

THE KING'S CROWN



November 2024



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Upcoming Events

November 2nd—Men's Breakfast

November 9th—Soup & Game Night

November 12th—Quilt Group

Genesis Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

Caregiver Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am

Men's Bible Study

Biweekly on Fridays at 6:00am

December
Newsletter
Deadline is
November 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

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. (Matthew 18:20)

If you have ever worshiped at another congregation, especially a mainline Protestant or Roman Catholic one, and thought that the overall experience was very similar to what you've experienced in a Lutheran congregation, there's a reason for that: the *ordo*. *Ordo* is the fancy church word for the ancient pattern or overall shape of Christian worship. Different traditions will use different labels for the various parts, but most will describe four basic sections in a worship service: Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending.

With November being a month in which many families will gather for a special meal on Thanksgiving, it's a great time to reflect on what it means to gather as the Body of Christ at worship for the meal of the Eucharist.

Sunday became the day of the week when Christians gathered, rather than the Jewish Sabbath, because it was the day Jesus rose from the dead. As the first day of a new week, it represents resurrection and new beginnings. We spend most of our week as scattered members of the Body of Christ, serving as ministers in our variety of vocations: parent, child, nurse, artist, teacher, lawyer, friend, neighbor, and so on. However, we also come together regularly to receive the nourishment, empowerment, and forgiveness of God's grace in Word and Sacrament.

When we are gathered members of the Body of Christ, we are a collective. We are not coming together as people that share a hobby, or a political party, or even necessarily friendship and warm feelings for one another—though it is a blessing when those develop. Our gathering proclaims that God through Christ is found in the community: diverse members that rely on one another to experience a whole that is more than the sum of its parts. This is a radically countercultural thing to do every week.

At King of Kings, we begin to gather for worship during a musical prelude and our liturgy starts with either a rite of Confession & Forgiveness or a rite of Thanksgiving for Baptism. For Martin Luther, confession and forgiveness is a reminder and return to the promises made at our baptisms. The purpose is not to start our time together by emphasizing how awful we are, but to make it clear that we are released from our burdens and failures.

We sing hymns collectively to emphasize the way many voices are coming together to proclaim God's praise. The Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise musically repeat the Confession & Forgiveness. *Kyrie eleison* is an ancient Greek phrase that means *Lord, have mercy*. We ask for God's mercy and hear the promise of divine greatness and love.

Every week, the pastor greets the assembly by saying, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." When I bow as the assembly responds, "And also with you," it is not simply my way of acknowledging and thanking you. I bow for the same reason I bow before approaching the table to celebrate Holy Communion: the gathered people are a sign of the presence of Christ, and I want to express reverence for that.

The Holy Spirit calls us together, gathering us together for a foretaste of the feast to come.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Rebecca



Greetings Church Family!

November is book-ended by two important special days of the church year. On November 3rd , we observe "All Saints Day" - a day of remembrance for all saints who have gone before us, including loved ones and special people in our lives that passed away in the last year. There will be special music during the candle-lighting portion of the service while the names of our dear ones are read.

The last Sunday of the month is "Christ the King Sunday" which is the last Sunday in the liturgical year of the church. We celebrate Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all the universe. There will be special organ music, choir music , and hymns that day.

I had hoped that the Hand Bell Choir would be able to play this month, but part of the 3 -octave set of bells we own are out for badly needed repairs and refurbishing. Unfortunately, the company doing the work had a work delay issue and our bells will not be back until mid-November. We will try to back to ringing and play sometime in December.

The Advent and Christmas seasons are just around the corner and I NEED YOUR HELP! I could use some more singers in the Son-Light Choir. I could also use some soloists and instrumentalists for special music throughout the upcoming holiday seasons. Please consider offering your talents during this special time of year - we would be glad to have you! You can reach me at bmcolbert61@gmail.com, or call and leave a message at the church office and I will get back in touch with you.

May we draw closer together during November as we honor those who have gone from us, and also celebrate that Jesus is King of all and is always with us on our journey.

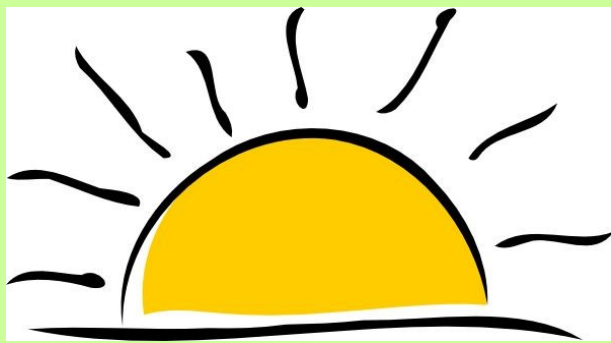
Here are words from "Give Thanks for Life" by Shirley Erena Murray

"Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught in the Christ-flame, bursting through the night;
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right -
Alleluia! Alleluia! "

Rejoice - Christ is King!

See you at church -

Beth Colbert , Director of Music



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

11/8, 11/22, 12/6

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 November 2nd.

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

Be a Super Steward!!!

If you have not done so yet, please get your Faith Offering cards and your Making History Happen papers in yet, please do so ASAP. We need to know where we stand as we put together the budget for 2025.

Thank you!

Barb Winkel

King of Kings Financial Secretary



KING OF KINGS QUILT GROUP

*Lay this softly upon your palm,
Feel God's Grace, his love, his calm.*

*Lift your cares and joys in prayer,
Drawing peace from this little square.*

May the Lord bless you.

This is the prayer attached to the little prayer pocket squares. Over the years, many people have contributed to this pocket square ministry. Some squares have been knitted or crocheted with a raised cross as part of the design. Some have appeared made of fabric. And as the Quilt Group has kind of taken on this ministry, little quilted squares have appeared.



Prayer pocket squares have a cross either inside the pocket square or attached to the outside, reminding us of our Christian faith. When placed in your pocket or purse, as you touch the cross, it reminds you to pray. These little prayer pocket squares can be taken for yourself, or for someone who needs a little uplifting message.

As the prayer pocket squares that we had in reserve, have been depleted, the Quilt Group will be meeting to create a new batch of quilted prayer pocket squares.

Join us on Tuesday, November 12th at 1 p.m. in the Sunday School Wing. Bring scrap fabrics, batting, sewing machines and pinking shears (if you have one).

And, we also need help with hand sewing the crosses onto the squares (if you can sew on a button, you are hired!) And pinning the prayers to the completed prayer squares would be a tremendous help. Contact Donna Huberty for more information. donnahuberty@outlook.com or 315-935-5422.

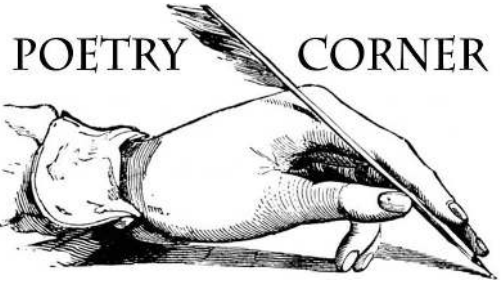
Let us prayerfully continue this ministry.



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

Brought to you by the Worship and Music Team,
A.W.E division.



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

Curated by Bob Lebel

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889) British Roman Catholic priest
“God’s Grandeur”

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man’s smudge and shares man’s smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

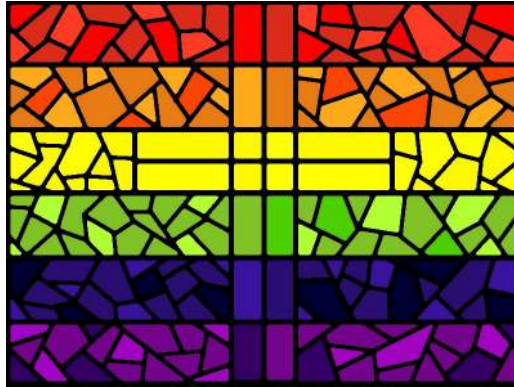
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! Bright wings.



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

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.

"The Chosen" Group Discussion Wrap Up

The Chosen discussion group will NOT be meeting on Monday November 4th, but we WILL be watching and discussing Episode 8 (the last episode of Season 1) on Monday November 11th.

That will be the last get together of the group for now.

Let Weta or Beth know if you might be interested in having the group meeting for Season 2 sometime in the future.

"The Chosen" is a series about the life of Jesus Christ, his disciples, and other people surrounding him. The group discussions will start 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. 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!



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?

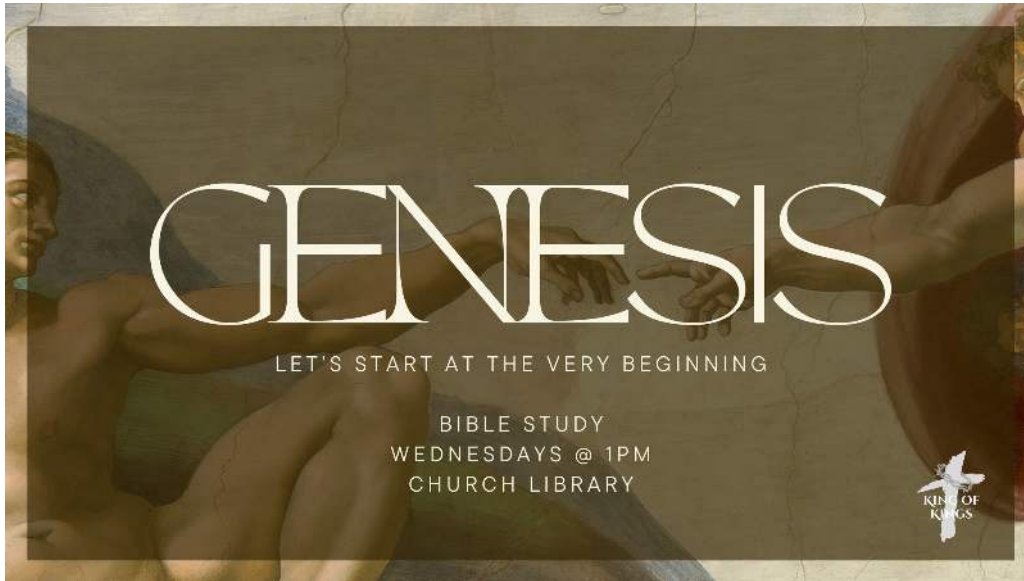
–To maintain supportive relationships with the Pastor and staff, and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling, appointment, or employment.

–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.





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!



November 9th at 6:00pm
Sign up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board
Hope to see you there!

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!



Sunday School Happenings and Changes

I hope you have been in church or watched the live streams to see our new Children's Time. Each week, a puppet and I have been interacting to teach a children's message. The children come forward and sit with Pastor Truland, the puppet helps answer the questions I ask, and we all learn about one of the readings for the day. Then a quiet craft is presented at the back table. We have been working through the microphone issues, and a special thanks to the tech booth for helping us make our message heard online.

Each week (with the exception of puppet presentation weekends), a script is available in the office, to either help with the narrator or the puppet role. Thanks to all the Super Stewards who have helped so far, and continue to make King of Kings a welcoming place for our youth.

As we look forward to Advent, we will be considering a Nativity show, presented by the youth. 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 Children's Time at King of Kings Lutheran Church.

Susan Evans

Sunday School Director

At the October council meeting we listened to an initial evaluation of results of the congregational survey by Rev. Imani O'Lear (Director for Evangelical Mission, Upstate NY Synod). Thirty six (36) surveys were returned. Data to be discussed in further detail at the Council retreat on 9 November will include a focus on topics that generated the most "middling" scores (i.e. not enthused, but not disappointed), because these topics present the best opportunities for growth and improvement. Overall, Rev. O'Lear stressed that returns indicated a positive position for King of Kings.



Council also reviewed recommendations for a spring parking lot maintenance project; and was briefed on pending repairs to the sunken concrete pad at the Sunday School wing entranceway (to eliminate a trip hazard), and the completion of a new shingled roof on our shed (to protect our lawn equipment). Finally, we heard enthusiastic feedback about the volunteer appreciation day sponsored by our staff on 5 October. Thank you, staff!



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.



Transgender Day of Remembrance

NOVEMBER 20

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is recognized annually on November 20 to honor the memory of people who have been attacked and murdered because of being transgender. Trans and non-binary people are disproportionately likely to experience violence compared to the population as a whole. While TDOR is a day for grief, it is also a day to celebrate the resilience of the trans community and their contributions to justice work for all people.



People's News



Congratulations to Kyle and Nicole Miller on the birth of their first child, Owen Patrick Miller. Proud grandparents are Steve and Cathy Miller. Many blessings to all!

Niel and Sue Zuern recently celebrated the birth of their second grandchild. All good wishes to Lis and her family!

Emilie Sousou, a junior at Liverpool High School, received honors from the New York State Music Association, Way to go, Emilie!

Warm welcome to King of Kings' new members, Timothy Weir, Tim Killian, Laura and James Miranda and Amy Stolarcyk. We also recognized the membership reinstatement of Robert Welch and Cynthia Bennick. Additionally, joining by transfer were Julie and David Grindle.

The baptism of Reed Canfield Kimble was recently celebrated at King of Kings. May God bless his new life in Christ.

Thank you to Barb Winkel, Weta Hayden and the Stewardship Team for their work on this year's stewardship campaign. Super Stewards, you are appreciated!



Schedules for November

Usher

11/3 Dan/Patti Weingarten
11/10 Rick/Kathy Sampson
11/17 Eric Richardson/Sara Richardson
11/24 Hollie Zimmerman/Karen Wild

Lector

Niel Zuern
Peg Gosch
Avery Head
Doug Keim

Worship Assistant

11/3 Barb Winkel/Bob Hickman
11/10 Lauren Seiter/Greg Yoder
11/17 Jeff Swanson/Bob Hickman
11/24 Cheryl Gatling/Michele Hayes

Counter

Doug Keim/Kurt Richardson
Bo Kolch/Cathy Miller
Greg Yoder/Sue Tierney
Steve Salem/Barb Nies

Coffee Fellowship

11/3 Michele Hayes
11/10 Shari Murray
11/17 Pat Lebel
11/24 Lisa Clark

Altar Guild for November

Dawnelle Jager

**** 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
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Sue Tierney, Council Member
Kurt Richardson, Council Member
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Pastor Rebecca Truland



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Finance, Doug Keim
Property, Art Leitgeb
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
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