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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

December 2018

Every once in a great while I run into a person who says, “I don’t like music.” It’s not that they don’t know how to play an instrument. It’s not that they just prefer one type of music over another. They just don’t like music. I love music and have to feel sorry for them! Do they know what they are missing?

It would be hard for us to celebrate Advent and Christmas without the music we always associate with these seasons. The Advent hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” has been around for 800 years and shows no sign of wearing out! And everyone has their favorite Christmas song, whether it is sacred or secular. “Once in Royal David’s City” is one of mine, but please don’t make me choose! My only regret is that the Advent/Christmas season is so short that we can hardly get all of our favorites in!

This Advent, each of us has been challenged to read through the Gospel of Luke by Christmas. A chapter a day, the first chapter on December first. As we gather on Wednesday evenings, we will consider the songs that are recorded for us at the beginning of Luke’s Gospels and the people who sang them. As people who lived before the cross, they prepared for the coming Messiah differently than we do. We can learn so much from them if we take the time to take a deep breath and listen to what they have to say. On Christmas Eve, we will join the angels who sang the first “*Gloria in Excelsis!*”

Join us for Evening Prayer at 7:00 P.M. on the first three Wednesdays in December as we prepare for the Lord of Lords and King of Kings once more. Feel free to invite a neighbor or friend to join us.

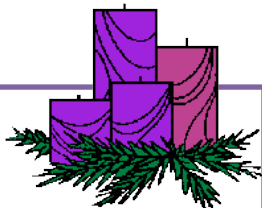
*December 5    Mary’s Song: The Magnificat    Luke 1:39-56*

*December 12    Zechariah’s Song: The Benedictus    Luke 1:57-80*

*December 19    Simeon’s Song: The Nunc Dimittis    Luke 2:21-35*

*Have a blessed Advent season!*

*Pastor Steven Bielenberg*



### King of Kings Lutheran Church

#### Regular Service Times:

##### Sunday

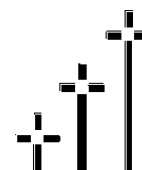
8:30 AM – Classic Worship

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 Advent services :

Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at 7:00 P.M.

(Evening Prayer w/5:30PM dinner before)

**Christmas Eve Family worship** at 4:00 P.M.

**Christmas Eve Candle Light worship** at 10:30 P.M.

**Christmas Day worship** at 9:30 A.M.

**New Year’s Eve** at 6:00 P.M.

## OCTOBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$45,005.27; Parking Lot – \$444.00; other specified offerings - \$444.80

Joyful Response – General \$12,984.00; Parking Lot \$1,421.00

### Family Caroling

Everyone is invited to sing Christmas carols at 2 senior living facilities in Roseville this coming **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Service times are **2:15pm** at the Estates of Roseville Nursing Home (2727 Victoria Street North) followed by a second service across the street at New Perspectives at **3:15**. Come join us!



### Christmas Eve Choir

The Christmas Eve choir is a one-time, intergenerational group that gathers to sing for the 4:00PM service. All ages are welcome; recommended age 8 on up. This opportunity is open to all those interested, singles to family groups, even visiting family from out of town. **Please register your intent to sing with director Rebecca Fritz at [rebecca.fritz@concordiaacademy.com](mailto:rebecca.fritz@concordiaacademy.com) by Dec. 10.** You will receive more rehearsal information along with music and recorded rehearsal tracks to prepare two anthems.



### Women's Ministry/WAIC Winter Service Project

The Women's Ministry group will be collecting items for Simpson Housing Services – a Minneapolis agency providing housing and support for people experiencing homelessness. You can support this service project in two ways – the donation of gently used blankets that will be used to make sleeping bags; or by providing food, hygiene products and new clothing. **Drop off items at the Thrivent Table in the church narthex until December 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Please contact Deb Schultz with any questions – 651-483-1148.

*Thanks for your generosity!*



#### Donation Items:

##### Food

Coffee, tea, hot cocoa  
Cereal  
Cub Foods gift cards \$20 and \$30

##### Personal Hygiene

Bar soap  
Shaving razors/Shaving cream  
Travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and lotion  
Facial tissue  
Bath towels and wash cloths – gently used or new  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes  
Combs & brushes  
Q-tips  
Toilet paper

##### Clothing

New boxer shorts – sizes S, M, and L  
New adult & child underwear  
New adult & child socks  
New bras – all sizes  
New white t-shirts – all sizes  
New adult t-shirts

### Membership Updates November 2018

**In by Holy Baptism:** Tobias Ian Vuu and Claudius Noel Vue, sons of Chai Vue & Lucy Lee, November 11  
Tony Lee, November 11

**In by transfer:** Jessica Vaughan-Jensen, Morgan and Calvin Jensen from Trinity, St. Francis  
Eunice Przybylski from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Babbitt  
Chandra Colvin from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Cloud  
Jazmin Roste from Zion Lutheran Church & School, Alexandria  
Jane Teschke from Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault  
Amy Lynn Dewald from Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan

**Out by transfer:** Jon and Jennifer Lahti, Jacob, Sarah to Gethsemane Church, Tempe, AZ



## From the Window View of Pastor Lee

Christmas is not celebrated in the country of Laos where my parents came from. Most people there are Buddhist. They know Christmas is the celebration of a man named Jesus but it's just another birthday, like the Buddha's. When we got to the U.S. we learned it wasn't just Jesus' birthday, it was a day we got presents from white people. As a poor family, we couldn't afford any presents so I looked forward to it. Then when I was about ten years-old, a black family started giving us presents. I was older now; I could understand the story of Jesus. It didn't make too much sense to me, but if these people wanted to come to our apartment complex year after year and give us presents, I'd show up.

Little did I know, the real present was planted inside of me. When the opportunity came for me to convert to Christianity, all the pieces of the puzzle began to come together. All the toys and stories started to make sense. It hadn't make sense back then but it started to make sense now. They might be wondering, where my family is now. I also wonder where there are now.

Why am I telling this little story? So that you may be encouraged, inspired, and empowered by the Spirit to do the same to some kid that might only be coming to get a present. He might not be paying attention to your story of Jesus. He might care only about his new toy. But one day that annoying, immigrant--but curious kid--may become your pastor.

When you give a present, you're planting a present.


*Blessings,*

*Pastor Vue Lee*



# THANKSGIVING

*Happy Thanksgiving from  
Our Family to Yours!  
Thank You for Supporting  
Hmong Outreach in CA.  
We Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart  
for Your Partnership.  
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving with  
Family and Loved Ones.  
In Christ,  
Pastor Doua & Sue Xiong*



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**Blessing,  
Pastor Xiong**

**St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministry**  
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**Merced, CA**  
**Church: 209-383-3301**  
**Cell: 314-203-6582**

***Joy of Harvest's mission is  
to "Bring" Jesus to the Hmong People.***



## Youth Ministry

- **Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
  - **Youth Night every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday:** 3:00 to 6:15 pm. **On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will go until 6:30 pm. The whole family is welcome to join us for Advent Worship at 7 pm!** Please sign in at the Jerusalem Room when you arrive. Here is the schedule:
    - **3-3:30 pm** Free time – electronics allowed
    - **3:30 pm** Small Group Time
    - **4:45 pm** Dinner
    - **5:15 pm** Small Group Time
    - **6:15 pm** Gym Time during Advent and we end at 6:30 pm
    - Youth will only be part of one small group, but we know that some are available right after school while others aren't available until later on because of after school activities. If they were a part of the first small group time, they will be able to work on homework, play outside, etc. during the second small group time.
  - **December 26:** No Youth Night! Enjoy Christmas vacation time with your family!
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
  - **Hangout every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday:** Youth Room from 7-10 pm. There will be free time in Youth Room and Gym, Small Groups, and of course, EAT SNACKS! We will be meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> after Advent worship!
  - **Children's Advent Festival/Parents' Morning Out (MS/HS):** Give parents a morning out to finish their Christmas shopping and other activities during this busy time! It will be on December 8 from 9 am to 1 pm. This is a fundraiser for the youth through a free will offering so we need youth and parents to sign up to help for part or all of the time!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094caba628a2fe3-20181>

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 or have any questions, 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.

### LCEF District Scholarships – Apply By Jan. 31, 2019

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. More details are available at [lcefcentral.org/scholarships](http://lcefcentral.org/scholarships). The application deadline is 31Jan2019. For information concerning LCEF investment opportunities, contact Tommy Murdock at [tomdimurdock@gmail.com](mailto:tomdimurdock@gmail.com) or 612-715-2361.

### Church Directory Updates

Please note the following corrections/updates to the directory:

Address: Ms. Lillie Rutz  
2555 Snelling Ave N.  
Apt 313  
Roseville, MN 55113

Address: Mr. & Mrs. Dave Perry  
64 Shannon Drive  
Hastings, MN 55033

Address: Bobby & Litded Davis  
5105 Beard Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55410

Deb Schultz Email: [debmarsch@q.com](mailto:debmarsch@q.com) ('c' was missing)



### South gate policy

Gate will not have a lock on it unless needed in the future.

Teachers: First staff member that arrives who parks in the south parking lot will open the gate. The gate will be closed once school starts at 8:15 a.m. and reopened at 3 p.m. Anyone who arrives between these times will need to open the gate and close it behind them. The last staff to leave the south parking lot will close the gate for the night. If there are school events, someone will need to open the gate to allow people to park and close it up when the event is done.

Church members: Anytime the gate is closed and you want to park in the south parking lot, you will need to open the gate and be responsible for closing it when you leave.

Sundays: The Pastor or Lay Minister will be responsible for opening the gate. The last person to leave the church property will close the gate for the day. As of now, this will be someone after the Hmong worship.

These are general instructions. Exercise common sense where needed.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Lee.

## Fellowship Fun!



**500 Card Night – Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**

Join us for a fun night of cards! This month's games will be held at the home of Mark & Deb Schultz, 2610 Park St. Little Canada, 55117. Please RSVP by calling 612-222-6879 to confirm your attendance. Bring a snack to share!

Hope to see you there!!



**Children's Advent Festival ("Parents' Morning Out") – Saturday, Dec 8th, 9 AM – 1 PM**

**Parents**, enjoy a few hours away for holiday shopping, preparations or respite while your children experience the **true meaning of the season**. The Board of Fellowship and Youth Ministry are co-hosting this special event for children **birth – grade 5**. Children will enjoy crafts, sensory activities, story time, Christmas carols, snacks, playtime and more throughout the morning, with a focus on preparing their hearts to celebrate the birth of our King. Drop off/pick up anytime throughout the morning. Lunch (pizza, fruit and veggies) will be served at 11:30 a.m. **Register online at <https://kingofkings.wufoo.com/forms/childrens-advent-festival>. Registration deadline is Sunday, Dec. 2nd.** Cost: Freewill offering, with proceeds to benefit our Youth Program.

We envisioned this as a multi-generational event, so **volunteers of all ages (6th grade and older) are needed and encouraged to participate**. If you'd like to volunteer, there's a sign-up sheet in the coffee/fellowship area or you can sign up **online**.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Christina Gjelhaug ([cgjelhaug@hushmail.com](mailto:cgjelhaug@hushmail.com)) or Sally Schuster ([sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org)).



## Stewardship Minute Message:

### **God's Indescribable Gift**

The month of December is for many people the busiest time of the year. In the weeks surrounding Christmas, we have gatherings, parties, and shopping that fill up our days. As enjoyable and even beneficial as these activities can be, we must guard against their taking our focus off the gift of our Savior Who brought with Him forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life forever with Him in Heaven.

We should never tire of hearing how miraculous an event Jesus' birth was. Can you picture yourself being one of the shepherds, half asleep, yet watching over a flock of sheep settled down for the night? On the night of Jesus birth, the sky was filled with light. The shepherds were awakened and became fearful, wondering what was happening. They heard the words of the angels saying: *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy...for unto you is born...a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:10-11). What the angels said likely calmed them slightly, but they had to be very excited. Filled with awe, they went to find the *"Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger"* (verse 12). They found Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and they couldn't keep quiet about it. Just as the shepherds made known what was told to them, we in the same way are to share the good news of the Christ Child.

How sad that, just because we've heard the story countless times, we lose our sense of awe and gratitude and don't make known all we've heard concerning this Child born to be our Savior. Because of His birth and His suffering and death and resurrection, our lives are not what they would have been. Therefore, we have a story to tell. What has Jesus done for us? How does He help us in our daily lives? What is it like to have the sure hope of Heaven? What can we say about the *"inexpressible gift"* (2 Corinthians 9:15) of God's grace given to in His Son, the Baby of Bethlehem?



## School News & Notes

**Principal call committee** Sunday, October 28th, a special Voters' Meeting was held to extend a call for the Principal position here at King of Kings Lutheran School. The call was extended to Mr. Phillip Rogers of Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Please pray for Mr. Rogers and his family as they discern God's will. Our thanks to the Call Committee for all the hard work they have done.

**Wanted: Your Hospitality!** Want to make a difference from the comfort of your own home? Invite a Japanese college student studying at Bethel University this winter (February 16th - March 12th) to be a part of your family! Share your love and faith with your student, and you'll plant a seed. Your student takes classes during the day and spends the evenings with you. Transportation help to/from Bethel is provided as well as a stipend. For information contact Lisa Bekemeyer, [L.Bekemeyer@me.com](mailto:L.Bekemeyer@me.com) or 651-253-9498.

### 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/kokroseville](http://www.facebook.com/kokroseville)

Note: this is a separate page from the church.

**Community Boosters Holiday Service Project** With the holidays coming up, there are so many people with challenges in our community that just need a little warmth of love. With challenges comes opportunity to share how Jesus loves us and we've made it easy for you. Here's an opportunity to serve, fellowship, and help those who have less than we do!!

On **Monday, December 10th @ 3:30PM** in the Jerusalem room, we will be putting into bags donations of hats, mittens, chap stick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, granola bars, small bibles, hand sanitizer, small bottles of lotion, \$5.00 gift cards for fast food, scarves, warm thick socks, gum, and whatever else you can think that would be good. Feel free to share used items (ex. socks, hats, mittens) as long as the items are in good condition and clean. Here comes the best part. Your family gets to write or draw a note about how Jesus loves them. Please drop off any items to Pastor Lee's office.

Please contact Molly Kieser at [mollykieser@yahoo.com](mailto:mollykieser@yahoo.com) or 612-735-9393 or Pastor Lee at [vee@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:vee@kingofkingsroseville.org) or 209-261-0510 if you plan to attend or have any questions.

### December Events

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- 12/1** 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Fall Classic Tournament  
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  - 12/2** 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Fall Classic Tournament  
5/6 Girls Basketball @ Fall Classic Tournament
  - 12/6** 4:00pm - 5/6 Girls Basketball  
4:30pm - Preschool Christmas Program  
5:00pm - 5/6 Boys Basketball  
6:00pm - 7/8 Girls Basketball  
7:00pm - 7/8 Boys Basketball
  - 12/7** 7/8 Girls Zion Lutheran Mayer Tournament
  - 12/8** 7/8 Girls Zion Lutheran Mayer Tournament
  - 12/13** 6:30pm - K-8 Christmas Program
  - 12/20** 4:00pm - 5/6 Girls Basketball SJC  
5:00pm - 5/6 Boys Basketball SJC  
6:00pm - 7/8 Girls Basketball SJC  
7:00pm - 7/8 Boys Basketball SJC
  - 12/21** End of Second Quarter  
**Noon Dismissal – NO PM BUS**  
Teacher In-Service PM
  - 12/24 – 1/6 Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL**



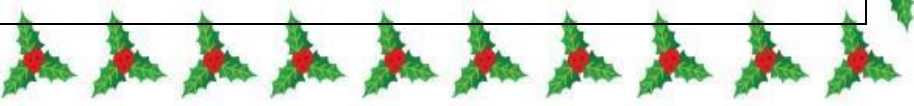
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(Preschool - 8th Grade)

*"It's Still All About Jesus"*

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[kingofkingschool@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:kingofkingschool@kingofkingsroseville.org)

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)





## SAVE THE DATE



**Family Caroling** Everyone is invited to sing Christmas carols at 2 senior living facilities in Roseville this coming Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Service times are 2:15pm at the Estates of Roseville Nursing Home (2727 Victoria Street North) followed by a second service across the street at New Perspectives at 3:15. Come join us!



**Church Decorating** We will be decorating the sanctuary on **Sat., Dec. 8th at 9:00 AM** for the Christmas season. Please consider helping as many hands make for light work. Thank you.

**Concordia University, St. Paul Presents The Promise Fulfilled: 2018 Fine & Performing Arts Christmas Concert** at the Buetow Music Center Auditorium (300 Hamline Avenue St. Paul, 55104) Performances will be

**Friday, Dec. 7, 7:30 PM, Saturday, Dec. 8, 4:30 PM, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 PM** Tickets available after Oct. 15 at [ticketworks.com](http://ticketworks.com) or by phone at 612-343-3390/1-888-779-0079.

\$15 adults; \$12 students/seniors

**Cookie Sale:** Yum, yum, the Emmaus Lutheran Church cookie sale is almost here! Spread the news: **December 8th from 9AM-12** (or until we run out of cookies) is the day. (1074 Idaho Ave W, Saint Paul, MN 55117). In addition to krumkake, truffles, dipped pretzel rods, spritz cookies, etc, you can order gifts or stock up on Thirty-One gifts. We hope to see you there! Proceeds from the cookie sale will help support our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in 2019.



**Concordia Academy Christmas Concert** Join the Concordia Academy band, choirs, and art students at CA's 2018 Christmas Concert, "Gloria." Performances are **Saturday, December 8, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 PM**. In addition, artwork from students in CA's 5 first semester art classes will be exhibited. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Online ticketing is available at [www.concordiaacademy.com](http://www.concordiaacademy.com).

**"Joy To The World, The Lord Has Come"**! The St. Paul Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League will gather on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at Emmaus Lutheran Church (1074 Idaho Ave W, St Paul, MN 55117). Please bring something savory or something sweet or something salty to share at "munchies" time (something that will complement the Submarine Sandwiches that will be provided by the Zone). Please RSVP to Benjamin Bonine at 651-738-1767 or Email [benjamin.bonine@thrivent.com](mailto:benjamin.bonine@thrivent.com).

**Neighborhood Prayer Walk** I know it's cold but you need to walk off all the food you ate at Thanksgiving to make room for Christmas and New Year dinner. Please join us in praying and reaching out to our community around KoK. We will fellowship, walk, pray, and tag doors to let our neighbors know that we love, pray for, and want them to be a part of our KoK family and to join us for worship services this Christmas. Love your neighbor as yourself. If you haven't joined us before, join us on **Dec 15<sup>th</sup> in the Jerusalem room @ 9 AM**. You'll be done in 1 hr and still have the whole day to shop.

**Living Nativity** Bethel Lutheran Church (670 W. Wheelock Pkwy.) invites you to experience "live" events surrounding the very first Christmas. For the sixth year, on **December 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30pm**, families will have the opportunity to journey to Bethlehem to witness the story unfold in many exciting ways! See the poster in the narthex for more information, or call Bethel 651-300-2642 or visit their website: [bethelstpaul.com](http://bethelstpaul.com).

**Third Saturday Game Night** Join us in the Jerusalem Room for Game Night this third **Saturday, December 15 from 5-11PM**. Game night is open house style, arrive and leave when you like. Bring a snack or drink to share with other players if you like. Contact Mike Boll with questions. (701) 955-8195 [mboll@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:mboll@kingofkingsroseville.org)