



King of Kings Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Message



I am honored to have been invited by your congregation council to serve as your intentional interim pastor. My official time with you began on March 1, 2019.

That means that my beginnings with you have been in the season of Lent. This has been, for me, a time of getting acquainted, visiting varieties of King of Kings groups and learning some schedules, some names and beginning to pair those names with some faces and personalities.

Often, I am asked exactly what an intentional interim ministry is. Below, I list a brief overview of the five primary tasks of an intentional interim ministry. These do not come in five sequential tasks. We may very well be working on several at the same time, or finding ourselves bouncing between some of them.

For me, the core of an intentional interim ministry is exploration and experimentation. I will ask you to consider doing familiar things in new ways; I may challenge you to assess why certain parts of the ministry of King of Kings are important to you; I may unsettle you by doing such things as cleaning out closets and rearranging furniture.

Nothing that I do is intended to be a permanent solution for you to cling to. Instead, the things that I do invite you to think about yourselves, this congregation, its ministries and your relationship with God in new ways.

You are a most fortunate and blessed congregation to have had the devoted leadership of Pastor Aimee for 14 years. This foundation of faith, learning and service provides you with a strong foundation for growing through this interim time.

FIVE PRIMARY TASKS OF INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY

1. Coming to Terms with Your History

King of Kings is a different congregation than it was when you called Pastor Aimee. During this interim, we will, together, explore your shared history in both formal and informal ways. The Radical Hospitality group facilitated the beginnings of those sharings in the “meet the pastor” events held in several members’ homes.

In this process I will ask a variety of questions in a variety of gatherings. We will investigate the joyful aspects of your ministry together as well as the challenging times.

2. Discovering a New Identity

With a sense of the shared history, we then begin two questions of ourselves and of our community:

“who are we as a congregation now?”

“What is it that we believe God is calling us to be?”

As answers begin to coalesce, we will begin to recognize a vision for the future of this congregation.

3. Leadership Transitions

It is usual that during a particular pastorate, leaders begin to take on much of the same style and values of the previous pastor. This intentional interim period becomes a time of experimentation in all aspects of our congregation's life together: worship, learning and service. Leadership roles may change as we evaluate both the gifts and the needs of the vision of the future for this congregation.

4. Our Denominational Connections

Our connection with the Oregon Synod of the ELCA takes on greater importance in this time of transition as the Bishop and staff support us in this process. It is the Synod staff that recommended me as your intentional interim pastor; it will be the Synod staff who will offer you names of potential new pastors when that time comes. We rely upon – and celebrate – our shared ministries in Oregon and beyond.

5. Commitment to New Leadership and to a New Future

When King of Kings feels that you all have a shared vision of the future to which God is calling you, it will be time to enter the process of calling a new pastor. When the call to a new pastor is accepted by that pastor, my job as your intentional interim pastor will be over. You will be invited to form partnerships with a new pastor, walking together into a new vision of what this ministry can be as a sign of God's love at work in our world.

May we be blessed, and grow in faith in God, and in relationship with one another and our communities as we walk together in this intentional interim time.

You are in my prayers, as I hope that I am in yours.

Pastor Sharon L. Hughes



Upcoming Worship

- April 07** Last Sunday in Lent
- April 14** Palm Sunday
- April 18** Maundy Thursday, worship here at 7:00 pm
- April 19** Good Friday, joint worship with the Church of God of Prophecy, 7 pm
- April 21** Easter Festival Worship, Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt!
 - 9:00 am:** Breakfast
 - 10:00 am:** Festival Worship with Holy Communion and Choir
 - 11:30 am:** Coffee hour with more Easter Breakfast goodies.

Please bring flowers to decorate the cross!



Bible Study

Yippee! For probably one day only we get to go to the New Testament! After this brief foray, we continue in the Old Testament with Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job.

Whether you're reading along at home or want to join us **Wednesdays at 9:45 am** here is the reading plan for April.

April 03: Galatians

April 10: Ezra Intro, Chapter 1-5

April 17: Holy week ~ No Bible study

April 24: Ezra Chapter 6-10

May 01: Introduction to Nehemiah

Galatians is a battle cry for freedom, written by Paul. Paul is angry, you can almost see his face, flushed red, with lines of tension working in his jaw. Yet, when you read a few chapters, you may wonder why the apostle is so upset. *Want to find out more?* Read along with us at home or better yet, come join us Wednesdays.



Spirits & Theology

Each month the group reads a chapter of *Faith in Action: A Handbook for Activists, Advocates and Allies*. Each reading is 2-3 pages which can be accomplished quickly before the discussion begins, if you don't have your own copy of the book. There has been lots of good information and discussion. Marlene Seymour will lead the discussion on "Healthcare" at our April gathering.

Time: Tuesday, April 9 @ 6 pm

Place: Flying Pie Pizza, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd.

Fellowship abounds and ideas about spiritual matters are exchanged in an informal and public setting. We certainly don't have all the answers, but we sure have plenty of opinions!

Come when you can. Bring friends. All are welcome.



thank you to Tom Rutger!

For fixing the light switches in the sanctuary, for changing the reader board sign, for helping at the pantry, for serving on the council and for just being an all-around good guy! (and you thought that you were flying under the radar, so to speak). Thanks again for all you do.



King's Cupboard

The King's Cupboard Food Pantry statistics for March are as follows: 125 families, 427 persons were fed. We continue to see new people in need and we are all working hard to meet those needs, thanks to our exceptional volunteers!

Special thanks to Lisa Hiller who answered the call to be our volunteer coordinator!

In our efforts to provide healthier food for pantry clients our "most-needed" items have also changed. We can always use the following items:

- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, corned beef, etc.)
- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Boxed pasta, rice or potato side dishes
- Canned fruits & vegetables

Thanks, Patty Hess



Social Justice News

During the Social Justice Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 2:30, we will be talking about several bills that are being discussed in Salem.

The **Equal Access to Roads Act (HB 2015)** expands eligibility for a driver license to all Oregon residents who pass written and driving tests, pay the fees, and provide proof of identity and residency.

The **Refugees Welcome Bill (HB 2506)** provides funding for refugees resettled in Oregon to have access to extended case management over 2 years.

House Bill 3223 seeks to regulate and restrict assault weapons. It calls for registration of currently owned assault weapons and banning of future sales.

House Bill 3265 aims for the modification of large capacity magazines and banning of future sales.

We invite you to come and learn with us.



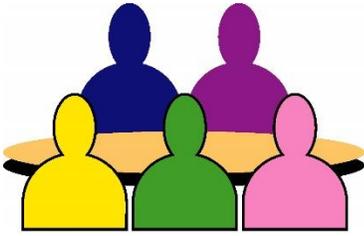
Council Highlights

March 19, 2019

Those Present: Kathy Pearsall, Mike Foley, Tom Rutger, Mike Brooks, Sharon Konsa, Pastor Hughes

Recording Secretary: Lynda McDowell

Guests: Patty Hess, Gene & Mary Z., Susan Carder



Patty Hess brought safety concerns of allowing persons to use the church facilities for cooking and personal hygiene. It was determined that there is not a protocol in place and one needs to be developed to address this and other occasions in the future. We need to determine what our liability and insurance coverage would be in the event something would occur when a person is using the facilities for personal purposes. Pastor Hughes asked that any gossiping that was heard be sent to her.

Following Patty's discussion with the Council, Mary and Gene Zaharie asked the Council for their approval to move forward with the application process for the "Safe-Overnight-Shelter" program. Tom Rutger moved that the Social Justice Committee move forward with the SOS process, Bonnie Cowden seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kathy Pearsall then read from 1 Timothy regarding leadership wisdom. Devotions were followed by the relational question "What is your favorite Bible story and why?" Everyone responded to the question.

Christian Ed: VBS discussed and Pastor Hughes suggested partnering with Oak Hills Presbyterian Church.

Food Pantry: See printed report, there were 29 new families in Feb. and 9 on March 14th.

Pastor's report: Gary Bergeron is planning to become a member in the Easter season.

Property: See printed report. Concern for the uncleanliness of the downstairs bathroom was discussed and the cleaning staff will be notified of the needed care.

Radical Hospitality: The first "Meet and Greet" for Pastor Hughes was held Monday in the home of Tom and Lisa Hiller. There were about 18 guests. The second one will be held this coming Thursday evening in the home of Lynda McDowell.

Social Justice: Approval was given, as stated above.

Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2019



Group of the Month



Spirits & Theology

Are there aspects of the Christian faith that you'd like to discuss with other members of our church? Would you like to talk about ways of putting your faith in to action? Are there current events or issues that you want to know more about? Do you like fellowship and fun? Do you like pizza?

If so, you are invited to come to "Spirits and Theology". We meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Flying Pie Pizza, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, right next to the Les Schwab tire store. Our next gathering is on April 9th. We hope that you can join us!



Saturday, April 2 Church Clean Up Day

from 9am -noon

C'mon! Don't let this cartoon family have all the fun...

(They seem way too excited)



Let's Celebrate!



God's Blessing to you as you celebrate...



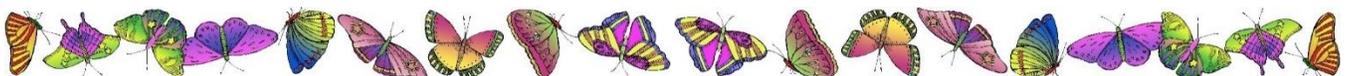
April BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Seth Smith
- 5 Gary Noble
- 7 John Pederson
- 10 Sid Cooper
- 10 Marlene Seymour
- 12 Sharon Holford
- 13 JoAnn Overen
- 15 Mike Hess
- 17 Tyana Morales
- 25 Alex Smith

April Baptisms



- 1 Tom Rutger
- 3 Lily Hess
- 4 Vicki Rutger
- 6 Lou Freauff
- 10 Jeanie DuPere
- 14 Dan Peterson
- 17 Sandy Peterson
- 19 Alma Mullan
- 26 Savita Davis



Prayers & Thanksgivings...

Tom Hiller	<i>Eye surgery on April 1 (no foolin')</i>
Tiernan Hartwell	<i>Bonnie Cowden's niece; continuing severe colitis</i>
Nancy Cowden	<i>Bonnie Cowden's daughter; for general healing</i>
Teri Thomas	<i>Bonnie Cowden's niece; dealing with family issues</i>
Adalynn Lazo	<i>Welcome to the world, baby girl! Noble's first great-grandchild,</i>
Henry Johan Martin	<i>Welcome to the world, baby boy! Winston Kurth's first great-grandchild</i>
Mary Z.	<i>Continuing good recovery from shoulder surgery;</i>
Debbie Smith	<i>Bob & Sioux's niece; hospitalized with multiple health issues</i>
Ed Brock	<i>Continuing slow recovery of concussion from motorcycle accident</i>
Kevin Hornych	<i>Healing</i>
Charlie Pearsall	<i>MS</i>
Carolyn Potter	<i>Multiple health concerns including dialysis treatment</i>
JR Potter	<i>Life threatening autoimmune disorder</i>

Prayers will be left on our prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise requested. Please notify Pastor Hughes if prayers are needed for a longer period.

