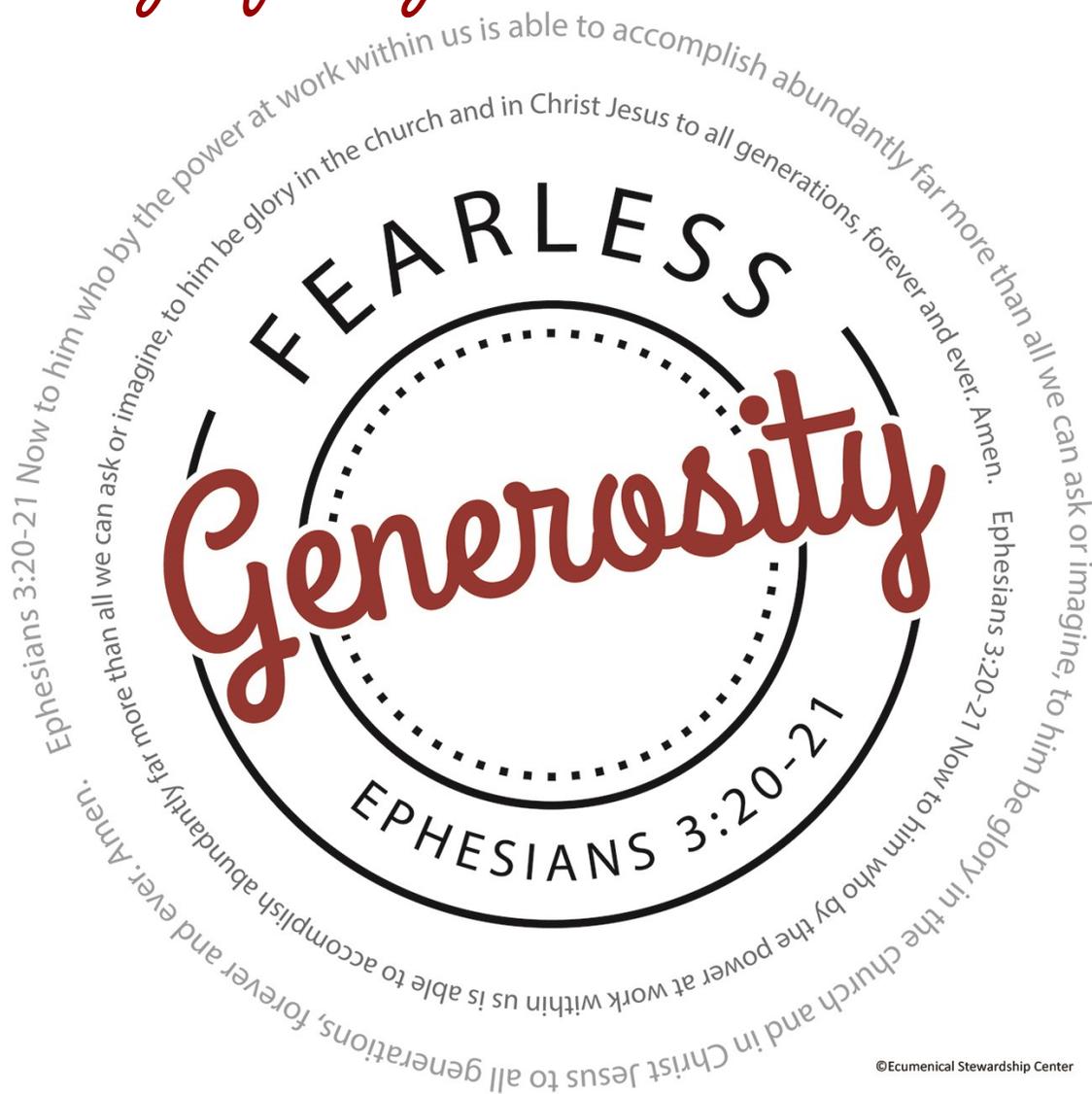


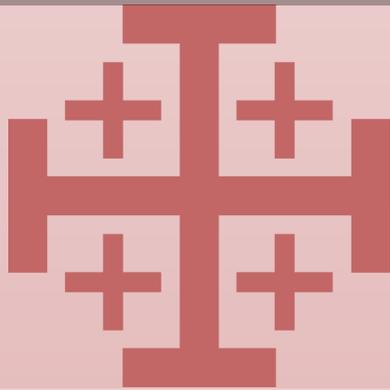
King of Kings Lutheran Church



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From the very beginning of the Christian Church, living in God's abundance and generosity is a part of our calling. All that we do at King of Kings is in response to this calling. As a congregation with many resources, we recognize that we have a profound opportunity to bring people closer to God and each other in our daily life. We take this task very seriously.

The Narrative Budget for 2016 reflects ministries and mission, new and ongoing, which help us fulfill our calling to live with fearless generosity. Our generous giving — our commitment of time, talent, and financial resources is what makes the fulfillment of this calling possible. Your gifts will help us grow the ministries and mission of King of Kings. Your commitment to support King of King's ministry is like the fuel that is needed to drive a car. Without it, you cannot get very far. However, when you pledge and give faithfully, you are helping to provide the fuel that assists in strengthening, encouraging, and equipping people in their daily Christian discipleship.



Our hope is that you will read this with joy and enthusiasm, and that you will respond with a commitment for the 2016 budget. Please know the church is grateful to you for helping us with this massive team effort.

We need your commitment today, as early commitments make our planning easier. For those of you who are uncertain of an amount at this time we are accepting pledges until March 31, 2016. We are seeking commitments from 100% of our church family

To be this church in 2016, we anticipate using your gifts to provide for the ministries, programs, and mission of this congregation. Our total budget for 2016 is \$251,990 and is comprised of four categories: our church home, spiritual nurturing, worship and music, and community outreach. It is designed to support and benefit all members of this congregation as well as our community. The figures are projections that include the further development of all ministry areas.

Our Church Home

And have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them. (Exodus 25:8)

It would be nice if the only thing that we needed was a tent like the Israelites in the desert. Congregations like King of Kings, however, need equipment, resources, and a sizeable physical plant to provide a place to nurture all the ministries of the church. In addition to hosting our congregation's ministries, our facility enables us to

provide space for the King of Kings Preschool and many community groups. Examples of community use of our facility include Alcoholics Anonymous, The Bonsai Group, The International Brotherhood of Magicians, Sanity through Spirituality, Scout Groups and many more. Your gift will support our church home by funding the following expense categories.

Grounds Keeping , Maintenance & Repairs, Office Supplies, Pastors' Salaries, and Staff Salary

\$106,324

Spiritual Nurturing

Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Children, youth, and adults are enriched spiritually through Sunday morning worship service and Wednesday morning bible studies, confirmation and first communion classes, and a multitude of other opportunities. In the Summer our Vacation Bible School will likely reach as many as 100 youth and include many helpers. We also host

a special program to reach out to young families over the summer called Kings Kamp which is run with our pre-school. We will develop additional small group learning opportunities in 2016 that focus on people learning together. Your gift will support spiritual nurturing by funding the following expense categories.

Bible Study , Confirmation , Conventions, Family & Youth, Pastors' Salaries, Retreats, Stewardship, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School

\$ 39,532

What is a Narrative Budget?

A Narrative Budget tells the story of how King of Kings practices good stewardship of the gifts entrusted to it. It provides a vision of where King of Kings envisions itself in the coming year.

Why Use A Narrative Budget?

A Narrative Budget gives a vision of ministry rather than just a spreadsheet of line items. It reflects how the congregation spends its time, talent, and treasure rather than focusing on paying the bills.

Did We Get Rid Of Our Line Item Budget?

The financial decision makers of King of Kings still need to build and use a line item budget. In fact, a line item budget completes the first step in creating our narrative budget. We will have copies of the approved line item budget available to members who like to see that level of detail.

God loves
a cheerful
giver.



Worship and Music

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

At the heart of our church life are those sacred times when we gather to sing, pray, hear the Word, and celebrate communion. The Pastors dedicate time each week for sermon planning and preparation. They work hard to make sure that Sunday messages are relevant and help make a connection between the Biblical texts and our daily lives.

Many people say that they come to King of Kings because of the vibrant, enthusiastic, and high-quality music that is a regular part of our worship experience. We are blessed to have the resources to provide both traditional and contemporary worship each Sunday; which enables us to reach out to people who yearn to hear the Gospel but

have different preferences. We also provide an informal worship service each Saturday evening. Additionally, our office staff spends a considerable amount of time in the preparation and production of our weekly worship bulletin which guides the worshiper through the entire worship service. Your gift will support worship and music by funding the following expense categories.

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\$ 87,290

Community Outreach

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

King of Kings has had a strong commitment to social ministry throughout its history. We support numerous outreach programs in our local community, many of which directly minister to the homeless and the poorest of the poor. Organizations such as Middletown Helps its Own, Project Paul, and Holly Hill are but a few

examples of groups we support financially and with "hands-on service." In addition, King of Kings will support the New Jersey Synod and the ELCA's Disaster Relief Fund. Your gift will support community outreach by funding the following expense categories.

Pastors' Salaries, Social Ministry, and Synod Mission Support

\$ 18,844

Simply Giving A simple choice, a generous response

Simply Giving is a program that allows you to make your offerings to King of Kings by pre-authorizing a withdrawal from your bank account, which goes directly to the church's bank account. You determine the amount and the frequency of your automatic gift – weekly, semiweekly, or monthly. Your gift will support the mission of the church.

It is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. It allows you to share your gifts through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship. Because your gift is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at any time or worry about forgetting your checkbook or offering envelope on Sunday mornings.

However, you're not the only one who benefits. King of Kings benefits from steady, more predictable income throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping, and greater confidence in meeting its financial commitments.

It's free! The program is offered by Thrivent Financial to further its mission of serving Lutheran congregations. This means there is absolutely no cost or obligation of any kind to participate in the Simply Giving program. You may discontinue your enrollment at any time.

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