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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

January 2019

One of the great joys of being a Christian is the comfort and strength we find in God’s Word. One of the great mysteries is that we all say we believe it is God’s Word and that it is good for us, but then we make all kinds of excuses for not reading it! My challenge to you this year is to BE IN THE WORD!

Why? Spending time in God’s Word each day will do a number of things:

*The Word will encourage you in your walk as a Christian in an unchristian world.*

*The Word will comfort you in times of personal trouble.*

*The Word will multiply your joy in times of celebration.*

*The Word will offer you valuable resources as you talk to family and friends.*

*The Word will challenge you to think about some of the things you do and say.*

*The Word will offer you forgiveness when you didn’t think before you spoke or acted!*

*The Word will enhance your prayer life and worship experience.*

*The Word will keep us in Christian fellowship with one another.*

*The Word will show you that salvation is a gift of the cross.*

*The Word will offer you the sure and certain hope of eternity with God.*

The Christmas Gospel begins with the opening of the Gospel of John: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” When we understand from verse 14 that the “Word became flesh and dwelt among us,” we realize that “Jesus” equals “Word” in the first chapter of John: “In the beginning was Jesus, and Jesus was with God, and Jesus was God. Jesus was with God in the beginning.” It works!

Now, go back to the list of things that being in the Word will do for you as a Christian. Replace “The Word” at the beginning of each sentence with “Jesus.” (No skimping! Read all ten this way!) Hey, it works here, too! Being in the Word is spending time with Jesus. He wants us to do this with him on a daily basis. Ask yourself: “What would it be like to spend 15 minutes with Jesus at the start (or end) of every day?”

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## King of Kings Lutheran Church

### Regular Service Times:

#### Sunday

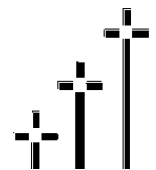
8:30 AM – Classic Worship

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



## ***Pastor's Corner...***

Here are some possible ways to be in the Word. 1) The hymnal has a Daily Lectionary which selects readings to accompany the seasons of the Church Year. 2) There are plans which will guide you through four chapters a day. At the end of the year, you will have read through the entire Bible. Don't have that much time? 3) Portals of Prayer offers a verse for each day as well as a brief meditation. 4) On-line resources such as Lutheran Hour Ministries offer daily devotions which you can have sent to your email address. Hint: If you miss a day or two, don't waste your time feeling guilty. Just start where you should be the next day and keep on going. The important thing is to BE IN THE WORD!

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Steven Bielenberg*

## **From the Window View of Pastor Lee**



The #1 New Year's resolution is to get into shape. For me, I'm always in a shape, my shape. Fitness centers around the nation will get a significant increase in membership in January, but come February and March, the traffic starts to drop and eventually gets back to normal. More than 90% of the people who started off with the New Year's resolution end up failing. Personally, I see it this way; if I wasn't committed in June, January isn't going to change my mind, especially if you're asking me to leave the house in the cold winter months. Most people who succeed at being healthy and working out are committed to making it a lifestyle. It's not just a one-time thing to lose

some weight and then stop. It's a change in the way they live.

We can apply this to everything we do in life, especially our life with God. If you didn't plan on walking with God in June, January isn't going to be any different—especially getting out of your warm bed on a cold Sunday morning. Most people who succeed in walking with God are committed in making it a lifestyle. It's not just "show up at Christmas and Easter and I'm good" but it's realizing that God has gifted me a Christmas gift. It's not like all the other gifts that will fade away. This gift is eternal and you can't wait to show it off.

When you've made a lifestyle change and start to get into shape, people will notice. They will compliment you on how different you look. They will ask, "What have you been doing?" You will share your experience with confidence, with joy, with enthusiasm!

When you are a New Creation in Christ, your lifestyle changes, you start to shape up, people will notice. They will compliment you on how different you look. They will ask, "What have you been doing?" You will share Jesus with confidence, with joy, with enthusiasm! But you can't share the CHANGE if there is none.

What is your lifestyle? Does it look like Christ? Does it look like a child of God?

The answer is, "Yes, with the Spirit of God." Don't miss out in 2019.

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Vue Lee*

## NOVEMBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$46, 023.32; Parking Lot – \$795.00; other specified offerings - \$1,146.24

Joyful Response – General \$12,275.00; Parking Lot \$1,345.00



### *Thank You!*

A big THANK YOU to all the musicians who gave so much of their time, energy and musical talents to lead us in praise during this Advent/Christmas season. Many hours went into practicing! Thank you especially to the directors of all the groups for the extra effort to lift up the name of Jesus. We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated and talented musicians at King of Kings!

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

We would like to thank the King of Kings Congregation for their generous donations for this successful project!

Detailed results are on sheets on the back table.

~Women's Ministries

***Thanks for your generosity!***

**THANKS FROM THE ALTAR GUILD** to everyone who helped hang the Christmas greens in December! A special thanks to Jen Dorn for refurbishing our wreaths. Everything looked terrific!

### THANK YOU

On behalf of Arlys and the Jolstad and Dahl families—thank you, thank you so much, for the love and concern that you have shown to her, and to us, in these last several months. Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, visits, hugs, prayers, and kind words. What a loving church family you are. We have truly experienced the depth of the importance of a church family as we have gone through the difficulties that we have experienced this year. We have felt God's love shining through you to us, and it has helped carry us through.



**Membership/Directory Updates  
December 2018**

**In by transfer:** Katie McDonald from St. Mark's, Benson MN

**Phone number addition:** Paul Reineck – 651-208-2563

### 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.

## Education & Youth News

**Wednesday Nights Adult Bible Studies** All Wednesday night Bible Studies resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>! Contact DCE Sally Schuster to sign up ([sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org) or 612-540-0714).

**Childcare** There is childcare offered in the gym every week from 6:20-7:45 pm. They have some free time, but also participate in large group games like soccer or floor hockey! This service is provided by the youth and a few adults.

**LifeLight** will be studying part two of Exodus this winter. It is a personal Bible Study with daily readings and questions. The group meets at 6:30-7:45 pm in Room 104 (Media Center). There is a lecture and discussion that will be led by Al Wassermann. Books are \$10 and are available in the office.

### **Home Grown Faith**

This is for people who are passionate about passing along their faith to the next generation, whether that includes your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or any child in your life! Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm. This winter, our two books running concurrently will continue: Raising a Modern Day Knight: A Father's Role in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood by Robert Lewis in Room 103 and What a Girl Needs from Her Mom by Cheri Fuller in Room 101. Both books are \$10 to purchase and you are welcome to join in even if you weren't able to in the fall!



### **Super Sunday Subs and Egg Rolls!**

Order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary to get your subs and egg rolls for February 3<sup>rd</sup>! Orders will be **due on January 27<sup>th</sup>**. All money raised will support the youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering this summer in Minneapolis! Thank you for your support!



### **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. 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** Pick up time, unless staying to do childcare until 7:45 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.
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
  - **Hangout every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (and 5<sup>th</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 January 16 and 30, but NOT on the 2<sup>nd</sup>!
  - **Super Sunday Sub and Egg Roll Fundraiser:** Order forms are available on the church website and in the back of the sanctuary. Orders are due by Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at 7:30 am on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to put together the sub sandwiches. Help is needed to pick up sub materials and pick up and bag egg rolls.
  - **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade –** Mark your calendar for the Night in the Dome Kickball Tournament at Concordia University on March 8<sup>th</sup>! The youth ministry covers the cost of pizza beforehand at 5 pm at church and the cost for the tournament. The tournament runs from 6-10 pm, but we will get done sooner or later based on how we do. It is a double elimination bracket so we will have at least 2 games. Parents are welcome to come watch and we always need a few drivers. Youth can be picked up after our games are done or stay until our drivers leave. We oftentimes stop for ice cream afterward. Players do not have to be members of our church so feel free to invite your friends!

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.

## S.A.G.E.S

### **No Roads, No electricity, No Stores – Join SAGES this month for an exiting tale!**

Lynne Holst will talk to us about her experience as a missionary wife in the Highlands of New Guinea among the Ipili people. She will be the guest speaker at the **January 9<sup>th</sup> Sages meeting at 1:00 PM** in the Jerusalem room. All are welcome to come and listen to her story.

Lynne was born in Rochester, MN where her father was an Evangelical and Reformed. The family moved to Quincy, Illinois, where her father served. When Lynne was eleven, the family moved to St. Louis, MO, where her father died four months later. With her mother, she moved to Iowa Falls, Iowa, where her mother was employed. After her mother remarried, they moved to Washington DC, where Lynne went to high school.

After high school, she returned to study nursing and earned her RN from Deaconess School of Nursing in St. Louis. While at school she met a young man named Robert Holst studying at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and they were married after his vicarage. Bob's first call after graduation was to the Highlands of New Guinea. They served there for five years.

After they returned to the states, Bob enrolled at Princeton Theological Seminary, in Princeton, NJ, in a PH D program. His next call was to Concordia Senior College at Fort Wayne, IN. When that school closed, he was called to Christ College in Irvine, CA. He served there for fifteen years. His next call was to Concordia College in St. Paul as president.

Lynne raised a family and practiced nursing as time permitted. When Bob taught in mission areas in Mexico and South Korea for short periods of time, Lynne always accompanied him. When he studied in Italy and Japan, she joined him as well. She is a true citizen of the world!

### *Stewardship Minute Message:*

#### **Empowered by Jesus**

Jesus said, *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing”* (John 15:4-5). In Jesus' illustration, we are the branches, and He is the Vine. As branches on the Vine, we are totally dependent on Christ, the true Vine. We, as branches, are to bear fruit.

The Apostle Paul explained to the Galatians what that fruit is: *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”* (Galatians 5:22-23). Deeds done in faith are the fruit of faith resulting in good works. This fruit will be evident in the lives of Christians as a natural outcome of Christ living in us. We minister to the needs of others as Jesus, the Vine, did during His life on earth. We feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-39), all in the name of Christ. In serving others, we bear much fruit and glorify God through our lives (John 15:8). We are not saved by the fruit we bear, but we have been created by God and empowered by Him to bear fruit.

When we abide in Christ, the Vine, we as branches will be fruitful. Christ left the task of spreading the Gospel to eleven apostles, a small number, but, empowered by the Holy Spirit, a virtual army. Through the ages, Christ's followers, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, have continued to remain faithful.

A graphic with the words "Happy New Year!" in a blue, bubbly font. The letters are decorated with colorful streamers and confetti, giving it a festive appearance.

## School News & Notes

**Principal call committee update** Phil Rogers has officially declined our call to serve as our principal. In his message to Pastor Bielenberg, he shared that it had been one of the most difficult decisions he has ever had to make in thirty years of teaching and administrative ministry. We wish him well in his continued ministry at St. Peter's. Our call committee will meet and you will be hearing from then early in the New Year. Please remember the committee in your prayers as they do the work that you have given them.

**King of Kings School Kindergarten showcase!** King of Kings will be hosting an open house event to showcase our kindergarten **Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00AM – 5:30PM** for potential new students. We are inviting current preschool families and anyone who would be attending kindergarten next fall. We want to provide an opportunity for families to visit King of Kings in an informal but very informational way specific for the Kindergarten program. This also provides current preschool families the opportunity to become informed about our program before registration even opens! Everyone interested in our kindergarten program is welcome to attend! Current families, neighbors, people from your church, friends, people you go to Bible study with, the people at Target you strike up a conversation with while waiting line, anyone you can think of who would be interested in early childhood programming! Invite folks by word of mouth! Talk it up, as there is just something about a personal invitation. Hand out purple tickets (available on the back table in the narthex or in the office) out to everyone who comes to mind and then some! Contact Mackenzie Doraska [mdoraska@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:mdoraska@kingofkingsroseville.org) or Sarah Culbert [sculbert@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sculbert@kingofkingsroseville.org) with any questions.

### January Events

- 1/1 Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL**  
– 1/6
- 1/4** 7/8 Basketball @ Holiday Classic Tournament  
7/8 Girls Basketball @ Holiday Classic Tournament  
Teacher In-Service Day
- 1/5** 7/8 Basketball @ Holiday Classic Tournament  
7/8 Girls Basketball @ Holiday Classic Tournament
- 1/11** 1PM – Epiphany Test  
4PM – 5/6 Boys Basketball Cambridge Christian  
5 PM - 7/8 Boys Basketball Cambridge Christian
- 1/15** 4 PM – 5/6 Girls Basketball @ St. John's Elk River  
  
4:45 PM – 7/8 Boys Basketball vs. St. John's Elk River  
  
5 PM – 5/6 Boys Basketball vs. St. John's Elk River
- 1/21** NO SCHOOL  
**1/22** Gr 7/8 Outdoor Education @ Camp Widjiwagen  
– 1/25
- 1/26** 9 AM – 12 PM – Winter Jubilee!  
**1/28-** National Lutheran Schools Week  
**2/1**
- 1/28** 6:30 PM – Board of Education Meeting  
**1/29** 4:30 pm – 5/6 Boys Basketball TAH  
5:30 pm – 7/8 Girls Basketball TAH  
6:30 pm – 7/8 Boys basketball TAH

*Accredited Parochial School*  
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Visit the school website for calendar updates and a complete listing of all school events and activities:  
[www.kingofkingslutherschool.org](http://www.kingofkingslutherschool.org)

**Winter Jubilee!** King of Kings School's annual winter carnival will be held **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** to kick off National Lutheran Schools Week! This is a fun event for Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade that is FREE!

We also need amazing volunteers to make this event awesome! Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade on up are eligible to volunteer! Free lunch for all volunteers!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4ba9aa2ba6f49-winter1> Can't volunteer, but would still like to contribute? Check out our mitten tree in the coffee area of the church for donation needs!

**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)

## Prayer Update from the Kaisers

December 23, 2018

Hi!

Merry Christmas! We are listening to Christmas music this afternoon, but otherwise it is not very "Christmasy" here. The temperature is about 80, and not a chance of snow. There are no decorations around town, no Christmas trees, no gifts, and no Christmas sales in the stores. December 25 will be a normal work day here, since in Ethiopia Christmas is celebrated on January 7. Even then, it will only be marked by a church service and special meals with family and friends.



But in spite of not having all the Christmas "extras," we can still celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace! We pray that God will bless you with his peace and joy in the new year!

Some prayer requests:

- Praise God that we were able to complete checking the Zayse translation of Matthew 1-12.
- Pray for wisdom for Jim as he prepares more of Matthew for checking with the Zayse team. The next session with them will be January 28 – February 1.
- Praise God that our youngest son Joel will be coming to visit us January 12-26. Pray that we will have safe travels as we visit some tourist destinations with him.

Thanks for being willing to pray!

God bless,

Jim & Susan Kaiser

Translation Consultant in Ethiopia

Lutheran Bible Translators

### *Save the Date*



**O Christmas Tree!** We will be taking down the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary on **Saturday, January 5th at 9:00 AM**. If you could lend a hand, it would be appreciated! Many hands make light work!

The last day to pick up poinsettias will be **Sunday, January 6th**.

**Third Saturday Game Night** Join us in the Jerusalem Room for Game Night this third **Saturday, January 19 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)

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**Men's Retreat At Lutheran Island Camp** will be held **February 15-17**. The speaker will be Rev. Jeff Hemmer, Fairview Heights, IL, author of "Man Up!" To register, go to [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org) or email [register@islandcamp.org](mailto:register@islandcamp.org) or call 218-583-2905.

**Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School!** VBS will take place next summer on June 24-28, 2019 from 9 am to Noon! Watch for the theme to be revealed later on. Registration will open at the end of January. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sally Schuster at 612-540-0714 or [sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org).