



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

March 2023

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, at least in St. Paul! The day is celebrated with green beer, shamrock cut-outs, and pots of gold for those who know how to market the day! (When I was in elementary school, you wore green to guarantee you didn't get pinched!) Most of the people who are celebrating could tell you little about Patrick apart from the fact that he brought Christ to Ireland and drove the serpents out. So many centuries later, it's hard to sift the facts from the legends.

We do know that Patrick lived from c. 389-461. Born into a Christian family, he lived on the west coast of England when the Roman Empire was losing her hold on Britain. At the age of 16 Patrick was abducted and carried off to Ireland where he worked essentially as a slave. He later wrote: "Now after I came to Ireland, daily I pastured flocks, and constantly during the day I prayed." His prayers were answered and he escaped, but his heart never lost its concern for the people of Ireland. In the midst of warring chieftains and hostile Druid priests, Patrick returned in 432, preaching Christ and founding monasteries, churches and schools throughout Ireland. He expected death at every turn.

Amongst other things, Patrick wrote a prayer or hymn which is now known to us as St. Patrick's Breastplate. One version of it can be found in our hymnal, "I Bind Unto Myself Today" (LSB 604). Take a look! It is a great tribute to our Triune God.

The part of the prayer most of us know best? "**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left.**" This is the prayer of a man who was consumed by Christ!

In the prayer he also writes:

***I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,***

(continued...)

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.

Weekly Sunday Services

8:30 am – Classic Worship
9:45 am – Adult Bible Study
Sunday School
Confirmation
High School Bible Study
11:00 am – Alternate Worship

Lenten Worship

5:45 pm – Lenten suppers
7:00 pm – Adult Bible Study

Live Stream Worship

[http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/
online-worship.html](http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html)

Use the above link to access
the live stream **Sunday services at
8:30 and 11AM**
(recordings available, too)

March Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours
8AM to 4PM Monday - Friday





*God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
From snares of the devil,
From temptations of vices,
From every one who desires me ill,
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.*

Patrick truly had enemies. (Part of this prayer asked God to protect him from being poisoned!) Jesus tells us to pray for our enemies. Which raises the question: Do we really have enemies in this day and age? When I had kidney stones a few years ago, I realized that I didn't know anyone I would wish them on; ergo, I had no enemies!

But the world tells us that because we follow Christ, we are their enemy! Why? Because we uphold the gift of life from cradle to grave? Because we uphold the holy union of a man and a woman as God created? Because we see family as a gift and not a curse? Because we welcome God's gifts to us in the Word and Sacraments? Because we set our minds on things above, whatever is true and good and right?

Every good and perfect gift comes from God's hand. And then Christ, our greatest treasure of all. Christ calls us to love our enemies and pray for them. He calls us to be faithful unto death, to share with others out of the abundance the Father has given us, and to turn the other cheek in the face of hostility.

Now each person seeks to be their own god and seem to be more miserable than ever. They build altars or platforms on social media and expect everyone to bow down to the shrine they have built in their own honor. "You do you." (That's never been a good idea, has it?) Paul wrote, with tears, to his brothers and sisters in Philippians 3: ***"For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things."*** When we read God's Word, we often wonder if the authors aren't looking over our shoulder now in 2023! The same things are going on in the world today. Many walk as enemies of the cross of Jesus Christ.

And there is Good News, even today! If I had my DNA analyzed, I may even find a little Irish DNA mixed in there with the German and Norwegian and Dane. But that's not who I am in Christ, and neither are you. Paul concludes: ***"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."***

This is the Good News that Patrick was given to proclaim to Ireland. This is the Good News we have been called to share with our neighbor, too.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg



Nothing Fishy About It (reprinted from *The Way to Better Health* by Concordia Plan Services)

We enjoy going to the St. Louis Missouri Botanical Garden and especially visiting the 14-acre Japanese garden.

Once there, we often stop to watch people feed the large Japanese carp, called koi. They look like giant goldfish, and it's fun to see these carp go after food pellets in a feeding frenzy.

An interesting fact about koi is that their growth is dependent upon their environment, specifically the quality of the water and the size of the pond. Typically, koi can grow to about three feet in length, but that growth can be stunted if the fish are kept in a confined pond with poor water quality. Saying it another way, if you give koi the right environment for growth and keep them immersed in a good water source, they will grow.

That's an apt comparison to us as Christians. We have many opportunities to “. . . grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. . .” (2 Peter 3:18). Unfortunately, our sinful natures often tempt us to chase after other options that not only hinder our growth, but also cause us to drift away from God.

Every Sunday, for example, is an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the hearing and learning of God's word through worship and Bible study. In that environment, we are joyfully reminded that even though we sin daily, God forgives for Jesus' sake. We are tempted every day to seek out unhealthy “growth” substitutes — ones where we could find ourselves beached and doing nothing at all beneficial, or floundering in less-than-healthy waters that could lead us to get snared by the hooks of our sinful desires.

At those times when we find ourselves like carp swimming aimlessly, or being drawn to feed on harmful pellets that tempt us, don't forget to grasp what it truly means to be a **CARP**: by God's grace we are **Christ's Atoned and Redeemed People**. We are **CARP** swimming in the cleansing waters of baptism that have washed away our sins. Through Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross, we live as redeemed people in God's eyes.

Here's the other comparison we have with carp: they are typically at the bottom of the fish hierarchy. They are the bottom dwellers of ponds and rivers and aren't considered much of a delicacy when it comes to mealtime. We can relate: being poor miserable sinners also places us at the bottom of humanity, but thanks be to God that He looks past our lowly state and through His love we are **Christ's Atoned and Redeemed People**.

Steve Gruenwald



This Week! The Wind Symphony from Concordia University Chicago will perform a concert of sacred and secular music at King of Kings Lutheran Church & School, 2330 North Dale St. in Roseville, on **Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.** The concert is open to the public, and admission is free. More information on the poster in the narthex. **If you can't make it to the concert but wish to support the ensemble, please put your donation in the offering this week.** A check can either be made to King of Kings (with Wind Symphony in the memo line) or to Concordia University Chicago (with Wind Symphony in the memo line).

The Wind Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Richard R. Fischer, has performed in 43 states, Canada, Europe, Asia and South Africa as well as twice at Carnegie Hall. The ensemble has commissioned and premiered numerous wind compositions and produced 16 acclaimed recordings of sacred wind music.

For more information about the Wind Symphony's upcoming tour, see <https://www.cuchicago.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts/music/music-ensembles/wind-symphony/tours/>.

News and Notes

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



March 12th

SPRING
FORWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry is considering "recycling" the annual **Recycle Sale**. **Women's Ministry** supports various mission projects throughout the year, including the Sandwich Project, blankets for the homeless, Christmas Shoebox, and Lutheran school scholarships. We haven't hosted a sale for 3 years and now have an opportunity to change-up our event, but we need input and commitment from interested congregation and school members.

We will have an initial gathering of interest and ideas on **Saturday, March 4, 10 am in the Jerusalem room**.

If you can't attend but have input please contact Peggy Matthees, 651-245-2987 or mattheesgp@gmail.com.



Women's Ministry will be collecting Mites again on Sunday, March 5th. The large Mite Box will be out on the table in the narthex to collect coins and dollar bills to support the LWML Women's Mission Projects locally and nationally. Let's fill the box!



Easter singers wanted! If you're interested in singing with the Rejoice Choir for Easter, please let Bekah Jorgensen know (rjorgensen@kingofkingsroseville.org) or just come to practices, **Wednesday evenings at 7:45 in the sanctuary (after Lenten service)**. We'd love to have you, even if you can't make every rehearsal.

Easter Flowers_We will be ordering our Easter flowers soon. There are a variety of types and prices. **All orders must be received by March 5**. Order forms (along with payment) may be left in the offering boxes, with the offering, or in the box in the office. Please include your name and phone number and your order choice with your enclosed check marked clearly as "Easter flower order" in case of any questions. Contact Deb Gogins with any questions 651-628-0641. Thank you!

Books Available in the Church Office

We have a limited number of copies of the following titles on hand at the list price. No shipping charges. Contact the church office to arrange pick-up.

Lutheran Service Book (Hymnal) \$25.00

Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, \$16.00

Concordia Publishing House, 158 pages, 2020. (Jeff is the son of Phyllis Leininger and serves as campus pastor at Concordia University Chicago. This could make a great small-group Bible Study.)

What is God calling me to do? What is the one thing I was born to do? Am I truly doing what I am called to do? The truth is, there is no one thing that you're meant to do. There are multiple. God gives you more than one calling in life, asking you to do many things in His plan for your life. Understanding your callings is difficult for all ages though: from recent graduates to adults in established careers. But no matter where you are in life, God wants you to see your callings and understand His plan for you. Work through five chapters about all the callings in your life, even the ones you might not have noticed before. Use prayers, Bible verses, and teachings from important Lutheran figures to ground yourself in Christ's teachings and the theology surrounding how God calls you. Then, use discussion questions at the end of each chapter to reflect on your current callings and new ones that God has been calling you to all along.

Education and Youth News

Mark your calendar for VBS!

Get ready, Vacation Bible School will be held on June 12-16, 9 am to Noon, with READY, SET, MOVE: FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE! This is a free program for 3 year olds through 6th Grade. Register on the church website: www.kingofkingsroseville.org/children. Now is the time to sign up to volunteer too – station leaders, crew leaders, decorating, registration team, etc. If you have any questions, contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org.



Youth Ministry

- **Youth Night:** Doors open at 5:30 pm for open gym/fellowship and we separate into groups from 6-7:30 pm. On the first Sunday of the month, High School Youth are invited to arrive at 4:30 pm to cook dinner. Watch the bulletin and Weekly Update e-newsletter for more specifics on the rest of our schedule, including a card and board game night!
- **High School Bible Study** meets on Sundays between services in the Youth Room. We are currently doing a study on Emotions and the Gospel.
- **Night at the Dome Kickball Tournament:** On March 31st, we'll take on teams from other churches around the Twin Cities at Concordia University from about 5-10 pm. We have a team registered, but don't have enough signed up yet. Please let Sally know ASAP if you would like to join. Once your join, there is an online medical form that needs to be completed. There is a costume contest as well so think of ideas.
- **Easter Breakfast:** We have meal prep on Saturday, April 8th at 9 am. If we have a lot of help, it takes less than 2 hours. On Easter Sunday morning, April 9th, we will be serving breakfast from 7:15 am to 10:45 am so we'll need help throughout the morning. At about 8:30 am, we will be transferring the meal to Room 103 (Mrs. Peterson's and Mr. Schmidtke's Classrooms) so that Meals on Wheels can use the kitchen. Please let Sally know when you are able to lend a hand. This is a fundraiser for the next summer servant event or National Youth Gathering.
- **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!**



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.



Confirmation meets most **Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM** in Room 102 (Mrs. Incitti's Classroom)



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

Deut. 26:18a

School News and Notes



Sideline with Schutte

In 2004, I was the freshman basketball head coach at Concordia Academy. Some of you reading this may have been on this team. This team was filled with talent. They could shoot. They could dribble. They had a high level of basketball knowledge. They had great work ethic, playing as a team, and coming to every practice with the right mindset. The biggest challenge we had was that we lacked height on the team. In fact, our tallest player was only 6 feet tall. If you understand the game of basketball, you know that this is a big hurdle to overcome. In order to be competitive, we needed to be nearly flawless in every other area of the game. The largest test that season was when we went against the “Goliaths” from DeLaSalle. It took every player to come together as one to stick to the game plan. We had different strategies to counter our lack of size. The players knew our plan of attack and understood the reasons behind every decision. In the end, we were victorious.

The success we had that season did not just happen overnight. In fact, it started a few months earlier at the first practice of the season. Freshman basketball teams are compiled of players from many different schools. In order to reach any level of success, players must first come together as one team. It takes everyone to understand that each person has an important role on the team. It is understanding the talents that God has given them and how to use them for the sole purpose of helping the team be successful. The players we had that year had both the skills and the right mindset to make it a successful season, even though we lacked in size. We talked a lot that season about life-lessons learned and how to apply them to our everyday lives. It is a joy crossing paths with former players and seeing how they are applying what they learned at a Christian school and using that in their professional and personal lives.

Next year will be another step as King of Kings strives to reach full capacity. We will have 5th grade students separated from our 6th graders. With this additional classroom, we will now have a goal for the next three years to reach an average of 16 students in each classroom. This alone will allow us to serve almost 30 more students. We do not need to be a large school in order to positively impact our students’ lives for a lifetime. In fact, it is the small class sizes that allow us to provide the personalized attention and education that students deserve. The 2023-2024 school year still has open seats in our classrooms and **we want to serve more students**. The number one reason families chose **not** to enroll in King of Kings is paying tuition. We know and understand family budgets and the struggles in adding educational costs to it. This is why **Royals Night** is so important. This is a night that our church and school community comes together to help make Christian education a reality for over 25% of our student body. Funds raised this night will go towards scholarships and other large expensive items like a new volleyball standard system and resurfacing our playground area. **Help us reach our goal of \$55,000.**

Jay M. Schutte
Principal

See you at
Royals Night!



Parkway Pizza Dine Out for Schools Night Thursday, March 9 is the next night in which our school will receive 5% of all sales. Put it on your calendar for each month! Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360

Release from call Letter for Mr. Schmidtke

February 2023

Greetings to the community of King of Kings Lutheran Church and School,

I appreciate the love, support, and prayers from everyone over the past couple of weeks as we went through the call process.

After losing my father last Spring I have been on a spiritual and personal journey. I have been experiencing and trying many new things in the growth of my faith and my family. The scripture that has helped me come to a decision is in 1 Peter 4:10-11, “**10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. **11** If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” With this being said my family and I will be taking the call to be Principal at Christ Lutheran School in Peoria, Illinois.

King of Kings has been great to me and my family over the past seven years even to the point that you became our family. The list of gratitude could go on and on from families making soup for my family when sick, babysitting my two little ones, to installing a new dryer, and building a bedroom for my oldest son. This decision was very hard, and I pray and hope that the King of Kings community continues to surround us with love and support as we transition to this new adventure this Summer.

Your servant in Christ,

Nathaniel Schmidtke

Upcoming Dates

Mar. 7 - Wind Symphony Concert by Concordia University - Chicago

Mar. 9 - Parkway Pizza Night

Mar. 10 - Noon Dismissal (Teacher Work Day), End of 3rd Quarter

Mar. 12 - MS Advance Choir sings at 11am Church Service

Mar. 13 - Board of Ed Meeting (7pm)



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/kokroseville

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

LCEF Take Heart Scholarship The **Take Heart Scholarship**, is available to all 16-18 year old high school seniors who have a YI account with LCEF. Scholarships are available up to \$3000, and the due date for submission is **May 7**. More information online: <https://lcef.org/scholarship/>.



SAVE THE DATE:

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



500 Cards for March will be on the 17th at 5:30 pm. If you're a card player consider joining us on March 24th at 5:30 p.m. for an evening of 500. Our hosts for March are Ted and Ethel McArthur Chatsworth St. N., Roseville). Please RSVP to Ted at (651) 303-9947 or tmcarthur61@gmail.com. Bring a snack to share. This is our last scheduled card night until the fall.

Summer can't come soon enough! **Registration is now open for 2023 Concordia Academy Camps!**

We're offering almost three dozen summer camps focusing on athletics, arts, STEM, and other areas for students in Grades 1-12. In addition to favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Camp Create, Playmakers, Volleyball, and Youth Worship Team, **we're offering plenty of exciting new camps:** Act One Theatre Camp (for Grades 1-4), Beginner Hand Sewing, Blast Off (a rocket-building camp), Bon Appetit! Cooking Camp, To Infinity and Beyond (math camp), Video Production, Volleyball (for Grades 2-4). In addition, we're offering two weeklong sessions of our popular Auto Shop and ICE Lab camps.

Visit <https://concordiaacademy.jumbula.com/#/home> to get all the details, view the CA Camps catalog, and register for camps. Many camps have size limits and fill up quickly, so don't delay.

Concordia Academy presents Shrek the Musical! Everyone's favorite ogre comes to Concordia Academy in the hilarious stage spectacle based on the Oscar-winning, smash-hit film. Performances are March 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 7:00 pm and March 12 and 19 at 2:00 pm. Premium Reserved Seats are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens. General Reserved Seats are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. CA students receive a free ticket. Visit <https://concordiaacademytheatre.ludus.com/index.php> to order your tickets.



LWML St Paul Metro Zone Spring Rally—April 15, 2023

Jehovah Lutheran Church
1566 Thomas Ave, St Paul 55104

9am registration and refreshments, \$5 fee 9:30-11:30 program "A Broom is a Gift of God" Stories and insights from the mission field. Sharing the Gospel through your vocation. Speaker: Dr. Richard Carter, Missionary to Hong Kong

Vocatio summer high school visitation event registration now open! Vocatio is a free, faith-filled and fun opportunity for high school students entering grades ninth through 12th to explore God's calling and direction for them. During this weeklong retreat, students will be encouraged in their faith and the calling for their lives through many Seminary experiences including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and some fun and recreation! **The deadline to register is May 27.** Interested participants can learn more and sign up at <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio/>

Register NOW for Christ Academy High School Christ Academy High School—including Timothy School (boys) and Phoebe School (girls)—is just a few months away! This two-week experience immerses students in confessional catechesis, liturgical worship, and fun life together. If you know high school students who love the life of the church and might be thinking about church work as a vocation, encourage them to attend Christ Academy this summer. Students who participate will attend classes in theology and worship together four times a day. Participants will also have an opportunity to serve their neighbor through service projects throughout the Fort Wayne area. **Space is limited! For more information or to register, visit our Events page at ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/ or call 260-452-3140.**

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/>