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*Mission Statement:*



*At King of Kings . . .  
we are CALLED together by God,  
to PRAISE God,  
to GROW in God's love,  
and to DO God's work in the world.*

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President's Corner

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Every winter your Church Council spends a day in retreat to reflect on the past year, look forward to the new year, and consider how best to address the tasks before us. We also elect officers and select the ministry teams with which each council member will interface. The officers for 2017 are listed at the left.

This year our retreat took place on February 4, 2017 and followed the usual format. During the retreat we were asked to brainstorm a list of our hopes and dreams for King of Kings Lutheran Church in the future. From the list we compiled we developed the following preliminary goals on which the council and the congregation will work during 2017.

## Pastor's Letter

This year we mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Reformation, counting from October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther allegedly posted the 95 Theses on the door of castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. For five hundred years, one-half of a millennium, Lutherans have heard the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and sought opportunities to share it with the world.



On October 31, 2016, members of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) met at the Lutheran Cathedral in Lund, Sweden to kick off a year-long celebration of this anniversary. Leaders of the liturgy for the day were the Rev. Martin Junge (of Austrian and Chilean heritage, the first Latin-American General Secretary of the LWF), Bishop Dr. Munib Younan, (a bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Holy Land and Jordan and President of the LWF), and Pope Francis. A choir of Lutherans from many nations sang songs from Botswana, India, and the Phipippines as well as hymns in Latin, Swedish, German, and English; some choir members wore native costumes and headgear. There were heartfelt confessions of the divisions between Lutheran and Roman Catholic traditions, pledges for greater inter-church cooperation, and prayers for Christian unity. You can view this historic liturgy, which is about two hours long, at the link below. If you don't have computer access, please let me know, and we'll arrange a viewing at church. LUND LINK: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/joint-commemoration-livestream>.

This gathering of Lutherans at Lund underlined the amazing ways that God has moved in and through our Lutheran witness throughout the world in the past 500 years. It highlighted the identity of Lutherans as: 1) united in theology and mission; 2) diverse in practice; 3) ecumenically open; and 4) ethnically diverse. Following worship, there was a rally at a sports arena in Lund, at which Lutheran efforts at social ministry were celebrated; throughout the world, Lutherans have influenced the societies in which they are located by planting educational institutions (from pre-schools to seminaries) and a variety of social ministry agencies, by responding to needs such as hunger, adoption, immigration services, and elder care, and by advocating for social equality for all people.

The Lutheran World Federation is the largest association of Lutherans in the world, although not every Lutheran denomination participates; the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, for example, is not a member. LWF has 145 member churches (including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America--ELCA) from 98 countries, and it represents 78 million members. The ELCA and its 65 geographical synods include 3.5 million members in 9,320 congregations. Our synod, the Metropolitan New York Synod, has about 195 congregations spread across the southern half of New York State, from Sullivan County to Suffolk County, and Staten Island to Saugerties. Our local conference includes 11 congregations in Orange, Sullivan, and Rockland Counties.

During this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, we will participate in a variety of celebratory events with other Lutherans. The Metro New York Synod of the ELCA will host an anniversary gathering in the fall. A conference-wide event will be held at St. John's Lutheran in Middletown on Sunday, November 12 at 4:00 pm. King of Kings will celebrate confirmation on October 29, Reformation Sunday. And during Lent our annual study series will focus on Luther's Small Catechism. I hope you will enjoy learning about and celebrating our Lutheran heritage in this anniversary year!

Happy Reformation!

Pastor Mary Lou

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1. To deepen connections among members of this congregation, especially focusing on rebuilding a youth program;
2. To strengthen or establish connections with those in need in our communities;
3. To improve systems which support ministry such as administration, property, and finances.

We plan to further refine these goals at our council meetings and we would appreciate your input. There will be many opportunities for all of us to achieve these goals together as we strive to do God's work with our hands.

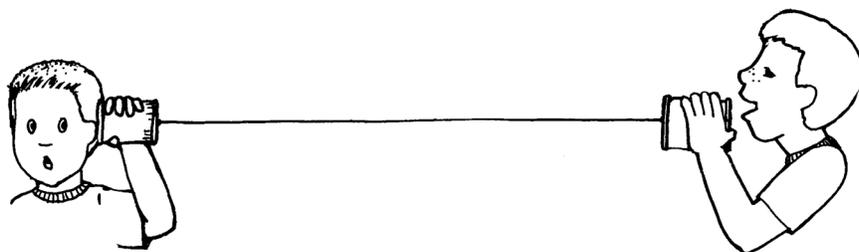
Jeanne Roper,  
(Past) President

## NCD

Coming soon...two great opportunities to praise God, grow in God's love, and do God's work in the world!

In accordance with our current emphasis on "Empowering Leadership," the Natural Church Development (NCD) team has arranged for King of Kings to host a series of workshops entitled, "**Healthy Congregations.**" Does that title sound familiar? It might because about five years ago several members of King of Kings and many other congregations experienced these workshops at a few churches in the Hudson Valley. The six topics are Systems Thinking, Anxiety and Change, Leadership, Relationships, Generosity and Stewardship, and Spiritual Care. This time the workshops will be held alternately at King of Kings Lutheran Church and at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Paltz on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include a light breakfast and lunch. The first workshop, "Systems Thinking," will be presented on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Redeemer. The series will continue, Spring and Fall, for a total of six sessions and will be facilitated once again by Pastor Kathleen Koran. The cost for materials, breakfast and lunch is \$12.00. Please sign up for the "Systems Thinking" workshop in the Communications Center. Carpooling from King of Kings will be arranged for the sessions in New Paltz. Contact Jeanne Roper for further information at 564-1199.

"Spring Training Day" is coming on Saturday morning, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. This is an opportunity for Team Leaders to update team members about what's new with their specific team or ministry. It's not just another meeting but is meant to inform current team members about their tasks. Each team is different so the training will be specific to the tasks that each team does. It might include new materials or equipment or reinforce existing practices. It will also be a great opportunity for anyone wanting to explore the work of the teams at King of Kings without the expectation of making a commitment to a team. Further information will be forthcoming in the Orbits and through team leaders. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Communications Center.



## We PRAISE God through Worship

### ALTAR GUILD



On Easter Sunday the sanctuary will be decorated with lilies and other plants.

Further info will be posted in the Bits when we are closer to Easter.

### WORSHIP

Saturday	5:00 pm	Eucharist
Sunday	11:00 am	Eucharist
Thursday	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer

Please note: The Sunday schedule will not change during the summer months. The Thursday schedule is altered slightly during the season of Lent. (See article, below.)

Generally, our Sunday liturgy follows this pattern:

FIRST SUNDAY, Folk Service; THIRD SUNDAY, Family Service; all other services, familiar Lutheran Liturgy. This schedule may change according to the availability of musicians.

### LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

You are welcome to come to any combination of these opportunities for worship, study and fellowship during Lent and Holy Week, a season during which Lutherans have historically dedicated extra time to worship and study of our faith. You may come weekly or once or as your schedule allows.

Ash Wednesday                      March 1st                                      Noon, 7:00 pm  
These are identical services with Eucharist and optional Imposition of Ashes.

Lenten Study, Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6                      10:00am and 6:30 pm  
Our annual Lenten Study Series is offered in lieu of the Adult Bible Study on Thursday morning and again before Thursday Evening Prayer. Eucharist (Holy Communion) is also offered as a part of this series. (See weekly Lenten schedule, below). In this "Reformation 500" year, we will be focusing on Luther's Small Catechism. Come for a refresher on the catechism, whether you learned it seven or seventy years ago, or explore the Lutheran expression of Christian faith for the first time. Identical studies are offered on Thursdays, at 10:00am or 6:30pm, on March 9, 16, 23, and 30 and April 6.

### Ecumenical Worship

We also participate with other Christian congregations in the annual Greater Newburgh Interfaith Council's (GNIC) Lenten series on Wednesdays at noon at Grace United Methodist Church in Newburgh, located on Broadway between Fullerton and West Streets. The member clergy of the GNIC take turns preaching, and a light luncheon is provided afterwards. Young at Hearts will attend this service together on March 15.

On Holy Saturday, we gather with local Lutherans and Episcopalians to celebrate a condensed version of the ancient Vigil of Easter, at which Christians gathered for a service that lasted until dawn on Easter Sunday. This year we gather at 7:30 pm at St. George's Episcopal Church, 105 Liberty Street in Newburgh, across from the Newburgh Free Library parking lot. If you would like a ride, please contact Pastor Mary Lou.

The annual Easter Sunrise service of the Greater Newburgh Interfaith Council will be held at 6:30 am on April 16 at the Newburgh Waterfront, near the River Grill. Come and watch the sun rise and celebrate the Son's rising!

## We PRAISE God through Worship

### Lenten Schedule

The weekly Lenten schedule is as follows.

Saturday	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
Wednesday	Noon	Worship	Sanctuary, Grace UMC
	12:30 pm	Luncheon served (\$4.00 donation)	Basement, Grace UMC
Thursday	10:00 am	Study	Library
	11:00 am	Eucharist	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Lunch (bring-your-own-lunch)	Library
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper served	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Study	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Evening Prayer/Eucharist	Sanctuary



### Holy Week Worship

#### HOLY WEEK

Saturday, April 8	5:00 pm	PALM SUNDAY	Procession and Eucharist
Sunday, April 9	9:00 am	PALM SUNDAY	Procession and Eucharist
	11:00 am	PALM SUNDAY	Procession and Eucharist
Monday, April 10	7:00 pm	MONDAY	Compline
Tuesday, April 11	7:00pm	TUESDAY	Compline
Wednesday, April 12	7:00pm	WEDNESDAY	Compline
Thursday, April 13	7:00 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Eucharist, optional Foot washing
Friday, April 14	Noon	GOOD FRIDAY	Adoration of the Cross at St. George's
	3:00 pm		Adoration of the Cross
	7:00 pm		Tenebrae
Saturday, April 15	7:30 pm	HOLY SATURDAY	Easter Vigil at St. George's
Sunday, April 16	9:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY	Eucharist
	11:00 am		Eucharist

**NOTE TIME CHANGES!!!** On **Sundays, April 9 (Palm Sunday) and 16 (Easter Sunday)**, a **9:00 am service** is offered in addition to our weekly 11:00 am service.

## We PRAISE God through Worship

### WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Team will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 12:30 pm in the library. If you have concerns about worship or ideas about how to strengthen our worship life, or if you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Carmela Herring, Team Leader.

### CHOIRS

You are welcome to participate in any choir; just show up for a rehearsal or speak with the director.

### FOLK CHOIR

Folk Choir sings contemporary choir anthems, rehearsing on one Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary as well as on Sunday mornings one-half hour before we are scheduled to sing. Our director is Jeff Wurster, and we use performance CDs for accompaniment. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Lari-Sue McDermott, Folk Choir Convenor.



#### **Folk Choir Spring schedule:**

##### **Date and Time**

Sunday, March 12, 10:30am  
Folk Service, 11:00am  
Wednesday, March 29, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 2, 10:30am  
Folk Service, 11:00am  
Wednesday, April 5, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 9, 10:30am  
Palm Sunday, 11:00am  
Sunday, April 16, 8:30am  
Easter Sunday, 9:00am  
Wednesday, April 28, 7:00pm

Sunday, May 7, 10:30am  
Folk Service, 11:00am  
Sunday, May 14, 10:40am  
Music Sunday, 11:00am  
Wednesday, May 31, 7:00pm

Sunday, June 4, 10:30am  
Pentecost Folk Service, 11:00am

##### **Rehearsal / Anthem**

Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
Anthem at Offertory: “*Come to Jesus*”  
Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
Anthem at Offertory: “*Lamb of God*”  
Rehearsal in Sanctuary for Palm & Easter Sundays

Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
Anthem at Offertory: “*What the Lord Has Done*”  
Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
Anthem at Offertory: *to be determined*  
Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
Anthem at Offertory: *to be determined*  
Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
sing 2 seasonal Anthems: *to be determined*  
Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
Anthem at Offertory: *to be determined*

## We PRAISE God through Music

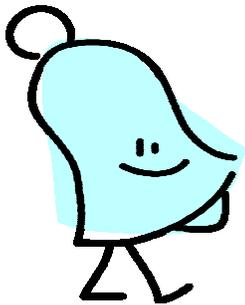
### CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir sings traditional choir anthems for 11:00 am services on Sunday twice a month. Rehearsals begin at 10:30 am, a half-hour before the service; if we decide to sing at a 5:00 pm Saturday service, we will rehearse before the service at 4:30 pm. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Nelson Nickerson, our organist and Chancel Choir director. Here is the Chancel Choir anthem schedule for this spring:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Anthem</u>
March 5, 2017	Go In Love
March 19, 2017	O Come and Mourn
April 2, 2017	O Jesus Thou Art Standing
April 9, 2017	Remember Me
Palm Sunday	Rehearse at 8:30am, Sing at 9:00 am service
April 16, 2017	The Holy City <u>or</u> This Is The Day
Easter Sunday	Rehearse at 10:30am, Sing at 11:00am service
April 30, 2017	Hymn of Promise
May 14, 2017	Brother James Air
Music Sunday	Rehearse at 10:20am, sing 2 seasonal anthems
May 28, 2017	Morning Has Broken



### BELL CHOIR



Adults and teens are invited to join our Bell Choir and have the joy of playing our beautiful handbells. No experience necessary, no need to read music. We will teach you all you need to be a successful King of Kings Ding-a-Ling! We will have rehearsals the SECOND Sunday of each month from 12:15-1:00 pm in the sanctuary and on the THIRD Saturday of each month from 6:00-6:45 pm and play at worship services when we feel that we are ready. We may try to have an additional evening rehearsal to help us since there are often conflicts on weekends. On Music Sunday, May 14, we will play a seasonal anthem and rehearse at 10:00am. Come join us at our first March rehearsal on Sunday, March 12th at 12:15pm. For more information, contact Judy Lorkowski at [worship@kofk.com](mailto:worship@kofk.com).

### KING OF KINGS KIDS CHOIR

All children ages 5-12 years old are invited to join our King of Kings Kids Choir. We sing and play cool chimes and rhythm instruments and have a lot of fun. The Kids Choir Program meets each Sunday from 9:30-10:00 am and presents the Offertory Anthem at FAMILY WORSHIP at 11:00 am on the THIRD SUNDAY of the month. On Easter Sunday, April 16, we will play a fanfare at either or both the 9:00 and 11:00am services which we will rehearse 10 minutes before the service. On Music Sunday, May 14, we will play one of our seasonal anthems. For more information, contact Judy Lorkowski at [worship@kofk.com](mailto:worship@kofk.com).



## We GROW in God's love through Christian Education

The Christian Education Team meets on Saturdays, April 1 and May 6 at 3:30 pm. If you have comments or questions about Christian Education or would like to volunteer in our Christian Education program, please contact Marcia Rant, Christian Education Team Leader.

### **BING**

**B**ible **I**Ntergenerational **G**athering meets every Sunday at 10:00 am, after the King's Kids choir rehearsal. Children, youth, and adults meet to read a Bible Story, talk about it, make a craft, pray, and bless one another. If you want to help as a Storyteller, please contact Marie Edwards (845) 562-2093 or [mpedwards@aol.com](mailto:mpedwards@aol.com). If you would like to be a craft leader, please contact Carole Miller (845) 392-1663.

In accordance with the "Safe Church Policies and Procedures" adopted by King of Kings Church in July, 2015, a special session of BING will be devoted to safety instruction for children on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and parents are encouraged to participate with their children. For more information about this instruction contact Jeanne Roper at 564-1199.

### **Adult Bible Study**

This Bible Study continues on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the library. All are welcome for this class which focuses on the gospel for the following weekend. Enter through the door on the far right of the church building.

### **New Members' Classes**

NEW MEMBERS' CLASSES will be held on Sundays, March 5 and April 2 from 12:30-2:30 pm in the library. Come if you want to explore membership at King of Kings, if you are ready to commit to membership, or if you want a refresher course on the Lutheran expression of Christian faith. If you have questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Mary Lou.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation meets usually on the first, third, and fifth Sunday of each month at 4:45 pm in the library. This year the students are learning about the sacraments of baptism and communion and the Ten Commandments. No class April 16; no class May 7. Final class May 21.

### **First Communion**

First Communion instruction is offered annually and upon parental request. To register or for more information, please contact the church office. Registration forms are also available at BING.



We GROW in God's love through Christian Education continued...

### *Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest Discovery*

Vacation Bible School will be held for children ages 4-10 at the end of July. Alison Roper, VBS Coordinator, is looking for volunteers for this summer's one-week Vacation Bible School, Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4, 9:00am-12:00pm. If you want to learn more about it or volunteer to help, please come to a planning meeting on Sunday, March 26 at 12:30 pm or speak with Alison Roper.

### *Baptism*

To schedule a baptism, please contact Pastor Mary Lou. For the baptism of an infant or young child, a preparation session for parents, the child(ren), siblings and sponsors (godparents) will also be scheduled. For the baptism of an older youth or adult, Pastor Mary Lou will arrange for catechetical instruction. Generally, baptisms are scheduled at 11:00 am services (or, in the case of a Sunday when there is only one service, at 9:45am).

We GROW in God's love through Stewardship

### **Christ: First in Everything**

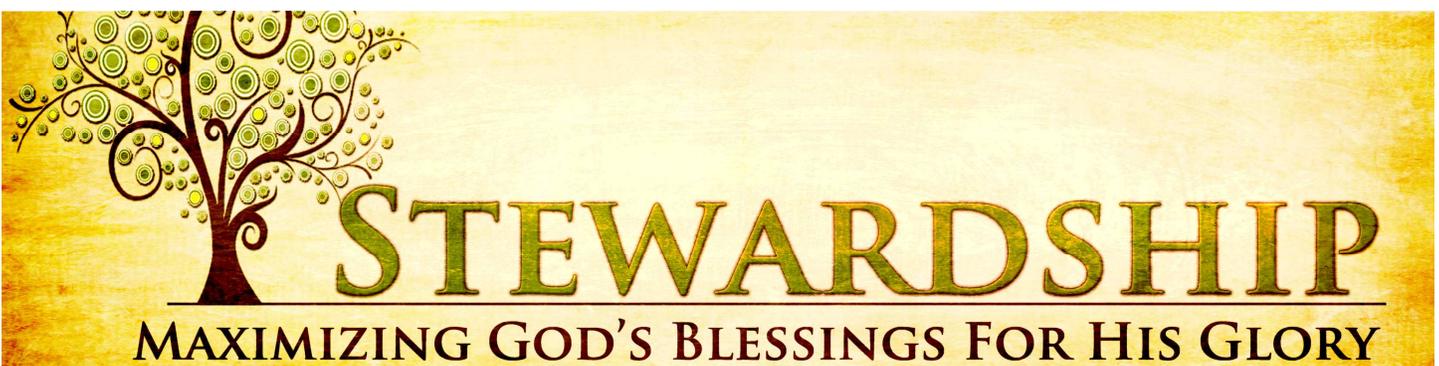
Perhaps some of you share the struggle I have to always keep Jesus the center of my life. It is easy to get distracted with daily routine tasks, unexpected emergencies, family responsibilities, health concerns, church and other volunteer duties. The list could go on and on. The Stewardship Team is coordinating a series of activities and sharing information that we hope will help us all keep "**Christ: First in Everything**", which is our 2017 Stewardship theme.

Upcoming events include a Prayer Vigil on Saturday, March 25 from 3 PM-9PM with the regular worship service from 5-6 PM. The Prayer Vigil will be held in coordination with the Greater Newburgh Interfaith Council's "Interfaith Community-Building Event" on Sunday, March 26 at 5pm at the Masjid Al-Ikhlâs in Newburgh.

Please, watch the *Orbits* and electronic communication for details on the Prayer Vigil and other upcoming stewardship events.

Please, contact me with your stewardship ideas and interest in the Stewardship Team at 845-565-3565.

Submitted by Roberta Drake-Wurster.



## We GROW in God's love through Stewardship .... continued

### **Financial Update**

2017 Budget	\$191,714
Amount needed each month to support our budget	\$16,000
January 2017 Expenses **	\$16,000
January 2017 Income	\$14,657.15
Monthly deficit	\$ (1,342.85)

\*\*Recent expenses include emergency repair to KOK's main furnace, the purchase of 8 carbon monoxide detectors, and snow removal\*\*

### **2016 Metro Synod Congregational Support Grant**

Enclose I-beam, church roof repairs, sidewalk repair and widening of entrance ramp.

KOK is responsible to cover 50% of costs, approximately \$10,000.

This is in addition to our annual budget and full payment is due by November 2017.

Please make donations and/or support congregational fundraisers to help match our grant.

If you need information about your contributions for year-end tax purposes or have a question about your quarterly statement, please contact Joan, our financial secretary, at [finance@kofk.com](mailto:finance@kofk.com). Please allow her a week or so to respond, as she checks into the office only once or twice a week.

If you have questions regarding the King of Kings budget, grants or other financial matters, please contact Treasurer Jack Zupko, at [jfz43@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jfz43@hvc.rr.com) or Finance Team Leader, John Roper, at [w2edz@msn.com](mailto:w2edz@msn.com) or (845)564-1199.

### **Ways to Help King of Kings Financially, in Addition to Your Offerings**

#### **Plan or Participate in a Fundraiser**

The King of Kings Council has approved scheduling up to four fundraisers in a calendar year for the benefit of the congregation. If you have an idea for a fundraiser and are willing to organize it, or if you have time to spare and can work on team for a fundraiser, please speak with Council President Jeanne Roper.

#### **Employer Matching Contributions**

Check with your employer or financial advisor to see if there are any matching funds available to increase your gift to King of Kings. A \$1,600 gift from Verizon is pending!

#### **Amazon Smile**

If you shop on line and use Amazon, designate King of Kings as a beneficiary of your purchases! "AmazonSmile", operated by Amazon, offers the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as Amazon.com and donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to charitable organizations. King of Kings is now registered to receive these benefits. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and follow prompts or <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-6025259>. Christmas shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and support King of Kings!

## We GROW in God's love through Stewardship ... continued

### **Thrivent Action Teams**

If you own any Thrivent product, you can apply for two \$250 grants per year to help with expenses for an activity like a stewardship project, a fundraiser, Christmas Joy or Easter Joy, the Children's Craft Table, etc. If you have questions, please speak with one of the following people who has submitted a grant application already: Don Moore, Miriam Rolf, Barbara Brady, Megan Tennerman, Judy Lorkowski, or Pastor Mary Lou.

### **Thrivent Choice**

If you are a Thrivent member and have a qualifying product, you can designate a donation from Thrivent to King of Kings once every quarter; you can do this quarterly. If you have questions, you can contact Betty Pence at 718-606-9396.

## We GROW in God's love through Small Groups

### **THE YOUNG AT HEARTS**

The Young at Hearts is a social program for our seniors and their friends. We share God's many blessings by having monthly fellowship.

All are welcome to our monthly meeting which is usually the THIRD Wednesday of the month.

The March get-together will be attending the Lenten Series, sponsored by the Greater Newburgh Interfaith Council. Wednesday, March 15 at Noon at Grace United Methodist Church 468 Broadway, Newburgh (located between Fullerton Ave. and West St.). A light luncheon follows, for a donation of \$4.00. Gather at King of Kings by 11:30 if you would like to carpool.

Watch the Orb Bits for April and May information.



A LADIES NIGHT OUT is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 19. Further information will be posted in the Bits.

## We GROW in God's love by Caring

### *Ministry of Care*

Ministry of Care ministers are people who step in to assist our members when extended family is either far away, unable to help or non-existent. A few examples of help that they provide to our care receivers would be rides to appointments, meals, babysitting, or just "a shoulder" etc. Please contact Joan Maldarelli at the church office if you would like to learn more about this ministry or attend a meeting.

### *Monetary Gifts to Fellow Church Members*

If you become aware of the financial need of another member and wish to contribute to that need, please speak with Pastor Mary Lou. Our policy regarding financial gifts is: Gifts of cash to meet the need of another member are to be made anonymously and confidentially through the pastor.

## We GROW in God's Love through Hospitality

*Hospitality Team's mission is to offer the love of Christ to the community and our guests in such a way that they would be transformed from strangers into friends.*

If you would like to help with this mission please contact Christine Skulevold at (845)541-0944, via email [cskulevold@gmail.com](mailto:cskulevold@gmail.com), or feel free to join us at one of our upcoming meetings on the second Sunday of the month. Please see Bits for updates on team schedule.

## We DO God's work in the world through Social Ministry

### Food Bank Volunteers Needed

The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley sorts through 35 million pounds of food each year and distributes it to 1,000 member agencies in 23 counties. Volunteers sort through the packaged foods and help to pack the boxes so they can be distributed to these various hunger-fighting agencies. Thanks to those who volunteered on January 21st; another volunteer date will be scheduled during the Summer.



### WAYS TO HELP OTHERS beyond your offerings

#### RECYCLE

The following items may be brought to the Communication Center in the Front Fellowship Hall.

**Old batteries:** Put dead batteries in the tub marked "Batteries" under the table.

**Old glasses:** Put reading or prescription glasses in the box marked "A Lion's Project" under the table.

**Broken or unwanted jewelry:** Check your jewelry box; if there is something that you no longer wear or is broken, put it in the clear lidded box on the table marked "Newburgh Ministry".

#### IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

**Non-perishable food:** Put canned and packaged food in the box marked "New Windsor Food Pantry" under the table.

**Diaper ointment or cash:** Put a tube of diaper ointment or a monetary contribution in the clear plastic box marked "Baby Steps" on the table.

**Newburgh Ministry:** Hygiene products, clothing, and small household items are needed for the Newburgh Ministry Store. Put items in or next to the box marked "Newburgh Ministry".

**Secret pal gifts:** The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) of King of Kings exchange Secret Pal gifts, beginning in December and continuing throughout the next year. See Judy Lorkowski for more information.

**Relief efforts:** Whenever our ELCA relief agencies publish opportunities for giving after a disaster, the information will be printed in the ORB and/or Bits about how you can respond.

We DO God's work through Social Ministry continued...

## **Join Us For Peace Weekend**

The Stewardship and Social Ministry Teams are joining together to sponsor a prayer vigil on Saturday, March 25, in conjunction with the Greater Newburgh Interfaith Council's Interfaith Community-Building Event.

On Saturday, March 25 from 3 - 9 PM a Prayer Vigil will be held in our sanctuary. The Stewardship Team proposes to have continual prayer in our sanctuary. At 20 minute intervals individuals will sign up to pray either in the sanctuary or at home. Communal prayers will be offered by area clergy on the hour and half-hour, and our 5:00pm service will also include prayers for our community. Our Prayer Vigil will focus on **prayers for peace**. You may request prayers to be said by filling out a Prayer Vigil Request Form which will be available on the glass table in the narthex and placing the completed form in the Prayer Request Box.

On Sunday, March 25, the Newburgh mosque, Masjid Al-Ikhlās, will host a dinner at 5:00pm for members of the GNIC congregations at 25 Washington Terrace. Following the meal, members of the mosque will share an introduction to Islam. If you would like more information, please speak with Pastor Mary Lou.

As the date approaches, signup sheets for the Prayer Vigil and the Interfaith Community-Building Event will be available. This year we are extending an invitation to our extended community to join us in prayer. So please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for the Prayer Vigil or the Interfaith event. For more information about either one, please speak to Roberta Drake-Wurster in person, at 845-781-8845 or via email at [rdrakewurs@aol.com](mailto:rdrakewurs@aol.com) or speak to Kathy Wurster in person or via email at [kdkw31@aol.com](mailto:kdkw31@aol.com).



We GROW in God's love by Praying

Share a Prayer Concern

To share a prayer concern with King of Kings, please call the church office or fill out a Prayer Request Form. To make your request by phone, call 845-565-7645. If no one is available to take your request, please, leave a message on the answering machine. If your request is urgent, please leave a message and also call Pastor at 845-561-6169. To make your request in writing, please fill out the Prayer Request Form found on the glass table in the narthex (opposite the double doors into the sanctuary) and place it in the box provided. The office staff will share your prayer concern with Partners in Prayer (the prayer chain) and/or the congregation as per your request. Please contact the office when there is a change in the status of the person(s) for whom you are praying.

Health Concerns:

Members

John Nekarda
Susan Cabrera
Ellie Stone
Rita Lundstrom
Bill Stratis
Desiree Dolata
Carole Miller
Gale Spade
Frank Damario
Martha Torres
David Salamone

Friends

Jude Solfao
Beth Roeper
Baby Blake
Baby Chloe
Joshua Leidner

For Caregivers

Janet Jackson
Jessica Adkison
Ali Hernandez
Barbara Ferranti

Those who grieve, and especially the loved ones of:

Kenneth Hansen
Eleanor Myers
Wilma Zupko
Florence Meineker
Hindu Pino
Jeff Buzzo
Craig Sweetser
James Harris
William Christiano
Elida Echevarria
Hans Kleinlein
Fred Borath
Barbara Murphy
Julia Habib
Tommy Hutchins
Edie Hoeffner
Maggie Stewart
Carole Hausman
Bob Vance
Pr. John Heller
Bryan Paschall, Sr.

Special concerns:

Wendy LaFratta
The Doick Family
Pr Auguste & family
Pr Brian & Christine Palmer
All affected by:
Homelessness
Job loss
Mental illness



For Homebound:

Cynthia Beckles
Don Berg
Emma Hafermalz
Jeany Hernandez
Ellie Stone
Marj Zercher



All those who proudly serve our country.

## Property Team

### *MAY 6TH is Spring Work Day*



Bring your work gloves and tools and garden implements to church on Saturday, May 6th at 9am. to help Jim and the volunteers. They are working until Noon.

## Community Information

### Newburgh Water Pollution

As you may already know, last May the City of Newburgh water supply was found to contain the chemical perfluorooctane sulfonate, or PFOS, at a level higher than recommended by the EPA. PFOS is a chemical similar to PFOA, which was found in the water supply in Hoosick Falls, NY a year ago.

The City of Newburgh has been assisting neighbors to get their blood tested; New Windsor residents are also encouraged to participate in the testing. More information on this issue will be provided through the weekly Bits as the situation develops.

A hotline is open to answer questions between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday – Friday .

[1 \(800\) 801-8092](tel:18008018092).

Blood tests are offered at no cost to Newburgh-area residents. Call [1 \(800\) 801-8092](tel:18008018092) to request a laboratory order. Contact a participating lab in Newburgh to make an appointment for testing.

St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital 70 Dubois Street

<http://www.stlukescornwallhospital.org>

Quest Diagnostics

347 Fullerton Ave

<http://www.questdiagnostics.com>

LabCorp

5 Hudson Valley Professional Plaza

<https://www.labcorp.com>

## AA and Al Anon Meetings Held at King of Kings

Sunday	<b>AA</b>	6:00pm-7:30pm	Front Fellowship Hall
Monday	<b>Al Anon</b>	6:30pm-7:30pm	Front Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	<b>Al Anon</b>	6:30pm-7:30pm	Blue Classroom
Wednesday	<b>AA</b>	7:00pm-8:00pm	Front Fellowship Hall
Thursday	<b>Al Anon</b>	6:30pm-7:30pm	Library
Friday	<b>Al Anon</b>	10:00am-11:00am	Library

\*If you would like more information please contact your local 12-Step organization.

### Listen to “Senior Matters”

On CNN Headline News 1170 AM  
Thursdays at 1:00 pm with Anne Coon,  
Senior Citizens Program Coordinator,  
Orange County Office for the Aging  
Topics, interviews and conversations of  
interest to seniors  
*“..because seniors matter!”*



**Orange County Office of the Aging - Senior Dining Program**  
is in need of drivers to deliver meals to seniors and shut ins in the  
city of Newburgh. If you can help out please call the Office of the  
Aging at 845-615-3700.

Ways to share and receive information

### Email Contacts

- \* To contact Pastor use: **Pastor@kofk.com** to contact Pastor Mary Lou.
- \* For financial information use: **Finance@kofk.com** to contact Joan Maldarelli.
- \* For worship use: **Worship@kofk.com** to contact Judy Lorkowski.
- \* For prayer concerns, Orb articles, events and anything you are unsure who to send correspondence to use: **Office@kofk.com** to contact Leetha Berchielli

## Spring Anniversaries and Birthdays

### March Anniversaries

Rita & Eric Lundstrom	3/07
Joyce & Bill Stratis	3/15
Cassi & Raymond Collozo	3/16
Kimberly & Matthew Farrugia	3/21

### April Anniversaries

Grace & Cappy Foster	4/18
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### May Anniversaries

Marilyn & Harold Hansen	5/05
Miriam Rolf & Jeffrey Stiles	5/08
Anna & David Krafft	5/20
Lindy & Paul Krafft	5/25
Karen & Dudley Boden	5/30
Serena & Kevin Skakel	5/30
Julie & Paul Roper	5/30

### March Birthdays

Sal DeCicco	3/03
Samantha Cabrera	3/05
Matthew Brady	3/07
Siobhan Neavin	3/08
Robbie Gamble	3/12
Brooke Radermacher	3/12
Jared Wentzel	3/12
John Roper	3/13
Nicholas Mannino	3/14
Tom Maldarelli	3/15

Jacob Thorpe	3/15
Laban Cabrera	3/16
Ryan Gamble	3/16
Martha Torres	3/16
Christopher Herries	3/17
Kyle Meissner	3/17
Joseph Murphy, Jr.	3/18
Erna Skulevold	3/18
Isaiah Collozo	3/19
Kathleen Keller	3/20

Ronald Bath	3/22
Carolyn Katenkamp	3/23
Wayne Skulevold	3/23
Tana Feigel	3/24
Ryan Lerner	3/24
Maya Mineoi	3/25
Michelle Vina-Baltsas	3/28
Sean Zupko	3/29
Amanda DeJesus	3/30

### April Birthdays

Joseph Aliberto	4/02
Shelby Chilson	4/04
Emmanuel Davis	4/06
Danny Le Roy	4/06
Cassie Collozo	4/08
Gale Katenkamp	4/08
Paige Weis	4/08

Ellen Herries	4/09
Edward Katenkamp	4/09
Irene Murphy	4/11
Linda Jonza	4/12
Al Edwards	4/15
Matthew Habib	4/15
Robin Doick	4/16
Lindy Krafft	4/16

Paul Jonza	4/19
Kevin Wurster	4/19
John Brady	4/20
Corrin Silver	4/20
Floyd Skakel	4/20
Jeff Wurster	4/21
McKenna Roper	4/25

### may Birthdays

Jamie Maldarelli	5/01
Alison Roper	5/02
Avalyn Skakel	5/03
Barbara Quinn	5/04
Matthew Farrugia	5/05
Carol Betcher	5/06
Anne Harris	5/06
Jake Radermacher	5/06
Deb Burdick	5/07
Joan Maldarelli	5/07
Rob Gehlhoff	5/08

Miriam Rolf	5/09
Grace Foster	5/11
Eric Lundstrom	5/11
Jack Zupko	5/12
Donald Moore	5/13
Bryan LeRoy	5/14
Kenneth Sowa	5/14
Ronald McDermott	5/17
Brendin Skakel	5/17
Nora Gehlhoff	5/18
Jayne Weis	5/18

Christopher LeRoy	5/20
Nicholas Yozzo	5/20
Kelson roper	5/21
Paul Meissner	5/22
Peter Katenkamp	5/24
Bill Stratis	5/25
Dalton Weis	5/26
Barbara Brady	5/31
Lynne Mehalick	5/31
Megan Tennermann	5/31
Debra Zupko	5/31

*Happy Birthday !*