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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

March 2019

“Truly, this is the Son of God.”

Last year we received a request to do a Lenten series which focused on the people Jesus encountered on his way to the cross. More importantly, those people encountered Jesus. This season, we will consider some of the historical characters who appear in the Passion. Not surprisingly, some of them were hostile to Jesus while others were friendly. All of these encounters point to one thing: Jesus of Nazareth was not just a man (or a superman); Jesus is no one else but the Son of God.

As we see and hear the testimony of their lives throughout the weeks of Lent, they will lead us back to the cross and the Jesus who was crucified there. The cross and the empty tomb spoke to them and continue to speak to us. Matthew and the other evangelists give us the evidence of lives that were touched by Jesus, the Word made flesh. (Matthew will be the focus of our Lenten Bible challenge as we read through his Gospel together this season.)

As we see and hear and read the evidence for ourselves, I pray that each of us is made stronger in our conviction of what Christ has done for us. Like the Centurion, may we boldly proclaim of Jesus, *“Truly, this is the Son of God!”*

March 6	Ash Wednesday	Nicodemus	John 3:1-21; 19:39
March 13	Midweek 2	Judas Iscariot	Matthew 26:6-16; 27:3-10
March 20	Midweek 3	Pontius Pilate	Matthew 27:11-14, 24-26
March 27	Midweek 4	Simon of Cyrene	Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21

(We will observe the Imposition of Ashes and celebrate the Lord’s Supper on Ash Wednesday.)

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg*

Lenten Service Times:

Wednesdays

5:45 P.M. – Lenten Supper

7:00 P.M. – Lenten Worship



King of Kings Lutheran Church

Regular Service Times:

Sunday

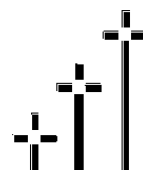
8:30 AM – Classic Worship

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



LENTEN MEALS

Join us for supper and fellowship before Lenten worship on **Wednesdays, March 6 - April 10 at 5:45 PM** in the Jerusalem Room. Sign up to bring something in the coffee area outside the sanctuary. (Free will 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).



Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

Hosea 6:3 NIV

From the Window View of Pastor Lee

Normally, March brings more snow. I know you didn't want to hear it but it's the truth. There are a lot of things we don't want to hear. "There is another storm coming and it's bringing 8 more inches of snow." "Don't tell me that, I don't want to hear it." I don't know if you believe me or not, but it happens every year around this time, we call it: WINTER.

I recently read about the difference in how Lutherans and Evangelicals understand confession and forgiveness. In short, Lutherans feel "the more the better" because we need it. Evangelicals feel that since Jesus has already died for us to be forgiven, why keep doing it?

Do you know what color your sin is? Let's see what God says.

¹⁸ *"Come on now, let's discuss this!" says the Lord.*

*"Though your sins are bright red,
they will become as white as snow.*

*Though they are dark red,
they will become as white as wool. Isaiah 1:18 (GW)*

In the first chapter of Isaiah, God told the people of Judah that they've become like a prostitute. They've cheated on God. They have destroyed the relationship and they will suffer for it. But like the loving God that He is, He tells them, "Come on now, let's discuss this!" "Though your sins are Bright Red, they will become as White as Snow."

Who would have thought the sound of snow would be so pleasing to the ear. Why do we have public and private confession and forgiveness? Just like winter, our sins will come back again and again and again whether we like it or not.

Maybe you should consider private confession?

May the Grace of God be with You.

May the Power of the Spirit lead You.

May the Resurrection of Jesus give you Peace, Forgiveness, and New Life!

Blessings,

Pastor Vue Lee

JANUARY GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$34,789.50; Parking Lot – \$744.40; other specified offerings - \$1255.14

Joyful Response – General \$12,769.00; Parking Lot \$1,381.00

Giving Statements for 2018 are available on the table in the narthex on Sundays or in the office.

March Food Shelf Update

All gifts of food and dollars given during March will be matched through the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. Donations of food may be left in the collection box in the narthex any Sunday. Financial contributions may be earmarked "Food Shelf" or sent directly to Keystone Community Services, 2000 Saint Anthony Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-5199.

"And the Lord has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you..."

Deut. 26:18a



Women's Ministry

Missions Presentation

Saturday, March 2nd from 9:30 to 11A.M.

Join us for a ministry presentation by our very own Christina and Jorge Bensus. After early February travels to Ecuador and Peru, Christina and Jorge will share with us about their recent ministry and teaching experiences serving with World Mission Prayer League based in Minneapolis. All adults are welcome to join us for a light continental breakfast and devotion prior to the presentation. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Women's Ministry north bulletin board. Please keep Christina and Jorge in our prayers for safe travels and good fellowship with the national leaders in both countries.

2019 King of Kings Spring Recycle Sale

Sponsored by King of Kings Women's Ministry



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6, 2019

8AM – 1PM, for the annual Spring Recycle Sale. Please remember to start setting aside items for our annual sale.

What does the Women's Ministry do with the proceeds?

We support the following mission projects: Sandwich Project, Christmas Shoebox project, Concordia Academy and King of Kings school scholarships, Hmong ministry, and Concordia University. In addition, we provide to King of Kings college students going into church work a small gift of financial assistance, and support the work of the group that provides funeral lunches. We believe these are all important functions of the congregation and hope you will support us in 2019.

We will need assistance to set up the event on **Friday, April 5** and conduct the sale on Saturday, April 6. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy or Glenn Matthees, project chairs, 651-245-2987.

All Congregation Potluck Lunch

Join us for our annual All Congregation Potluck Lunch on Sunday, March 17th at 12:15PM (after the 11AM service)! Everyone is invited! There will be plenty of food, fun and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share, according to your last name:

A-I (main dish) J-R (dessert) S-Z (salad or side dish)

We'll need help with set-up, serving and clean-up as well. Please sign up to help in the coffee/fellowship area. Look forward to seeing you all there!

March 10th

**SPRING
FORWARD**
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Membership/Directory Updates

In by Holy Baptism: Amy Lee

Kayden Yang, son of Amy Lee & Chi Yang

Education & Youth News

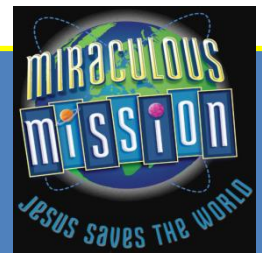


Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Mondays and is sent to all parents of 6th-12th graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org, cell: 651-341-3830, office: 612-540-0714 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

- **Middle School (6th-8th Grade)**
 - **Youth Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday:** Now 3:00 to 5:45 pm because of Lent beginning. We will be meeting on March 13th, but not March 27th because of spring break. Please sign in at the Jerusalem Room when you arrive. Here is the schedule:
 - **3-3:30 pm** Free time – electronics allowed
 - **4:00 pm** Small Group Time
 - **5:45 pm** Pick up time/Lent Dinner
 - **7:00 pm** Lent Worship
- **High School (9th-12th Grade)**
 - **Hangout every 1st and 3rd Wednesday:** Youth Room from 8-9:30 pm after Lent Worship. There will be free time in Youth Room and Gym, Small Groups, and of course, EAT SNACKS! We will be meeting on March 6th and 20th. For March 6th, we will be doing something different so watch the weekly update e-newsletter for information!
 - **Easter Breakfast Fundraiser:** We will meet at 9 am on April 20th to prep food, set up tables, decorations, etc. On Sunday morning, we will meet at 7:00 am and serve food from 7:15 – 8:15 am. We clean up quickly so Meals on Wheels can use the kitchen and gym.
 - **YOUTH-LEAD Conference:** April 27 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. This is a conference about what is working, about youth modeling their leadership, about listening to youth, about a renewed energy for uplifting, equipping, then allowing youth in leadership! The speakers, musicians and leaders are all youth! Cost will be \$20 per person. Sign up by turning in money to Sally by April 14th!
- **7th-12th Grade** – Mark your calendar for the Night in the Dome Kickball Tournament at Concordia University on March 8th! 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! If you missed the deadline to sign up, talk to Sally as we might have room yet to add!

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! Join us for Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World on June 24-28, 2019 from 9 am to Noon! Visit the church website to register! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sally Schuster at 612-540-0714 or sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org. We are looking for station and group leaders, decorators, and registration help!



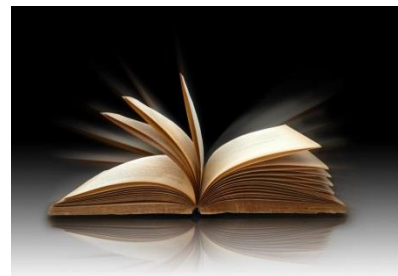
CA Summer Camps Registration is now open for two dozen Concordia Academy summer camps for students entering Grades 3-12, including American Sign Language, Flag Football, Vision4Life Service, and Wrestling, as well as old favorites such as Basketball, CSI, Girls Choir, Art, Youth Worship Team, Softball, G3: Genuinely Great Girls, and many more! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

Lutheran Island Camp will host Forgiveness – 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. Lutheran Island Camp operates year round and provides programs and services to over 6,000 people every year. Lutheran Island Camp and Retreat Center is located on a secluded 67 acres surrounded by East Battle Lake in west-central Minnesota.

From the Board of Lay Ministry

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

"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!"

"As invited, here is my reflection on the reading of Luke through Advent: FABULOUS.

The exercise was a challenge from the start, as I anticipated, because working through the life of Jesus as we got closer and closer to Christmas, was a brain shift. Yet, it brought the whole meaning to light, reading about the trial and crucifixion just a couple days before Christmas.

I started reading with a review mentality, until I quickly realized: I thought I knew Luke backwards and forwards, but that in reality only meant Luke 1 - 3, not the whole book! I discovered nuances in this Gospel through taking a close look each day.

And then, the icing on the cake came in the Christmas Eve sermon when the beginning and end of the book were tied together with the strips of cloth. Huge! It was like another present wrapped up in the Gospel and opened on Christmas Eve. I will never forget that revelation whenever I hear "the swaddling cloths" read in the future.

So this challenge, along with the sessions of open prayer in the sanctuary, and the prayer walks in the neighborhood, are all great encouragements in the direction this body is going. New life in Christ is invigorated through those three: reading the Word, prayer, and spreading the Word. I appreciate that we as a church are not investing in what I call the "song and dance" routine to attract people, but rather, sticking with the fundamentals to attract and KEEP disciples.

Well done, faithful servants."

Lenten Bible Challenge: Matthew

The Board of Lay Ministry is starting a new Bible reading challenge for Lent. We begin by reading the following chapters of Matthew on Ash Wednesday. As with the Advent challenge, you will see a summary of the readings for the week and related discussion/reflection questions in the bulletin and by e-mail.

You can use this daily reading for personal reading and reflection, your family dinner table, 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 together!

Reading Matthew	Week One (Begin on Ash Wednesday)	Lent 2019
__ Mar. 6	Matt. 1 <i>What are the big surprises in this chapter? In Jesus' family? His arrival?</i>	
__ Mar. 7	Fulfilled! David's offspring will have an eternal kingdom. Read 2 Sam 7:12-13 and Matt 1:1	
__ Mar. 8	Matt. 2 <i>What responses do people have to Jesus, even as a child?</i>	
__ Mar. 9	Fulfilled! The Christ will be born in Bethlehem. Read Micah 5:2 and Matt. 2:4-6	
__ Mar. 10	Fulfilled! The Messiah will end up in Egypt. Read Hosea 11:1 and Matt. 2:14-15	

School News & Notes

Principal Call Accepted! Good news! Mr. Jay Schutte has accepted the call to serve as our principal! He will begin in July. Please keep Jay and Kim and their family in your prayers as they make this transition. Juls Clausen of Aurora, Colorado has accepted our invitation to serve as interim principal. We anticipate his arrival in early March. He will assist us until Jay Schutte can take the helm on July 1. (On a personal note, Juls is the brother-in-law of Barb Beckler and Dorcas Neuman.)

2019 - 2020 School Year Enrollment Open! Current families are able to re-enroll and enrollment is now open to new students as well. Contact the office to obtain assistance with or with any questions about application or enrollment.

Visit the school website for calendar updates and a complete listing of all school events and activities:
www.kingofkingslutherschool.org

March Events

3/1 - NO BUS

3/2 - 5:30pm - Annual Dinner & Auction "Wine in the Wood"

3/4 - 3/8 - NO BUS THIS WEEK

3/8 - NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES - Staff Development Conference Day

3/10 - 10:45am - K-8 Choirs Sing @ South Shore Trinity

3/11 - 6:30pm - Board of Ed Work Session

3/13 - 7:00pm - Concert Band plays @ Lenten Service

3/17 - 11:00am - PreSchool Sings 11AM Service

3/18 - 6:30pm - Board of Education Meeting

3/20 - 7:00pm - Royal Bells Plays @ Lenten Service

3/22 - End of Third Quarter

Noon Dismissal

Teacher In-Service PM

No Hot Lunch

3/25-29 - Spring Break - No School



Accredited Parochial School
(Preschool - 8th Grade)

"It's Still All About Jesus"

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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 (Unemployment Assistance)



Save the Date

St. Paul LLL Zone Banquet is right around the corner on **Sunday, March 10th**. This year's event is at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Afton, MN (880 Neal Ave S). Our presenter is Dionne S. Lovstad-Jones of LaPorte, Indiana who serves as the Ministry Resource Manager Team Leader for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Arrive sometime soon after 5:00 p.m. to register and find seats. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

To reserve a spot, please call DEL JENTZ @ 651-636-2297 or email drjentz785@hotmail.com. Reservations will help immensely. You can pay for the evening when you arrive. The cost for the event is \$11.00 per person or \$20 for couples. Checks can be made payable to the St. Paul LLL Zone.

Lutheran Hour Speaker at Concordia University, St. Paul You are invited to hear Dr. Michael Ziegler, the newly appointed Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, as he preaches in chapel on **Friday, March 15**. A reception will follow in the Cross of Christ Fellowship Center.

Third Saturday Game Night Join us in the Jerusalem Room for Game Night this third **Saturday, March 16 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

Lutheran Hour Rally The MN South District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League is hosting an 'old-fashioned' Lutheran hour Rally on **Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 PM** at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna St., Mankato. The preacher will be Rev. Michael Ziegler, our new Lutheran Hour speaker.

Have you thought about becoming a pastor or deaconess? A special invitation to visit with Rev. Jaime Nava, Admissions Officer from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to discuss seminary education and the path to becoming a pastor or deaconess. Please contact Rev. Nava at 314.505.7224 or navaj@csl.edu to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins also welcome. He will be at Concordia University, St. Paul on **Monday, March 18 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at The Campus Ministry Living Room in the Tunnel.

HealthEast Hospice Grief Support Services hosts a variety of grief support groups. The next sessions will be Spouse Loss Grief Support Group, which will meet **Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 1-2:30P.M.** For more information or to register, see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex. Classes are free, but space is limited.

COMING THIS SUMMER

Alaska Mission Team will be going to Northway, AK, June 14 through 22 to hold VBS. This will be a new location for the team. The team needs an additional person who can do one of the following activities: lead the opening and closing each day, lead games for younger children, or tell the Bible story for the day. If you are interested in being part of the team or have questions, contact Don Ullman (219) 742-4701 email donbill14@gmail.com or Pam Collova email torbs06@gmail.com.

PEAK CHALLENGE What is it? At its core, 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. It will push them emotionally by sharing experiences with the other men there. And it will push them spiritually through small group sessions and becoming more conscious of God's creations. For more information contact Adam Doraska by phone at (320) 894-3747 or by email at Doraskaa@csp.edu.

