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"In grateful response to God's grace and empowerment by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, the mission of King of Kings Lutheran Church and School is to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, community, and the world"

Pastor's Corner April 2019

"Truly, this is the Son of God."

Last year we received a request to do a Lenten series which focused on the people Jesus encountered on his way to the cross. More importantly, those people encountered Jesus. This season, we will consider some of the historical characters who appear in the Passion. Not surprisingly, some of them were hostile to Jesus while others were friendly. All of these encounters point to one thing: Jesus of Nazareth was not just a man (or a superman); Jesus is no one else but the Son of God.

As we see and hear the testimony of their lives throughout the weeks of Lent and into Holy Week, they will lead us back to the cross and the Jesus who was crucified there. The cross and the empty tomb spoke to them and continue to speak to us. The four Evangelists give us the evidence of lives that were touched by Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Matthew has been the focus of our Lenten Bible challenge as we read through his Gospel together this season. As we see and hear and read the evidence for ourselves, I pray that each of us is made stronger in our conviction of what Christ has done for us. Like the Centurion, may we boldly proclaim of Jesus, "Truly, this is the Son of God!"

April 3 Midweek 5 The Thief Matthew 27:38-44; Luke 23:32-43

April 10 Midweek 6 The Centurion Matthew 27:51-54
April 18 Maundy Thursday Jesus the Christ Luke 22:14-22

(We will celebrate Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.)

April 19 Good Friday Joseph of Arimathea John 19:38
April 23 Easter Services at 6:30, 8:30, and 11:00 AM

Yours in Christ, Pastor Steven Bielenberg



King of Kings Lutheran Church

Regular Service Times:

<u>Sunday</u>

8:30 AM – Classic Worship

9:45 AM – Sunday School and Bible study classes

11:00 AM – Alternate Worship

12:15 РМ — Hmong Sunday School and Bible Study

1:30 PM – Hmong (language) Community Worship

LENTEN MEALS

Join us for 2 more times for supper and fellowship before Lenten worship on **April 3 and 10 at 5:45 PM** in the Jerusalem Room. Sign up to bring something in the coffee area outside the sanctuary. (Free will proceeds will be used to fund middle school field trips to places such as Fort Snelling and the Alexander Ramsey House.) Contact Mike Boll with any questions (mboll@kingsofkingsroseville.org).



From the Window View of Pastor Lee

The Prodigal—Which Party Are You Going To?

The Prodigal son (Luke 15) is a story that illustrates perfectly the sinfulness of our condition by the two brothers: a younger brother wasting his life away and an older brother not accepting his LOST brother back.

It also shows the unconditional love of our heavenly Father.

We are to be less like the brothers and more like the father. In this parable, it's amazing that there are two parties going on. One party is held by the younger son. You can use your imagination as to what went on. Then there is the party held by the father. There was music and dancing.

We all love parties. Which party are you going to attend? The one that brings starvation or the one with the fattened calf, given in love by the Father? Today if someone says something so obvious, we might call them "Mr. Obvious." In elementary school we would have said, "No Duhhhhh!" So which party are you going to? The one that gives life or death?

That's a "Mr. Obvious", "No Duhhh" answer, yet so many still chooses the party that starves.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the party that we are invited to.

Blessings,

Pastor Vue Lee



Then GO QUICKLY and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there YOU WILL SEE HIM.

Matthew 28:7

FEBRUARY GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$34,866.10; Parking Lot – \$639.00; other specified offerings - \$1,339.79

Joyful Response – General \$12,824.00; Parking Lot \$1,086.00

Giving Statements for 2018 are available in the office.

It's not too early to start thinking about SUMMER!!

Musicians are needed to play for offertory in the summer as the choirs and school groups take a break. If you have musical talent you'd like to share (instrumental, vocal) during the 8:30 or 11AM service or at the nursing homes, please contact our Music Director Laura Fritz at 651-325-7287 (cell) or Ifritz@kingofkingsroseville.org. Thank you to everyone in advance for giving glory to Jesus through music!



MEALS ON WHEELS:

Easter Sunday, we will be preparing, assembling, and delivering a hot ham dinner with all the trimmings to the homebound. There are many ways you can help: cooking, carving, serving, cleaning-up, delivering, supplying rolls or make a monetary donation for ham and supplies.

A sign-up sheet is included in the weekly bulletin. Contact Gary Fritz 651-968-7970 with any questions

Women's Ministry

2019 King of Kings Spring Recycle Sale – Less Than A Week Away!

Sponsored by King of Kings Women's Ministry

The Sale will be held this Saturday, April 6, 2019 8AM – 1PM

What does the Women's Ministry do with the proceeds?

We support the following mission projects: Sandwich Project, Christmas Shoebox project, Concordia Academy and King of Kings school scholarships, Hmong ministry, and Concordia University. In addition, we provide to King of Kings college students going into church work a small gift of financial assistance, and support the work of the group that provides funeral lunches. We believe these are all important functions of the congregation and hope you will support us in 2019.

We will need assistance to set up the event on **Friday, April 5** and conduct the sale on Saturday, April 6. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy or Glenn Matthees, project chairs, 651-245-2987.



Membership/Directory Updates

In by Holy Baptism: Pearl Hlinra Steffan, daughter of Youa & Andrew Steffan

Other March Baptism @Hmong Service

E-mail change: Ann Zibell – annwatco1@comcast.net Transfer out: Lynne Gorski

Address updates: Jamie Gorski

3214 Berkshire Rd., Apt. 304 Cleveland, OH 44118

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Education & Pouth News



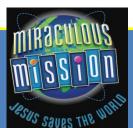
Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Mondays and is sent to all parents of 6th-12th graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org, cell: 651-341-3830, office: 612-540-0714 or check your junk mail. You can also check the bulletin boards by the sanctuary and youth room and the website for information.

Youth Ministry

- Middle School (6th-8th Grade)
 - Youth Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday: Now 3:00 to 5:45 pm because of Lent. Our final meeting of the school year is April 10th! Please sign in at the Jerusalem Room when you arrive. Here is the schedule:
 - 3-3:30 pm Free time electronics allowed
 - 4:00 pm Small Group Time
 - 5:45 pm Pick up time/Lent Dinner
 - 7:00 pm Lent Worship
- High School (9th-12th Grade)
 - Hangout every 1st and 3rd Wednesday: Youth Room from 8-9:30 pm after Lent Worship. There will be free time in Youth Room and Gym, Small Groups, and of course, EAT SNACKS! We will be meeting on April 3rd and 17th. The Hangout on April 17th will be from 7-9:30 pm and is our last one of the school year!
 - Easter Breakfast Fundraiser: We will meet at 9 am on April 20th to prep food, set up tables, decorations, etc. On Sunday morning, we will meet at 7:00 am and serve food from 7:15 8:15 am. We clean up quickly so Meals on Wheels can use the kitchen and gym.
 - YOUTH-LEAD Conference: April 27 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. This is a conference about what is working, about youth modeling their leadership, about listening to youth, about a renewed energy for uplifting, equipping, then allowing youth in leadership! The speakers, musicians and leaders are all youth! Cost will be \$20 per person. Sign up by turning in money to Sally by April 14th!

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Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! Join us for Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World on June 24-28, 2019 from 9 am to Noon! Visit the church website to register! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sally Schuster at 612-540-0714 or sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org. We are looking for station and group leaders, decorators, and registration help!



From the Board of Lay Ministry

Lenten Bible Challenge Continues: Matthew

The Board of Lay Ministry's Bible reading challenge for Lent continues! A summary of the week's readings and related discussion/reflection questions are in the bulletins and are sent by e-mail on Mondays. You can use this daily reading for personal reading and reflection, your family dinner table, discussion at coffee time, form a small group to meet weekly, connect with relatives, children, friends online or by Skype. We hope you join us in this journey together! It's never too late to start!





Current prayer requests from Jim & Susan Kaiser:

- 1) Praise God for two successful weeks working with the Konso team March 11-22. We checked over their revisions to the translation of the New Testament from 1 Timothy 3 to Revelation 4. They are an experienced team, and we were able to make good progress.
- 2) I will be working with the Zayse team March 25-29 in Arba Minch to check over their translation of 2 Corinthians. It has been very hot in Arba Minch recently (the mid to upper 90s), and there is no fan or air conditioning in the room we will be working (but there are lots of windows). Please pray that the heat will not make us sluggish, that God will keep us healthy, give us wisdom and guidance, and that we will have good communication with each other.
- 3) Pray for safe travel on the busy roads to Addis Ababa on Saturday March 30.
- 4) I will be working with the Suri team April 1-5 in Addis Ababa to check over their translation of John 1-5. Pray that God will guide us wisdom, guidance, and good communication.
- 5) After a few early rains last month, it has been hot and dry throughout our area. Please pray for badly needed rain.

Thanks for praying!
God bless,

Jim (& Susan) Kaiser
Translation Consultant in Ethiopia
Lutheran Bible Translators



Stewardship Minute Message

She Did What She Could

In Mark 14:1-9, we are told of a woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume. Responding to the disciples' criticism of the woman using such expensive perfume, Jesus said, "She did what she could." To honor Jesus, she shared what was most dear and precious to her. This was not a meaningless gesture. She was not giving leftovers. She gave her best.

In light of this story, we might want to ask, "What do we have that we could use to honor Jesus?" If we take inventory, we find we have a lot to use and to give. First of all, we can give of our time. Being good stewards of our time implies that we will not be wasting our time but using it for God-pleasing purposes. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul wrote, "Be careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity..." (Ephesians 5:15-16). Using our time in the service of others is a wonderful way to use what we've been given in service for Jesus.

We can also serve Jesus with our talents. Whether God has given us many or few abilities, we can, with God's strength, be of help to others. Peter encourages this service in 1 Peter 4:10-11: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

We can also do what we can with our money. Through the giving of our money to those in need and to extend God's kingdom, we are honoring Jesus. When we hear how Jesus commended the woman who anointed Him as a way to honor Him, we are also encouraged to do what we can.

School News & Notes



Welcome to King of Kings! Juls Clausen of Aurora, Colorado has accepted our invitation to serve as interim principal. He arrived in early March. He will assist us until Jay Schutte can take the helm on July 1. (On a personal note, Juls is the brother-in-law of Barb Beckler and Dorcas Neuman.)

Thank You!

On behalf of King of Kings School and the Wine in the Woods Committee, thank you to all who attended, as well as those who supported this event by being a part of the committee, sponsoring, volunteering at the event, donating goods or services, inviting family and friends or by making an in-spirit donation. This event could not have been a success without your support!

Thanks to your support, the Wine in the Woods fundraiser successfully raised \$35,949! These funds will help provide career enrichment and training for the teachers, student scholarships, tuition assistance and more.

Double your gift with your employer's gift matching program. Ask your human resources department if they will match your gift to King of Kings Lutheran school.

2019—2020 School Year Enrollment Open!





The early application/enrollment process for the 2019-2020 King of Kings Lutheran School year has begun. If you want to use the twelve-month payment plan, you must complete the process by May 1st. Enrollments after that date may use the one or two payment arrangement or set up a ten-month plan.

Agreements will start to be processed April 1st. Financial aid for those who are eligible will be awarded over the summer, no later than July 15. (This amount generally falls between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00.)

Agreements will not be processed for families with outstanding balances until the balance is paid or arrangements have been made with the Business Office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

April Events

4/1 - Start of Fourth Quarter

4/3 - 7:00pm - K-8 Choirs Sing @ Lenten Service

4/4 – 9:00am to 6pm – Open House & Shadow Day

4/6 - 8:00am to 1pm - Spring Recycle Sale

4/7 - 8:30am - Royals Bells Play 8:30 Service

4/8 - 9:00am - Pre-K - 3rd Grade @The Works Museum

4/10 – 4/12 Luther Island Camp Outdoor Education Grades 5/6

4/14 - 8:30am - K-8 Choirs & School Sing 8:30 Service

4/18 - Maundy Thursday

4/19 – 4/22 - Good Friday/Easter/Easter Break - No School 4/27

5-8 Boys Volleyball @ TCLAC Tournament

5/6 Girls Volleyball @ TCLAC Tournament

7/8 Girls Volleyball @ TCLAC Tournament

4/28 - 11:00am - K-8 Choirs/Praise Team Sing 11 AM Service

4/30 - Iowa Test of Basic Skills Gr. K-8

Middle School Music Festival

King of Kings School Open House and Shadow Day

Have you or someone you know ever wondered what a day in the life of a King of Kings student is like? Find out by shadowing a current student or attending the open house this Thursday, April 4. Session on the school website for calendar and a complete listing of all school events and activities:

www.kingofkingslutheranschool.org

Accredited Parochial School
(Preschool - 8th Grade)

"It's Still All About Jesus"

www.kingofkingslutheranschool.org kingofkingsschool@kingofkingsroseville.org

Please Keep the Endowments at King of Kings Lutheran Church and School in mind:

Linda ZumHofe Endowment (Tuition Funding); King of Kings Elementary Endowment (Tuition Funding); Member Hardship Endowment (Unemployment Assistance)

Save the Date

Chipotle Fundraiser Night – Tonight! Support King of Kings School by stopping by the Roseville Chipotle **Monday, April 1** from **4-8PM** for dinner. Grab a flyer from the back table, show it on your phone, or simply tell the cashier you wish to have 33% of proceeds donated back to King of Kings.



New Young Adult Group If you are in in your 20's and 30's, come join young adults from King of Kings and fellow LCMS church members from area congregations! **When:** Thursday evening from 6:30 – 8:00pm starting April 4. **Where:** For the first few meetings we will be at King of Kings. We eventually would like to move the group into people's homes. **Why:** To have fellowship and friendship with people who hold and share the same beliefs. The first get together will consist of board games, group games, and a Bible study. If you are interested please contact Sarah Culbert (sculbert@kingofkignsroseville.org) or call or text 651-260-3703.

You're Invited! On behalf of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, you are cordially invited to attend the installation of Rev. Christopher Weber at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 530 Victoria St., St. Paul on **Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3:00 PM.**

April Concerts At Concordia University

April 7: Handbells Concert, 7:00 PM, Graebner Memorial Chapel

April 11: Jubilate Lenten Vespers, 8:00 PM, Graebner Memorial Chapel

April 26: Christus Chorus Home Concert, 7:30 PM, Graebner Memorial Chapel

HealthEast Hospice Grief Support Services hosts a variety of grief support groups. The next sessions will be Spouse Loss Grief Support Group, which will meet **Tuesdays**, **April 2**, **9**, **16**, **23**, **30 from 1-2:30P.M.** For more information or to register, see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex. Classes are free, but space is limited.

LWML Spring Luncheon Ladies, you are invited to the LWML Spring Luncheon at St. John Lutheran Church in Woodbury, held **on Saturday, April 27**, with punch served at 11:30 a.m. and a catered meal at noon. We are inviting moms, daughters, youth, and children. Tom Kuseske and his wife Cherice will be our guests as Tom then provides entertainment at 1:00 p.m. He is a retired history teacher from CA who presents history with humor. He will delight us with facts about Shirley Temple, Clara Barton, and Dolley Madison. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-11, and free for children under age 6. Please contact Pam Wenger for ticket reservations: 651-261-7808 (cell) or pamwenger@comcast.net.

COMING THIS SUMMER

CA Summer Camps Registration is now open for two dozen Concordia Academy summer camps for students entering Grades 3-12, including American Sign Language, Flag Football, Vision4Life Service, and Wrestling, as well as old favorites such as Basketball, CSI, Girls Choir, Art, Youth Worship Team, Softball, G3: Genuinely Great Girls, and many more! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

Lutheran Island Camp will host Forgiven – Summer 2019. Bible studies will focus on the Gospels and the miracles of Christ, including the most important, our forgiveness. Visit www.islandcamp.org or call 218-583-2905 or email info@islandcamp.org for more information or to request a brochure. Lutheran Island Camp operates year round and provides programs and services to over 6,000 people every year. Lutheran Island Camp and Retreat Center is located on a secluded 67 acres surrounded by East Battle Lake in west-central Minnesota.

Alaska Mission Team will be going to Northway, AK, June 14 through 22 to hold VBS. This will be a new location for the team. The team needs an additional person who can do one of the following activities: lead the opening and closing each day, lead games for younger children, or tell the Bible story for the day. If you are interested in being part of the team or have questions, contact Don Ullman (219) 742-4701 email donbill14@gmail.com or Pam Collova email torbs06@gmail.com.

PEAK CHALLENGE What is it? At its core, Peak Challenge is a men's fellowship mission. It is a chance for men, their sons, fathers, brothers and friends to get out into God's creation in the mountains of Colorado July 25-29. This trip will push men physically by hiking one of Colorado's fourteen thousand foot peak mountains. It will push them emotionally by sharing experiences with the other men there. And it will push them spiritually through small group sessions and becoming more conscious of God's creations. For more information contact Adam Doraska by phone at (320) 894-3747 or by email at Doraskaa@csp.edu.