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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"*

### Confession and Absolution in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

August 2018

In The Small Catechism, Luther asked and answered his own question: ***"What is Confession? Confession has two parts: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven."***

I heard this loudly and clearly in my confirmation class as Pastor Schmidt explained to us that he was not the one forgiving us, but that as our pastor, he had the privilege of telling us the good news that God has forgiven our sins and remembers them no more.

When Lutherans think of confession, we may invariably think of the confession we speak together on a Sunday morning. But what happens when that doesn't cut it? We hear the pastor say, *"I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit"* but we can't quite believe it or say *"Amen"* to it? What happens when we are terrified by a sin that haunts us, whether it is ongoing or something that happened a long time ago?

Then it is best to turn to your pastor or a Christian friend. There are times when we need to hear the absolution specifically with our name on it. The *Lutheran Service Book* addresses this human need on page 292. Confession and absolution may happen formally or informally as the occasion arises. I have heard confessions in my office, in hospital rooms, at the grocery store and in your living rooms and at your kitchen tables. Always, it is a mercy on both sides to share the forgiveness that Christ has won for each of us on the cross.

At his ordination, a pastor vows that he will not divulge the sins confessed to him. Pastor Lee and I have each made that vow. Initially, I worried about what I would think of people when they told me their darkest moments. God handled that for me. While it would take quite a bit to surprise me after 30 years of ministry, I have come to appreciate the fact that these are my brothers and sisters in Christ who are wrestling with sin and temptation and want to hear what Christ has done for them. They want to put their sins behind them and forge ahead. (There is a reason the devil is called "the accuser." Confession and absolution take all the wind out of his sails. If God has forgiven it, the devil can't use it against us anymore.) When a sin is confessed, it is forgiven and it is gone. A sin that is confessed no longer has any power over us.

*Forgiven and forgiving,  
Pastor Steven Bielenberg*

P.S. If you would like to study this topic further, check out the latest CTCR document *Confession and Absolution*, available on the LCMS website or contact the church office for a paper copy.

#### SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

August 1 – August 31:

Mon – Thurs 12-4

Closed Fridays

*(School office open mornings, beg. August 10.)*



#### King of Kings Lutheran Church

##### Service Times:

###### Sunday

8:30 AM – Classic Worship

9:45 AM – Sunday School and Bible study classes

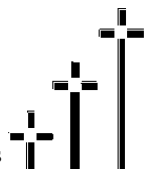
11:00 AM – Alternate Worship

12:15 PM – Hmong Sunday School and Bible Study

1:30 PM – Hmong (language) Community Worship

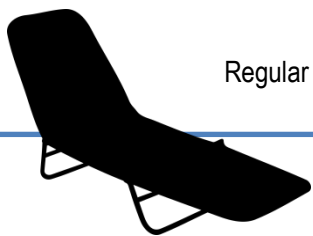
###### Wednesday

7:00 PM – Lent/Advent Services (seasonal)



## JUNE GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$40771.24; Roof – \$1,348.00; other specified offerings - \$ 1,078.93



### From the Window View of Pastor Lee

What is a Birthday?

A **birthday** is a day that comes once a year and it should be celebrated for several reasons. A birthday is a time when a person acknowledges the anniversary of his or her birth. In most cultures, birthdays are celebrated in some of the same ways. Often birthdays are celebrated with a gift, party, or some other special act.

A **birthday** is a time to celebrate birth itself. It is an expression of thanks to God for being born and still being alive. It is also an occasion to rethink your life. It is a great time to reflect on the past, evaluate your present and make plans for your future. It is a time when your past intersects with your present and future.

My legal U.S. birthday is August 15<sup>th</sup> but that's not my real birthday. My real birthday is somewhere in the first week of June. I figured that out because my parents left Laos to Thailand on May 17<sup>th</sup> and my mother told me I was born three weeks later. In many countries, birthdays are not recorded. Instead, they're remembered by events. For example, my mother would say, "I was about four or five years old when the Japanese invaded Laos and pushed out the French." According to recorded history, Japan invaded Southeast Asia in 1940. According to that, my mother's birth year is around 1935.

I wish I knew my real birthday, but there's good news. I have another birthday that I know for sure; June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998 is the day I was born again. That's the day I received God's saving grace. Through faith I believe that the water and His word forgives, renews, and strengthens me to serve Christ.

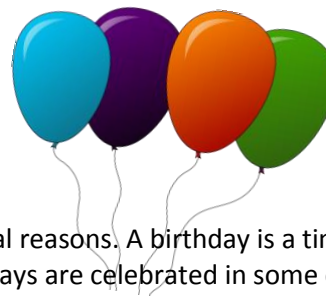
*John 3:3-5— Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

On your birthday, there is a celebration and receiving of gifts. In your baptism, you also celebrate and have received a greater gift, the gift of eternal life by God the father through God the Son and with the power of the God the Spirit. I pray that in good times and in tough times, you give thanks to God and remember how precious your baptism is.

If you've ever wondered what I whisper to the children when they come up during communion, this is what I say, "The Lord bless you and keep you and remembers you in your baptism, remember that Jesus loves you."

*Yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Vue Lee*



## Support a Missionary!

Back in 2009, our high school youth went to Juarez, Mexico to build a house through Ysleta Lutheran Mission. One of the staff members, Erin Mackenzie, was an awesome guide for us and is now becoming a career missionary! She will be serving as the regional Volunteer Coordinator for all of Latin America and the Caribbean. Lord willing, she will be deploying in August and she needs our help! She is seeking individuals and congregations to walk alongside her prayerfully and financially. If you are interested, you can check out the following sites: Online giving page: [lcms.org/givenow/mackenzie](https://lcms.org/givenow/mackenzie), Facebook page: [facebook.com/missionaryMAC](https://facebook.com/missionaryMAC), or Blog: [missionaryMAC.blogspot.com](https://missionaryMAC.blogspot.com).



## Youth Ministry

- Events are marked MS for Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and HS for High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade). Those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall are welcome to join us over the summer!
- **Camping Trip (HS):** August 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms and more information can be found on the bulletin boards and church website. Deadline to register is July 29<sup>th</sup>!
- **Beach Day (MS/HS):** August 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-8:30 pm. We're changing it up this year and meeting at Lake Josephine on Lexington. We will have the same drill as in the past with a consent form required! Forms must be turned in BEFORE the day of the event and can be found on the bulletin boards or the church website.

Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Mondays and is sent to all parents of 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are not receiving it, please contact DCE Sally Schuster at [sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto: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.

## Mission Team Returns From McGrath, Alaska

This is the sixteenth year that a VBS team has been sent to McGrath, AK by St Paul's Lutheran church in Munster, IN or a combined team from Paul's and King of Kings Lutheran Church, Roseville, MN. This year's combined team included Pam and Mackenzie Collova, Sofia Preciado, and Don Ullman from King of Kings in Roseville, MN and Catherine Arndt from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Munster, IN and Tim and Hayley Batt from McGrath.

McGrath is located approximately two hundred and fifty miles northwest of Anchorage which requires an hour flight from Anchorage across the Alaska Range of mountains to McGrath. McGrath has a population of about three hundred and fifty people. When the VBS team first went to McGrath the population was five hundred but it has diminished each year and continues to diminish because of the lack of employment.

We held VBS from July 10 to July 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM until 5 PM. The theme of the VBS program was God's Promise on life's wild ride. The key Bible Verse came from 2 Corinthians 1:20, For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. Over the course of the week 17 children attended at least once. We had a daily attended of 14 or 15 children. Two of the children were from Haiti and were being adopted by a couple in the community. They spoke very little English. Hopefully with the Holy Spirit's help they learned the Gospel message. Attending VBS gave them a opportunity to practice listening and speaking English.

Each day began with an Opening led Sofia which introduced the Take Home Point for the day and the Bible verse for the day and a video with Georde and Adam that introduced the Bible story for the day and a science question. Also the children were introduced to a new song and review songs they had previously learned.

After the opening the children learned the Bible story for the day led by Don. The children participated in telling the story with some children acting it out. Tuesday's Bible story was Moses hidden in the river where God was with Moses. Wednesday's Bible story was about the children of Israel crossing into the Promised Land where God gave them new life. Thursday's Bible Story was Jesus' Baptism where God declared that Jesus was our Savior, Friday's Bible story was about the disciples on the road to Emmaus where the events of Holy Week were reviewed and Jesus explained why he must die and rise again. Saturday's Bible story was about God saving Paul from the Sea when he was ship wrecked while being taken to Rome for trial.

After the Bible story the children made a craft which was led by Mackenzie. Each day's craft was related to the Bible story or the Take Home Point for the day. On Tuesday the children made a basket with baby Moses in it. Wednesday they made a fish. On Thursday they made a mobile with a dove decorated with ribbon and beads representing the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism. On Friday they made a "stained glass" cross using tissue paper. On Saturday they made a boat to remind them of how God saved Paul and everyone on the boat. (Continued...)

After crafts the children went to play games led by Tim and Hayley. The games involved team work and listening to directions. Some of their favorite games were crab walk and Duck, Duck, Gray Duck. They also had an opportunity to sail the boats they made in crafts.

After games the children went to music where Catherine led them in VBS songs. They also learned the Bible verse for the day, and reviewed the Take Home Point for the day.

At the end of music the children were led in a snack prayer before moving to snacks. The snacks were designed by Pam to show something from the day's story. The children loved them and eagerly ate them and drank the Kool aid and water.

At closing each day, the Bible verse, Take Home point and songs they learned that day were reviewed. Also they saw the rest of the video with George and Adam giving the truth about the science question. We took prayer requests from the children and prayed asking for God's help according to His will and then closed the day with a prayer.

On Thursday evening we had a Family Movie Night. Three families attended to watch two Veggie Tale movies.

On Friday at the end of the day we had a closing program for parents and the community. Twelve people attended. They were told what their children had learned for the week and listened to several songs sung by the children.

On Sunday after the worship service, the congregation held a pot luck dinner. It was a great way to try some Alaska foods such as Black Bear, Moose, salmon and Alaska Blue Barrie pie and crisp. There were many choices of food to eat. All of it was very good.



**2018 McGrath VBS Team**  
**Sofia Preciado, Mackenzie Collova,**  
**Don Ullman, Pam Collova from**  
**King of Kings, Roseville, MN**  
**Catherine Arndt from**  
**St Paul's in Munster, IN**  
**Hayley Batt and Tim Batt**  
**from McGrath**



**Children of McGrath**  
**that attended VBS**

# Principal's News & Notes

## Enrollment

King of Kings still has openings in preschool through eighth grade. If your family or a family you know is looking for a quality, Christian education with a strong emphasis on academics please invite them to visit our school website, [www.kingofkingslutherschool.org](http://www.kingofkingslutherschool.org) or have them call 651-484-9206 to arrange for a visit and receive additional information.

## Summer Collections & Savings:

School may be out for the summer, but there are still several ways you can help our school in the coming months. Keep collecting those recyclables, box tops, rewards, and proof-of-purchases. These items bring in several hundred dollars to the school each year. Items can be dropped off in the collection center or school office throughout the summer months. We currently collect:

- Box Tops from over 240 products participating in General Mills' Box Tops for Education program
- UPC Proof-of-Purchases from any Country Hearth or Village Hearth product participating in the Loaves 4 Learning program
- Empty printer cartridges accepted by the FundingFactory Recycling Program

## KoAm Korean Students Seek Wonderful Host Family for 2018-19!

KoAm encourages your family to be a host family, welcoming a Korean student into your home and heart. KoAm students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition, school fees and personal spending money for the duration of their stay. The exchange students show appreciation to the host family with a monetary gift and reimburse expenses. Please call KoAm Area Coordinator Nicole Riebe at [952-217-5510](tel:952-217-5510) or Haewon Park at [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640) cell or email [administrator@koameduall.org](mailto:administrator@koameduall.org) with your interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

Nicole Riebe  
Regional Coordinator  
KoAm Education Alliance

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## Keep "Liking" Us on Facebook!

As most of you know, Facebook is a great way to network and share the blessings we have at our church/school ministry. Please find us at the following link and 'like' our page: [www.facebook.com/koklutherschoolroseville](http://www.facebook.com/koklutherschoolroseville) Note: this is a separate page from the church.

## August Events

August 13 Teacher Workshop  
August 14 Teacher Workshop  
August 15 Teacher Workshop  
4:30 - 8:00 p.m. Back to School Night  
August 20 1st day of School  
August 22 5:30 p.m. 2nd - 5th Grade Classroom/Family Picnic  
August 24 NO SCHOOL  
August 29 5:30 p.m. Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st Grade Classroom/Family Picnic  
August 31 NO SCHOOL



Please visit the school website for calendar updates and a complete listing of all school events and activities:

[www.kingofkingslutherschool.org](http://www.kingofkingslutherschool.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)

## Stewardship Minute Message

**GOD EQUIPS AND ENABLES  
US TO SERVE HIM THROUGH  
OUR GIVING.**

*“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).*



### Witnesses for Christ

The story is told of a young man who had been out of work for some time. Jobs were scarce, but he was at last offered a job for the summer in a logging camp up north. His parents were somewhat concerned about the reaction of the rest of the crew when they found out the young man was a Christian. If the image of a lumberjack was true, they were sure his life would be quite unbearable. Upon his return home in the fall, his mother immediately inquired as to what had taken place when the word got out that he was a Christian, to which he replied, “They didn’t find out!”

Most of us don’t find ourselves in logging camps, but do those around us, wherever we are, know we are Christians? Are they aware that we are God’s children? Does what come out of our mouths ever leave any doubt as to who is in control of our lives? Jesus said, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). We are called to witness so we need to answer the question if we will be a good witness or a poor one. When Jesus’ disciples were told to stop preaching the Good News, they said, *“For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard”* (Acts 4:20).

So, how about us? God blessed us with minds and mouths to speak. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will give us the words and the courage to use them. Let’s be aware of the opportunities He places before us and make sure that the whole world hears the Good News. Make up your mind, right now, to become a joy-filled witness of God’s love and forgiveness for all people.



## SAVE THE DATE

**Many hands make light work!** Come and help our new Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Mackenzie Doraska and her husband Adam move into their new residence here in Mounds View! Come on out **August 3rd at 1:00 PM** (5410 Landmark Circle, Mounds View) to help get the Doraska's all moved in and ready to start at King of Kings! If you are able to help, please contact Amanda Adkins at [aadkins@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:aadkins@kingofkingsroseville.org).

**Night to Unite (Formerly National Night Out)** We hope to have our church's neighbors come out so we can meet them on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had over 100 people in attendance with half coming from the neighborhood. We will provide food, drinks, music, and a jump house. The fire and police department and McGruff the crime dog have been asked to come by at 7 PM. We would like to have at least 25 King of Kings Families to come out to help talk to people. In order for this event to be successful, the people of our neighborhood will need to know about it. As a child of God, let's plan to grow our heavenly family by coming on **Saturday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 9-10 AM** for the Neighborhood Prayer Walk. We will walk ¼ miles of our church's neighborhood. It will be easy, fast, fun, and enjoyable. Bring the kids, the dogs, and get your steps in. What an opportunity God has opened for us. I find it rather inspiring to see what God will do in this—Don't you? Email me, Pastor Lee @ [vee@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:vee@kingofkingsroseville.org) call or text my cell @ 209-261-0510 to let me know you are coming to have fun.

**Dean and Susie Nadasdy** cordially invite you to attend a Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving as Dean retires from fulltime pastoral ministry. The service will be held on **Sunday, August 19, 4:00 PM**, at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Valley Creek Campus, 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please send letters and cards to Debra Connolly at [debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org) or at Debra Connolly, Minnesota South District, 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55306.

**Rejoice choir members:** We are looking forward to starting up this year on **Wednesday, September 5th at 7:45 PM!** New members, all voices are welcome. Please contact Gizelle Smothers at [mkgizelle@msn.com](mailto:mkgizelle@msn.com) or 651-236-0438.



**Lifelight Bible Study** will resume in September, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. The upcoming session will focus on an Old Testament book. Watch for more info about starting date! For more information, contact Al Wassermann ([almarge2hikers@q.com](mailto:almarge2hikers@q.com) , 651-484-1487) or Sally Schuster ([sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org))

**JOY:FULLY ALIVE > BODY&SOUL** Save the date for the 2019 LCMS Life Conference which will be held January 17-19, 2019 in Washington D.C. For more information, go to [lcms.org/life](http://lcms.org/life).



**Oberammergau 2019** Have you had a lifelong desire to see where Martin Luther was born, where he lived and served as a pastor and other important sites in Germany? Would you like to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau? The villagers in this small Alpine village have been performing it every 10 years since 1634 to fulfill the vow their ancestors made to God, if God would release them from the deadly plague that year. Pastor Bob Gehrke from South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake will be leading a tour for 11 days from August 11-21, 2020. (Brochures are available from Pastor Bielenberg.) If you would like to know more, please call Pastor Gehrke at 651-503-7032.