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Wednesday Advent services:

Dec.4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 P.M. (5:45 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.

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Pastor's Corner December 2019

In the delightful Christmas hymn, Where Shepherds Lately Knelt, Jaroslav Vajda brings the prophet Isaiah to the manger of Jesus in verse three:

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare; A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me, A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me. (LSB 369)

This Advent we are reading through the first section of Isaiah together. A reading guide is available in each Sunday's bulletin and will be emailed each Monday. (A special thanks to our vicar, Dr. Joshua Miller, for preparing the reading guides for us.) Reading God's Word is done individually (or in other family groups) but as we think about the rest of our congregation or school reading at the same time, it becomes corporate as well. When others are reading the same passages on the same days, we are encouraged as we are in the Word together. (If you miss a day or two, don't be discouraged. Just pick up on the reading appointed for that day and rejoice in that.) Here's what Luther has to say about reading the prophet Isaiah - and making discoveries of our own:

What profit there may be in reading Isaiah, I prefer to let the reader discover for himself, rather than tell him; and for one who does not, or will not, discover it for himself, there is not much profit to speak about. [Isaiah] is full of living, encouraging, heartening sayings for all poor consciences and miserable, disturbed hearts; and there are enough words of threatening and terror against the stubborn, proud, hard-heads; if that will help.

The Old Testament readings for this Advent season are all from Isaiah; we will also be taking our Midweek services from the mountains Isaiah describes throughout his prophecy.

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. (If your schedule allows, a meal will be served at 5:45 in the Jerusalem as well.)

December 4 The Mountain of Peace Isaiah 2:1-5

December 11 The Mountain of Good News Isaiah 52:7-10

December 18 The Mountain of Reunion Isaiah 66:18-23

Have a blessed Advent season! 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 РМ — Hmong (language) Community Worship

(1st Sunday of each month)



From the Window View of Pastor Lee

Because of its multi-cultural nature, the United States of America has many different traditions and ways in which people celebrate Christmas. Many Americans, especially Christians, will go to Church to celebrate the "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah

birth of Jesus at Christmas. Many churches have special Christmas Carol services and events where the story of Christmas is told. Americans also send out Christmas Cards, and there's the unusual custom of the Christmas Pickle! People in America like to decorate the outsides of their houses with lights and sometimes even figures of Santa Claus, Snowmen and Reindeer. Some cookies and glass of milk are often left out as a snack for Santa on Christmas Eve! On Christmas Day people will exchange gifts.

How do other countries celebrate Christmas? Christmas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is more of a religious festival rather than a commercial one. Most people won't have any presents. Christmas Eve is very important, with Churches having big musical evenings (many churches have at least 5 or 6 choirs) and a nativity play. These plays last a very long time. They start at the beginning of the evening with the creation and the Garden of Eden and end with the story of King Herod killing the baby boys.

People taking part in the play really like to show off their 'best' acting skills and tend to go over the top and 'ham it up'! Mary is often well advanced in labor before she arrives!

The birth of Jesus is timed to happen as close to midnight as possible, and after that come the depictions of the shepherds, the wise men and the slaughter of the innocents. This means the play normally finishes about 1am. However, in some places there will be further singing until dawn! The Christmas day service then starts at 9am with lots more singing.

On Christmas day, most families try to have a better meal than usual. If they can afford it, they will have some meat, normally chicken or pork. The rest of the day is spent quite quietly, maybe sleeping after a busy and late night on Christmas Eve!

In the Lingala language, which is spoken in the DRC and some other African countries, Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Mbotama Malamu'.

How do you celebrate Christmas?

Blessings, Pastor Vue Lee

Membership Updates:

Don Ullman Address Update:

1396 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108

Katherine Klemp Name and Address Update:

Rev. & Katherine Krueger

17756 Marschall Rd., Jordan, MN 55352

December Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 3:30PM

Tuesday, Dec 24 8-12:00PM

Wednesday/Thursday, Dec. 25-26 - Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec 31 8-12PM

Wednesday/Thursday, Dec 1-2 - Office Closed

OCTOBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$43,834.08;
Parking Lot – \$3,858.00;
Other specified offerings - \$1,970.58
Joyful Response – General \$12,875.00;
Parking Lot - \$1,075.00

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Church Decorating We will be decorating the sanctuary on Sat., Dec. 7th at 9:00 AM for the Christmas season. Please consider helping as many hands make for light work.

Thank you!

Family Caroling

Everyone is invited to sing Christmas carols at 2 senior living facilities in Roseville this coming **Sunday**, **December 1**st.

Beginning at **2:00pm** at the Estates of Roseville Nursing Home (2727 Victoria Street North) followed by a second service across

the street at New Perspectives. Come join us!

Christmas Eve Choir

Singers of all ages (7 and up) are invited to join together to provide special music for the Christmas Eve Family Service at 4:00 pm. This is an opportunity for people of all backgrounds and interests to join together in two accessible choral pieces. Music and rehearsal soundtracks will be available ahead of time and there will be two group rehearsals: Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6:15 pm and Saturday, Dec. 21 at 9:30 am. We will also meet at 3:15 pm on Christmas Eve for one final rehearsal. Please contact Rebecca Fritz at rebecca.fritz@concordiaacademy.com or 651-486-9123 by Dec. 18 to register your intent to sing and to have access to the music and recordings.

King of Kings Women's ministry and Thrivent are again sponsoring a drive to support Simpson Housing Services.

Drop off items listed on the Thrivent Table in Narthex through Dec. 15. Contact Deb Schultz with questions or to learn more: debmarsch69@gmail.com

(All items must be new, unless noted otherwise.)

Food

Cereal

Coffee, tea, hot cocoa

Cub Foods gift cards \$20 and \$30

Personal Hygiene

Bath towels and wash cloths – gently used or new

Bar soap

Deodorant

Shaving razors/Shaving cream

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and lotion

Q-tips

Facial tissue

Combs & brushes

Toilet paper

Clothing

New bras – all sizes

New boxer shorts - sizes S, M, and L

New white t-shirts - all sizes

New adult & child underwear, t-shirts, and socks

500 Cards Club for the month of December will be **Friday**, **December 6th at 6:30pm**. Our hosts for the evening will be Steve & Janelle Dahl. (3104 Hamline Ave. N., Roseville). Please bring a snack/appetizer to share. If you have any questions you can contact the Dahls (651-503-5842). **All levels of players are welcome**, even those who have never played but wish to learn. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the north hallway or contact the Dahl. Looking forward to a fun evening with friends!

Simpson Housing Sleeping
Bag Project Calling all ladies!
Join Women's Ministry
Saturday, December 14 from
10:00AM-1:00PM in the
Jerusalem room. We will be
tying completed sleeping bags
from 10:00-12:00 with lunch
served at 12:00. No need to
bring anything but your favorite
pair of scissors. Please RSVP
to Deb Schultz 612-222-6879 or
signup on the WAIC bulletin
board to assist with set up and
food order

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH THE ROSEVILLE P.D.

Loving our neighbors with the Roseville Police
Department: How can you help? It's so easy, donate any
of the following items and drop them off to Pastor Lee: 1gallon zip top bags, fruit snacks, granola/protein bars,
water bottles, socks, gloves, beanies, hand wipes, chap
stick, tooth brushes/paste, Cub/Target Gift Card of any
amount, and a handwritten note. If you don't feel like
shopping, you can make a monetary donation and Pastor
Lee will buy it on your behalf.

Luke10:27: 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.'

Letter From the Vicar

The Christmas Rush and God

Well, it's started. No sooner are the Thanksgiving leftovers put in the freezer, then the Christmas rush begins. We have presents to buy. We have parties to plan. We have cards to send. Oops, did we forget to take the Christmas pictures for the cards? Whose house are we going to visit this year? Are we going to buy a real Christmas tree? Should we switch out the old Christmas lights for LED's? Should we eat turkey or ham? Have we forgotten anything???

The Christmas rush can really debilitate us. As it carries us away into a frenzy, it can make us despair that we just don't have enough time to do it all. It can leave us worn out and feeling down. Worse than that, it can cause to put our focus on something other than our Lord.

In the Christmas rush, we are often tempted to forget why all of this holiday season exists in the first place: that God became one of us in Jesus to save us from our sins. Sometimes, in the midst of the Christmas rush, we may be tempted to forget who our God really is. We may be tempted to put shopping, presents, parties, food, or visits above our Lord Jesus, whose birth we celebrate. Ironically, the world, the devil, and our old sinful nature can use the rush that surrounds the celebration of God's becoming flesh in Jesus to tempt us to worship another God than Him.

In his discussion of the first of the Ten Commandments ("You shall have no other gods"), Martin Luther defines "a god" as whatever we trust in above all else and our refuge in need. In the midst of the Christmas rush, where do we put our trust? Where do we go for refuge? To what or whom do we give our time, honor, and worship?

If we only look at things this way though, we're no better off. Then we just see Christmas as an accusation against us that shows us that we have not loved God above all else, that we do not trust Him more than all else, that we don't always turn to Him in every need, that we spend our time and even our worship on things other than Him.

The good news, though, is that He already knew that, and that's why He came to us at Christmas. In ourselves we could never love, trust, and worship God as we should. Left to ourselves, we would always remain lost in our own clamoring and rushing around. God did not wait for us to come to Him for Christ, though. Instead, He came **to us** at Christmas, born in a manger to save us from our sins, death, the devil, and even our own selves.

At Christmas, our God came to us, because we could not come to Him. He came to us, because He knew that unless He did so, we'd always miss Him in the rush of our lives. But, brothers and sisters, He **did** come to us at Christmas.

Shopping is not your god. Presents, while nice to others, are not your god. Food, while good, is not your god. The Christmas rush is not your god. Your God is that baby in the manger. God become human through the Virgin Mary for you and for me.

The Christmas rush itself may not end, but it cannot rob us of the meaning and joy of Christmas either. For the Baby who is God in the flesh is the meaning of Christmas. He is our joy. He is our salvation! "O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord." He, the Christ child, is our only God this Christmas season, and this is truly good news!

Your Vicar, Joshua Miller

¹ The Large Catechsim in The Book of Concord, ed. Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2000), 386-387.

From the Board of Lay Ministry

Readers' Responses to the Read-Through-Luke in December 2018

"We enjoyed reading Luke and knew we were taking part as a member group from King of Kings...also we were able to appreciate the entire story of His life which included so many of his words/conversations. The provided sheets of questions kept us on track."



"Even though I missed a day here or there, this helped me get back into a daily Bible reading schedule. I thought it was unusual, and then I appreciated, the tension between the story of Christ's Passion and the time I was mentally preparing for the celebration of Christmas this year. Of course we know this is why Jesus came, but the Luke reading challenge really helped put it all together. "

"I did do the Luke readings. Certainly any Bible reading challenge is a benefit to the heart and soul and the community of believers!"

2019 Advent Bible Reading: Isaiah 1-39

This Advent, the Board of Lay Ministry, Pastor Bielenberg, Pastor Lee, and Vicar Miller invite you to join us as on a journey into the book of Isaiah. We will make this journey together in three stages, beginning with Isaiah chapters 1-39 during Advent. As in previous years, you will see a summary of the readings for the week and related discussion/reflection questions in the bulletin and by e-mail on Mondays.

You can use this daily reading for personal edification, your family dinner table conversation, 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 as we hear Isaiah's proclamation of God's judgment of sin and promise of coming salvation!

Reading Isaiah		Week One	December 2019
Dec. 1	Isaiah 1 God begs His fallen people, Judah, to re	pent and be washed by His forgivene	ss. How does God wash
us, His ped	ople?		
Dec. 2	Isaiah 2-3 God promises His people, Judah, goo	d news in the midst of judgment for tl	heir sins. What does God
promise them? What does God promise us? (see Matt. 1:21 and Rev. 21:3-4)			
Dec. 3	Isaiah 4-5 In ch. 5, God judges His vineyard, Judo	nh, for their "bad fruit." What were sc	ome of their bad fruits?
(see also Gal. 5:13-29)			
Dec. 4	Isaiah 6-7 Where in the Divine Service does God	show up for us with forgiveness as we	repeat the words in Is.
6:3?			
Dec. 5	Isaiah 8:1- 10:4 How might Is. 8:12-13 be heard	as good news for the people of Isaiah	's day? How about in
our own day? What about Is. 9:2-7?			
Dec. 6	Isaiah 10:5-34 In the midst of preaching God's ju	ıdgment against Judah's sin, Isaiah al	lso proclaims God's
promise of salvation (Is. 10:20-26). What will this salvation look like? How does it compare to our own salvation?			
Dec. 7	Isaiah 11-12 The closing two chapters of Is. 1-1.	2 are packed with promises of good n	ews. How do you think
God's proj	mises here might an heyond the restoration of luc	lah? What does Is 11:6-9 sound like?	





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 on Advent Wednesdays (December 4, 11, 18): We will still continue to meet after school, but parents are expected to arrive by 5:45 pm if staying for dinner and worship.
 - 3:00 pm Study Hall/Free time
 - 3:30 pm Snack and Small Group Time for those who have the later practice
 - 4:45 pm Snack and Small Group Time for rest of the group.
 - **5:45 pm** Advent Dinner parents need to attend if staying!
 - 7:00 pm Advent Worship
 - **Sunday mornings:** Each week, there is a middle school Bible study held in Room 111 (Mr. Schmidtke's Classroom). Most weeks, it is only 6th graders as the 7th/8th graders have confirmation in Room 101 (Mr. Boll's Classroom). Whenever there is no confirmation, the MS Bible Study will still be happening and the 7th/8th graders are welcome to join the 6th graders.
- High School (9th-12th Grade)
 - Community Night on Advent Wednesdays: We meet after worship until 9 pm. The Youth Room will be open for conversations as well as the gym!
 - **Sunday mornings:** Most Sundays, we will have a video-based Bible Study on various topics with on-site service projects sprinkled in! We meet in the Youth Room (Room 112) from 9:45-10:45am.
- **Sign Up for Text Alerts!!!** We use Remind to communicate what's coming up! Text the following codes to the number 81010 to sign up:

MS Youth: @27c366HS Youth: @h8e247

- If you have kids in both groups, please sign up for both! Add your kids to the appropriate group as well!
- Volunteer Opportunities

As Sally's role has become part-time, there is the opportunity for you to be the point person for extra events and fundraisers! Check out this list of established events and sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baca82da7fb6-youth7 If you have other suggestions, please let Sally know so that we can coordinate with the entire organization.



LCEF IS OFFERING TO \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING SENIORS

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. Candidates must also be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. **Application deadline is January 31, 2020**. Applications will not be considered valid unless all material requested is submitted in an online application. The scholarship will be awarded on merit and need, and distributed following successful completion of one semester (or term) at the accredited institution the student is attending. Learn more and apply at Icefcentral.org/scholarships

ALASKA MISSION FOR CHRIST TEAM VOLUNTEERS
Alaska Mission for Christ is the mission arm of the 14 Alaskan congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They are working together to make a bold witness for Jesus in every community in Alaska. They believe that every Christian is called to be a part of God's mission. Therefore, they encourage volunteers to come share the Gospel.

I am looking for five to seven people (16 years or older) who are interested in forming a team from King of Kings to share the Gospel while carrying out one of following activities, Vacation Bible School, sports and fine arts camps, or hammer and nails projects (Making repairs to buildings in the community or building something for the community.). A team could also do a blend of these activities.

Typically, the activity requires a commitment of 7 to 10 days with travel time in June or July. The cost is \$300 to \$500 per person depending on location and the activity. Additional funds will need

to be raised through fund raising projects. Expressing an interest to be on a team does not commit you to participating. In order to have enough time to plan one of these activities and raise funds I need to know of your interest by December 31st.

If interested in being part of a team or helping send a team, complete an interest form on the table at the back of the church and place in the box. If you have questions, talk to Don Ullman at church or phone him at (219)742-4701 or email him at donbill14@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS IS THE GIFT-GIVING SEASON. WE THANK OUR HEAVENLY FATHER FOR JESUS WHO IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

[Mary] shall bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



Updates from Jim & Sue Kaiser

Hungry for the Word!

"I had a New Testament. I read it all the time. My family read it all the time. It became worn and tattered.

I loaned it to a friend. He would not give it back. I went to get another one. They were all sold out."

What does that feel like? Most of us probably don't know. We have a lot of Bibles available in our English language community.

But others know too well. There was the initial joy of having God's Word in one's own language. It was the only major book in that language. Everyone wanted one - it sold out. Now what? Reprints, revisions and other ways of continuing to access Scripture are needed for Christians to thrive.

The Bandi and Yala communities in West Africa are asking for New Testament reprints while they wait for full Bible projects to complete. Pray that those who had God's Word might have it in their hands again. (From Lutheran Bible Translators)

Thanks for being willing to pray. Here are our thanks and requests:

- We are thankful that we were able to spend several weeks with our family in the brief time we were home.
- We are thankful for the good progress made last week with the Zayse team as I finished checking the books of Hebrews and Ephesians.
- Pray for wisdom for me this week and next as I work on preparing for the check of the Zayse translation of Revelation.
- Pray for the meeting time with the Zayse team December 9-12 when we will begin working on their translation of Revelation.
- Pray for peace here. Pray for wisdom for the leaders of the country as they try to bring about new reforms.

Jim & Susan Kaiser, Translation Consultant in Ethiopia, Lutheran Bible Translators

School News & Notes

ROYAL SERVICE DAY KOK Families.

I want to send out a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated during the Royals Service Day Friday 11/15. To update you on the amazing work, here are some numbers from that day...

- Preschool through Grade 1 packed over 150 care packages for Pastor Lee's Care Package Ministry with Roseville Police Department that included bible passages and other uplifting messages.
- Students in Grades 2 4 made 275 sandwiches for The Sandwich Project Minnesota.
- Students in Grades 5 8 packed 89 boxes at Feed My Starving Children, which will provide over 19,000 meals for the people in Haiti.

Awesome work to all of the students, parents, staff and congregational members to help make this day happen!

Go Rovals!!!

Mr. Schutte

Sideline with Schutte



In 2007, I had the privilege to coach one of those magical teams. You know, the kind that understood the meaning of being on a team AND was extremely talented. We were 25-0 that season and went on to win the Lutheran Basketball Grade School Championship Tournament at Valparaiso University. That season was not about me or what I had done, it was about the players. They were the ones that came to work every day with the right mentality: focusing on a goal. They supported each other no matter who was on the court. When my younger brother came to help me at the tournament, he called that team a "push-button" team - you push a button and it happens.

At the end of the month, we will have finished half of the school year. After reflecting on this first half, it is obvious that our students have accomplished a lot. They generated the excitement for the Pavement Party through their classroom donations. They praised God by using their musical talents in worship services, They represented King of Kings by competing in fall athletic programs. They served by raking leaves on our campus. During the recent Royals Service Day, they made over 150 care packages for people in Roseville and 275 sandwiches for the hungry in the north metro area, and they boxed up over 19,000 meals to feed people in Haiti. Our students came to work every day with the right mentality: focusing on our mission to "make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, community and world."

As the calendar year is coming to an end, please keep in mind how you can support these faithful students in fulfilling King of Kings' mission. While donations to our Undesignated Fund help us continue to do God's work, donations to our Scholarship Fund help more students receive a Christian education. Our students' accomplishments outside of the classroom have surpassed anything I have seen in a school. I cannot wait to see what amazing things will happen the next time God pushes that button!

On Christian Education

by Sarah Culbert, former YWR Originally published in the MNS LWML eNewsletter: https://www.mnslwml.org/resources/enews

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Prov. 22:6

Sarah Culbert, a former Young Women's Representative for our LWML MN South District, has blessed us with some thoughts on Christian Education. As we are supporting some of our mission grants involving Christian education, it's heartwarming to hear Sarah's perspective. Sarah writes:

I have been a preschool teacher for almost four years at King of Kings Lutheran School in Roseville and am so happy that God has called me to this ministry. (continued...)

But why? Why CHRISTIAN education?

Growing up, I attended a private Pre-K through 8 school. I was surrounded by adults, other than my parents, who showed me the ways of the Lord through their words, actions, personal stories, and prayers. I admired these adults as wonderful people of faith who I desired to emulate. The Spirit worked through the staff, affirmed my calling, and helped form the foundation of my faith and love for Jesus Christ.

Faith is created, molded, and taken charge of by the Holy Spirit. God uses different means to make this happen in the life of a person. Planting the seed of faith in the lives of young children is crucial! Martin Luther knew this and created the Small Catechism for the instruction of young children. Community, conversations, and study are not just meant for teens and adults but for the youngest children as well. Jesus says in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Children need to hear the love of God from others they look up to and admire, people who are and are not family members. Starting this experience at a young age helps provide a foundation of faith which will be what they fall back on in the good and bad times in their lives.

Many families will start their children in a private preschool and transfer them to a different grade school, typically public. There are many reasons a family will transfer their child, but keeping them in Lutheran education is an investment in helping mold and grow their WHOLE character. When families invest in private education, they are paying for their children to be surrounded by adults who teach them through Christian values, providing them a faith community in an education setting. What is being taught at home is also being taught to them by people with whom they sometimes spend up to 10 hours a day.

In preschool, we are able to create our own curriculum which allows us to meet the needs of all our students and work with them exactly where they are in their educational, social, emotional, and SPIRITUAL journey. We keep up to date on what is happening in the education world and follow Minnesota State standards while being able to teach the students in ways that align with Christian values. It is necessary to foster spiritual growth in children and help them understand what it means to love others the way our Lord loves all His people.

I am a very hands on learning type of teacher. This is important as children need to be active. I have found that the best learning happens when we are heavily involved with a project or have a change of pace in class. Because we can build our own curriculum in preschool, I am able to teach in creative ways like having a student-run homemade lemonade and ice cream stand. I also have had many of my friends as guests to teach students about their unique skills and talents. We have had a fashion designer, Paralympian, nurses, Youth Director, shepherds, oral hygienist, florist, musicians, and many more come to visit my class. When talking and answering questions, visitors have given witness to their faith and trust in the Lord.

My goal is to expose my students to as many opportunities and activities as possible and provide them people to look up to who have a love for God. After one of my visitors left, a student remarked that "She was very loving." This is what I desire to expose to all of my students, God's love.

I will always be an advocate for Christian education in young children, not just preschool but though all of grade school. I know it is important to keep feeding them the Word so it stays on their heart and in their mind.

"Miss Culbert, when you were talking about God it recharged my batteries." - Student

May your batteries always be recharged by the reassurance of love and salvation from Christ Jesus our Lord.

If you are interested in what we are doing in our preschool and kindergarten classes check out @icecream_and_earlyed on Instagram.





Meal Train For Incitti Family: Our middle school teacher, Hannah Incitti, and her children (preschooler Cameron and 1-year-old Evelyn) are currently without their husband/father (Matt), while he is serving with the Air National Guard in Africa until Feb/March 2020. To help them out during his deployment, we've created a "meal train" calendar to provide dinner for the family once a week (Wednesdays) and lunch for Hannah once a week (Tuesdays). If you'd like to help the family by providing a meal or two, you can sign up by going to: https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/IEAD5131 (Password = 2330) The family doesn't have

any food allergies. However, they prefer milder foods (nothing too spicy). If you need meal ideas, there are some recipes on the website. Or if you'd prefer to give them a gift card for a restaurant, that's also an option. Some of their favorite restaurants include: Culvers, Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW), Zupas and Chick-fil-A.

Meals can be placed in the KoK kitchen refrigerator on Tues/Weds mornings or afternoons. Please label items as "Hannah's Lunch" or "Incitti Family Dinner" and include any specific instructions for reheating, etc. Gift cards can be dropped off at the office anytime.

Thank you for supporting the Incitti family in this way! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Christina Gjelhaug at cgielhaug@hushmail.com or 651-233-6686.

December Events:

Monday, December 2 - NO BUS

4:00pm - 5-6 Girls vs North Heights

Wednesday, December 4

7:00pm - Royal Bells Play @ Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 5

TBD 7-8 Girls @ Cambridge Christian

4:00pm - 4-6 Boys @ Cambridge

4:00pm - 7-8 Boys vs St.Croix Lutheran

4:30pm - Preschool Christmas Program

Monday, December 9

4:00pm - 4-6 Boys vs Gethsemane

5:00pm - 5-6 Girls vs. St. Mary of New Richmond

Tuesday, December 10

4:30pm - 5-6 Girls vs. Trinity Lone Oak

5:30pm - 4-6 Boys vs. Trinity Lone Oak

Wednesday, December 11

5:15pm - 7-8 Girls vs. St. Peters NSP

Thursday, December 12

4:00pm - 7-8 Boys vs Nativity Blue

6:30pm - K-8 Christmas Concert

Monday, December 16

4:00pm - 4-6 Boys vs North Heights

5:00pm - 5-6 Girls vs. Liberty Classical Academy

Tuesday, December 17

4:30pm - 4-6 Boys BBall Practice

Wednesday, December 18

7:00pm - Concert Band Plays @ Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 19

10:00am - Hot Lunch Orders Due

4:30pm - 7-8 Girls vs St.Joseph WSP

5:15pm - 7-8 Boys vs @Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 20

*Noon Dismissal End of 2nd Quarter

NO PM BUS, PM Teacher Work Day

Monday, December 23 - January 5

Christmas Break - No School

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

www.kingofkingslutheranschool.org

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

Note: this is a separate page from the church.

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

Linda ZumHofe Endowment (Tuition Funding); Elementary Endowment (Tuition Funding); Member Hardship Endowment

^{*} All Half Days includes Noon Dismissal, No Hot Lunch, No PM Bus Service, No PM Extended School Care

Christmas Caroling Women's Ministry invites all to join us to sing Christmas carols with the residents at two care centers **Dec 1**, **starting at 2pm** at the Estates of Roseville Care Center (2727 Victoria Street N, Roseville). After that we walk across the street for a second session at the New Perspectives Senior Living Facility. Time commitment is about 2 hours and is a great family service event with your children. All are welcome! Questions, please contact Julie Hibbing at 651-337-1153 or julie@hibbing.us.



Advent Meals As we gather to remember Christ's first coming and look toward His second during these Advent Wednesday services, join us for supper beforehand from **5:45 to 6:30pm** in the Jerusalem Room. We will be serving Iris Curtis' famous taco soup, potato soup, turkey & gravy, and mouthwatering bread! 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). Worship services follow at 7:00 P.M.

500 Cards Club for the month of December will be **Friday**, **December 6th at 6:30pm**, hosted for the evening by Steve & Janelle Dahl. (3104 Hamline Ave. N., Roseville).

Concordia University, St. Paul presents Worship the Newborn King: 2019 Fine & Performing Arts Christmas Concert at the Buetow Music Center Auditorium (300 Hamline Avenue St. Paul, 55104) Performances will be Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM, Saturday, Dec. 7, 4:30 PM, Sunday, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM Tickets available at ticketworks.com or by phone at 612-343-3390/1-888-779-0079. \$15 adults; \$12 students/seniors

Messiah, the Greatest Sermon Ever Sung Study Weekend Using the music of George F Handel and the artwork from Bethany Lutheran College Alum, Jonathan Mayer, Pastor Tony Pittenger will lead through a sampling of the beautiful and comforting masterpiece that is Handel's Messiah during this study weekend, December 6 & 7. Hosted by University Lutheran Chapel (316 10th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, 55414). Free registration; \$20 optional illustration book purchase.

Friday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Saturday: 9:30am - 11:30am, Saturday: 1:30pm - 4pm

Church Decorating We will be decorating the sanctuary on Sat., Dec. 7th at 9:00 AM for the Christmas season.

LLL Christmas Banquet The St. Paul Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League will gather on Saturday, **December 7th** at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (674 Johnson Pkwy St. Paul, MN). Festivities begin at 5:30PM. Dr. Josh Miller will be the speaker, presenting: "Everyone's a Theologian." Finally, please bring something savory or something sweet or something salty to share at "munchies" time. Please RSVP to Benjamin Bonine at 651-738-1767 or benjamin.bonine@thrivent.com.

2nd Annual Emmaus Youth Bake Sale: Stop by Emmaus on **December 7th, 9am - 12pm** (or until we run out) to stock up on holiday treats! We are selling cookies by the pound for \$10/pound. Pick and choose your favorite cookies! Emmaus Lutheran Church (1074 Idaho Ave W., Saint Paul, MN 55117).

Concordia University, St. Paul presents *The Annual Christmas Vespers* at the Graebner Memorial Chapel (1259 Carroll Ave., St. Paul). Service will be **Thursday**, **Dec. 12**, **9:00 PM**. Music includes Concert Band, Vox 9 (vocal jazz ensemble), Chamber String Ensemble, and Shades of Harmony Gospel Choir. Free – No tickets or reservations required.

Simpson Housing Sleeping Bag Project Calling all ladies! Join Women's Ministry **Saturday, December 14 from 10:00AM-1:00PM** in the Jerusalem room. We will be tying completed sleeping bags from 10:00-12:00 with lunch served at 12:00. No need to bring anything but your favorite pair of scissors. Please RSVP to Deb Schultz 612-222-6879 or signup on the WAIC bulletin board to assist with set up and food order.



New Year's Eve Worship join us to reflect on 2019 and look ahead to God's blessings in 2020. **Service time is 6:00pm.**