

# THE KING'S CROWN



March 2025



King of Kings Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Events

*March 1st* —Men's Breakfast

*March 5th*—Ash Wednesday Services 12:30pm & 7:30pm

*March 12th*—Quilt Group

*March 23rd*—60th Anniversary Celebration!

**Wednesday Lenten Discussion/Service 7:00pm/7:30pm**

**Genesis Bible Study**

*Wednesdays at 1:00pm*

**Caregiver Group**

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

**Men's Bible Study**

*Biweekly on Fridays 6:00am*

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April  
Newsletter  
Deadline is  
March 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**

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)*

After Gathering as the Body of Christ, dwelling with the Word together, and partaking in the sacramental Meal of the Lord's Supper, the final (and briefest) part of our order for worship is the Sending.

At King of Kings, the Sending portion of our liturgy is everything from the announcements onward. So, it's literally just the announcements, the blessing, the final hymn, and the dismissal dialogue. Sometimes I wonder about the wisdom of having such a brief ritual for this incredibly important aspect of our worship, but the idea behind its shortness is the desire to capture its urgency. Having been fed and forgiven by the Body of Blood of Christ, we should be so energized, excited, and joyful to return to the world to spread the Good News that we cannot wait to get back out the doors and into our communities.

This is why I appreciate how our congregation places the announcements at the end of the service. These are the reminders of what we are being sent out to do. These are some of the times, places, events, programs, and classes at which we are going to be able to share the grace we have just received in such abundance that we cannot help but overflow that grace upon others.

Here's the bottom line of the Sending portion of worship: the vast majority of our lives as disciples of Jesus happens outside the walls of our congregation and away from the presence of our fellow congregation members. We are disciples in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, at the grocery store, at the auto repair shop, in waiting rooms, and on the road. The time we spend together on Sunday mornings is meant to strengthen us for every other hour of the week where we are feeding neighbors, raising our children, teaching, healing people, confronting injustice, and speaking on behalf of the poor.

The bulk of our lives (caring for aging parents, volunteering at food pantries, attending class, going to work, coaching and playing sports, commuting, reading bedtime stories, etc etc) are not distractions from our ministry. They are our ministry. They are not competition for congregation-based programs; they are the mission fields God has given us to serve the world God created and loves. We are Sent from worship, confident in our Creator's grace, for the sake of Love itself.

In Christ's peace,  
Pastor Rebecca



Lent begins on March 5th - Ash Wednesday - and continues through the entire month of March. Lent encourages us to focus on prayer ; to slow down , to "repent" or turn back towards God. It is a time meant to deepen our relationship with God Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit.

I love that the hours of daylight are lengthening throughout this season and we look forward to the warmth of Spring. We are moving towards the light and joy of Easter, but let us not overlook the lessons of Lent. The music of this season is more contemplative, more quiet and reflective. We "put away" our Alleluias until Easter.

At the mid-week Lenten services starting on Weds. March 12th , we'll be singing "Bless This Night" . It is a new vespers service composed by musicians of the Holden Village Community. It is a beautiful setting that I'm confident will enhance our worship.

The Son-Light Choir will be singing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, and the Hand Bell Choir will be ringing on March 30th. Dave Grindle will be singing a moving solo for us on March 16th.

So come join us in worship for this season of Lent. Come be with our church community as we support and learn from each other on our spiritual journey toward the cross .

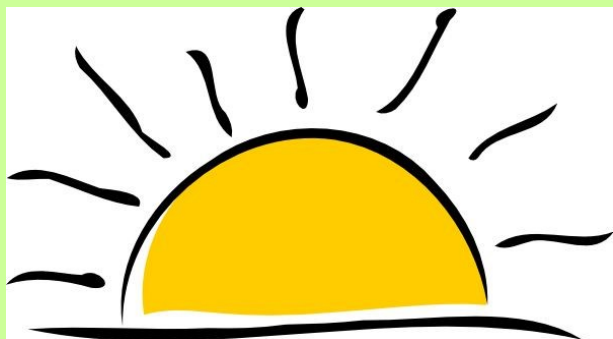
From the hymn " As the Deer Runs to the River" by Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

"Christ, we come from desert places, deepest thirst unsatisfied.  
Lead us to the waters flowing from the cross on which You died.  
Jesus, source of living water, may we drink of You and live! "

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

3/14, 3/28, 4/11

Our Sunday Services are now LIVE on BOTH Facebook AND YouTube



Streaming Sunday Service

Link on computer and phone  
[www.youtube.com/@kingofkings-ny](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 windows



Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast group will meet

Saturday March 1st.

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

## **KING OF KINGS QUILT GROUP**

***Comfort, warmth, snugly, something just for them, caring.....words to describe quilts given to children in need. The King of Kings Quilt Group continues the project(s) of making charity quilts for the kids in our communities. Last month we started making blocks. Now we will begin to assemble the blocks into quilt tops.***

***Tuesday, March 12th at 1 p.m. will be the next get-together. Bring your completed blocks. We will mix and match and start sewing the tops. Bring your sewing machine along with pins.***

***If you would like to come but do not wish to sew, we could use someone to press the seams as the blocks are sewn together. See Donna Huberty for more information. [Donnahuberty@outlook.com](mailto:Donnahuberty@outlook.com) or 315-935-5422***



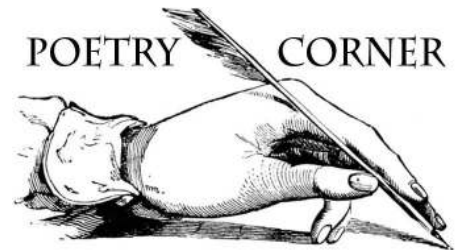
### **60th ANNIVERSARY QUILT REVEALED**

The colorful new quilt hanging in the church sanctuary was presented to the congregation at the annual meeting at the end of January. This 60th Anniversary quilt was a year long project in 2024 by the King of Kings Quilt Group. Lovingly made by members (and former members) of King of Kings, this work of art is a gift to the church in honor of the 60th year King of Kings has been in existence. The label on the back of the quilt lists all who had a hand in the completion of the quilt. And special thanks to Bob Huberty who hung the wooden quilt hanger, and to Karen Anders and Lorraine Savidge for their work "behind the scenes". The Quilt Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. and is led by Donna Huberty.

Those who participated in the cutting, sewing, quilting, and binding are: Scarlett Erdley, Carol Genalo, Michele Hayes, Dawnelle Jager, Cathy Miller, Deanna PAVlacka, Jennifer Foor, Beth Head, Donna Huberty, Joanne Kolch, Lynn Myers, Pastor Rebecca Truland, and Lynn Weeks. Machine quilted by Donna Huberty.

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.



Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) was an Asian Indian poet. I had the privilege of taking a course in his works, taught (in 1966) by Amiya Chakravarty, who had worked with him and Mohandas Gandhi during the 1930s and 40s. In this poem, Tagore is reflecting prayerfully on his hopes for his country, at a time when its future and nature were in question.

*From Gitanjali \**

*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;  
Where knowledge is free;  
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments  
by narrow domestic walls;  
Where words come out from the depths of truth;  
Where tireless striving stretches its arms toward perfection;  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way  
into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
Where the mind is led forward by thee into  
Ever-widening thought and action –  
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

*\* a book which was awarded the Nobel prize for literature, in 1913.*



*Spring*  
**RAFFLE**

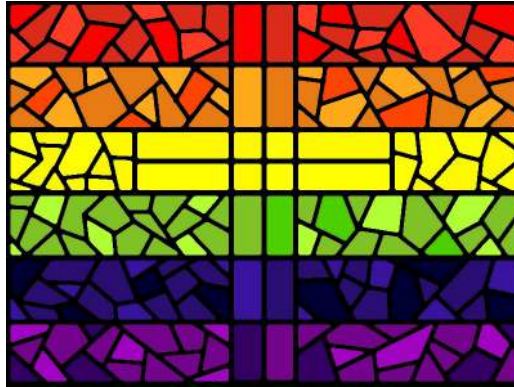
**Lutheran Campus Ministry Spring Festival and**

**Basket Raffle** – Join LCM on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>,  
2 – 4p.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 2840  
Cold Springs Rd., Baldwinsville for this

afternoon of music, fellowship and food PLUS a

basket raffle and live auction to support Lutheran Campus Ministry. Once again, we will have our famous Chocolate Basket donated by Thrivent Financial. We are seeking basket and raffle item donations for the auction. For more information and to donate baskets and other items please contact: Christine Jones (315.200.7625), Sue Sterner (315.735.8062) or Rev. Jeff Kane ([jkane@syr.edu](mailto:jkane@syr.edu) / 315.355.7900).





*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.*



### **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](mailto:kokchurchsecretary@gmail.com)

We welcome our newest Council members Lynn Myers and Barb Nies. We are all looking forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Also, a big welcome and thank you to Steve Miller for taking on the responsibility of being our Council Chairperson and to Jennifer Foor for becoming our Vice Chair. We are looking forward to your leadership this year.



We would also like to thank all of you that participated at our annual meeting. It was refreshing to make our own annual report together and to take the time to listen to what you would like to see happen at King of Kings in 2025. We, as a Council, are planning on looking at your list at each of our meetings to see where we are and what needs to get done.

We also were blessed to be able to interview Vicar Melissa Bedell to become our Intern for the next year. This is an opportunity for King of Kings and Good Shepard to work in collaboration with one another and with Vicar Melissa as she continues her journey to becoming a full time Pastor. Council did vote to go ahead with this venture in hopes that Vicar Melissa will be able to help us to set up the path to finding a more permanent solution to having a Faith Formation person.

We would also like to thank the 3 families that also feel that this is exciting news and, as they said, "Put their money where their mouth is" and generously give what will amount to about one third of the cost. If you would like to increase your giving to help this ministry, please let Pastor Rebecca know.

Respectfully submitted;

Barb Winkel

Financial Secretary

Church members are welcome to review the monthly meeting minutes. They are kept in a binder in the church office.



## People's News



Congratulations to Liverpool High School freshman Madison Lapp! Madison was recently honored with a selection to the Syracuse Youth Orchestra.

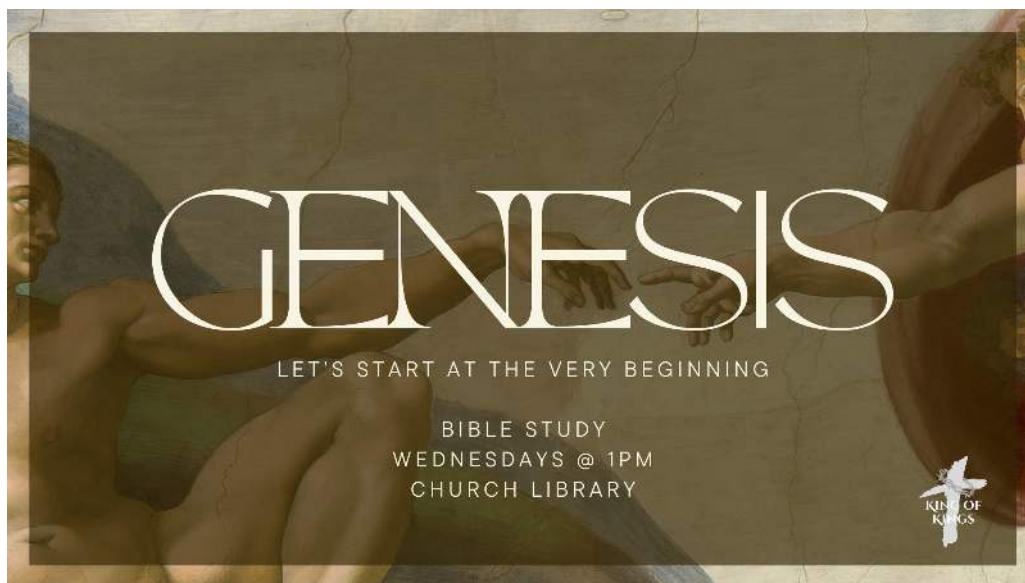
Kudos to Ben Ngumbi, a senior at the University of Albany. Ben was named to the Dean's List for the Fall, 2024 semester! His proud parents are Francis & Robin Ngumbi.

Kaylee Hepburn was among the participants in the Liverpool Central School district's recent Secondary StringFest. Well done, Kaylee!

Thank you to outgoing Church Council members Sue Tierney and Robin Ngumbi. We are grateful for your service! We would also like to welcome Barb Nies and Lynn Myers as new Council members. May God bless you both in your new role!

We are grateful for Lisa Clark's service as our Council Chair! Many blessings to Steve Miller as he steps into this position.

Thank you to Bob Lebel who recently completed his term on the Mutual Ministry. We appreciate your years of service to this team!



**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!**

*\*\*Paused until after Easter\*\**



During our Caregivers meetings we have shared resources for the journeys we are on as caregivers, in all of our different stages of caring for ourselves and others. As we and our parents and grandparents age, the question comes up: "Where do I find a good geriatrician to assist in the care of myself and my loved ones?" Upstate Geriatricians has a comprehensive program that is highly recommended by several members. Check out their website at:

<https://www.upstate.edu/geriatrics/healthcare/ug.php> and see how they can be a resource for information and treatment as we aspire to age gracefully.

### Caregiver Group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am

All are welcome, whether you can come for a short time or for the whole meeting. We are here for each other to support each other, listen, vent, and share resources. Please join us if you can and if you know someone else who could use the support invite them to come along and join us.

We understand that being a caregiver is a full-time job so know that we can prioritize the conversation if you have a limited time to attend and we don't expect regular attendance. Everyone's experiences are valued by our group.

If you are on the list and your situation has changed, please know that you are welcome to attend the meetings but there is no pressure to continue to attend if you don't need the support at this time.



## Sunday School/Children's Time Happenings

We have traveled through Epiphany and will soon enter Lent. In our one story from Luke 5:1-11, we learned about the disciples as fishermen. When Jesus called the first disciples, they were busy fishing. Fishing was a little bit different then than it is now. Instead of casting out a line and catching one fish at a time, they would throw a big net over the edge of their boat. Fishing was more than just something fun that the disciples did—it was their job and the way that they earned all their money. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” When Jesus called them, they didn't hesitate to throw down their nets in order to follow him. Jesus calls regular people to follow him. Jesus calls us all to be disciples, to learn about him, to tell others about him, and to live our lives the way Jesus did. What would you have done if Jesus asked you to follow him while you were busy working?

The song Fishers of Men reminds us to follow him.

I will make you fishers of men,  
Fishers of men,  
Fishers of men,  
I will make you fishers of men  
If you follow me.



I hope you have been in church or watched the live streams to see our 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. I appreciate the families that come and bring their children to participate.

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.

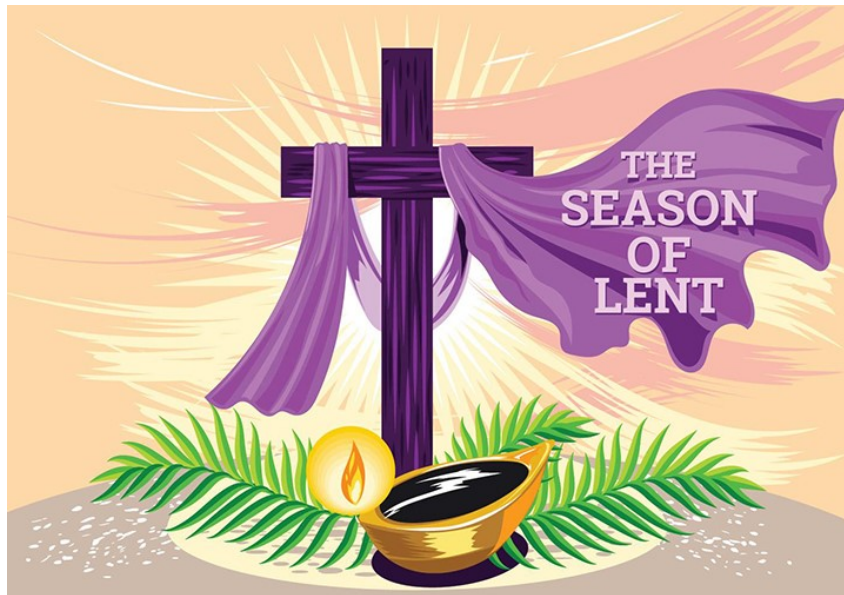
Susan Evans  
Sunday School Director

## PRE-ASSEMBLY IN-PERSON EVENT

PRE-ASSEMBLY IN-PERSON EVENT: Collaboration for Christ's Sake. Saturday, March 29 from 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Paul's, Liverpool. Be inspired by local ministries, hear from Bishop Lee Miller, network with other attendees, learn together, and bring specific ideas back to your congregations!



**Saturday, March 29, 9:30 am-12:30 pm  
@ St. Paul's, Liverpool**



**Mid-Week Services... Wednesdays 3/12, 3/19, 3/22, 4/2, 4/9**

**7:00pm Discussion/7:30pm Service**

**4/17 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30pm**

**4/18 Good Friday Service @ 7:30pm**

**Easter Prayer Vigil... 4/18 8:30pm until 4/19 12:00pm**

**4/19 Easter Vigil Service at Emmanuel Clay @ 7:30pm**

**4/20 Easter Service @ 8:15am, 10:30am (Brunch served at 9:30am)**





## *Into the Lenten Wilderness*

### 1st Sunday (March 9)

*“Love is real, God is love, and God dwells in your heart.” -Carl McColman*

### 2nd Sunday (March 16)

*“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.” -Julian of Norwich*

### 3rd Sunday (March 23)

*“There is the music of Heaven in all things.” -Hildegard of Bingen*

### 4th Sunday (March 30)

*“By virtue of Creation, and still more the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see.” -Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

### 5th Sunday (April 6)

*“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.*

*Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” -Howard Thurman*

### 6th Sunday - Palm Sunday (April 13)

*“Let your face shine upon your servant, and save me in your steadfast love.” -Psalm 39:16*



**Sunday March 23rd,  
after service in the Fellowship Hall**

11:00am-Danish, coffee, and charcuterie board  
King of Kings Trivia led by Pastor Rebecca

12:00pm-Luncheon catered by Francesca's  
Music and entertainment

Suggested donation

(ahead of time or at the door):

\$10 per person

\$25 per family

Kids 5 & under free



We truly feel that King of Kings is a church family, we treasure the time you are here with us and we hope that you can join us!

**Important Information:**

---Do you have any fun interesting facts about KoK  
or about events/activities that went on here?

If so, we would appreciate you creating a few church trivia questions!

Email them to Rachel at [kokchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kokchurchsecretary@gmail.com)

---Do you have any pictures from your time here at church or while participating in ministry and/or fellowship? We are planning on having a slideshow of these pictures running during the celebration.

Email any pictures to Rachel at [kokchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kokchurchsecretary@gmail.com)

---We will be putting together a book that will be printed and available later in the year! Do you have favorite recipes, grilling recipes, cleaning tips/hacks, crafty project ideas, funny jokes or words of wisdom that you would like to be part of this project?



# Schedules for March

## **Usher**

3/2 Dan/Patti Weingarten  
3/9 Rick/Kathy Sampson  
3/16 Eric Richardson/Sarah Richardson  
3/23 Carl Bastedo/Bob Hickman  
3/30 Darren/Mary Moyer

## **Worship/Communion Assistant**

3/2 Cheryl Gatling/Julie Yoder  
3/9 Jeff Swanson/Michele Hayes  
3/16 Barb Winkel/Bob Hickman  
3/23 Lauren Seiter/Michele Hayes  
3/30 Jeff Swanson/Kyle Richardson

## **Coffee Fellowship**

3/2 Michele Hayes  
3/9 Shari Murray  
3/16 Pat Lebel  
3/23 Lisa Clark  
3/30 Shari Murray

## **Altar Guild for March**

Jodell George/Beth Colbert

## **Lector**

Bob Hickman  
Susie Bastedo  
Colleen Richardson  
Kurt Richardson  
Peg Gosch

## **Counter**

Greg Yoder/Sue Tierney  
Art Leitgeb/Barb Nies  
Jenna Wysokowski/Jeremy Clark  
Lorraine Savidge/Jennifer Foor  
Eric Richardson/Peter Pavlacka

## **Tech Booth**

Dave Krause/Connor Smith  
Bob Hickman/Don Spoerke  
Howie Mansfield/Michele Hayes  
Lisa Clark/Jeremy Clark  
Dave Krause/Michele Hayes

*\*\*\* 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

Steve Miller, Chair  
Jennifer Foor, Vice Chair  
Barb Winkel, Financial Secretary  
Cindy Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Carl Bastedo, Treasurer  
Barb Nies, Council Member  
Lynn Myers, Council Member  
Kurt Richardson, Council Member  
Lisa Clark, Council Member  
Pastor Rebecca Truland



## Ministry Teams

Finance—Doug Keim  
Property—Art Leitgeb  
Worship & Music—Beth Colbert  
Children's Ministry—Sue Evans  
Mutual Ministry Committee—Anita Leitgeb  
Fellowship—Shari Murray  
PALMS—Weta Hayden  
Stephen Leader—Marcy Grundner  
Quilters—Donna Huberty