



# King's Quill

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## Pastor's Corner

April 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During these days we realize that there is no aspect of our life, individually or together, that has not been affected (if not *infected*) by the Coronavirus pandemic. I cannot begin to thank you enough for the ways you have supported the staff or King of Kings Lutheran School with your prayers, your support, your positive emails, tuning in to online worship and classrooms, and your financial support. In all these ways, you are helping fight the battle.

Even though we may not be able to worship together on Easter, our Alleluias will ring loud and clear across the Twin Cities, if not around the world. Thanks for forwarding our services and messages to others. Some will fall on deaf ears, but some has already found fertile soil. At a time like this, people are willing to listen! And you have been sharing the Gospel when you click "forward" or "send." You are sending the Good News of Jesus to family and friends. The Spirit works, even though our sanctuary and classrooms are quiet – for the moment!

This even impacts the way we plan for worship. What can we use that is singable at home? What is well-known enough that we are comfortable singing it by ourselves or that one other person in the room?

Last Sunday, I would have used the hymn "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life" for the hymn of the day had we been all together. It's just too good to keep it closed in my hymnal. We've sung it before – I keep track of every time we use a hymn in my hymnal – partly to make sure that we get the whole council of God, but also to make sure I don't go overboard with my personal favorites.

This hymn has alternate verses to focus in on the resurrections that Jesus afforded to others while He was living on this earth. All of them ultimately point to His resurrection and the Last Day we will all share. Did Lazarus see four days of heaven? I suspect he did, but that's one of my questions. If he did, his second phase of life must have been a cakewalk. Knowing what he had to look forward to, he could even listen to his sisters bicker and think, "Well, they won't be doing that in the kingdom!" (...continued)

### **Online Worship**

Join with fellow members and friends as we worship together online!  
<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html>

Use the above link to view  
**Sunday services, Daily Devotions,  
and Midweek Meditations**

### **Office Hours**

The office staff is working remotely.  
Updates will be emailed as the situation changes.

The phone is being answered remotely and the pastors may be contacted via phone message or email:

[sbielenberg@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sbielenberg@kingofkingsroseville.org)  
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**Easter**, Latin Pascha, Greek Pascha, principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the **Resurrection of Jesus Christ** on the third day after his Crucifixion.

By the 4th century the Easter vigil was **well established** in various liturgical expressions. It was characterized by a spirit of **joyful anticipation** of the **Resurrection...**

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday/Liturgical-observances>

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, making known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, community and the world.

So I offer you this text as an encouragement as we lean toward Easter again this year. (The first and last verses speak to our age, come what may.) As to Easter 2020, it will be unforgettable, to be sure.

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Steven Bielenberg*

LSB 552 vs. 1,9,10,4  
"O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life"

1) O Christ, who shared our mortal life  
And ended death's long reign,  
Who healed the sick and raised the dead  
And bore our grief and pain:  
We know our years on earth are few,  
That death is always near.  
Come now to us, O Lord of Life;  
Bring hope that conquers fear!

9) Two weeping sisters, worn by grief  
And mired in depths of gloom,  
Stood watching where their brother lay  
Within a rock-sealed tomb.  
When, Lord, You met them as they mourned,  
You wept compassion's tear.  
But Martha, sore with sorrow, said,  
"He'd lived had You been here!"

10) "I am the Lord of life and death!"  
You answered Martha's cry,  
"And all who hear and trust My Word  
Shall live, although they die!"  
You walked the path to Laz'rus' tomb,  
You called him forth by name,  
And living, loving once again,  
From death to life he came!

4) Death's power holds us still in thrall  
And bears us toward the tomb.  
Death's dark'ning cloud hangs like a pall  
That threatens earth with doom.  
But You have broken death's embrace  
And torn away its sting.  
Restore to life our mortal race!  
Raise us, O Risen King!

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## From the Window View of Pastor Lee



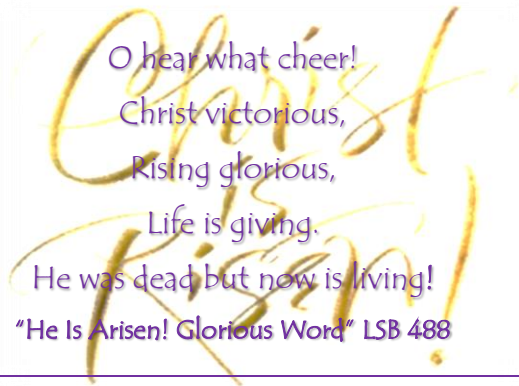
Brothers and sisters in Christ. My monthly message always has the title of "From the window view of Pastor Lee." As I'm writing this, I'm sitting at home, looking out the window of my living room, rather than my office. I see the brown leaves that I didn't pick up before the snow came. I see the grandchildren's toys lying around outside, their little castles and their bicycles. These days, they've learned to ride electric bikes instead, but enough about my joy.

What joy has God given you in these times? Feel free to leave me a message on my desk phone at church (612) 540-0710 or my email [vlee@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:vlee@kingofkingsroseville.org). I'd love to hear from you.

Let us not be sad or afraid, this too shall pass. I know that Easter is coming up and we may or may not be able to worship at church, but let us be reminded that every day is Easter for us! Our salvation and joy comes from God and nothing can take that away. We are asked to stay home but we can still be a neighbor. Ask yourself how the love of God can be shown in this time. I can't answer that for you, only you can.

I look forward to seeing everyone again.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Vue Lee*



## Stewardship Corner - Count your Blessings in the Midst of a Virus Pandemic



For many of us the Coronavirus national emergency is perhaps the biggest life-changing event that as a country we will face. Fortunately, our generation has missed the great depression and world wars which caused even greater lifestyle changes than what we are facing today. As we all know, this virus pandemic has caused the closing of schools and colleges, the cancellations of sporting events, and the job loss for many people. Many churches are no longer holding services, concerts cancelled, restaurants closed, vacations postponed, etc. The coronavirus has caused significant declines in the world's financial markets, decreasing the value of people's investments and retirement funds.

It is easy for people to become bitter and frightened in these circumstances and many will blame God. God's Word tells us of a better way. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17). These verses give us actions that will enable us to overcome the worst circumstances. We aren't told just to "feel better" but to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks..."

There's a lot to give thanks for, too, when we're going through difficult times. God is with us, and He is control. What a joy we have knowing that we have God's presence and protection. We have God's strong and abiding presence through His Word and Sacrament. Each and every day, we have the opportunity to turn to God in His Word to be uplifted and refreshed even when the world around us seems to be closing down. Through the faith that God gives us, we know it is God's will that we rejoice in Him and seek His peace in the midst of this virus pandemic.

In the midst of this crisis, the church still continues its vital mission and ministry. Jesus tells us "I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). God promises us that nothing will overcome the Church because it rests on Jesus. The church is here to minister to the bitter, frightened, and doubtful. We encourage your prayers and ask you to continue your generous giving. The fear of catching the virus will keep many away from church, but we do ask that you continue your faithful giving as you are able. May God help us all during these challenging times be the light that He wants us to be.



### FEBRUARY GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$36,440.74;  
Parking Lot – \$1,640.00.;  
Other specified offerings - \$1,085.33  
Electronic Giving – General \$15,562.00;  
Parking Lot - \$3,090.00



King of Kings now has online giving!

Use the gold button on the King of Kings homepage set up one-time or regular giving:

<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/>

## News and Notes

### Cancelled – Easter Meals on Wheels

Due to safety concerns, the regular Easter Meal will not be distributed through Meals on Wheels. Thank you to everyone who had planned to support this program. Please pray for those unable to receive a hot meal this Easter!

**EASTER FLOWERS** if you ordered Easter flowers, they will be delivered to King of Kings and ready for pick up on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11AM**. Deb Gogins will be on hand to give out the flowers at the **Gym (West) entrance** during this time. Please call Deb Gogins at 651-628-0641 with any questions.



### THE 2020 DIRECTORY IS HERE!

In these days of limited face-to-face communication, King of Kings is pleased to announce the launch of its online directory. Our hope is that with an online source of contact information, it will be easier to stay connected to fellow members (call someone you haven't seen in a while!) as well as keep your own information updated so that we can best keep in contact with you.

You can use the following link to a secure website

<https://servantkeeper.com/directory/kingofkingsroseville/login>

to access the same information the church has previously printed in the paper directories. It would be a good idea to bookmark this page. **The password and instructions for editing your information will be sent in an email attachment directly following the Quill.**

We ask that you use the link and the password to log in soon to view your information so that we can use up-to-date information for a paper directory which will be printed in the near future. Household information is divided into "family" and "individual" categories. **Please pay special attention to phone numbers and email addresses as these are the most likely changes and the most direct forms of communication.**

### 2020 King of Kings Spring Recycle Sale

**Has been postponed!**

**Updates will be posted and sent out when a new date has been chosen.**

**Contact Peggy or Glenn Matthees for more information.**

[mattheesgp@gmail.com](mailto:mattheesgp@gmail.com) or 651-245-2987.



### LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS #STAYHOMEMN

#### What does this mean?

"Minnesotans may leave their homes to pick up essential items such as groceries or food, prescriptions, and gas, to relocate for safety reasons, or go to work if their job is deemed essential in a sector. If you leave your home, practice social distancing measures and keep six feet between you and those around you. Everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing."

This order is in place in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 (Corona) virus and protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Please do your part and take advantages of the things we CAN do and the at-home resources available from communities, churches, schools, and organizations.

Find out more: <https://mn.gov/governor/covid-19/faq/>

**Luke 10:27: He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**

### Resources during COVID-19

The following are links to MN resources for those who have lost jobs/been laid off, need insurance, and have questions about how this affects their children's education. The Pastors and the Vicar can also help direct anyone in need to resources.

Employment

<https://www.uimn.org/applicants/needtoknow/news-updates/covid-19.jsp>

Health Insurance: <https://mn.gov/dhs/>

School References:

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>

More links for families can be found below in the school section.

### Membership Updates:

#### In by Holy Baptism:

lylie Cocchiarella, daughter of Tony and Kelsey Cocchiarella;  
Gwynevere Boll, daughter of Michael & Amy Boll

# Letter from the Vicar

## Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

During this time of pandemic, as we are separated from our friends and church family, the Miller family has been doing devotions at home. One of the times we gathered for family devotions in March, our youngest son, Thomas, asked if we could sing *LSB 766*. He picked it randomly by flipping to it (not a recommended devotional strategy) and asked if we could sing it. It is Martin Luther's hymn on the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above." On account of its length (nine verses), we split it up over three days. It may have been a random choice on Thomas' part, but it is the perfect hymn for our difficult time!

In this hymn, Luther teaches us to trust in our Lord, claiming His promises to us, as we pray the prayer that He taught us. What especially sticks out to me as helpful for us right now is the fifth verse on "daily bread." In addition to petitioning the Lord for clothes and food, Luther also leads us to pray, "*Save us from hardship, war, and strife; in plague and famine spare our lives.*"

In the midst of our current situation, it is entirely appropriate that we, the people of God, cry out to our Lord to save us from it. In full confidence that He hears us and will answer us, we should pray, "Lord, save us from this plague! Save us from this pandemic.

The next phrase from verse five of the hymn speaks to us too though. It leads us to praying from our own health into also praying for the well-being of our neighbor. Luther leads us to pray, "*That we in honest peace may live, to care and greed no entrance give.*"

When we are honest, we know that we have all been worried sick about this illness and the upheaval it has cause in our lives, our community, our nation, and our world. We have seen the hoarding of sanitizer, masks, and even something as basic as toilet paper. In the midst of this, Luther's hymn inspires us to pray that our Lord will save us from our cares and worries and also from the temptation of greed to hoard what our neighbor needs.

We should not hesitate to call out to our Lord in the midst of our current crisis. We know that we can ask this of our Lord, because He, Himself, has commanded us to pray for our daily bread, which includes our health. We pray that He will lead us through this time in faith, that it would be safe for us to gather together again soon, so that we will be able to worship Him and celebrate His feast of salvation.

In the meantime, know that your pastors and vicar are still here for you, even if we can't see you in person. Do not hesitate to call us up. We do and will pray with you and for you.

Your Vicar,  
Joshua Miller

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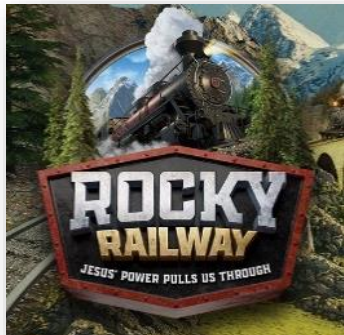
**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.**

~ Ephesians 6:18 ~

# Education and Youth News

## Sunday School

No Sunday School at this time.



## Vacation Bible School

**Rocky Railway VBS: Registration now open!** It'd be wonderful if this illness was a distant memory by the time VBS arrives, but it's hard to tell! At this point, we will plan as if it's going to happen. Please register with the link on the Children's Ministry page of the website:

<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/children.html>

and let Sally know if you can volunteer! We will re-evaluate as we go.

**June 22-26, 2020 - 9 am to Noon**

So many volunteers are needed to make this happen - registration, station leaders, group leaders, assistants, decorations, clean up, etc. Whether you can make it that week or not, there's a job to be done! Please let me know if you are available to help in any way! Those entering 7th grade in the fall through adults are encouraged to volunteer!

## Youth Ministry



During this time, be sure to stay connected to receive resources and information as things progress.

Sunday worship services and devotions can be found in two places:

[King of Kings Website](#)

[King of Kings Facebook Page](#)

Here are the other ways to connect with the youth ministry:

[KOK Youth Facebook Group](#)

Receive text reminders! Click on the links below for which age group:

[MS Youth Ministry](#)

[HS Youth Ministry](#)

Instagram: dcesally

Snapchat: dcesally

## Virtual Youth this Wednesday for MS and HS!

**Wednesday, April 1**

3:00 pm Middle School Youth Night

7:00 pm High School Community Night

We'll be meeting via Zoom so if you haven't used it before, click on the link in advance to install the app/software. It's free to use and don't need an account. To host the meeting, I signed up for the free version at this time so we only have 40 minutes so please be on time!

I'd prefer if everyone uses video so we can see each other. This is our first time using this so there may be some hiccups in just getting everyone connected. Text me if you're having issues or have questions: 651-341-3830

<https://zoom.us/j/7495901794>

*Are there other platforms that would be helpful????*

*Please let me know!*

# School News and Notes



## Distance Learning Begins at King of Kings!

King of Kings has begun distance learning with its students as of March 30. Principal Schutte and the faculty and staff are working to provide families with the high-quality education they are used to, but now alongside parents while students remain safely at home. If you have any questions about this process please feel free to contact Mr. Schutte ([jschutte@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:jschutte@kingofkingsroseville.org)) or Katie Miller ([kingofkingsschool@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:kingofkingsschool@kingofkingsroseville.org)).

During this time of change, King of Kings School wants to make sure families have the resources they need for basic everyday needs. The following is a list of links to community aids for families during distance learning. If you or someone you know can use these resources, please pass the word! Again, feel free to contact the school with any questions or for help connecting to things your family may need.

Click [HERE](#) to view what **Roseville Area District (ISD 623)** is providing for families.

KOK List of Free Kid Meals in Twin Cities Area -- COVID 19  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sKeGUiV\\_QpzwDTMRV4oyq\\_0fzU39xzdxnIU3GGxAo/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sKeGUiV_QpzwDTMRV4oyq_0fzU39xzdxnIU3GGxAo/edit#gid=0)

Internet and WiFi :Comcast/X-Finity is providing free WiFi services to anyone in need of it. The contact info for accessing this is: 1-866-489-0919  
<https://www.internetessentials.com/>

Things to do during Coronavirus Closure  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/142lJwIzJ053XN6ZDjRhTU9pXH\\_AAPz0Nf04oTqaCK4/edit#gid=430945019](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/142lJwIzJ053XN6ZDjRhTU9pXH_AAPz0Nf04oTqaCK4/edit#gid=430945019)

In the case of losing a job, please visit [Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Program](#) for more information.

## Sideline with Schutte



While growing up, I played on as many sports teams as possible. It wasn't that my family were these crazy sports fanatics, it was just what my three brothers and I liked to do. For years, I thought we played on so many teams because we loved it. Now that I am a parent, I think it had more to do with just getting the kids out of the house. We could not wait until the snow and ice came because that would give us a smooth surface outside to dribble the basketball on instead of the gravel driveway. Or for the frost to thaw in the spring to give us more space in the fields to hit baseballs before it was planted for crops. We would ice skate on the back swamp and pretended to have Wayne Gretsky-like talent. And thought we were the best tennis players to ever live in the great town of Corcoran, even though we did not know how to keep score. When we were young, time seemed to go by so slowly and we loved every bit of it.

The slowest year came in 1990. One afternoon in August, my dad collapsed from heart failure and passed away at the age of 41. The joy that once was in having time go so slow, came to a screeching stop. Immediately, every day seemed to just crawl by at half speed and instead of loving it, we were trying to find ways to speed it up. The two things that could do just that were school and sports, but even that was weeks away. The only thing a 10-year old boy could do at this time was to reflect on the past and think about the future. I remember thinking how strange it was that I did not even question God nor did I get mad at him. It was a strange moment in time for all of us and I know that moment helped shape us into who we are today.

Everyone is currently living in this new strange moment in time. It is remarkable how a tiny little virus has caused the world to come to a screeching stop. For years, I would have conversations with parents and many times would start by asking "How's everything going?" Only to hear a far too familiar response of "Staying busy!" Now, many families have the time because their lives immediately slowed down. There are no sports practices or games to rush off to. We cannot even leave our house without it following under one of the governor's exceptions in the *Stay at Home* order. What better time than **now** to reflect on the past and think about the future! Whether it is starting a new profession, rebuilding the family life or reorganizing one's finances, take this gift of time and use it for good. Eventually, the schools will open up again and people will start to go back to living their "busy" life again. Don't let this opportunity pass without making you and your family stronger.

*"The God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights...You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great. (Psalm 18:32-35)*

### Keep "Liking" Us on Facebook!

Facebook is a great way to network and keep connected to church/school ministry. Please find us at the following link and 'like' our page: [www.facebook.com/kokroseville](http://www.facebook.com/kokroseville)

## Other News

Keep checking your sources for updates about the following events...

**SAGES Gathering May 4-5.** Register today for the SAGES Gathering 2020 in Mankato. Featured presenter Dr. Mark Jeske will guide attendees through the “20/20 Vision: Courage today. Hope tomorrow.” The gathering will also feature workshops, fellowship, and a banquet with entertainment by the Gundermanns.

**Alaska Mission Trip for Christ, Summer 2020**—see the attached document from Don Ullman for more details.

**Concordia Academy Summer Camps** for students in Grades 3-12 Students will get opportunities to dance, run, shoot, score, sing, paint, investigate, bake, repair, act, pitch, bat, lift, grow, explore, create, worship...and have the times of their lives. At CA, we are committed to Honoring God Through Excellence, and our camps are no exception. In 2020, we're offering over two dozen camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, Softball, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), and Youth Worship Team, along with **new camps: Amazing Painting, Auto Shop II, Cooking, and Electronics Magic.** [Click here to register for camps.](#) Space is limited in many camps, so early registration is encouraged to avoid being put on a waitlist. You can also [click here to download the 2020 camps catalog in PDF format.](#) If you have general questions about our camp program, email [camps@concordiaacademy.com](mailto:camps@concordiaacademy.com).

**InFaith Community Foundation Scholarships** Three scholarships between \$5,000 and \$9,000 are being offered for 3rd and 4th year ministry students enrolled at a college or university of the LCMS. This scholarship was established in memory of the now-closed congregation, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minneapolis. Complete requirements and applications are available at <https://www.infaithfound.org/newsgrants/scholarships> Applications are currently open. All applications and necessary documents are **due by April 30, 2020.**