



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

July 2023

Do you know who said this?

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes in to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands and hopes we've learnt something from yesterday."

You might be as surprised as I was to learn that the author of these lines is none other than movie actor John Wayne! (We drove by his birthplace in Winterset, Iowa recently. To think of this Western hero coming from the farm state of Iowa may be as surprising as discovering that his real name was Marion Robert Morrison. "Whoa!") Quick on the draw, with both words and weapons, the characters Wayne played might not have always been thinking about tomorrow as much as today. But in the long run, I would have to guess that the men of integrity he usually portrayed did what they had to do today because of what tomorrow would be like if they didn't.

The apostle Paul tells us not to ***"let the sun go down on your anger."*** That's his way of saying we should resolve today's trouble today and start fresh again tomorrow. Jesus tells us, ***"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has trouble enough of its own."*** Jesus knows we could spend our lives in worry, but what does that do? ***"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"***

The good news is that our God is a God of tomorrows and second chances. By the death and resurrection of his Son, the sins of yesterday and today are forgiven. They are gone. They don't need to be dragged into tomorrow, no matter how hard your neighbor or the devil may try to do that.

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Weekly Sunday Services

8:30 am – Classic Worship
9:45 am – Adult Bible Study
11:00 am – Alternate Worship

Live Stream Worship

<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html>
Use the above link to access the live stream of all services (recordings available)



General Weekly Office Hours

8AM to 4PM Monday – Friday
The office will be closed Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4 in observation of Independence Day.

Due to various staff schedule changes during the summer month, the office hours may vary. Please call ahead if you need to ensure that staff are in the office if you plan to stop by at specific times. Thank you!

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, making known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, community and the world.

As Jeremiah looked to the restoration of a fallen and sinful Israel, God tells us to look to tomorrow with hope because He has wiped away today and it is gone: ***“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”***

Someone has called this God’s “divine amnesia” and I am glad for it! You probably are, too. His willingness to forgive shows us that God gives us an opportunity to start over every day. He calls us to give each other the same opportunities to start over. This could be a life-changer. Look forward to tomorrow! Make the best of it! God has good things in store!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

*“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, ... according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit **Titus 3:4,5b***



Words for the Soul and Body

By Steve Gruenwald



Graduations and weddings often create an opportunity for guests to submit words of advice for how to get along with others or how to have a lasting marriage. My words of wisdom don’t count for much, so I’ve started to share the words of One who has far more wisdom than any person can ever obtain. They’re the words from Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Learning to forgive takes work because forgiveness doesn’t come naturally. As a result of our sinful natures, forgiveness is not a part of our genetic makeup. Our human nature is more inclined to get even, or hold a grudge, or withhold forgiveness until a certain amount of penance has been paid by the offender. God, on the other hand, out of His goodness, grace, and mercy forgives us of all our sins. That’s the example of forgiveness God sets before us: He desired for us to live with Him in His kingdom and then removed the yolk of sin that would have prevented that from happening. It’s only after we recognize our own need for forgiveness and rejoice in that forgiveness that we can begin — with God’s help — to forgive others.

We may have the perfect model of how to forgive and know what it means to be forgiven, but forgiving others doesn’t come as easily. C.S. Lewis said it best, “Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.”

I’m sure it won’t surprise you to hear that the ability to forgive improves your health, your relationships, and your outlook on life. A study recorded in the Journal of Adult Development found that those who were able to forgive were more satisfied with their lives and less likely to report feelings of nervousness, restlessness, or sadness. Every time a person thinks of his/her transgressor, the body responds: blood pressure and heart rate increases; facial muscles tense; stress hormones kick in; and over time, that revved up condition takes its toll by affecting the immune and cardiovascular systems. Forgiveness, on the other hand, reduces stress.

Forgiving others is not a sign of weakness but of strength. Forgiveness takes courage and a determination to let go of events and situations that can preoccupy our minds and drag us down. It doesn’t mean that you won’t ever recall the hurt and the events of the past, you simply will choose not to dwell there.

Learning to forgive is not easy, nor is it something that is mastered right away. There’s a very good chance we will be working on that education for the rest of our earthly lives!

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Summer Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

Board of Evangelism Booth at the Hmong Festival

The Board of Evangelism will be hosting a booth, giving out school supplies and reading to children at the Hmong Festival **tomorrow, Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 from 10 AM to 4 PM**. Stop by to read or just say hello! Please keep this event in your prayers.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 1st 6 to 8 PM

Again this year, King of Kings Church and School will be hosting a Night to Unite on our playground. We will invite our church's neighbors to join our congregation for some ice cream or frozen custard and friendly conversation. This is an opportunity to tell our neighbors about our church and school and invite them to worship with us. Last year we had 100 people attend. We hope to have more people attend this outdoor event this year.

We will need volunteers for a prayer walk on **Saturday, July 29th from 9AM until 10AM** to distribute door hangers inviting our church's neighbors to attend.

We will also need volunteers on **Tuesday, August 1st, at 4 PM** to set up tables and chairs and to scoop ice cream and pour pop. Afterwards we will need help putting chairs and tables away.

Please let the Board of Evangelism (Don Ullman, Al Wasserman, Jose Jimenez and Stefanie Jimenez) know if you are able to help.

Membership Updates


In by Adult Instruction/Profession of Faith – Nhia Yang, Thomas Maninen, Keeli Josephs, Sam Merth

In by Transfer – Pete Olsen, Selma Olsen; Rebecca Jahr

Out by Transfer – Brad, Lisa, Ben & Andrew Sell; Adam, Mackenzie, Abel & Alya Doraska

News and Notes

Pray together.
Read together.



CPH Reads is live for 2023!
Through August 11, kids and adults can report their reading and earn points to have a chance to win CPH Prizes.

Visit cph.org/reads for more info or to join the challenge!

Attached to the Quill is *Barb's Bulletin*, from King of Kings supported missionary Barb Rebentisch. Please keep her and all missionaries in your prayers!



Stewardship Corner: The Cost of Freedom

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies in America declared their freedom from Great Britain in the Declaration of Independence. July is a month when Americans are especially grateful for the privilege of living in this country. Much blood was shed and many lives lost, and, at this time of year, we take time to honor those who fought to liberate us. We recognize that our freedom has been won at great cost, and we take time to honor those who fought to liberate us.

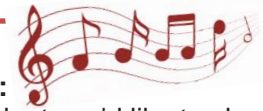
Our spiritual freedom, too, was won at great cost. We were slaves to the Law which we could never fulfill, but Christ satisfied its requirements for us. He shed His blood and gave His life to pay the penalty for the sin we incurred, for the freedom we now have as we live in Him.

Yes, we are truly blessed to live in this country, and we should thank God daily for this blessing and ask Him to guide, direct, and protect our leaders as well as give wisdom to citizens to choose their leaders wisely.

On the other hand, even those who do not experience political freedom can experience the freedom we have in Christ, for the freedom He brings is not dependent on or bound by our circumstances. And the battle for this freedom never has to be refought, unlike our earthly battles. Jesus promised, *"Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away"* (Matthew 24:35).

Let us honor Him as we express our gratitude by sharing with others the message of our freedom in Christ.

*I have held many things in my hands,
and I have lost them all; but whatever
I have placed in God's hands, that I
still possess. Martin Luther*



SUMMER MUSICIANS:

If you have a musical talent you'd like to share (instrumental, vocal) during the 8:30 or 11 am service, please contact our Music Director, Laura Fritz at [651-325-7287](tel:651-325-7287) cell, or lfritz@kingofkingsroseville.org. Thank you to everyone in advance for giving glory to Jesus through music.

CAUTION MAINTENANCE

Summer Floor maintenance Some rooms will be unavailable over the next few weeks due to floor cleaning and waxing. Please contact the office if you plan to use a space during this time and need to check on availability. Your understanding is appreciated as we maintain our facility.

Recycle Sale Wrap-up Thank you to all who in some way participated in the Women's Ministry Recycle sale. Being unsure how a "free-will offering" sale would go, we are very pleased with the results. Because of your generosity in donating items, purchasing items, and volunteering to make the whole thing happen, we feel we have wonderful results to share. Women's Ministry had a total of \$2273.80 in sales, plus an additional special gift of \$500.00. We are very grateful and will use these gifts to further the work of women's ministry in our church. I can't say Thank You enough! *On behalf of Women's Ministry, Peggy Matthees.*

Education and Youth News

Big VBS Thank You!!! What an amazing week we had, sharing Jesus with 158 kids!!! Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who served. It takes a small army and you did a fantastic job. Thank you to the congregation for all of the prayers and donations. We couldn't do it without your support and we look forward to next year!



Youth
Ministry

- **Summer Schedule:** All of the events below are marked with MS for Middle School (6th-8th Grade) and HS for High School (9th-12th Grade).
 - **Feed My Starving Children (MS/HS):** We'll pack meals at the Coon Rapids location on July 12 from 7-8:45 pm and then head to Culver's for frozen custard. Register here: <http://www.fmcs.org/join-group?joincode=ZMZBXV> Parents are encouraged to join us.
 - **Water and Games (MS/HS):** July 26 from 6-8:30 pm. Plan on getting wet for this one and maybe we'll pull out the 9 Square in the Air or do Gaga Ball. Eat before you come because we'll just be doing snacks.
 - **Camping/Canoeing Trip (HS):** Mark your calendar for August 3-6 and check out the registration form on the bulletin boards and website. Deadline to register is July 30th.
 - **Beach Day (MS/HS):** August 9 from 5-8:30 pm at Centerville Lake. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and we'll grill burgers and hot dogs.
- **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 or download the Remind app. If you have Verizon, texting is not an option any longer.
 - **MS Youth:** @27c366
 - **HS Youth:** @h8e247
 - **If you have kids in both groups, please sign up for both! Add your kids to the appropriate group as well!**



Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Wednesdays and is sent to all parents of 6th-12th graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact 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.



School News and Notes

King of Kings at the Rosefest Parade!

It was a great night on Monday, June 25 to walk in the local parade and join the the Roseville community festivities! **Go Royals!**



Teacher Call updates Rachel Schutte

(kindergarten teacher) and Rebecca Jahr (5th & math) have accepted calls to teach next year. Everyone is invited to attend a service of installation at the 8:30 service on Sunday, August 20.

King of Kings Summer Camps

8 WEEKS OF FUN!

Register Online

Cost:

Full day: \$50 / day - 8 am - 3 pm

Half day: \$30 / day - 8 am to 11 am, 12 - 3 pm

Extended care by sign up only, no drop ins:

Register online at <https://kokrosville.jumbula.com/#/home>

Upcoming Dates

Aug. 16 – Back to School Night
School Pictures

Aug. 20 – Teacher installation, 8:30 Sunday Service

Aug. 21 – First day of school

Weekly Schedule:

Monday - Bike day

Tuesday - All Field trip

Wednesday - Water day

Thursday - School age field trip

Friday - Outdoor activity / bounce house day

Weekly Themes:

July 10 - July 14: Camp Week

July 17- 21: Art Week

July 24 - 28 : STEAM Week

July 31 - August 4: Circus Week

Facebook is a great way to network and keep connected to church/school. Please find us at the following link and 'like' our page:

www.facebook.com/kokrosville

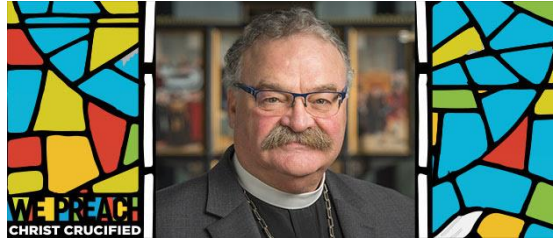
We also are on [Twitter!](#) [Instagram](#) and [Youtube!](#)

**MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF CHRIST
BY WORD AND DEED WITHIN
OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY,
AND WORLD**

Other News

Call Committee: Our thanks to Chelsea Lee, John Mitsch, Gina Preciado, Paul Reineck, Adam Schutte, Tara Wirth, and Chris Schiller for serving on the call committee! Encourage them with your prayers as we call an associate pastor to serve with us at King of Kings!

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison has been elected to his fifth term as LCMS president — a position he has held since 2010.



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Harrison elected to serve fifth term as LCMS president

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, having received 52.32% of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) for a fifth term of office, 2023–2026.

The nominations process for the position of Synod president began last fall. The resulting candidates were the five ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes in the nominations process and who consented to serve if elected: Harrison, the incumbent president; the Rev. Dr. Patrick T. Ferry, former president of Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor; the Rev. Richard L. Snow, president of the LCMS Nebraska District; the Rev. Peter K. Lange, LCMS first vice-president; and the Rev. Benjamin T. Ball, LCMS sixth vice-president.

The election took place, according to Bylaw 3.12.2.4, starting June 17 (six weeks prior to the convention) via internet balloting provided by YesElections (formerly Election-America). The 6,053 pastoral and lay voters validly registered by the congregations and parishes of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.3) before the deadline (electronic registration by March 19) or their substitutes (as validly submitted before June 9) served as the voters for this election. Of those, a total of 5,000 votes were cast, constituting a vote percentage of 82.60% of the electorate.

The results of the ballot tallied and reported to the Secretary of the Synod by YesElections are as follows:

- Harrison was voted president-elect with 2,616 votes (52.32%);
- Ferry received 1,593 votes (31.86%);
- Ball received 341 votes (6.82%);
- Snow received 318 votes (6.36%); and
- Lange received 132 votes (2.64%).

Additional information about the election result will be published in the second issue of *Today's Business*, which will be available at the beginning of the convention. For more information about the election or candidates, see lcms.org/convention/national/elections.

WE PREACH
CHRIST CRUCIFIED
FOR ALL PEOPLE
1 COR. 1:18-25



Offering for Synod Convention: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is collecting funds to be given at the convention this year in July to be used over the next triennium as the LCMS National Offering to support the translation of biblical Lutheran resources. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information and prayerfully consider how you might support this offering. (If you write a check, please make it out to King of Kings and write "2023 National Offering" in the memo line. We will send one check with our delegates.)

SAVE THE DATE:

To see the most recent version of upcoming events, visit: <http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/events.html>

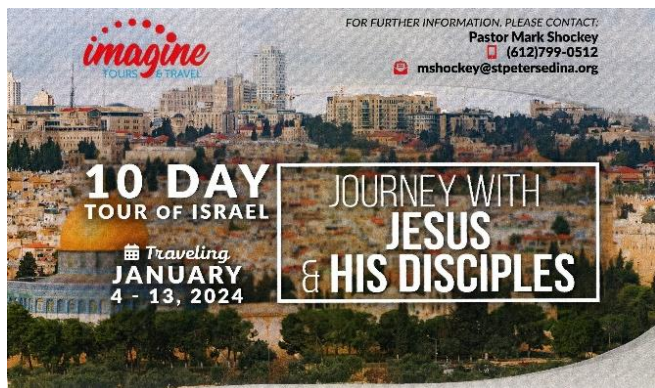


July 6, The Three Hermits Dr. David Mennicke will be singing the role of the Fisherman in *The Three Hermits*, an opera by Stephen Paulus and Michael Dennis Browne at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul for the North Central Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists. More information and tickets can be found here: <https://www.northcentralago2023.org/event-info/church-opera-the-three-hermits>.

July 6, Church Opera at House of Hope Presbyterian
7:00 pm
The House of Hope Presbyterian Church
7900 Summit Ave, St. Paul

Lutheran Night At The Twins The annual **Lutheran Night at the Twins** will take place on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023** as the Twins take on the Detroit Tigers! Groups of 20 or more will receive discounted tickets and may, if interested, participate in the Lutheran Night National Anthem Choir! It's also a "Dollar Dog" night and family value concessions are available for certain sections. See the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

St. Paul Metro Circuit News: Pastor-elect Scot Missling has accepted the call to serve Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Paul. Scot is a 2023 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **His ordination has been set for 3:00PM, Sunday, July 23rd.**



January 2024 – Journey with Jesus & His Disciples Have you ever wanted to see where Jesus and His disciples carried out their ministry? Join Pastor Mark Shockey and his wife Joann on an exciting and educational 10-day journey to Israel in January 2024! Many more details available in a full-color brochure on the bulletin board and table in the narthex.

King of Kings Online Giving

You can use the gold button on the King of Kings website homepage set up regular or one-time giving: <http://www.kingofkingsroseville.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