



King of Kings Lutheran Church

July 2019

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

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Giving is not a debt you owe; it is a seed you sow.

Pastor's Message



On June 30, in worship, we gathered names recommended by those in attendance. These names are the result of prayer and discernment about who will serve on our Transition Team. If you were not able to be in worship, you may submit the name you recommend to Susan in the church office anytime in the next week. The deadline will be Friday, July 5th.

I will then work with the Mutual Ministry Team to invite 4 to 6 people to consider serving on the Transition Team. Once we have 4 to 6 who accept the invitation to serve, the names will go to the Congregation Council for acceptance.

This team is to serve as the change agents of the congregation. The Mutual Ministry and I will be seeking people with a long view of the life, purpose and future of the congregation.

The team's primary business will be leading the system into change. It is not a governing body. It is not the call committee. It is appointed by the congregation council and is responsible for regular reports to it.

The transition team is to define the current status of the congregation and our readiness for change. As preparation for the future direction of the congregation, the transition team will be responsible for completing the MSP (Mission Site Profile). This document is available on the ELCA website under the Call Process. This document is designed for 2 purposes: to assist the call committee in their search and to acquaint possible candidates with the congregation.

You are an important part of the work on the MSP. There will be a variety of ways in which your ideas will be requested.

When the MSP is complete it will be submitted to the Bishop. For us, that will be the time to gather our call committee; for the synod, it means that we will be on the waiting list for appropriate candidates.

This is a critical step in preparing us for the next pastor. Please keep the process and the Transition Team in your prayers.

May God continue to bless this congregation, this process, and the pastor who will respond to our call.

In other news, at my request, the Congregation Council has approved my request for a reduction of my contract hours to 80% for the months of July and August. That will mean that I will be at work Sundays through Wednesdays.

Before that becomes official, I need to confer with the groups and committees that meet on Thursdays. If this meets with their approval, this new schedule will begin this week.

The regular 100% schedule will return at the beginning of September.

However, I remain ALWAYS be available for emergency pastoral care, no matter what day of the week. Susan will always know how to contact me.

Finally, there has been some discussion of changing the worship time from 10 am to 9 am. The primary reason is to be able to meet while the day is still relatively cool. After worship on Sunday, June 30th, those in attendance chose to have summer worship services begin at 9 am beginning next Sunday, July 7 and continuing until September 1, 2019.

Pastor Hughes



Email Addresses

We have new email addresses for the church! *(they are not case sensitive)*

For the church office: Office.KOKLutheran@gmail.com.

For the pastor: Pastor.KOKLutheran@gmail.com

Upcoming Worship



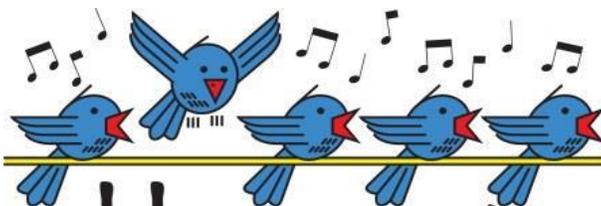
Summer Sermon Series

Pr. Hughes will continue this series with accounts from the book of Genesis. Some of the people you will meet include Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel, Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Ishmael & Isaac, Isaac & Rebekkah, Esau & Jacob, Jacob, Leah & Rachel, sons of Jacob and Joseph. Come along as we journey.

Thank you, Choir

For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings, for your dedication in attending rehearsals, for inspiring us to lift our hearts, minds and voices in singing praises to our Lord, Choir, we thank you!

Summer Music



Make a Joyful Noise! See the schedule posted on the social hall doors to sign-up to provide Special Music this summer while the choir takes a much-deserved break.

Lawn Care for 2019



We now have a wonderful lawn care company, Greenscape Lawn Care, who come weekly.

Their services include mowing, weed control in the lawn and flower beds, fertilization, shrub trimming, blowing off the entrance sidewalks and the parking lot and hauling away clippings and debris.

They started on May 23 and said it would take three to four months to catch up with the pruning and weeding. We can already see the progress.

Our 2018 budget for lawn care sets aside \$420 for the year. That was based on



last years' service that came only sporadically and did only the minimum of mowing.

This year the fees are more, corresponding with the greater amount of work that they do.



March through November, the fee is \$400 a month; December through February the fee is \$200 a month.

It's pretty easy to see that this well exceeds the amount budgeted for the year.

We are asking the people of King of Kings to help keep our property looking its best. The need is about \$75 a week. If you are offering a check or cash, please note on the envelope that the funds are for lawn maintenance.

We might consider these donations to be offerings of gratitude for the works that our own backs no longer need to do.



SOS or Safe Overnight Shelter

Save Overnight Shelter or SOS continues its slow march to open a place for our homeless neighbors to sleep.

We had an educational event for our neighbors the evening of June 18 with at least 100 people attending. Still a lot of fear and misinformation to address. We have updated our application to include changes suggested at that meeting. In light of the changes made regarding our application, Clackamas County Planning & Zoning decided it was appropriate to send new letters to neighbors advising them of these changes and giving all until July 17th to comment. A decision will be made after July 17th.

King's Cupboard News & Updates

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

July 2019

If you haven't been to Grocery Outlet on McLoughlin lately, you should check them out this month. July is their Independence from Hunger campaign and they donate the proceeds to local pantries.

If you donate \$5, you get a \$5 coupon for your next purchase. It's a win/win! This year the fundraiser will help the Gladstone Food Pantry and

King's Cupboard. Thanks for supporting your local grocery store and food pantry!

Several of our volunteers will be at the Fundraiser Table during the month, stop by and say hi, get some groceries and help support the Pantry.

VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!!

King's Cupboard Volunteers are the BEST...perhaps you would like to join in on the fun. We invite you to give a little time and receive a huge reward; looking for people to help stock shelves, help clients carry heavy bags and boxes of food upstairs, become a personal shopper, and much, much, more.

All Are Welcome in this Place!!

King's Cupboard served 102 families in June, 309 people. In the month of June, we also served 26 NEW families.

Year to date King's Cupboard has fed 660 families, 2010 people.



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. Our topic for July will be: Life for Native People, led by Preston Butcher.

Time: Tuesday, July 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.

Council Highlights

Congregation Council
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
6:45 pm

Present: Mike Brooks, Kathy Pearsall, Sharon Konsa, Pastor Hughes, Tom Rutger, Mike Foley; Absent Bonnie Cowden

Devotions: Sharon Konsa – Where God leads on a journey

Relational Question: What do you often find yourself praying about?

Minutes from May meeting – read and approved with one amendment.

SOS report – county will send another letter to neighbors extending the deadline for another 20 days.

Intentional Interim in July & August take Thursday, Friday and Saturday off. Council approved.
(Reducing hours to 80%)

Radical Hospitality – excellent BBQ;

Worship – poll congregation about summer worship hours at 9 am? Return to regular hours and full schedule for Pastor Hughes.

Tri-Committee report and motion for council approval: The Committee makes a motion that the Congregation Council authorize up to \$2500 to Forensic Building Consultants for the purpose of a Visual Building Enclosure Condition Assessment. This to be paid from the Rainy Day fund. Motion made by Adonica DeVault, seconded by Barbara Peterson and carried unanimously. 2nd by Mike Foley. Approved unanimously.

Website – Mike Foley no longer interested in working on the website project. People who may have contacts for website work: Jamie Sandness, Lynda McDowell.

Closed with prayer at 8:10 pm!

Respectfully drafted
Pastor Hughes, Interim Pastor



thank you to the Property Team!

For your extraordinary commitment to this church! For the untold volunteer hours given (usually) so cheerfully. For all the routine maintenance and repairs, for being willing to answer the call to help. With organizing and participating in all the church cleanups. And especially all the extra hours during these past few months spent dealing with our aging building. Thanks for all you do, **Mike Brooks, Penny Charman, Mike Foley, Harry Konsa, Bob Seymour, Don Trotter and Juan Carlos!**

Let's Celebrate!



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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 5 | Bonnie Warren | 9 | Kahlea Lopez |
| 6 | Chris Wubbenhorst | 13 | Henry Verdoorn |
| 8 | Karen Cooper | 22 | Tom Hiller |
| 8 | Barb McEahern | 29 | LaVern Mortensen |

July Baptisms



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| 4 | Ruth Hesseltine |
| 9 | Margaret Noble |
| 31 | Marjie Brock |



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| 6 | Sid & Karen Cooper |
| 10 | Tony & LaVern Mortensen |
| 20 | Terry & Savita Davis |
| 20 | Bob & Marlene Seymour |
| 21 | Todd & Kathy Noble |
| 24 | Chris & Mark Noble |
| 27 | Margaret & Gary Noble |



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

Prayers & Thanksgivings...

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| Noxson | <i>Kathy Pearsall's <u>great-great grandson</u>; welcome to the world baby boy!</i> |
| Gabe Miracle | <i>Susan Carder's grandson; several more episodes of restrictive airway disorder, now recovering at home</i> |
| Karen Cooper | <i>Good results from medical tests</i> |
| Micki Cline | <i>Beginning radiation treatment for breast cancer</i> |
| Lonnie Cline | <i>Safe travels to Estonia and back</i> |
| Bonnie Warren | <i>Relief from chronic back pain</i> |
| Family & Friends of Dallas Lommen | <i>Jory's brother; at his passing Friday, June 28</i> |
| Kathy Pearsall | <i>Recovery from nerve procedure</i> |
| Sharon Holford | <i>Walking pneumonia, thrush</i> |
| Dianna | <i>Breast cancer</i> |
| Ed Brock | <i>Slow healing from concussion due to motorcycle accident</i> |
| Mike Brooks | <i>Continuing mesothelioma treatment</i> |
| Katie | <i>Young mom with inoperable brain cancer; friend of the Hiller's</i> |
| Kiernan Hartwell | <i>Bonnie Cowden's niece; continuing severe colitis</i> |
| Carolyn Potter | <i>Multiple health concerns including home-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 the office if prayers are needed for a longer period.*