

THE KING'S CROWN



September 2024



King of Kings Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

September 7th—Men's Breakfast and P&G Mtg

September 10th—Quilt Group

September 15th—Potluck Brunch

Mondays starting September 23rd—The Chosen Group Discussion

Wednesdays starting September 25th—Genesis Bible Study

Caregiver Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am & 5:30pm

Men's Bible Study

Biweekly on Fridays 6:00am

October
Newsletter
Deadline is
September 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

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. (Genesis 2:2-3)

September often signifies a return to business-as-usual, or rather “busy”ness-as-usual, with regard to our over-packed schedules. In light of the frantic pace so many of us live by, it’s important to remember that rest is literally a commandment of God. It is not something we only earn if we have run ourselves ragged the rest of the week, and it is supposed to be available to all people (Ex 20:8-11). There are even Sabbath laws commanding rest for farm land and animals (Lev 25:2-4).

Although we usually think of “the Sabbath” as one of the days of the week, the Bible also talks about Sabbath *years*, which you can read about in some of the previously cited Bible passages. A preacher once suggested that if Sabbath is a set of values, not a specific unit of time, then “isn’t it possible to have Sabbath hours in our days, or Sabbath minutes in our hours?”

Finding ways to incorporate mini Sabbath practices in our lives can be a meaningful way of nourishing our spirits and fostering a connection with God. Writing down things we are grateful for could be one way to do this. Drinking a glass of water and reminding yourself that Christ is the Living Water will strengthen your body and your soul. Taking a walk, breathing intentionally, or reading scripture could all be mini Sabbaths in the midst of a busy day.

Of course, smaller breaks of five or ten minutes do not make up for a schedule that is hectic and anxiety-inducing the rest of the time. God’s desire that we have ample rest challenges the ways we structure life for ourselves as individuals and churches and societies. “Sabbath” is not simply a synonym for “Sunday.” The command to honor Sabbath should make us ask questions about whether “faster” is always better, whether “more” is always a sign of success, and whether rest (or even leisure) is something we are making accessible to all people regardless of their station in life.

Your value is not found in what you produce. The number of appointments and events on your calendar does not define your worth. It is good to be connected and it is good to create, but remember that God commands rest—not just for select people, but for everyone on earth and even for the animals and the land itself.

Walter Brueggemann summarized it like this, and I pray it will be a blessing for you to read: “In a society defined by production and consumption, there are huge gradations of performance and, therefore, of worth and significance. In such a social system, everyone is coerced to perform better—produce more, consume more—be a good shopper! [This] creates “haves” and “have-nots,” significant and insignificant, rich and poor. But Sabbath breaks that. On the Sabbath you do not have to do more. You do not have to sell more. You do not have to control more. You do not have to know more. Because this one day breaks the pattern of coercion, all are like you, equal—equal worth, equal value, equal access, equal rest.”

In Christ’s peace,
Pastor Rebecca



Hello September! What a busy time of year this is as we wind down our vacation time, start to close up camps, and resume our more typical schedules. School has restarted - and life at King of Kings is once again getting busy as well. Our ensemble groups will start rehearsing soon and will be blessing our worship with all sorts of music.

Son-Light Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday , Sept. 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. I have an exciting line-up of music selected. For those returning - welcome back! I could use additional voices in all areas - Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Baritone/Bass. There's always room for more so please feel free to join us - it is a fun group and we would love to have you!

The Hand-Bell Choir will start rehearsing on Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Bell Choir room. We have a set of bells out for refurbishment - and I'm hoping they will be back in time for that rehearsal. I will keep bell choir members posted.

The Brass Ensemble (under the direction of Steve Richardson) will be meeting by the end of the month, or early October, as they will be playing for Reformation Sunday in October.

The Sunday School youth will be singing in church fairly often! I will be working with them on some new songs as well as old favorites that the congregation is invited to join in on.

I can also use vocal and instrumental soloists - so please don't be shy! - let me know if you are interested and we'll find a date that works for you. I am looking forward to this fall season of music ; King of Kings is blessed with so many wonderful musicians and I encourage you to share your talent.

From " Upon This Rock" choral anthem by Pepper Choplin

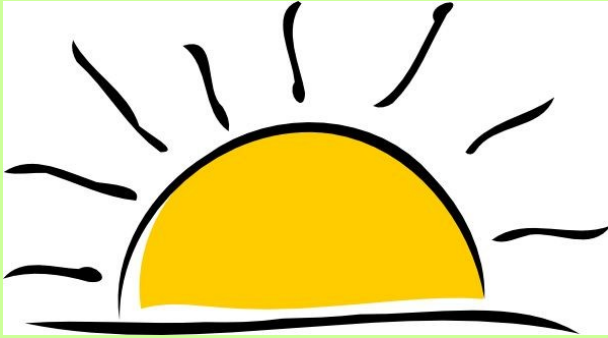
" We are the church , and we will serve and glorify.

We are the church to be a living sacrifice,
offered to You through all we are....

And so our love, our love for Christ will be the cause,
the reason why we live our days to walk in faith,
faith in the rock, the solid rock! "

Come make a joyful noise! Shalom~ See you in church!

Beth Colbert



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 study on the book "The Case for Christ" will continue through the end of Sept.

Upcoming dates are
9/13, 9/27, 10/11

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 windows

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast group will meet

Saturday September 7th.

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



After which the Property & Grounds committee will have their quarterly meeting at 9:00.

All are welcome to this committee meeting.

KING OF KINGS QUILT GROUP

PIN. It was so quiet, you could hear a PIN drop. PIN the tail on the donkey. Please enter your PIN to use your Debit Card. PIN a corsage. Wear a PIN. After my leg fell asleep it felt like PINS and needles. We have all used these phrases and know the word PIN can be used as a noun or a verb. It can be an inanimate object or an action.

In quilting PIN can be both. We use straight PINS to PIN a seam before sewing. Sewing or straight PINS are used for specific uses and there are many different types of PINS. But this month we will not be using any of the straight PINS. We are going to use quilt basting PINS. And while they look like a safety PIN and are used like a safety PIN. Quilt basting PINS have a curved profile to allow easier use.

Please join us September 10th at 1 p.m. in the Sunday School Wing for a PIN basting party. And, you don't have to have any sewing experience! If you can open and close a safety PIN, you are invited! We will be using the quilt basting PINS to PIN baste the backing, batting and quilt top of the 60th Anniversary Quilt to ready it for the quilting process. Contact Donna Huberty for more information. donnahuberty@outlook.com or 315-935-5422.

PIN this notice to your calendar and see you on the 10th!



At the August council meeting we were joined by Jane Mountain, the chair of the Upstate NY Synod's Faith Impact Team. The Faith Impact was formed by Synod in anticipation of the rapid growth and changes our community is facing with the arrival of Micron to Syracuse. The Faith Impact Team hopes to identify existing signature ministries and develop new ones to welcome our new neighbors. We voted as a council to support this team and offered a donation from our Thrivent Choice dollars to help them in their startup. Speak to a council member if you are interested in learning more about this new ministry or wish to become involved with the team. Church members are welcome to review the monthly meeting minutes. They are kept in a binder in the church office.

**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)

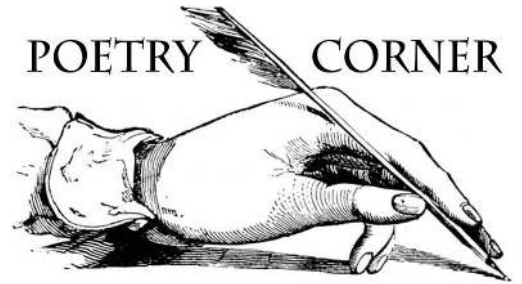
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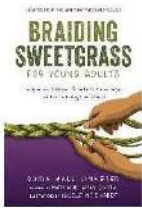
George Herbert (1593-1633) Anglican priest and mystic

“The Altar”, in Selected Poetry of George Herbert (1967) Signet Classic Poetry Series, The New American Library, New York.

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant rears,
Made of a heart, and cemented with tears;
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workmans' tools have touched the same.

A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r can cut.
Wherefor each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame,
To praise thy Name:

That, if I chance to hold my peace,
These stones to praise thee may not cease.
O let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.



THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

***Central Crossroad & Genesee Finger Lakes
Conferences invite you to attend the
2024 Fall RETREAT
“EXPLORING NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE”***

**This Retreat is inspired by the book “Braiding Sweetgrass”
by Robin Wall Kimmerer
It’s about Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and
the Teachings of Plants**

DATE: Saturday, September 21, 2024

**PLACE: Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan State
Historic Site**

7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road) Victor, New York 14564

REGISTRATION: 9:45 a.m.

Tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will run for two hours.

Lunch and Program will continue at St. John’s Lutheran Church

888 County Rd 9

Victor, New York 14564

Time: 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

This retreat is fully funded from Churchwide. Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item.

RSVP: Christine Jones, (315) 468-5902 by Friday, September 12, 2024

Interested in a Group Discussion about "The Chosen"?

"The Chosen" is a series about the life of Jesus Christ, his disciples, and other people surrounding him. The series stays true to the gospel accounts of Jesus' life, teachings and miracles, but the back-stories of the disciples and others are fleshed out and told in interesting ways and, at times, even with humor. In episode one, we meet Mary Magdalene, the fishermen--Simon, Andrew, James and John--Matthew, the tax collector, and Nicodemus. The series shows them prior to their meeting Jesus and how their lives are profoundly changed after they meet him.

Each episode is 50 to 60 minutes long. You may watch the episode at home before we meet, **but** there will also be an opportunity to watch it at the church where it will be shown one hour prior to the discussion group. We will be starting with season one, episode one, moving to another episode each week for eight weeks. We will meet in the church parlor to discuss what we saw, thought, and experienced while watching it.

The group discussions will start at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 23rd and we'll meet each Monday through November 11th**. If you would like to watch, or re-watch, the episode that will be discussed, come at 6:30 to watch the video on DVD. (Popcorn will be served!)

The first season was shown in 2019. Season four has now been released via Prime, Netflix, and Peacock. It also has its own private channel/website for free viewing at www.thechosen.tv/en-us.

We'd love for you to join us! If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

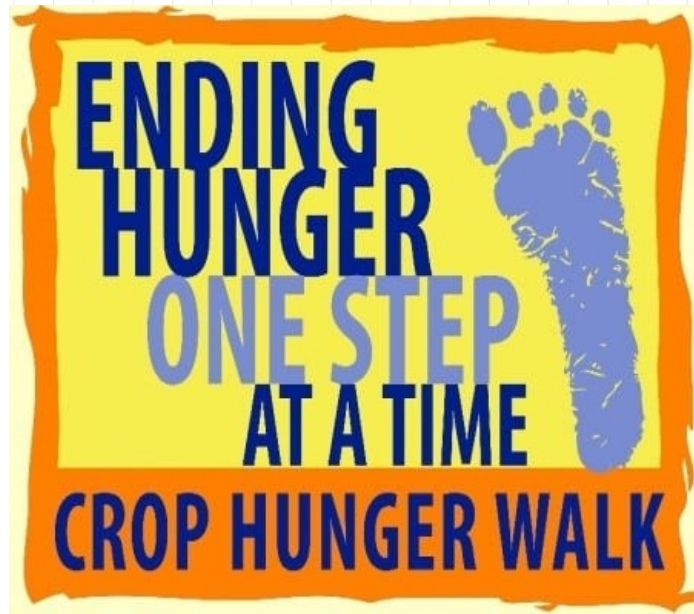
Shalom!

Beth Colbert





Saturday, October 5th
3:00-5:00 pm



Sunday October 6th
Bayview Shelter at Will Bay of Onondaga Lake Park
Those who are interested to learn more
please contact Rachel in the church office.

S stands for.....

The letter **S** stands for **S**eptember (which means the end of **S**ummer, sorry teachers!) **S** stands for **S**chool starting up (again, sorry teachers). **S** stands for **S**eaon. And **S** stands for **S**tewardship. Yes, it is that **S**eaon that we start to talk about **S**tewardship.

The letter **S** also stands for **S**uperhero. At King of Kings, you are all **S**uperheroes. Your financial team and Council would like to thank all of you for your **S**uperhero- like generosity. Not just with your pledges, but with your time and talents. As usual, this summer there has been a lot of people in and out of our doors doing things to keep our building, inside and out, looking good and staying up-to-date.

But now it is time to start thinking about next year. How can you help? Many of us help with giving monetarily. Some give of their talents. Whether that is by helping to make our Worship Services go smoothly, whether it is by giving of your time to clean up, fix up, or spruce up, or whether it is supporting ministries outside of King of Kings.

So how would you like to help **S**upport King of Kings in the new year. Now is the time to start discussions with your family and friends and to pray to God about ways you can become a **S**uper**S**teward at King of Kings.



Photos Wanted

Painting, staining, kitchen/bathroom remodel, school supply collection, lawn mowing, new first aid station, nursery refresh and resupply and more (so many more) Well, you get the “picture”. If you have any photos of any of the varied community and church home projects of this last year, please send them to the office. We plan to use them for celebration. kokchurchsecretary@gmail.com



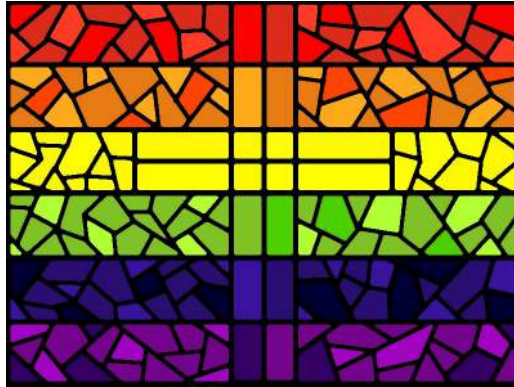
Council would like to acknowledge and thank all of those people that have been involved with property and grounds updates that have happened throughout this year so far.

We are appreciative of those that volunteered their time and talents to making our church a more welcoming and updated environment.

Projects include but aren't limited to:

Painting the church, Staining the playground/benches/shed, weeding walkways, replace cranks in the windows, the bench pavers, removal of mulch, mounting the tv monitor in the sanctuary, prepping for the new floors in the bathrooms and kitchen, installing the new bathroom partitions, and creation of the new font.

THANK YOU!



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.




CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

****NEW UPDATE****

Beginning in September, there will be a group meeting at 5:30pm in addition to the usual 9:30am on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Caregiving can be challenging and lonely, come join us for conversation, support and shared wisdom.

**Come join this group when you are able.
All are welcome, supporters and caregivers both.**



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

*an event benefiting Lutheran Campus Ministry at
Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

5:00 – 8:00 PM

DRUMLINS COUNTRY CLUB

800 NOTTINGHAM ROAD, SYRACUSE, NY

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“Living Virtuously from Aristotle to the Internet”

Robert Roger Lebel, M.D.

Professor of Genetics, SUNY Upstate Medical Center

DISTINGUISHED DISCIPLE AWARD

The Rev. Brian Konkol, Ph.D.

Dean of Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University

CASH BAR, DINNER, RAFFLES & MORE!

Guest \$85


Patron \$125

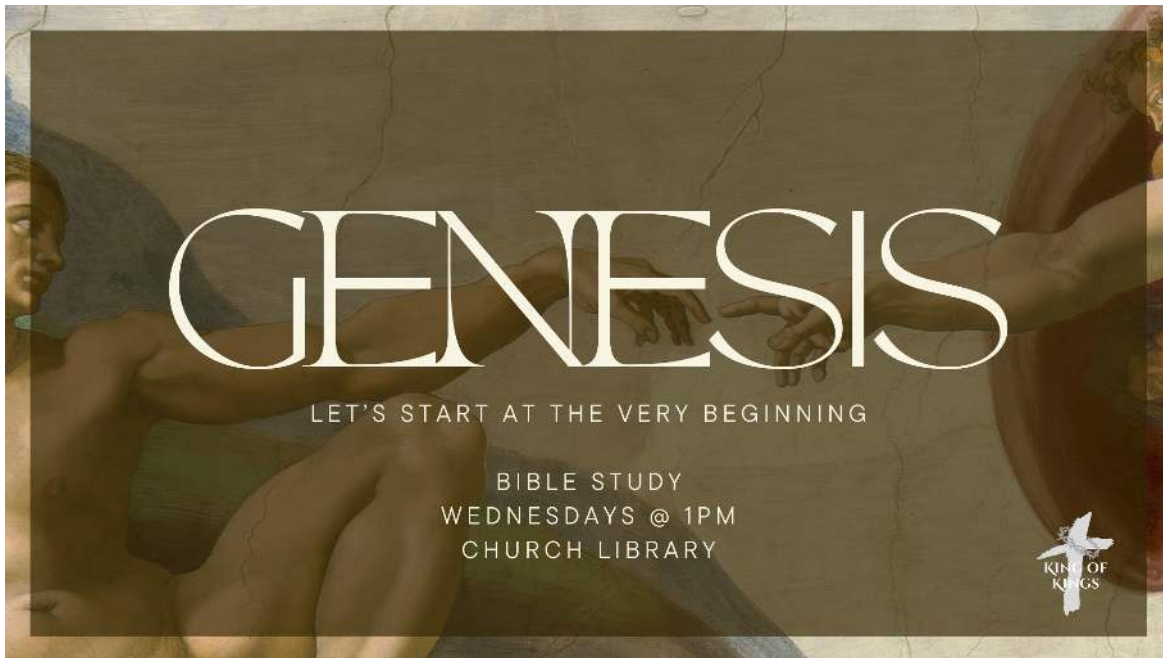
Benefactor Table \$1,000

Student Sponsor \$85

Reservations accepted until October 21

Information: jkane@syr.edu or 315.355.7900





BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study led by Pastor Rebecca will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm starting on September 25 in the church parlor. Our first topic will be Genesis. Bring yourself and your favorite Bible-- no other preparation required!

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.

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!



Church Nursery Shower

Sunday School Happenings and Changes



Food for thought from Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

Jeremiah 29:11-13 God knows our true needs, and God's plans for us are good.

I look forward to September and a new school year starting with our new idea for Children's Church. I invite you to get involved with the new Children's 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 adult, with a puppet to help them feel comfortable answering, and follow-up activities to be completed independently at the children's table or 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 with our future plans at King of Kings Lutheran Church.

September 15 will be our apple picking for the food pantry at Atonement Lutheran Church. (rain date September 22)

September 22 will be our first Children's Time. After service, the children will participate in Backpack Sunday, where children will stuff backpacks for children abroad, and pick apples for the food pantry at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Imagine planning a lesson for children, where an architect interrupts the lesson.

Leader: Good morning, everyone! Today we're going to talk a bit about "plans." You know, plans are important . . .

Architect: (Suddenly interrupting, walking up with a large box and a bunch of blueprints.) I couldn't agree more! In fact, that's why I'm here today, myself, to talk to you about plans!

Leader: Excuse me, but I'm not sure I know you.

Architect: What? WHAT? You've got to be kidding! I'm one of the most famous architects in the country! I've come up with plans for everyone, EVERYONE who's ANYONE!

Leader: Oh. Interesting. No offense, but I don't think we're talking about the same kind of plans . . .

Architect: OF COURSE WE'RE NOT! My plans are not just ordinary plans. Mine are spectacular! Amazing! Fan-tabulous! Here, let me give you a little sample of what I'm planning for your church. Opens up a large blueprint.

Leader: But . . . we were going to talk about plans for the future.

Sunday School Happenings and Changes continued



Architect: RIGHT! Exactly. Now, look here. These are my plans for the future of your church. As I thought about what would work, I thought, “Future . . . future.” Then it came to me. Future . . . SPACE! (Looking dreamy.)

Leader: Uh-oh. I don’t think I like the sound of this.

Architect: (Pointing to blueprint.) Look here, a space theme would be great for this big, cavernous place. You could have planets hanging from the ceiling, and we could knock out this wall here and make, like, an entrance to a spaceship, and electronic space music could continuously pour out of those speakers and . . .

Leader: (Shaking head.) No. No.

Architect: (Not listening, getting very excited.) And the best part is . . . THIS. Handing over the box. Just for you!

Leader: (Warily.) What’s in here?

Architect: (Delighted.) It’s only . . . your very own HELMET! Like an astronaut would wear! Isn’t that just AH-mazing?

Leader: Listen, I’m really sorry to disappoint you. Clearly, you’ve put a lot of . . . um . . . thought into this. But when I said “plans for the future,” I didn’t mean building plans!

Architect: What? WHAT?

Leader: You heard me. I wanted to talk to the kids about God’s plans for their future. Didn’t you hear the reading from Jeremiah? “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Architect: But my plans were about the future! And mine were . . . exciting!

Leader: I know, I know. But God’s plans are exciting too. And do you know why?

Architect: (Sullenly.) Why?

Leader: Because God has a plan for each person’s life. Each person! We may not know what it is, but we know that God’s plans for us are good. Therefore, we can have hope, and we can face the future with confidence and courage.

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

Susan Evans, Sunday School Director

People's News



Congratulations to Avery Head! The Glengarry Pipe Band of which Avery is a member finished in first place at the recent CNY Scottish Games. In addition, Avery took third place honors in the solo competition.

Lee Savidge, along with other local writers, recently participated in reading from their contributions to 28 Voices. This is a recently published non-fiction anthology.



The King of Kings foursome at the Matthew 25 Farm Harvest Golf Tournament

Schedules for September

Usher

9/8 Dan/Patti Weingarten
9/15 Rick/Kathy Sampson
9/22 Eric Richardson/Sara Richardson
9/29 Hollie Zimmerman/Karen Wild

Lector

Beth Head
Colleen Richardson
Stephany Richardson
Lauren Seiter

Worship Assistant

9/8 Jeff Swanson/Michele Hayes
9/15 Cheryl Gatling/Bob Hickman
9/22 Stephany Richardson/Kathy Sampson
9/29 Lauren Seiter/Weta Hayden

Counter

Bob Kolch/Dan Weingarten
Jenna Wysokowski/Barb Nies
Steve Salem/Art Leitgeb
Doug Keim/Nicole Swanson

Coffee Fellowship

9/8 Shari Murray
9/15 Shari Murray
9/22 Cathy Miller
9/29 Shari Murray

Altar Guild for September

Sue Tierney/Jenna Wysokowski

**** 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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