



# King's Quill

March 2020 Issue 292

King of Kings Lutheran Church and School  
2330 Dale Street North | Roseville, MN 55113  
Church 651-484-5142 School 651-484-9206

## Pastor's Corner

March 2020

### *"The Servant of the Lord"*

***"He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not." Is. 53:3***

During Advent, we read through Isaiah 1-39 as a congregation. We will read through the rest of Isaiah during Lent. (A special thanks to Vicar Joshua Miller for preparing our readings and the questions that accompany them.) Why read Isaiah? No other prophet is quoted as often in the New Testament as Isaiah. Some people have even called his book the "Fifth Gospel!"

We will focus on the Servant songs of Isaiah during the Wednesdays in Lent. Seven centuries before the birth of Christ, Isaiah is clearly pointing to the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Messiah he was hoping for, and to whom he pointed others.

As we read and hear the prophecies for ourselves, I pray that each of us is made stronger in our conviction of what Christ has done for us. Join us at 7:00 on Wednesday nights for Evening Prayer and a message from Isaiah.

March 4	"Behold My Servant"	Isaiah 42
March 11	"Cyrus My Anointed"	Isaiah 45
March 18	"You Are My Servant, Israel"	Isaiah 49
March 25	"The Voice of His Servant"	Isaiah 50

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Steven Bielenberg*

### **Regular Sunday Service Times**

- 8:30 AM – Classic Worship
- 9:45 AM – Sunday School & Bible study classes
- 11:00 AM – Alternate Worship
- 12:15 PM – Hmong Bible Study
- 1:30 PM – Hmong (language) Community Worship (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month)

### **Lenten Services**

- 7:00 PM – March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
- Lenten Meals 5:45 PM

### **Office Hours**

Regular Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Saint Patrick** was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in **Ireland**. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland. Legend credits Patrick with teaching the Irish about the doctrine of the **Holy Trinity** by showing people the shamrock, a **three-leafed plant**, using it to illustrate the Christian teaching of **three persons in one God**.



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.



## From the Window View of Pastor Lee

All characters in a story are either dynamic or static. A static character is one who doesn't undergo any significant change in character, personality or perspective over the course of a story. Essentially, a static character is largely the same person at the end of the story as he was in the beginning.

A dynamic character, in contrast, undergoes a major transition in one or more of these ways. It is often easier to build a compelling story around a dynamic character. The dynamic character might go through a major life transition, have a coming-of-age experience, pull through trials and tribulations, mature, have a change of heart or develop more likeable qualities -- or take a turn for the worse. A common misconception is that a dynamic character has an electric, charismatic personality. In fact, the term "dynamic" doesn't define the character's qualities, but rather refers to how those qualities change over time.

Are we dynamic or static in this life of a Christian? The Lutheran answer is, "Yes."

On one hand you are static. As a child of God, you are the same redeemed child of God at your baptism and at death. That does not change.

On the other hand, you are dynamic. You will undergo major changes in more ways than one. You will be a witness, a living story bible to tell others. As tribulation comes your way, the God that never changes will change you to be tough and have a heart of gold. Your qualities will shine. People will gather to see what you're made of and you will tell them Who made you.

How will you be static and dynamic this month?

*Blessings,  
Pastor Vue Lee*

---

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

---

## 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.

May God help us all stay connected to Jesus, so that we may honor Him by serving others.

# News and Notes



## 2020 King of Kings Spring Recycle Sale

2020 Spring Recycle Sale, Saturday, April 4, 2020

8:00am – 1:00pm

Sponsored by: Women's Ministry

### Please help by ...

- **Donating** gently used items. **Deliver** to the King of Kings gym on **Friday, April 3, after 3pm**.
- **Friday setup, any time after 3pm**. A light dinner will be provided for workers.
- **Saturday:** cashiers, room monitoring and sorting items
- **Saturday: clean-up** and disbursement of leftover items

### **SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE POSTED in the coffee area:**

- Friday, anytime 3 pm and after (any amount of time is appreciated)
- Saturday, 7:45 am – 10:30 am – room monitors, cashiers, baggers
- Saturday, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm – room monitors, cashiers, baggers
- Saturday, 1:00 pm - Cleanup

**Please Sign-up, sheets are posted in the coffee area. OR reach out to Peggy or Glenn Matthees, [mattheesgp@gmail.com](mailto:mattheesgp@gmail.com) or 651-245-2987.**

Women's Ministry thanks everyone for helping us with this recycle/rummage sale. Friday evening setup is always full of surprises. We received great contributions last year, hopefully your closets are not already bare. We love the fellowship, come and spend some time with fellow parishioners that sit across the aisle from you or attend a different service. Thanks to all that make this successful, we are looking forward to your support again this year.

### Membership Updates:

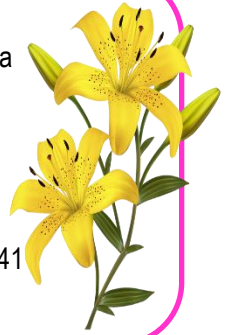
**In by baptism:** In by Holy Baptism: Jack Miller, son of Chad & Mandy; Adriana Vaughan, daughter of Nick and Jessica; Maximus Wade Jorgenson, son of Bryce & Kathryn

**In by profession of faith:** Carrie Doerfler (& son Malachi), Virginia Waller

**Out by release:** Glory Seying & family; Ma Yang; John Vang

**Out by transfer:** Eunice Przybylski & Chandra Colvin

**EASTER FLOWERS** Orders are now being taken for Easter flowers for the altar. Fill out a slip and attach a check made out to King of Kings with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Orders can be put in box on counter in the office or the offering plates or boxes. The deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 8th**. Please call Deb Gogins at 651-628-0641 with any questions.



### LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH THE ROSEVILLE P.D. The holidays are over, but winter weather and hunger still pose challenges to some around us. What can you do?

It's so easy, donate any of the following items and drop them off to Pastor Lee: 1-gallon 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. He will then pass them on to Roseville PD for distribution. If you don't feel like shopping, you can make a monetary donation and Pastor Lee will buy it on your behalf.

**Luke 10:27: 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.'**



**2020 DIRECTORY COMING SOON!** Watch the bulletin and your email for more information about the new King of Kings online directory! (Printed copies will be available as well.)



### JANUARY GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$30,773.76;

Parking Lot – \$3,410.00.;

Other specified offerings - \$460.20

Electronic Giving – General \$15,664.00;

Parking Lot - \$935.00

# Letter from the Vicar

## “Behold, the Handmaiden of the Lord”: Mary as the Model Christian Disciple

### A Meditation for the Festival of the Annunciation

It may seem odd to think about Mary in the middle of Lent. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, however, many Christian—including Lutherans—will celebrate the Annunciation of Jesus’ conception to the Virgin Mary through the Angel Gabriel. In this story and the following events, Mary shows us what it means to be a disciple.

The first aspect of Mary’s discipleship is that God gave her His grace. Mary was given the grace of God by the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word. As Luther says, the grace of God given to Mary through the conception of Jesus within her womb comes to her through the preaching of God’s Word. The preacher of this Word is Gabriel, but it was God’s Word that worked the miracle of grace in Mary’s life. This is no different than how all Christians are given God’s grace: through the preaching of the Word to us.<sup>1</sup>

The second aspect of discipleship that Mary demonstrates is her response of faith to God’s Word. The Holy Spirit’s work of grace through Word of God creates faith in our hearts. Mary, like all Christians, receives the gift of faith, which the Holy Spirit works in her heart through the hearing of the Word.<sup>2</sup>

Mary believes in God’s promise and her cousin Elizabeth exclaims: “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”<sup>3</sup> In the Magnificat, Mary confess her faith that God is her Savior. Her salvation and the gift of the Christ child growing in her womb are indeed one and the same. By saying that God has “looked on the humble estate of His servant,” Mary acknowledges in faith that her salvation has come to her as a gift through her child.<sup>4</sup>

Luther uplifts Mary’s trust in God her Savior as an example of faith to all Christians. For Mary, says Luther, could not see the fulfilment of God’s promise to her yet, but she believed nevertheless. Mary trusted “in sure confidence,” says Luther, in a promise given to her by God that was incomprehensible in its simplicity and depth.<sup>5</sup> Mary shows us what it means to trust God revealed in Christ as our Savior, even though this means trusting in a promise of which we cannot yet see the complete fulfillment.<sup>6</sup>

But Mary’s expression of her faith does not end with her own confession of God as her Savior. In the Magnificat, Mary moves beyond personal confession to sharing the Good News with others. Mary proclaims God’s greatness through witnessing to His works of “scattering the proud,” bringing down the mighty, uplifting the humble, and feeding the hungry.<sup>7</sup>

Most importantly, Mary proclaims God’s faithfulness to keep His promises to His people Israel.<sup>8</sup> Mary directly acknowledges, proclaims, and celebrates that God is fulfilling His promise to Abraham to bless all nations through the Son conceived within her womb.<sup>9</sup> How awesome that Mary proclaims the Good News, that God will fulfill His promise to Abraham! Mary, herself, would be the vehicle for that fulfillment! (continued...)

---

<sup>1</sup> Luther, *Luther’s Explanatory Notes on the Gospel*, 178-179.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Luke 1:45 (ESV).

<sup>4</sup> Luke 1:47-48 (ESV).

<sup>5</sup> Martin Luther, *The Magnificat* (1521), in *LW* 21:309.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Luke 1:51-53 (ESV).

<sup>8</sup> Luke 1:54-55.

<sup>9</sup> *LW* 352-353. Luke 1:54-55.



All Christians have been commissioned by their Lord to “proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation,”<sup>10</sup> to make disciples, and to baptize.<sup>11</sup> The entire Church on earth bears this Great Commission of Christ in sacred trust until His return. It is no stretch, though, to say that Mary becomes not only the first Christian but also the first Christian to share the Gospel. In this way, she becomes the model for all disciples of Jesus who come after her.

Mary shows us what it means to be a disciple. I invite you to consider this view of the Virgin Mary for your own life of devotion and faith in Christ. Moreover, I invite you to follow the example of Mary, as she received God’s grace, trusted by faith in God’s promise, and proclaimed God’s salvation to others.

Your Vicar,  
Joshua Miller

### 2020 Lenten Bible Reading: Isaiah 40-66

The Board of Lay Ministry invites you to read through the remainder of Isaiah during Lent. The readings and questions will be available in the weekly bulletins as well as by e-mail each Monday.

Week One Readings and Questions:

\_\_Mar. 1     Isaiah 40

*In Isaiah 40:6, God commissions the prophet to preach His message. What is the prophet’s response in Isaiah 40:7-8? How is this bad news and good news?*

\_\_Mar. 2     Isaiah 41

*In this chapter, God tells His people about the futility of idols (see Is. 41:29) compared to Him. What kinds of futile things do people trust in today instead of God?*

\_\_Mar. 3     Isaiah 42

*In Is. 42:1-9, we read the first of Isaiah’s “Servant Songs.” What are the characteristics of the Lord’s Servant? What kinds of things will He do?*

\_\_Mar. 4     Isaiah 43

*God is going to save Judah from exile and bring her people back to Jerusalem? Why? (See Is. 43:4)*

\_\_Mar. 5     Isaiah 44

*In Is. 44:9-20, the prophet ridicules the foolishness of those who worship idols. What are some of the things he says idolaters do?*

\_\_Mar. 6

Isaiah 45

*In this chapter, God tells the people that He will use Cyrus as His instrument to save Judah, but that it is He the Lord who is Savior. What phrase is repeated throughout this chapter? What does this mean for us who know God in Christ?*

\_\_Mar. 7

Isaiah 46

*In this chapter, God ridicules the failed Babylonian gods, Bel and Nebo. Babylon is soon to be non-existent. God’s righteousness is forever! How does God share His righteousness with us (see Romans 3:21-31).*



**I bind to myself today  
The strong virtue of an invocation of the Trinity,  
I believe the Trinity in the Unity  
The Creator of the Universe.**

**~ St. Patrick ~**

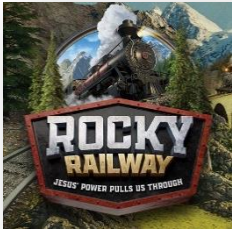
<sup>10</sup> Mark 16:15 (ESV).

<sup>11</sup> Mathew 28:19-20.

# Education and Youth News

**LifeLight – Wednesday Nights** LifeLight is a Bible Study with daily readings and questions. The group meets on **Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:45pm** in Room 104 (Media Center). There is a lecture and discussion led by Al Wassermann. Books are \$10. Contact Al Wassermann to ask questions or get more information: [almarge2hikers@g.com](mailto:almarge2hikers@g.com) or 651-484-1487.

**Adult Small Groups** Are you interested in starting or hosting a small group Bible Study? Contact DCE Sally Schuster at [sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org) or 612-540-0714 for resources and training. We have many curricula that can be used – video based or book based – and you can host in your home, at church, or elsewhere like a coffee shop!



**Rocky Railway VBS: Registration now open!** Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School which will happen on **June 22-26, 2020 from 9 am to Noon!** Our theme is Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through! Register online today: <http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/children.html>. Please pray for this important ministry and if you're interested in volunteering, contact DCE Sally Schuster at [sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org) or cell: 651-341-3830. There are many duties that need to be done before, during, and after the event!

## Youth Ministry

- **Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
  - **Youth Night Schedule every Lent Wednesday:**
    - **3:00 pm** Snack/Study Hall/Free time
    - **3:30 pm** Small Group Time for those who have the later practice
    - **4:45 pm** Small Group Time for rest of the group.
    - **5:45 pm** We now end early for Lent Dinner and Worship! Please join us!
    - **Last Youth Night April 1.**
  - **Sunday mornings:** Each week, there is a middle school Bible study held in Room 111 (Mr. Schmidtke's Classroom) with Tim Grotheer. Most weeks, it is only 6<sup>th</sup> graders. If there is no confirmation, the MS Bible Study will still be happening and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
  - **Community Night every Wednesday:** We meet after Lent worship until 9 pm each week and have discussion, snacks, and gym time. Last week will be April 1.
  - **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:** @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!**
- **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.

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.



# School News and Notes



## Coming up this week!

### 3rd Annual Auction & Dinner

Join us for the 3rd annual Royals Night fundraiser

Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the [Southview Country Club](#) at 5:30 pm.

## Sideline with Schutte

As I'm sitting here in between dance performances at my daughter's competition, I am starting to realize how much I do not know about this sport. I can see the obvious improvements the team has made over the course of the year, like being in sync with their kicks. Besides this, I couldn't tell you what else judges evaluate when watching a routine. I would ask my wife to educate me more on this sport, but she grew up with only a volleyball in the house. Even though we have little knowledge of competitive dance, we are willing to learn. That willingness comes because of our daughter's love for this sport. Knowing our own childhood upbringings, learning and understanding dance is not something we thought we would be doing at this point in our lives. Since we see it staying with us for quite a while, it only seems right for us to embrace this new sport so we can experience a deeper enjoyment with her.



On March 7, we will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Royals Night fundraising event. This event is our largest event of the year, with a goal of raising \$40,000 for tuition assistance and classroom needs. In order to organize this highly successful event, there is a high demand for many small tasks. Without having any experience in hosting an event with this type of magnitude, every week I learn more about what is happening behind the scenes. This experience has led me to discover why our volunteers do what they do and it usually comes down to two things about King of Kings: 1) they want to help provide the best Christian educational environment for their child, and 2) they want to feel the connection that King of Kings provides, either with their child or with other adults.

When people volunteer at King of Kings, they are helping to make this place amazing. The joy that comes from knowing you have done something special happens in many different forms. Whether it is strengthening your relationship with your own child or developing a new one with another adult, volunteering can help create this special bond. When people volunteer for a deeper purpose other than the act itself, that is when offering your service becomes a habit instead of a chore. Many times in order to receive this joy, volunteering may mean you will have to learn something new – like learning how to put a low bun in your daughter's hair before a dance competition.

**We hope you will join us on March 7, 5:30pm at Southview Country Club for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Royals Night.**

Contact Katie Miller in the office for donations, sponsorships or volunteering opportunities.



### March Events:

- Mar. 7 – Royals Night
- Mar. 8 - 10:30am K-8 Choir sings @ Emanuel Lutheran Church
- Mar. 10 - 5:00pm Preschool & Kindergarten Roundup
- Mar. 11 - 7:00pm Concert Band plays @ Lenten Worship Service
- Mar. 15 - 11:00am Pre-K Sings @ Worship
- Mar. 16 – 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting
- Mar. 20 – End of 3rd Quarter / Noon Dismissal  
6:30pm - Board of Education Meeting
- Mar. 23 – Mar. 27 Spring Break
- Mar. 30/31 – Parent/Teacher Conferences



### Keep "Liking" Us on Facebook!

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](http://www.facebook.com/kokroseville)  
Note: this is a separate page from the church.

## Save the Date



**Royals Night** will be held at Southview Country Club on **Saturday, March 7 at 5:30PM**. Thank you to everyone who has supported this evening!

**Cancer Companions Support Group** If you, or a loved one, have ever dealt with cancer, you are invited to join our upcoming nine-week support group. Cancer Companions begins **Thursday, March 12th**. We meet at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, located at 674 Johnson Parkway in St. Paul. The group meets from 1:00—2:30PM. For more information, please call the church office: 651-774-2396.

**500 Cards Club** We will have a 500 Card night at the home of Ted and Ethel McArthur on **Friday, March 13th at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome!

**Voters' Meeting** A voters' meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30PM**.

**Poehler Lecture at Concordia University:** Professor Keith Williams will be presenting the Poehler Lecture at **7:00 p.m. on March 17** in the Buetow Music Auditorium. As a dedicated teacher and administrator, he has helped shape the growth of the Department of Art and Design at Concordia University, St. Paul, serving as the Chair of the department 23 of the last 28 years. The Poehler Lecture Series is an annual event designed to explore how Concordia University faculty have connected their Christian faith with their academic discipline. Speakers are selected based on excellence in their academic discipline and maturity in their Christian faith. All those who would like to connect faith and learning in their own lives are welcome to attend.

**Concordia University Convocation** will take place in the Buetow Auditorium on **March 18 at 10:30AM** with William Cope Moyers, vice president of public affairs and community relations for Hazeldon Betty Ford. As the organization's public advocate since 1996, Moyers carries the messages about addiction, treatment and recovery to audiences across the nation. He has appeared on *Larry King Live*, the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America* and *National Public Radio*. Moyers is the author of several books including "Broken: My Story of Addiction and Redemption", a *New York Times* best-selling memoir published in 2006 that is still in print. He lives in St. Paul and has a new book coming out in 2020.

**All Congregation Potluck Lunch** Join us for our annual All Congregation Potluck Lunch on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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-M (main dish/salad) N-Z (main dish/dessert)*

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!

**Women's Ministry Annual Spring Recycle Sale.** Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8am – 1pm**. Everyone is invited to come and shop! Please Sign up to help on the sheets posted in the coffee area, or reach out to Peggy or Glenn Matthees, mattheesp@gmail.com or 651-245-2987. See today's insert for more information.

Women's Ministry supports the following mission projects: Sandwich Project, Christmas Shoebox project, Concordia Academy and King of Kings school scholarships, Hmong ministry, and Concordia University. Additionally, King of Kings college students going into church work receive a small gift of financial assistance, and we support the work of the team hosting funeral lunches. We believe these are all important functions of the congregation and hope you will support us in 2020.

**SAGES Gathering May 4-5.** Register today for the SAGES Gathering 2020 in Mankato. Featured presenter Dr. Mark Jeske will guide attendees through the "20/20 Vision: Courage today. Hope tomorrow." The gathering will also feature workshops, fellowship, and a banquet with entertainment by the Gundermanns.