

# THE KING'S CROWN



August 2024



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## Upcoming Events

*August 13th @ 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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September  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
**August 15**

## **Mission Statement**

*“Empowered by the grace and love of Jesus, we are committed to growing in faith with the community.”*



## School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

As the new school year approaches we are once again making plans to assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Lorraine Savidge and Karen Anders have been busy sewing the bags for us but now we need your help with gathering the supplies to fill them! This year we will have an online signup and a signup sheet posted in the Narthex. Choose whichever signup is easier for you. To access the online signup follow this link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA9AE2FA1FF2-50385959-school>

Lutheran World Relief is very specific about what is to be included in the kits. We are looking for 70 sheet notebooks, rulers with centimeter markings, pencil sharpeners, blunt school scissors, crayons (16 or 24 count), pens, pencils and 2 ½” erasers. Items should not contain messages, religious symbols, American flags or camouflage. All donations are due by Sunday, August 25th so that we have time to organize the supplies. As always thank you for your support!

### FYI FOR THE CONGREGATION

The first aid box in the kitchen now has a list-located on the wall-stating what is in the box. Hopefully this will help anyone in need of any of the items. Please read the list and if there is anything you think should be added you can let me know. Also, if you use the last of any item please let me know.



**Thank you!**

**Lynn Myers 315-263-2218**



Hello ! August is upon us - hopefully you all have been enjoying some time away , as well as time with friends and family.

As summer is winding down, I am looking ahead and planning for fall. The Son-Light and Hand Bell choirs will be resuming rehearsals by mid -September . I have some great music selected which will be fun for the singers and ringers, and fun and joyful for the congregation.

There is also always room for those of you who may want to do an instrumental or vocal solo during worship.

Please consider sharing your time and talent to help us praise God in a variety of musical ways. You can email me at [bmcolbert61@gmail.com](mailto:bmcolbert61@gmail.com) if you are interested in being part of the music program at King of Kings.

So enjoy August - rest, relax, listen to the sounds of "God's music" all around you in the sounds of nature.

See you at 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](http://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





### **Schedule Change for Social Statement Discussions**

Due to scheduling obligations, Pastor Rebecca is reducing the number of discussion meetings for the Civil Life and Faith Social Statement draft. There will be

gatherings on Wednesday 8/7 at 7pm, after worship on 8/11, and Thursday 8/15 at 9am for anyone who would like to discuss the draft and prepare feedback for the task force. Attendees are encouraged to read the social statement ahead of time, and please reach out to Pastor Rebecca if you need help finding it on the ELCA's website!

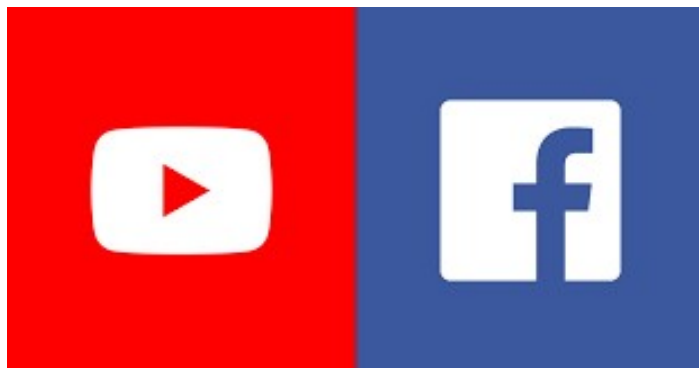
#### **Have you look at the nursery registry?**

**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](http://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

## KING OF KINGS QUILT GROUP

**Squares and rectangles of fabric have been sewn together into equal sided square blocks. With each block being sewn into rows, there should be an equal number of blocks in each row, right? Nope. There are different numbers of blocks in each row. How does that work to set blocks into a quilt with all these different numbers of blocks in the rows? Here is the answer to this complicated math problem, the rows are on a diagonal. The ends of the rows will have a triangle sewn to the end blocks to (hopefully) make even edges on the sides of the quilt top. And the 60th Anniversary quilt starts to take shape.**



**Come see what the quilter's have been up to on Tuesday, August 13th at 1 p.m. in the Sunday School Wing. Contact Donna Huberty for more information. [donnahuberty@outlook.com](mailto:donnahuberty@outlook.com) or 315-935-5422**

Interested in a study about The Chosen, a television drama about the life of Jesus Christ, his disciples, and other people surrounding him? Each season is eight episodes long. We would start discussion about Season One the week of September 22nd and end the week of November 10th. You will watch each episode yourself and then we would all come together at church for the study. If you are interested, please let Weta Hayden or Beth Colbert know, as well as what day and time would work best for you.





**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)

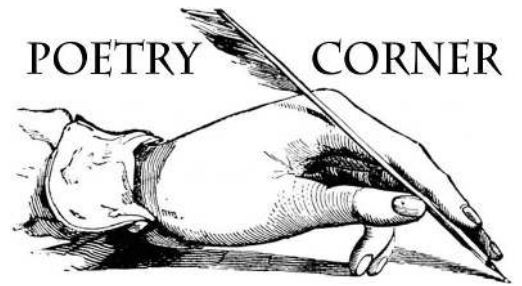
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Mary Oliver (1935-2019) American poet

“Wild Geese”, in *Owls and Other Fantasies* (2003) Beacon Press, Boston.

You do not have to be good.  
You do not have to walk on your knees  
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.  
You only have to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.  
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.  
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.  
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.

(Pastor Rebecca incorporated part of this poem into her sermon on 6/9/24)

## *Sunday School Happenings*



Food for thought from Psalm 139: 17-18. (NIV)

**17** *How precious to me are your thoughts, God!*

*How vast is the sum of them!*

**18** *Were I to count them,*

*they would outnumber the grains of sand—*

*when I awake, I am still with you.*

Imagine a handful of sand, and you can't even start to count all the grains. The Bible says that God thinks so much that we couldn't even count God's thoughts if we used all the grains of sand in the whole world! God has tons of ideas for us to make the world a better place. It takes all of us working together using what we know to get all of God's work done. That's how it works in our families, in our church, and even in our town. We need each other. God wants us to work together, to share what we know to get the job done. I ask you to think about how many ideas God has for us to bless people, and then ask God what you can do to help in our new Children's Message.

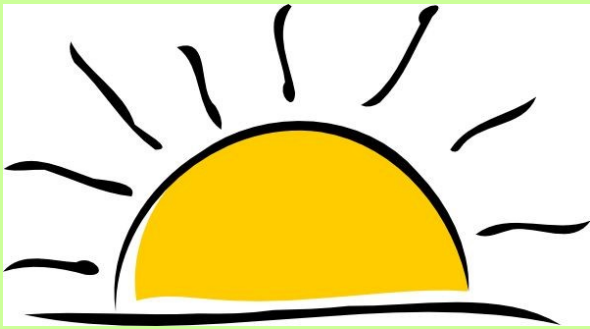
If we paraphrase the last phrase of the verse, "We need each other to get God's work done. God is big."

As I mentioned last month, change is not easy. As we search for a new Faith Formation Director, I invite you to get involved with the new Children's Message time during church. This is an old idea from Pastor Paul's time and a new idea since it will replace the current Sunday School time. It is an idea, and hopefully this is an idea that will meet the children attending church's needs. My goal is that 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. This dialogue can also help adults better understand the meaning behind God's word and how it can apply to our lives. Please contact Susan Evans or leave a message with Pastor or Rachel to let us know you heard God calling you to help.

Adapted From <https://children.sparkhousedigital.org/Library/Sections?lessonId=329615>

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

8/2, 8/16, 8/30



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.



*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.*

### 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.



## People's News



Maverick Edwards was recently baptized. May God bless his new life in Christ!

Her many friends at King of Kings were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Mary Wagner. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family.

Congratulations to Connor Smith who was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society! He is the son of Eileen Welch and Ted Smith, and grandson of Barb Nies. Way to go Connor!

## **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.**



# Schedules for August

## Usher

8/4 Hollie Zimmerman/Karen Wild  
8/11 Carl Bastedo/Bob Hickman  
8/18 Darren/Mary Moyer  
8/25 Greg/Julie Yoder

## Worship Assistant

8/4 Cheryl Gatling/Keith Gatling  
8/11 Jeff Swanson/Michele Hayes  
8/18 Keith Gatling/Barb Winkel  
8/25 Bob Lebel/Weta Hayden

## Tech Booth

8/4 Jacob Sousou  
8/11 Lisa & Jeremy Clark  
8/18 Dave Krause/Francis Ngumbi  
8/25 Howie Mansfield/Don Spoerke

## Altar Guild for August

Beth Head

## Lector

Lisa Sousou  
Bob Lebel  
Peter Pavlacka  
Kurt Richardson

## Counter

Greg Yoder/Sue Tierney  
Kurt Richardson/Jennifer Foor  
Eric Richardson/Peter Pavlacka  
Cathy Miller/Jeremy Clark

## Coffee Fellowship

Shari Murray  
Shari Murray  
Susie Bastedo  
Pat Lebel

*\*\*\* 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  
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Worship & Music, Beth Colbert  
Children's Ministry, Sue Evans  
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Fellowship, Shari Murray  
PALMS, Weta Hayden  
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Women's Group:

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