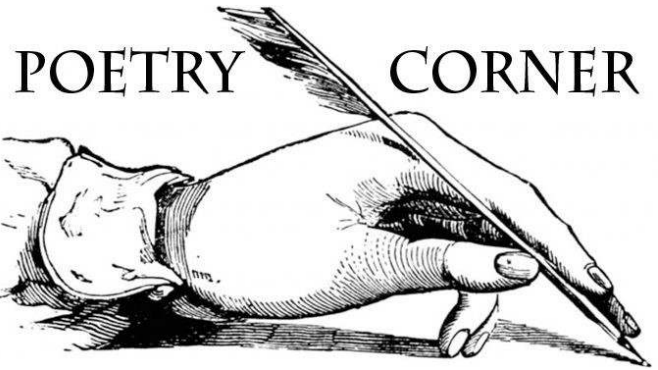
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Poetic expressions intended to inspire prayer, awe, joy into your spiritual journey.

Curated by Bob Lebel

### **Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) Spanish nun, theologian and mystic**

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

(Pastor Rebecca incorporate this into her sermon on 5/12/24)



### **CANCER PRAYER VIGIL**

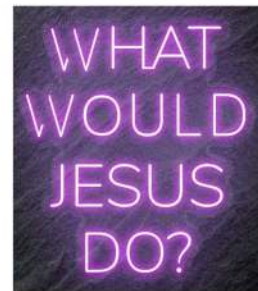
**On Tuesday evenings in June, from 7-7:30pm, Pastor will be in the prayer room holding vigil for those with cancer and other serious illnesses. All are welcome to stop by, especially those who are currently undergoing treatment, are a cancer survivor, or have a loved one with cancer. Pastor will have oil for anointing and be available for conversation afterward.**

## Sunday School News

Many thanks to those families who continue to brighten our Sunday School wing and learn about Abraham's family. As numbers dwindle to 2-3 families per week, the sustainability of our programs are in doubt. While families are busy on Sundays, and numbers are low, it then becomes hard to recruit "Sowers of Faith" (Maria Jackson's phrase) to teach the classes. We are appreciative of those families who bring their children and stay with the class to support their child and help make sure we keep our children safe with 2 adults in the room. Maria's survey last summer gave us some valuable information, and the lack of attendance confirms that we have to change our delivery methods. While we take the summer off to rejuvenate and relax, the church leaders will be meeting to look for alternative ways to keep the Sunday School program alive, but sustainable for the volunteers who work hard to make sure there are programs each week for a range of ages in one classroom.



Garden Update: Anyone or Group interested in taking over the gardens out at the end of the parking lot are welcome to do so. The Sunday School will not be taking on the responsibility this year, since it became difficult for Maria & Sue to continually weed and water it last year. Our yield last year was a disappointing 2 squash, after planting over 50 seedlings over the 3 gardens.



We look forward to celebrating the last few weeks together.

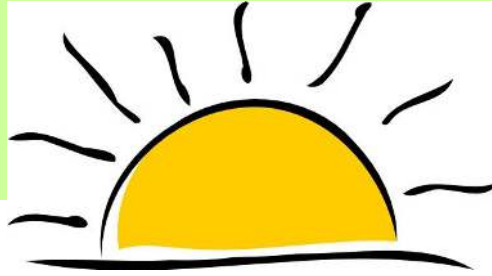
Last Day of Sunday School on June 2

Last Kids Singing "What Would Jesus Do?" and Church Picnic on June 9

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.

Upcoming dates are

6/7, 6/21, 7/5



### *King of Kings Nursery Update*

A team of KOK members wanted to refresh and update the nursery. Some changes that have been completed are:

- Walls stripped and painted
- Bathroom floor has been resurfaced
- Broken cabinets have been fixed with child safety locks attached
- Better lighting added to bathroom
- Sinks are now working
- Nursery has been decluttered of old toys, books, supplies and furniture

We are also in the process of streaming church service on the TV in the nursery.

Baby Registry for Nursery

Titled-King of Kings Lutheran Church's Community Registry

Link

<http://tgt.gifts/kingofkingsnursery>

The nursery team has put together a Community Registry at Target of select items that would benefit the nursery. This will make it safer and more inviting to our young families. Please look at the registry and see if you would be willing to purchase an items and donate for use in the nursery. All items can be left on the nursery counter.

Thank you for your assistance with the nursery remodel.

Any questions please ask anyone on the Nursery Remodel Team.

Lisa Clark, Sue Tierney, Colleen Richardson, Lynn Myers, Anna Salem, Courtney Albiker

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

Council met on May 9th this month. We reviewed the financial and treasurer's reports which remain favorable. The Property and Grounds committee continues to be hard at work. This month the new floors in the kitchen and bathrooms were installed and look great! Many thanks to all members that helped with preparation and putting the kitchen and bathrooms back together. Their volunteer hours saved us a significant amount of money on this project. The next project coming up in June is painting of the sanctuary and narthex. Art Leitgeib is leading this project and continues to look for volunteers to help.

Plans are underway to have church outdoors in the pavilion on June 9th, June 30th and August 4th. On June 9th a church picnic that includes Yoder Chicken will follow worship.

*Church members are welcome to review the monthly meeting minutes.*

*They are kept in a binder in the church office.*

## **Our Sunday Services are now LIVE on BOTH Facebook AND YouTube**

We are ready to announce that our Sunday services are now being broadcast LIVE on YouTube as well as on Facebook. The link on computers and phones is <https://www.youtube.com/@kingofkings-ny>.

(No passwords required).

**On your TV**, go to the YouTube channel (837 on FIOS), type in [kingofkings-ny](https://www.youtube.com/@kingofkings-ny) and select the circle that has our name and our stained glass windows. Many of us are finding YouTube does have a bit better quality factor than Facebook, although we are continuing with that service also as we have for the last four years.

The tech team thanks everyone for their support.

## Schedules for June

### Usher

6/2 Carl Bastedo/Bob Hickman  
6/9 Darren/Mary Moyer  
6/16 Greg/Julie Yoder  
6/23 Rick/Kathy Sampson  
6/30 Eric Richardson/Sara Richardson

### Lector

Dave Allen  
Susie Bastedo  
Dawnelle Jager  
Niel Zuern  
Peg Gosch

### Worship Assistant

6/2 Lauren Seiter/Michele Hayes  
6/9 Cheryl Gatling/Weta Hayden  
6/16 Jeff Swanson/Michele Hayes  
6/23 Lauren Seiter/Kathy Sampson  
6/30 Bob Lebel/Weta Hayden

### Counter

Bob Kolch/Steve Salem  
Jeremy Clark/Barb Nies  
Nicole Swanson/Kurt Richardson  
Lorraine Savidge/Weta Hayden  
Art Leitgeb/Peter Pavlacka

### Tech Booth

6/2 Dave Krause/Pat Lebel  
6/9 Howie Mansfield  
6/16 Dave Krause/Bob Hickman/Francis Ngumbi  
6/23 Jacob Sousou/Don Spoerke  
6/30 no stream/slideshow

### Coffee Fellowship

Shari Murray  
Susie Bastedo  
Shari Murray  
Pat Lebel  
Lisa Clark

### Altar Guild for June

Julie Yoder/Cindy Johnson

*\*\*\*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  
Robin Ngumbi Council Member  
Sue Tierney, Council Member  
Kurt Richardson, Council Member  
Jennifer Foor, Council Member  
Pastor Rebecca Truland



## Ministry Teams

Finance, Doug Keim  
Property, Niel Zuern  
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:

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