



December 2018

# 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



*"Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long."*  
Psalm 25:4-5

In December we celebrate the season of Advent with repentant hearts and quiet music, simple suppers, and thoughtful conversations. Advent means beginning.

Every day is getting darker. Every day is getting rainier. Every day is getting colder. Yet we celebrate a new beginning.

What is beginning? We do not know...yet. But we know it is. We have faith that it is. Even though we can't see the way ahead of us, we have faith in the one who has brought us through so many times. Even though we shiver in the cold, we know it won't always be like this. It won't be long and we'll be through the longest night, and the days will begin to lengthen again.

Something is beginning. We don't know what. We may feel reluctant to go forward. Doesn't it seem entirely possible that the darkening days will just continue to get darker forever? We may find ourselves looking back to summery days and spring flowers, berries from the garden, and sun-sweet tomatoes. But in this moment, God is with us still. God is leading the way. God is moving forward. In the forward motion is a promise that yesterday can't bring us new life, the Kingdom of God. That is the beginning we truly celebrate, the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God.

It seems like a surprising time to do it, when it is dark and wet and cold, but so often God surprises us at times like these, in the wilderness, out of captivity, out of Nazareth, from someone who has been sick, from someone who has come from far away, from those who are hungry, even out of a small congregation. In these dark days, look for the reign of God to surprise you. Follow that path forward. Trust God to lead you through. Trust in the Advent of God's reign.

**A Blessed Advent, Christmas and New Year to you all!**

*Pastor Aimee*

You are  
Invited to



at Pastor Aimee's  
December 22 from 1-3 pm  
4854 SE 97<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland



## Upcoming Worship Schedule

- **December 2** **First Sunday of Advent**
- **December 5** **Advent Soup 6 pm and Worship to follow at 7 pm at KOK**
- **December 9** **Second Sunday of Advent Blended Service**
- **December 12** **Advent Soup 6 pm and Worship to follow at 7 pm**  
**Milwaukie Lutheran, 3810 SE Lake Rd**
- **December 16** **Third Sunday of Advent Blended Service**
- **December 19** **Advent Soup 6 pm and Worship to follow at 7 pm**  
**St. Stephen, 290 Gloucester, Gladstone**
- **December 23** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- **December 24** **10 pm Candlelight & Communion Services (note new time)**
- **December 30** **10am Sunday Morning Worship! Lessons and Carols**



## Everyone is Invited on a Field Trip

December 6  
Departing King of Kings at 2:30  
To Central Nazarene Church  
9715 SE Powell Boulevard in Portland



Central Nazarene has completed a process to decide to host small transitional shelters on their church property and with community involvement has built 10 structures to serve those in dire need. Come and meet some of the volunteers and Pastor Matt. Hear their story about what motivated them, their struggles along the way, and what has given them the vision to persevere.

## Let's go caroling!

**December 8 at 4 pm**

Gather at the church for cocoa and treats and pick up our song books. Then we'll carpool to Prestige, formerly known as Milwaukie Convalescent, to bring some Christmas Cheer to the residents there. Hope to see you there!





It's time to make the Graham Cracker Houses!

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## ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES

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**December 1, 10:00 am**

Adults and Teens are invited to put the houses together.  
Come for the fun and help prepare for the

**Super Saturday on December 8.**

Tools to bring: Pastry bag and a broad tip, such as a star tip,  
Cookie sheets or trays (we also have some available to share)

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## DECORATION OF THE GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES

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**December 8, 1-3 pm,**

Kids of all ages are invited to come and decorate their own special house for Christmas. All supplies will be provided. All are welcome!

*P.S. - Even adults have been known to decorate a house or two!*



# King's Cupboard News & Updates

To give you a better idea of what the pantry achieves each month, here are some statistics: in October with two distribution days, King's Cupboard fed 118 families/377 people. In November on a single distribution day we served 116 families/339 people. Each family received a 10-pound turkey.

We are very grateful to the Milwaukie Grocery Outlet store. In July they had a food drive and we were the recipients of just over \$5000.00 dollars to spend at Grocery Outlet. We used the balance of these funds to purchase 125 frozen turkeys. We again thank Hana and James, owners of Grocery Outlet for picking up the balance of nearly \$200.00.

In December there will be only one distribution day (December 13). It is our plan to give each family a "Christmas" ham.

As year-end approaches, I invite you to consider helping King's Cupboard to serve hungry families in our neighborhood. Every donation helps AND it is a nice tax write off!!!

Finally, we have more volunteer opportunities... Most importantly, we are looking for someone who has 4 to 6 hours per month to be our Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested, please let me know. I can

guarantee you would love it!! ~ Thanks, Patty Hess



# Committee of the Month

## Sewing for Others



(left to right: Selma Eckert, Mary Cromer, Bonnie Warren, Kerin Lommen, Pastor Aimee and Marjie Brock. (not pictured: Susan Brooks, Margaret Noble and Mary Zellharie)

**Sewing for Others** is a loving and supportive group that gathers every Tuesday from 9:30 to noon to make quilts. We give quilts to people in our community by donating them to places like Clackamas Service Center, The Children's Place, the VA Hospital, and Prestige Convalescent Center to name a few.

We meet downstairs in the "sewing room" around two large tables to trace and cut out squares of fabric, and coordinate color combinations to make colorful quilt tops. We bundle squares up into packages to be taken home and sewn together. Beside our regular group we have several helpers in the congregation that sew the quilt tops for us. Occasionally we bring our sewing machines and have a day of piecing together or sewing around the edges of quilts. We then layer, tops, batting and a bottom cover and "tie" them off with yarn to finish our quilts. We make about 35-40 full size and 25-30 smaller quilts a year.

Once or twice a year we display our quilts and sell raffle tickets for a couple of quilts to earn money to purchase supplies (mostly batting). We are thankful to our many generous supporters for donations of fabric, sheets for backing, and yarn.

During the morning we stop quilting about 10:30 am for coffee, conversation, prayer, and read the upcoming Sunday lessons. Pastor Aimee is a working member of the group and she will often lead the Bible study.

*We are always looking for new members to gather with us around the table.*

Coming to a pew near you a gaggle of **Christmas Quilts** small and large. We will be holding a raffle auction on **Sunday, December 9**, for several of our quilts. We will keep half of the proceeds for our supplies and donate the other half to the Clackamas Service Center.



# Christmas at KDK



Join us for Christmas Eve  
Candlelight & Communion Service  
10:00 pm (note new time)



## Spirits & Theology

**Time:** Tuesday, December 11 @ 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 "Sexual Violence;" Greg Peterson will lead the discussion.

Fellowship abounds and ideas about spiritual matters are exchanged in an informal and public setting. Come when you can. Bring friends. All are welcome.



## Christmas Poinsettias

This Christmas members of King of Kings are invited to bring and place memorial poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary on the festival of our Lord's birth.

**Poinsettias may be placed in memory of a loved one or simply in honor of our Savior's birth. If you notify the office, an acknowledgement will be made in our Christmas Eve bulletins.**

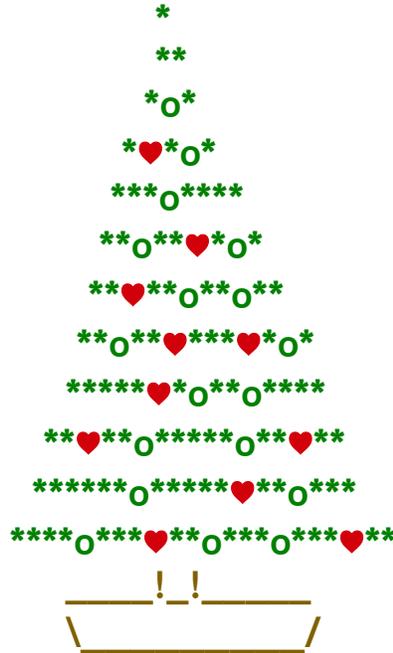
Take them home after the Christmas Eve service (or you may leave them one more week to decorate the sanctuary for the next Sunday).





## King of Kings on Facebook

Thank you to Jamie Sandness for keeping our King of Kings FB page up to date and looking good. You provide such creative and inviting posts! **To all our church members on FB, you can help as many people as possible see the posts by “liking” and “sharing” them.**



## December 30 Coffee Hour

*Bring your own goodies!*

**Bring your leftover Christmas cookies & treats to share for Coffee Hour. This will help all of us clear out our guilty pleasures and start the New Year with healthier intentions!**



## Annual Meeting

**January 27, 2019**

We need annual reports into the office by January 16, preferably by e-mail. If you would like to serve on the council, be a substitute recording secretary, be a Synod assembly delegate or serve on the Mission Endowment board be sure to talk to Pastor Aimee or a current council person for more information.

### YEAR-END GIVING

If you haven't fulfilled your Estimate of Giving commitment for this year, December 31 is just around the corner!



## Let's Celebrate!

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

### December Birthdays

- 2 Clair Bouchillon
- 2 Patricio Lopez
- 7 Sue Setterberg
- 21 Barbara Peterson
- 21 Greg Peterson

### December Baptisms

- 1 Cathy Pederson
- 10 Mike Brooks
- 12 Kathy Pearsall
- 30 Don Trotter

### December Anniversaries

- 2 Kevin & Sylvia Hornyach
- 10 Barry & Ellen Burns
- 14 Bobbe & Graham Backman
- 20 Harry & Sharon Kansa
- 23 Jim Morgan & Clair Bouchillon
- 28 Barbara & Dan Peterson
- 30 Lonnie & Micki Cline
- 30 Bob & Barb McEahern

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

## A Christmas Blessing

- May you have the Spirit of Christmas, which is Peace,
- The Gladness of Christmas, which is Hope,
- The Heart of Christmas, which is Love,
- The Gift of Christmas, which is Christ

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR





## Prayers & Thanksgivings. . .

Pam & Tom	<i>Lynda McDowell's sister &amp; brother-in-law; for peace during an extremely stressful time</i>
Chris Noble	<i>Gary and Margaret's daughter-in-law; difficult recovery at home from complications of surgery</i>
Mike Brooks	<i>Continuing long recovery from lung surgery</i>
Kiernan Hartwell	<i>Grandniece of Bonnie Cowden; recovering from a colostomy</i>
David Schmitz	<i>Larry &amp; Donna's son; bone marrow transplant @ OHSU</i>
Amanda	<i>Tom &amp; Lisa Hiller's niece; young mom with cancer</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 Aimee if prayers are needed for a longer period.***

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR  
*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*

## Christmas Prayer



Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!