



# King of Kings Lutheran Church

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

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## Pastor's Message

*“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.”*

Psalm 19:1-4

In 2011 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted the Social Statement on Genetics, Faith, and Responsibility by a majority vote of the Churchwide Assembly. Around that time, at King of Kings, we held an Adult Forum over several weeks and read the entire statement together. You may read the entire statement here:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/GeneticsSS.pdf?\\_ga=2.29362294.832485664.1537994818-1327333110.1516923940](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/GeneticsSS.pdf?_ga=2.29362294.832485664.1537994818-1327333110.1516923940)

The social statement affirms that human beings are creative and imaginative and called to be committed to the “flourishing of all life.” However, humans are also sinful and selfish. Therefore, genetic research and its application should be guided by values that “respect and promote the community of life with justice and wisdom.” (p.1 Executive Summary)

Humankind has made advances in genetics in recent years that have resulted in unprecedented power. Power requires accountability to ensure it is used with the future of society and nature in mind. God has given humans these new abilities in science, and God gives us insights and guidelines to shape our decisions about the use of these gifts.

The Bible does not mention genetics, of course, but offers other insights about how we use our powers of creativity and knowledge. God created the universe for abundance and life. God created humans to “help order and promote the flourishing of life.” (p.1 Executive Summary)

The Social Statement offers comments about the social context in which we live. Changes in genetics occur so quickly there is often not enough time for moral deliberation to guide decision-making. Genetic research has the potential for such good, but also for great harm. Humans can move forward in scientific advancements in confidence and trust in God, as long as we use our powers of reason to evaluate our actions using an ethical framework provided by our faith.

The ethical imperative we have from our faith is that our powers are to be used “to respect and promote the community of life with justice and wisdom.” (p. 2 Executive Summary) In other words, it is to do unto others as you would have them do to you. “The community of life” refers to the fact that it is not only humans who matter in our decisions, but plant and animal life. The entire

biosphere must be taken into account. “Respect” means giving priority to nature’s interests and processes. “Justice” refers to the principles of sufficiency (enough), sustainability (long-term view), solidarity (relationship), and participation (those who are affected should have say). “Wisdom” is about exercising humility and sharing knowledge with all who might benefit.

The Lutheran Church is called in this complex and changing world to live out its identity as a community where conversations about difficult issues can be promoted and where the values of the nurturing of all life can enter the deliberations about how to use this power.

May we give thanks to God for the gifts of scientific discovery and use our faith to guide us in faithful use of these gifts. As we make decisions about our health, about where to donate money and time, and what issues to support, this document is available to help us sort out some of the complexity and make decisions that promote the Kingdom of God and flourishing of life.

*Pastor Aimee*



## Upcoming Worship

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| <b>October 7</b>  | <b>Pet Blessing Sunday</b> <i>Informal Worship</i>   |
| <b>October 14</b> | <b>Blessing of the Purple Hats</b> <i>Blended worship</i>                                      |
| <b>October 21</b> | <b>Commitment Sunday</b> <i>Blended worship</i>  |
| <b>October 28</b> | <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <i>Formal Worship</i><br><i>Wear Red in honor of the Holy Spirit</i> |



## KDK Blessing of the Animals

NEXT Sunday, October 7



Mark your calendars for this year’s Blessing of the Animals. We’re going to have a woofing good time as we celebrate the pets that bless our lives. Dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, ferrets, lizards, fish, frogs – oh my!

You may also want to include names and pictures of pets who have died (at any time) and we will have a separate section for them as we thank God for them and release them into God’s loving care.



# Stewardship Action Core (SAC)



The **Stewardship Action Core (SAC)** is a committee of church members who are called to educate ourselves in the careful and responsible management of all things entrusted to our care and to share that vision with the congregation.

## Gratitude

Life, given to us by God! What an amazing gift! Do we ever stop to think about that, to be thankful, to be grateful?

We get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the day. The demands of family, jobs, school, appointments and meetings fill our hours. Aches, pains, worries can fill our minds. Then there are the televisions, the internet, and cell phones.

All of this is necessary, but it also stops us from taking time to think of all we have to be grateful for!

Someday take ten minutes, take five minutes in your home, with as much solitude as you can obtain, and observe your surroundings. On another day do the same thing outside. Everything you see is a gift from God. How much do you need versus how much do you want? How do you give thanks for your abundance? How do you share? Do you want to?

When you die, everything you've acquired, everything you've been given, stays here.

Everyday should have a time of thanksgiving without the big dinner.

~Marlene Seymour

## Celebration Sunday is October 21

This is the day we will complete our Estimates of Giving for the year as well as commit to the various ministries around the church. Be thinking of how you want to reach out and share God's grace.



# COME ONE, COME ALL

## TO THE ONE AND ONLY CHILI-FEST TO CELEBRATE OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE FOR KOK



**SAC will provide the Chili (meat & vegetarian)  
You provide Bread, Salad, & Dessert**

# King's Cupboard News & Updates



The King's Cupboard Food Pantry statistics for September are as follows  
September 13: 57 families/165 persons were served

We continue to see new people in need and we are all working hard to meet those needs.

Volunteer Opportunities ABOUND!!

We are currently in search of volunteers in several areas Maybe you or someone you know will see just the right fit for you. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Volunteer Coordinator: This position is fun and exciting!! It involves communicating with volunteers by email, text and phone. Finding replacement volunteers when necessary and entering statistics into a spread sheet for a monthly report. Requires about 6 hours per month.

We need **muscles**...to help carry groceries up the stairs for some of our clients.

We need **muscles**...to work on Pantry days from 5:30 to approximately 6:30 pm.

We need **muscles**...to help with set up on pantry Thursdays.



These are just a few of the Volunteer Opportunities we offer!!

Thank you all for your continued support as we are blessed to help feed our hungry neighbors.



Thank you to **Lonnie Cline** and **Susan Carder**, both celebrating their 20th Anniversary this year. Susan has worked tirelessly in the office answering phones and graciously welcoming people who stop by. She keeps track of events and dates. Truly, what would we do without her?

Lonnie has led the choir through so many changes and inspired the congregation in our singing and praising. He has enriched countless worship services with his thoughtful anthem choices, even singing with the choir from time to time when a certain section is thin! We thank God for both of you for your service and dedication!

## Bible Study Update

We completed chapter 15 of Second Samuel Luke this last Wednesday. We have gotten past David & Bathsheba, but there is still a lot of "good stuff" to be read. Whether you're reading along at home or want to join us **Wednesdays at 9:45 am** here is the reading plan for October:

October 3: Chapters 16-20

October 10: Chapters 21-24

After this we will return to the New Testament and 1 Corinthians. In answer to a letter from people of Corinth he wrote the epistle\* known as 1 Corinthians.

October 17: Introduction to 1 Corinthians

October 24: Chapters 1-5

\* a letter. synonyms: letter, missive, communication, dispatch, note, line, More: a poem or other literary work in the form of a letter or series of letters.

a book of the New Testament in the form of a letter from an Apostle. noun: Epistle; plural noun: Epistles



# Church Council Highlights

King of Kings Council Meeting  
September 18, 2018

Members present: Pastor Aimee, Mike Brooks, Mike Foley, Kathy Pearsall, Jamie Sandness.  
Absent: Sharon Konsa, John Pederson.

Devotions: Mike Brooks read from: "Mornings with Jesus" the daily devotion for today.

Relational meetings: Think about a way you have strengthened a friendship. How can strengthen your relationship with Jesus?

Approval of Council Minutes: m/s/a.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Christian Education: Adult Forum started a new series on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. It is scheduled for 9 consecutive Sundays. It is about the ELCA Statement on Economic Life.

Finance Committee:

Financial Secretary's Report: Giving is meeting 97.7% of the congregational need

Social Justice Committee: Safe Overnight Shelter team is meeting on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Food Pantry: August 100 people with 323 total people fed. September so far, 57 shoppers serving 163 people.

Property: Next cleanup day on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Radical Hospitality: The wine and cheese gathering at Noble's was a lot of fun. There were 20 folks who participated.

SAC: SAC members will help Pastor Aimee teach Adult Forum on the ELCA Social Statement on Economic Justice (Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for all).

Worship: Discussed joint worship with the Church of God of Prophecy

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Committees featured as "Member of the Month" (Liaison to take group photo)

3-4 Carbon Monoxide detectors are needed for the church

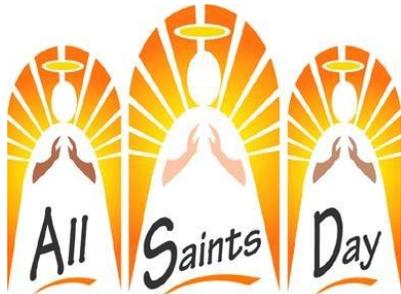




# Halloween Party

October 27 ~ 5-6:30 pm

Food, games, costumes, prizes! Come join the fun!



Remembering and giving thanks for all who have died or been baptized in the past year. Please call the office to make sure we have the names of your family and loved ones who have died or have been baptized this past year, so that we may include them in our remembrances for All Saints Day, November 4.

## Spirits & Theology

**Time: Tuesday, October 9 @ 6 pm**

**Place: Flying Pie Pizza, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd.**

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. The topic this month is The Geography of Race; Dan Peterson will lead the discussion.

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



**Saturday October 20 at 5 pm**

**Pizza and drinks provided**

**\$5 suggested donation**

**Hope to see you there!**

Oregon Trail Custer Youth Games and Corn Maze Event!



**Who?** All Cluster Middle School and High School Youth and their friends.

**What?** An afternoon of games, snacks, wandering in the corn, and fun at a pumpkin patch in Aurora. Cider and donuts included!

**When?** Sunday, October 21st from 3-5p.m.

**Where?** Fir Point Farms (14601 Arndt Rd, Aurora, Oregon)

**Why?** Because its what people do in October!

**How Much?** \$5/person

Dress for the weather, which we hope/pray will be good! Sponsored by: Christ Lutheran Church, Aurora; Macksburg Lutheran Church,

Canby; Zoar Lutheran Church, Canby

Let's Celebrate!

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

October Birthdays



- 12 Winston Kurth
- 13 Bob Seymour
- 14 Charlie Pearsall
- 15 Tony Mortensen
- 23 Susan Carder
- 23 Kathy Pearsall
- 30 Sterling Bruno
- 30 Bob McEahern



26 Greg & Sandy Peterson



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

# Prayers & Thanksgivings. . .



Kiernan Hartwell	<i>Grandniece of Bonnie Cowden; ulcerative colitis</i>
Lois Grey	<i>Sharon Holford's sister; recovering from torn rotator cuff</i>
Family & Friends of Elwood Womer	<i>Ellen Burns' uncle; at his death, prayers especially for Ellen's Aunt Boot</i>
Rich Larson	<i>Harry and Sharon Konsa's friend; receiving treatment for legionnaires disease</i>
Family & Friends of Phyllis Borge	<i>Chris Schmidt's mother; at her death</i>
Mike Brooks	<i>Upcoming lung surgery pending results of PET scan</i>
Chris Christensen	<i>Ellen Burns' sister; infection</i>
Carolyn Potter	<i>Skin cancer on her hand, recovering from surgery, struggling with diabetes</i>
Maya	<i>Sister of Savita Davis; heart &amp; kidney problems</i>
Betty Pogue	<i>Recurrence of bladder cancer; on hospice</i>
David Schmitz	<i>Larry &amp; Donna's son; preparing for bone marrow transplant @ OHSU</i>
Amanda	<i>Tom &amp; Lisa Hiller's niece; young mom with cancer</i>
Carol Shelly	<i>LaVern Mortensen's BFF; undergoing chemo</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 Aimee if prayers are needed for a longer period.*

