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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

July 2019

Patience is said to be a virtue. We know it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you have ever waited for a repairman for hours on end, you know how frustrating it can be to wait. Perhaps you had to take time off from work or miss other obligations. When Annie, our Golden Retriever, was a puppy, she went right through the screen of our patio door. (It looked ratty, but there wasn't much point of replacing it until we could convince her not to run or chew through it.) Last week, a fellow came to the house to repair the screen, and he was half an hour ahead of schedule! As most homeowners know, this is not the usual experience.



Reconstruction of our north parking lot was scheduled to begin July 1st. The games have begun, right on time! It will be interesting to watch the progress. Maertens-Brenny is the general contractor and we have had excellent experience working with this company in the past. You can imagine my surprise when one of their workers was here at 7:30 on a Sunday morning during the roof project a few years ago. It had rained the night before and they were here to make sure it hadn't rained in as the skylight had been removed and was temporarily – but successfully - covered with a tarp. This is customer service we rarely see these days.

Jesus said, **"Let your yes be yes and your no be no."** You and I should be people of our word. In a world where words seem to mean precious little, we make an impression by keeping the promises that we make. One of the underlying themes of Vacation Bible School this year was that God keeps His promises to us. (continued...)

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



Scripture underlines this time after time. God keeps His promises, even at great cost. ***“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him”*** (John 3:17). God promised to save us, and He spared no expense, not even His only Son, Jesus Christ.

To this day, we count on Jesus to keep His promises to us. ***“I will be with you always, even to the end of the earth.” “I will never leave you or forsake you.” “I am the way and the truth and the life.” “I am the good shepherd.”*** For me, the resurrection of Jesus is all the proof I need to know that Jesus is willing and able to keep the promises He has made, now and forever. His faithfulness does not depend on ours; He continues to love and forgive, even when we are unloving and even our forgiveness of each other comes with conditions. In the Lord’s Prayer, we pray ***“forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”*** As Jesus taught (all of) His disciples to pray this prayer, it is with perpetual forgiveness in mind. Christ forgives us, we forgive each other. (Even the repairman for whom we waited five hours.)

Patience, brothers and sisters! Patience!

In Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg

"Faith is assured of perfect joy, in the spacious place of freedom, not because this joy is already visible, but because it has been promised." Oswald Bayer

From the Window View of Pastor Lee

¹³ *For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.* ¹⁴ *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Gal. 5:13-14*

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. It’s a day of festivals and celebrations in all sorts of way. Freedom is a patriotic word in America. It’s what we fight for. One of those rights guaranteed by that freedom is the freedom of speech. You have the right to burn the American flag but you do not have the right to yell out, “fire” in a building. You have the right to write obscene materials in political protest but you do not have the right to burn a draft card to protest war. These things have been challenged and upheld in court.

Our selfish and sinfulness also seeks independence from God. From the beginning, Adam sinned and hid from God. God the Father had to come looking for Adam. The same is still true today. God still seeks the lost and He uses us to do it.

Our sinfulness may seek independence from God but the Spirit of God tells us that we are nothing apart from Him. Our salvation is totally dependent the Grace of God in Christ Jesus.

So as we celebrate Independence Day this Thursday, let us not forget the freedom given to us by the leaders and soldiers of this country but more importantly, let’s not forget the true freedom we have in Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Vue Lee

MAY GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$39,641.02;

Parking Lot – \$1,359.00;

Other specified offerings - \$2,396.15

Joyful Response – General \$13,330.00

Parking Lot - \$1,130.00

THE SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

begins today! We'll be reading through the Acts of the Apostles through July. Read Acts 1 on July 1st! Watch for the weekly emails and bulletin inserts.



WE WANT YOU

Calling all musicians!! Do you have a musical skill that you could share with King of Kings? We want you! Summer is a great time to get more information about Rejoice Choir (Adult Choir) and King's Ringers (Handbell Choir) as they take the summer off. The 11 am Worship Team plays and sings year-round. We need musicians for offertory and nursing homes (1st Sunday of every month) all year also.

Please contact Gizelle Smothers for Rejoice Choir (mkgizelle@msn.com 651-236-0438);

Jackie Larson for King's Ringers

(jackielarson@yahoo.com 651-402-0817);

& Laura Fritz for everything else

(lfritz@kingofkingsroseville.org 651-325-7287)!



International Youth Dinner—King of Kings will be hosting 100 international youth from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Kenya, Korea, Liberia, Nigeria, Paraguay, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Uruguay, and Vietnam in conjunction with the National Youth Gathering here in MN. What an opportunity to be able to welcome them to the U.S. and to MN with warm hugs, conversation, and our own MN hot dish! They want to know what we eat here in MN. Let's show them!

How can you help? We need food!!

Please drop off your dish the day before so we can have it ready by the **5:30 PM dinner time**. We would like to have people here to talk to them since they all not are from the same countries. We need help with **set up starting at 4:30PM**, and tear down after dinner. I promise it'll be fun and we will be done by 7:30PM. Contact Pastor Lee and let him know how you can help.

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U.S. POSTAGE

Summer Office Hours

Monday – 12 to 4

Tuesday – Pastors Only, Secretary Off

Wednesday – 12 to 4

Thursday – 12 to 4

Friday – 9 to 1

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Normal office hours resume mid-August



Outreach Event July 6, 7

What is the Hmong Freedom Festival? It started out 39 years ago as a gathering of people who have been dispersed into a land that is not their home. When they came together, they felt more at home. Today, the Hmong have become a part of America and call her their home. Over 80% are still not yet Christians. This is where we come in as followers of Christ. Pastor Lee and the Evangelism Board will be at the Hmong Freedom Festival. We need **volunteers** to help read bible story books to children in small groups. You can **volunteer** for **one hour or all day**. We plan to be there from **10am-6pm** both **Saturday, July 6 and Sunday July 7**. You can bring your family and walk around to see vendors and sports competitions. Please see the flyer in the back of the church for more details. We also need small school supply **donations** such as erasers, pencils, children scissors, and sharpeners so that we can give to the children after the reading.

Education & Youth News



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

- **Valleyfair (MS/HS):** Mark your calendar for **July 15**. This will be tacked on to the end of the National Youth Gathering for those participating, but also open to those who are not attending the gathering. Cost is \$25 plus bring money for food. Meet at church at 11 am if not attending the gathering. We will stay until the park closes and return to church at 10 pm. **Must be signed up and have money in by July 7th!** Sign up on the youth page of the website or on the bulletin boards.

Volunteers Needed

"A Minnesota Lumberjack Experience"

Concordia University, St. Paul

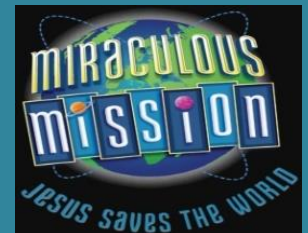
July 10-15 (during the National Youth Gathering)

Sign up at www.ave.csp.edu/nygvolunteers



VBS Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who joined us for VBS this summer, especially our volunteers! We had a great week with 153 kids! Planning for next year begins now as they have already released the themes. Please continue to pray for those who attended, that the seed planted in these kids will grow and be passed on to others!



REAL. PRESENT. GOD.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019

The 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering is in **13 days**! Make sure you're keeping up with all things Gathering related by following them on Facebook here. If you have any Gathering questions, please contact nygvolunteers@gmail.com.

Please join fellow congregations across the MN South District and beyond on a self-guided prayer walk through beautiful downtown Minneapolis. You can take this walk on your own or with friends. If you can't make it into Minneapolis, you can pray at home or with your congregation. The route highlighted on the map is the route our youth and adults will be walking daily. The hearts on the map represent areas that will be used daily by attendees. Thank you in advance for wrapping this blessed event, its participants, and leaders in prayer!

[Download the prayer walk map](#) | [Download the prayer walk prayers](#)

PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE The parking lot project will begin as scheduled on Monday, July 1st. They will start by milling out and hauling away most of the old pavement. Removal of the curbs and sidewalks will follow. However, the sidewalk from the shed to the north entrance will remain in place through Sunday, July 7th. You will be able to park on Lovell or in the CA lot and walk to the north entrance during most of the project. On-site parking will be limited to the south lot. If you are able to walk a bit further than others, please park off-site (on local streets or in the CA lot) for Sunday morning services and other large events.

Donations toward the parking lot project are being gathered, and pledge forms were handed in during services the past couple of weeks. If you would like to make a one-time gift or regular contribution to the project, please contact Aaron Gjelhag or one of the pastors.



Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you can help King of Kings with fundraisers and community events by submitting a request to Thrivent's program, The Thrivent Action Team. The whole process only takes 5 minutes, it's quick, simple and we have a resource to help you if needed. Thrivent provides promotional resources and \$250 seed money for fundraisers, events, or service projects that can be completed within 120 days of the request. All Thrivent members are eligible to take part in this opportunity – we can accept as many as requested and can designate them to various event expenses. Benefit members are eligible to request twice per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to request once per calendar year.

If you are a Thrivent member who is willing to request on KOK's behalf, please contact Missy McKeever at missy_mckeever@yahoo.com.



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School News & Notes

Welcome Principal Jay Schutte!

Beginning today, Mr. Jay Schutte is working as the new principal at King of Kings! We are blessed to have him take on this leadership role, and we ask God's blessings on this time of transition. Mr. Schutte may be reached on his office phone number (612) 540-0713 or by email: jschutte@kingofkingsroseville.org. Please welcome him!



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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



Save the Date



Open Prayer Wednesday Mornings The Board of Lay Ministry will be hosting Open Prayer in the sanctuary Wednesday mornings, **July 3 and 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M.** We will supply some devotional prayer starters and you may pray individually or invite us to pray for you.

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Lutheran Island Camp will host Forgiven – Summer 2019. Bible studies will focus on the Gospels and the miracles of Christ, including the most important, our forgiveness. Visit www.islandcamp.org or call 218-583-2905 or email info@islandcamp.org for more information or to request a brochure.

Peak Challenge Peak Challenge is a men's fellowship mission. It is a chance for men, their sons, fathers, brothers and friends to get out into God's creation in the mountains of Colorado **July 25-29**. This trip will push men physically by hiking one of Colorado's fourteen thousand foot peak mountains.. For more information contact Adam Doraska by phone at (320) 894-3747 or by email at Doraskaa@csp.edu.