



February 2019
King of Kings Lutheran Church

Centered in Christ we love all, welcome all, and pursue justice and peace

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Pastoral Transition Process



First of all, there is not a set timeline. It is a 'process' that *will take its own time*. We have to deal with our own individual feelings about change, in order to be ready as a congregation to hear what God has planned for us next. This is a general outline about what to expect. Usually this process takes about a year. There is no deadline however.

To begin with we will have a 'supply pastor' to fill in until an interim is interviewed and selected by the council. We are so very grateful and pleased to announce that Tom Hiller will be preaching for the month of February.



Tom will also be available for pastoral visitation as needed.

The Oregon Synod hopes to have an interim candidate (or two) to bring to the February council meeting. After the interim is on board and we get to know each other a little, they will help us with self-study and visioning.

After the council selects a call committee, we will need to complete a Congregational Profile that will outline our mission and that criteria will be used to search for a rostered pastor. This *will also take some time* and the **involvement of the entire congregation**. After all, it has been more than fifteen years since the last time we did this and we have many members who were not here then. This self-study will help us recognize what we find important in our ministry here. It will be matched with candidates that have a similar profile. An example given to me was what if a congregation was passionate about social justice and a candidate that was presented was a Biblical scholar? It would not a good match. So again, this *will take time*.

Are you seeing a theme here? *It will take time*. Remember this and try not to be impatient or worried about the process. We are all ministers of the Word and we can use this period to use our gifts and to support one another in faith.

Finally, we get to the exciting part: calling a new pastor! Usually there are initial phone discussions before candidates are brought in for an in-depth interview and a time to meet and greet the congregation. Often there are multiple candidates to review, so this is repeated. And guess what? *It will take some time* to coordinate.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! Psalms 27:14

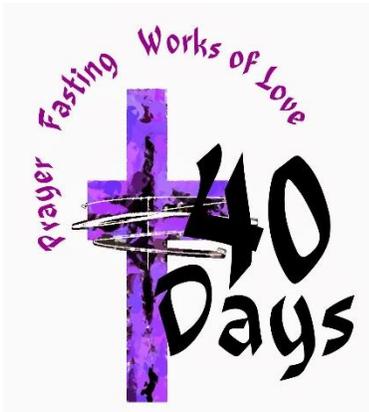
Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6





Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 3 Blended Worship and Communion ~ Tom Hiller preaching
Sunday, February 10 Blended Worship and Communion ~ Tom Hiller preaching
Sunday, February 17 Blended Worship and Communion ~ Tom Hiller preaching
Sunday, February 24 Traditional Worship and Communion ~ Tom Hiller preaching



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6 this year, and continues for 40 days, ending on the eve of Easter. Lent is usually observed as a time for us to examine our lives and strengthen our faith as we prepare for Easter.

We will be meeting here at KOK for our mid-week Lenten worship. Beginning Wednesday, March 13, we will gather for soup supper at 6:00 pm with worship to follow at 7:00 pm.



Annual Meeting Results

The budget was passed, council members elected, Mission Endowment Board members elected and assembly delegates selected. For those of you who were not there: new council members are Tom Rutger, and Bonnie Cowden. Winston Kurth and Jeanie DuPere (re-elected) are the new Mission Endowment Board members and Kathy Pearsall and Don Trotter will be our delegates to the OR Synod Assembly this year.



Congratulations to the newly elected (& re-elected)! Thank you to all who participated



Did you know?

King of Kings has a **Mission Endowment Fund** as well as a **Memorial Fund**. These are two different funds, and are sometimes confused.

The Memorial Fund is a collection of donations given in memory of people who have died. It is administered by the church council and can be spent as the council deems appropriate.

At a KOK Congregational meeting in 2002, the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) was created. It is set up to receive and administer special gifts, life insurance proceeds, will bequests, charitable gift annuities, real estate, and retirement plans. The MEF is a perpetual endowment fund. Only the interest earned is available to be spent, and is used for ministry beyond the operating budget of KOK.

The MEF is administered by the Mission Endowment Board, who are elected at the church annual meeting. Current members are Adonica DeVault, Jeanie DuPere, Winston Kurth, Greg Peterson, and Don Trotter.



Spirits & Theology or **Bible & BREW**

Time: Tuesday, February 12 @ 6 pm

Place: Flying Pie Pizza, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd.

Topic: "Faith in Action"

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.



Bible Study



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

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

February 06: We hope to finally finish II Kings. It seems to have taken eons!

February 13: Introduction and begin II Corinthians

February 20: II Corinthians

February 27: Intro and begin I Chronicles

We have a short hop into the New Testament (II Corinthians) before returning to the Old Testament and I and II Chronicles. The main purpose of I and II Chronicles was to enable the broken nation to rediscover its identity as the people of God.





Church Council Highlights

Council Meeting – January 19, 2019

Attendees: Mike Foley, Mike Brooks, Pastor Aimee, Jon Pederson, Kathy Pearsall, Jamie Sandness, Sharon Konsa

Special Guests: Susan Kintner, Assistant to the Bishop, Don Trotter, Gordon Merseth, Bob Seymour, Martin Schmidt, Susan Carder

Susan Kintner, Asst. to the Bishop

The authority to call a pastor is the work of the congregation. Interim pastors are trained to support transition and common experiences. There is not a large pool of interims, but they are very experienced and well trained. Trust the process. Next month Bishop and Susan bring an interim candidate to Council. Council will interview interim and make the decision to call or not. If not a good fit, Bishop will need to know why. Interim will shepherd the congregation through the transition. Call process is the work of the holy spirit. The way we support the work of the holy spirit is to pray. Our job as council is to listen to those with concerns, issues, etc., and to ask them to pray.

Mission Endowment Board Amendment – Don Trotter

Changes: Can only spend x% on different categories. Amounts are small and hard to divide in these propositions. We only spend the interest – about \$250 annually. \$12k in the account. Proposing to keep the categories and be able to choose between them.

Discussion: proposed amendment follows the spirit of those who have given support.

Motion to approve edits as written – John Pederson. Second by Mike Brooks. The motion passes.

2019 Budget – Gordon Merseth

Still a draft – many decisions need to be made: departure of pastor, and property repairs are primary concerns. Property maintenance - \$14k as a placeholder (furnace, roof in sanctuary and social hall), will likely be more. Additional needed funds to come from rainy day fund or fundraising. \$11,700 in rainy day. Make this clear to congregation

Hard to know what impact pastor's departure will have on attendance and giving

Motion: Move to approve bringing the budget forward to the annual meeting with the adjustment to MACG dues (increase by \$200), Synod Assembly (increase by \$400), and add “plus” to the \$1100 on the property line for clarity. Sharon brought motion. Mike Foley second. The motion passes.

Council Reports

- ✚ Christian Education – Adult Forum is happening. Focus on parables.
- ✚ Executive Committee – Met. In the middle of staff evaluations.
- ✚ Finance - See Report
- ✚ Food Pantry – See Report
- ✚ Mutual Ministry - Met
- ✚ Property – See report. Basketball hoop controversy. They thought it would be permanent installation, worried about liability issues. Council approves installing the portable hoop. Jamie and John will arrange to get it put together.
- ✚ Radical Hospitality – Summer Campout is next activity.
- ✚ SAC – See Report
- ✚ Worship: Planned for February- next meeting February 27

Next meeting date: February 19, 2019

February Council Person of the Month: Sharon Konsa



Committee of the Month



Stewardship Action Core

The Stewardship Action Core (SAC) is the committee that functions as the nucleus for stewardship in our congregation. Acknowledging that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God, we invite our brothers and sisters in Christ into a way of relating to their resources to be partners in furthering the mission of King of Kings. Our concerns are not with the budget, but with the heart.

SAC meets monthly, this year we plan to meet in the mornings, for coffee, devotions, and planning. We strive to educate and encourage throughout the year regarding the annual commitment of our time, talent, and treasure. We want all members of the congregation to benefit from contributing to carrying out the mission, centered in Christ, to love all, welcome all, and strive for justice and peace. Those of us who have served on SAC have benefited from a sense of personal growth through our devotions and our work, recognizing how personal stewardship relates to the church vision and mission. We invite new members to join us in this joyful task.



Let's Celebrate!

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

February Birthdays



- 07 Chris Schmidt
- 11 Patty Hess
- 21 Graham Backman
- 26 Kerin Lommen
- 27 Rich Rudolph

February Baptisms



- 07 Max Lommen
- 19 Karen Corbett
- 27 Otis Lundgren
- 29 Bethany Lundgren

February Anniversaries



- 11 JR & Carolyn Potter



**If we miss YOUR special day, PLEASE let the church office know,
we may not have the information. Thanks**

Prayers & Thanksgivings...

Ed Brock	<i>Recovery from motorcycle accident</i>
Gene Zaharie	<i>Continuing good recovery from abdominal surgery</i>
Barry Burns	<i>Good recovery from heart pacemaker surgery</i>
Patricia	<i>Pantry client; for peace & security</i>
Joanne Mecklem	<i>Former member; cyst on her liver</i>
Raymond Hutchinson	<i>Pantry client; cancer</i>
Charlotte Wolfgang	<i>Sharon Holford's sister; trouble with her knees</i>
Lois Grey	<i>Sharon Holford's sister; healing still from shoulder problems</i>
Wally Keller	<i>Sharon Holford's brother; recently hospitalized</i>
Selma Eckert	<i>Heart problems – enlarged heart, rapid heart rate</i>
Kevin Hornyach	<i>Healing</i>
Chris Christianson	<i>Ellen Burns sister; recovery after having her leg amputated, for healing and strength</i>
Susan Carder	<i>Chronic anemia</i>
Chris Noble	<i>Gary and Margaret's daughter-in-law; well enough to go back to work, thanks be to God!</i>
Mike Brooks	<i>Continuing long recovery from lung surgery</i>
Kiernan Hartwell	<i>Grandniece of Bonnie Cowden; ulcerative colitis</i>
Charlie Pearsall	<i>MS</i>
Carolyn Potter	<i>Multiple health concerns including dialysis treatment</i>
JR Potter	<i>Life threatening autoimmune disorder</i>

