

THE KING'S CROWN



October 2024



King of Kings Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

October 5th—Men's Breakfast

October 5th—Volunteer Appreciation Event

October 6th—CROP Walk

October 13th—German Day

The Chosen Group Discussion

Mondays at 7:30pm

Genesis Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

Caregiver Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am & 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study

Biweekly on Fridays 6:00am

November

Newsletter

Deadline is

October 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

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Political strife, competition, and even violence mean it feels as if we live almost constantly in “election season.” I cannot think of a time in the past decade or so when our nation has not been hypervigilant about who is in charge, what laws are being passed, and what court decisions are being handed down. As soon as one election/inauguration cycle passes, we begin talking about the next one. But this is the final month before Election Day on Tuesday, November 5, and knowing that it is a time of high stress and great civic importance, I offer you this advice and reflection in the spirit of pastoral care and guidance.

First, reduce or eliminate your use of social media. It’s now impossible on most platforms to avoid AI-generated content and advertisements on our feeds. If social media helps you stay connected to loved ones, try to use phone calls, text messages, emails, or even snail mail. Companies make money by having us click on their stories or even pause over them as we scroll, meaning they have a financial incentive to shock and outrage us. Furthermore, disagreements on social media have a way of quickly growing out of proportion and fostering hurt rather than relationship.

Second, please vote if you are eligible. If you need help making a plan to get to your polling place or obtaining an early or absentee ballot, now is the time to ask! We are extremely blessed to live in a country where the freedom to participate in a democratic process of governance is so widely available. Apathy and hopelessness are temptations that we, as disciples of Jesus, are called to resist. Voting can be a sign of engagement, hope, and investment in our collective future.

Third, be prayerful. Scripture calls us to pray for our leaders, that they would govern in a way that makes it possible for all to live peaceful lives with dignity. The tradition of the prophets also teaches us to speak forthrightly to our leaders about their responsibility to protect the vulnerable and steward wealth justly. Be bold to invoke the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in your discernment.

Fourth, remind yourself that there are many ways to impact our local community and our nation beyond federal elections. Local elections matter. Volunteering at soup kitchens matters. Donating to nonprofits matters. Building a friendship with someone of a different faith or racial background matters. Contacting your elected officials during their tenure as president, or senator, or representative matters! In fact, next time you’re tempted to mix social media and politics, I challenge you: instead, spend that time calling or emailing a government figure about that topic.

Like almost every pastor I’ve ever met, I truly have no desire to tell you who to vote for. What I do desire to do is remind you that civic life, electoral politics, and voting are tools we are entrusted with for the sake of caring for our neighbors. Our discipleship is grounded in love, service, and mercy—all of which is empowered by the grace of Jesus Christ. In this season, and in every season, may those be the values that prevail in our nation and around the world.

In Christ’s peace,

Pastor Rebecca



Hello! The beautiful month of October is here with crisp mornings, changing leaves, and pumpkins all around. Things are once again busy at church - so what's happening with the music ministry at King of Kings these days?

The Son-Light choir will once again be singing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary - please come join us! It's a fun group and I have some really good choral pieces selected.

The Brass Ensemble (directed by Steve Richardson) will be playing on Reformation Sunday - which falls on October 27th this year. Please come on this celebratory Sunday and join in the congregational singing of Martin Luther's famous hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

Our Hand Bell choir is still on hold until we get our bells back from being refurbished. Unfortunately the company has had a delay in their work schedule , but hopefully we'll be ringing again in November.

The Sunday School kids will be singing a short song every Sunday as they come forward for a Children's sermon - and -yes- I'll be inviting you to sing along too!

As always, we'll be singing a variety of old and new hymns, with a few praise and worship songs as well.

From an editorial of "The Gospel Coalition" :

"There is also something powerful – almost mysteriously so – about music. It's power has been scientifically proven, but we really only have to turn to personal experience to tell us that this is true. Songs can make us cry, make us laugh, make us feel joy... Music is communal and universal, binding us across cultural and even linguistic barriers. We remember words to songs much sooner than we remember prose or movie lines or even our wedding vows. Without us even realizing it, we are being moved, shaped, and changed by music every day."

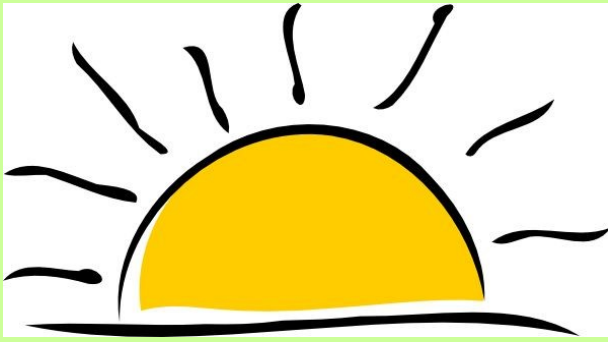
And so we use music to help illuminate the "Good News" of the bible as we praise and worship God.

Come be a part of the music ministry program here at King of Kings!

See you in church!

Beth Colbert

Director of Music Ministry



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
10/11, 10/25, 11/8

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 October 5th.

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

“All Saints Day” is a day set aside to remember friends and loved ones who have passed away. On Sunday, November 3, 2024, King of Kings will remember those individuals who have passed away this past year.

There is a sheet on the podium in the narthex for you to add the name of your loved one prior to November 3rd for them to be included and remembered on All Saints Day.



KING OF KINGS QUILT GROUP

Fall is here. Autumn get-aways are happening. Trips to the apple orchards for apples, cider and donuts are a must. A walk or a drive to see the changing of the leaves is seeing God's handiwork. School has started, sports and band members are practicing. Autumn is a special time.

And for the King of Kings Quilt Group, many special trips and family member events are coming up, making the monthly get-together difficult. Say good-bye to homework and gathering materials. No sewing or pinning will be necessary. Take the month off. Enjoy all the Fall activities.

And, stay tuned to what November has in order!



The King of Kings Mutual Ministry Team will have an open position starting in January, 2025. This position is appointed to a three year term by the Church Council, with a maximum of two terms.

Team meetings are held on Zoom about 4-5 times per year.

What are the duties of the Mutual Ministry Team?

- **To maintain supportive relationships with the Pastor and staff, and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling, appointment, or employment.**
- **To be responsible for the appointment, supervision, and annual review of the salaried lay workers of the congregation.**
- **To support the congregation and staff in their relationships with one another.**

If you have any questions or would like to be considered for this position, please contact Anita Leitgeb, Mutual Ministry Team Chair or Pastor.

Fall Conference Assembly

of the Central Crossroads Conference

Saturday, October 5

9:00 am Coffee, Snacks and Fellowship

10:00 am Worship with Dean Susan Salomone

10:20 am Business and Speaker Bishop Lee Miller

12:00 noon Adjourn

Come prepared:

- Submit any resolutions or memorials to Judy Sadlon at jsadlon@trinityherkimer.org no later than **Saturday, September 28**
- A new member of the Conference Cabinet will be elected
- Remember to print your written reports before arrival
- To steward our time, we will not be sharing spoken reports or event announcements; please bring printed materials to share

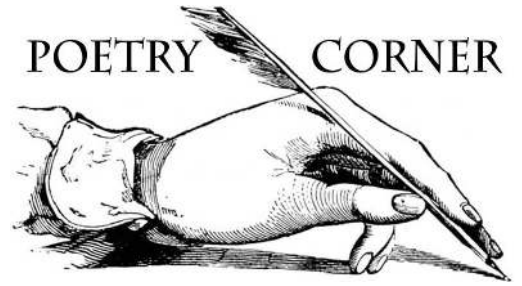


Don't worry--you didn't miss it yet!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

4897 Old Oneida Road, Verona 13478

Brought to you by the Worship and Music Team.
Poetic expressions intended to inspire prayer, awe,
joy into your spiritual journey.
Curated by Bob Lebel



Note: I do not know whether the author had Mark 1:17 in mind when she wrote this, but it seems suspicious to me.

**Bonnie A St. Andrews (1946-2003) American poet,
SUNY Upstate Medical University professor
“Instructions at Artist Camp”**

To fish for
the Invisible

bait the hook with
your own heart

and land
divine assignments.

How good then
the taste of words

like ripened fruit
or bread:

round and ripe
and wise.

YOU CAN **SAVE a LIFE** WITH a SPRAY



Naloxone,
given as a nasal spray,
can reverse the effects of
an opioid overdose and
Save a Life.

Attend a free 45 minute training session from the
Onondaga County Health Department
October 28, 6:30 pm
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
603 Tulip Street, Liverpool NY 13088

Registration needed to ensure supply of Narcan for each participant

Call 315-457-3161 or email office@liverpoolfirstpres.org

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 are at **7:30 p.m. on Mondays 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.

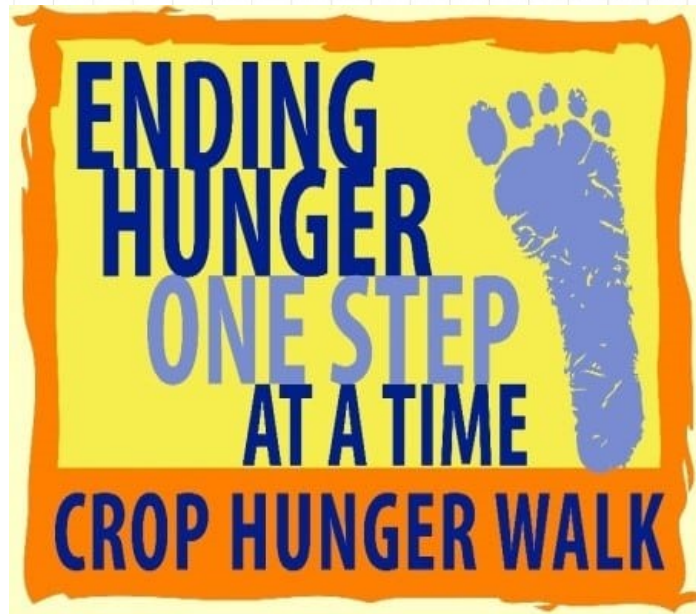
Shalom!

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.**

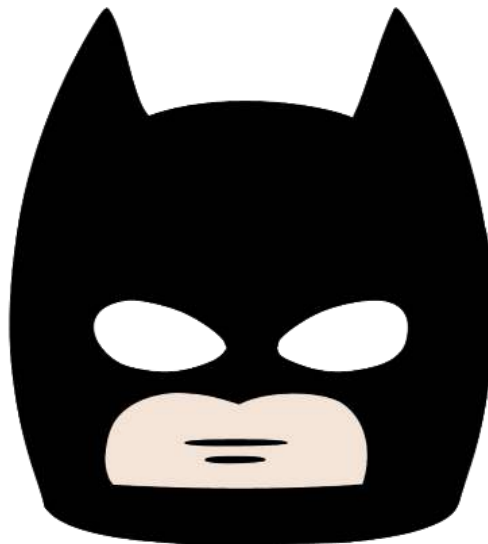
Super Steward!!

How can you become a Super Steward? There is more than one way to do it! First, get involved.

You will be receiving a letter this month with your Faith Offering Card and another sheet of paper with most of the ways you can get involved at King of Kings. Please when you fill out the "Making Ministry Happen" sheet, mark off the items, if you are so inclined, that you might like to try to do **IN ADDITION** to what you are already doing. (We can see what you are already doing with our Super Sight), and we appreciate all that you do.

Second, please fill out the Faith Offering cards and the Making Ministry Happen sheet and get them back into the office by November 3rd. As you decide what your pledge will be this coming year, we are aware that the cost of living is higher for you, but be aware that it is higher at church too. If it is within your reach, consider increasing your pledge this year as we are planning to continue to keep our building up to date.

Third, get ready for Super Hero Sunday, which will be on October 20th. Come to worship dressed as your favorite Super Hero, or your Super Hero tee shirt. Parents, bring the kids in for some good old Lutheran fun.



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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



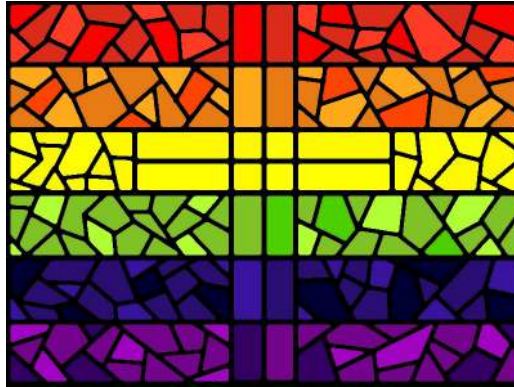
Financial, treasurer, and pastoral reports were reviewed.

The council approved property and grounds improvements to the shed including a new roof and concrete slab. The parking lot is being monitored, and will need improvements in the near future.



Council also approved funding for updated furnishings to be used in the nursery. Volunteer appreciation reception will take place on October 5th. It is estimated that our congregational volunteers saved the church \$30,000+ in labor costs. Hope the day is enjoyed by the many helping hands.

As a reminder, church members are welcome to review the monthly meeting minutes located in the church office.



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

On the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am and 6:30pm

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

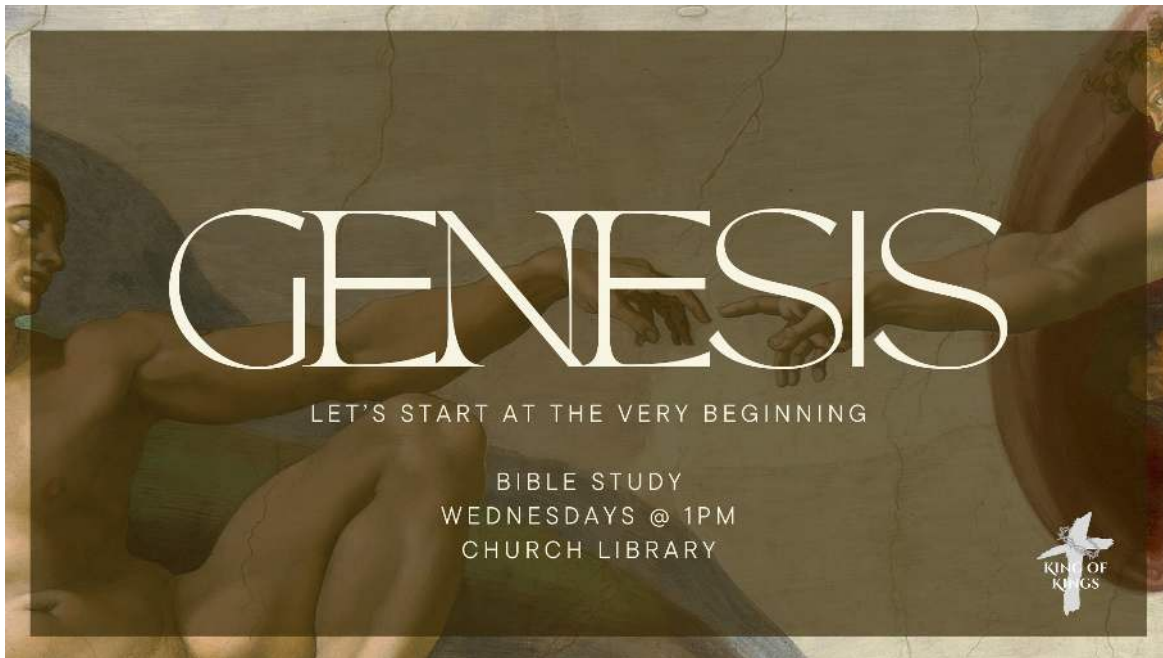
Benefactor Table \$1,000

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 is meeting on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the church parlor. Our first topic will be Genesis. Bring yourself and your favorite Bible--no other preparation required!

Have you looked 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

I look forward to the new school year starting with our reinvented Children's Time during the church service. 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.

Mark Your Calendar: October 20, 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.

Here is a sample Children's Time lesson, in case you are wondering how you might get involved. It is a dialogue between you and the children. This is from Peter's Faith lesson, Mark 8: 27-38.

Does anyone here wear a cross? What does wearing a cross mean to you? (*being a Christian, belonging to God*)

Crosses are important to us as Christians because they tell something about who Jesus is. Hold up the cross jewelry. The cross tells everyone that Jesus is our Savior. It reminds us that Jesus died on a cross to save all of us. In today's story, we heard more about how Jesus is our Savior.

Talk about these questions:

- **If you see someone wearing a cross, do you ever ask about it?**
- **Besides seeing crosses on jewelry, where else do you see them?**
- **Is it hard to talk with your friends about who Jesus is? Why or why not?**

Dear Lord,

Thank you for Jesus and all that he did for us.

Help us to share your love and the good news of Jesus with our family and friends.

We pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Invite kids to make the sign of the cross.

Amen.

Susan Evans
Sunday School Director



Lutheran Disaster Response

If anyone would like to help those who are affected by the floods left by Hurricane Helene, you are welcome to make donations to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) by simply putting a notation on your check, envelope, or going to our online giving and click on the LDR tab. There are also envelopes available on the table in front of the office. We will make sure your donations are sent to Lutheran Disaster Response.



Kits of Caring (for the homeless)

A donation basket is located in the Narthex with tentative plans of assembling on Sunday, October 27th after service during Fellowship time.

Needed:

- Gallon size bags Small / sample size
- non-perishable snack items
- water bottles, juice boxes, Capri Sun
- health needs, ex. hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste - other thoughts?

We have enough granola bars!

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Keith Gatling or Michele Hayes

People's News



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Lorraine Savidge and family on the passing of her father. May God's love and promise of eternal life bring you comfort and peace.

Donovan Burke was recently baptized at King of Kings. His proud parents are Cayman and Molly Burke. Joining in the celebration were the little one's grandparents, Paul and Wendy Burke.

Thanks to all who supported the collection of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief and thanks to Lorraine Savidge and Karen Anders for making the bags for the supplies,

Paul and Wendy Burke were "in the news" in a recent Post Standard feature story about the Great New York State Fair. They recalled their first date at this event.



German Heritage Day!

Sunday October 13th 12:00

**Sign up on the bulletin board to
bring some delicious German
food!**

Schedules for October

Usher

10/6 Carl Bastedo/Bob Hickman
10/13 Darren/Mary Moyer
10/20 Greg/Julie Yoder
10/27 Bob/Joanne Kolch

Worship Assistant

10/6 Peter Pavlacka/Kathy Sampson
10/13 Jeff Swanson/Michele Hayes
10/20 Bob Lebel/Bob Hickman
10/27 Keith Gatling/Jennifer Foor

Coffee Fellowship

10/6 Shari Murray
10/13 Shari Murray
10/20 Kurt Richardson
10/27 Susie Bastedo

Altar Guild for October

Shari Murray

Lector

Sherry Miller
Dave Allen
Susie Bastedo
Dawnelle Jager

Counter

Niel Zuern/Weta Hayden
Greg Yoder/Dan Weingarten
Doug Keim/Jennifer Foor
Eric Richardson/Dave Allen

Tech Team

Dave Krause/Connor Smith
Bob Hickman/Don Spoerke
Howie Mansfield/Pat Lebel
Dave Krause/Francis Ngumbi

**** 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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Finance, Doug Keim
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