



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

March 2024

"If what Christians say about Good Friday is true," Richard John Neuhaus writes, *"then it is quite simply, the truth about everything."* The Seven Last Words of Jesus have inspired countless authors and composers throughout the ages. Now it is our turn. As we face the death of Christ on a Friday afternoon, we must consider the darkness of that day in terms of His suffering and death on account of our sin. Even so, we look from Good Friday to Easter with hope in our hearts, knowing that everything Christ would teach us comes to its ultimate fulfillment in his death and resurrection. Beyond the darkness of our own experience and condition, there is light. Beyond the terror of Good Friday, Easter calls to us with hope.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Each Wednesday service is preceded by a light supper. Gathering in the name of Jesus is a great way for us to close the day together.

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

March 6 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

March 13 "I thirst." John 19:28

March 20 "It is finished." John 19:30

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion at 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday at Noon

Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:00 P.M.

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46

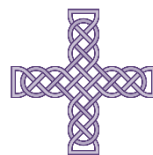
The Last Word: EASTER!

6:30 AM Sunrise; 8:30 and 11:00 with Holy Communion

Have a blessed Lenten journey toward Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg



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

5:30 pm – Lenten supper

7:00 pm – Lenten service

Holy Week & Easter Worship

7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday

12 noon & 7pm – Good Friday

6:30 am – Sunrise Service

7:15 am – Easter Breakfast

8:30 am – Easter Service w/comm

11:00 am – Easter Service w/comm

Live Stream Worship

<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html>

Use the above link to access the live stream of all services (recordings available)

March Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours

8am to 4pm Monday - Friday

The office will be closed Thursday, March 28 – Monday April 1 in observance of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter

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.

News and Notes

Young Women's Survey

Women Alive in Christ would like to provide an opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with God and to experience the joy and support of connecting with other women through Bible study. KOK women who are involved in Bible study together share that they gain wisdom and knowledge, find hope, peace and encouragement, discern their purpose and place in the world, and build relationships.

To accommodate busy schedules of mothers with young children, we are planning to offer a Zoom Bible study this winter. We request your input about day of week, time, length, and topics of interest. We would greatly appreciate your response to a few questions at this link (<https://forms.gle/gtjS7X5YiLSDJyKP8>) or you can scan the QR code.



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!



Circuit Church Ordination Invitation On **Sunday, March 10th at 11:00am**, St. Stephanus (739 Lafond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104) will celebrate the ordination of

Vicar Ghebru during a joint communion service with the Eritrean congregation. Note, there will not be a 9:30 service. The Rite of Ordination is a beautiful service and we look forward to celebrating this with our church family and guests. There will be a catered luncheon after the service and all are invited. There is no charge for the dinner, however, to assist the caterer, reservations are required. Please contact Emmy Treichel (651-645-3044) by March 3rd to reserve.

Giving Statements for 2023 Printed or emailed statements are available upon request from the church office churchoffice@kingofkingsroseville.org. If you give electronically, your statement can be accessed by logging on to your online giving profile. Please contact the office for assistance or for a printed statement. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of King of Kings Lutheran Church and School!

KING OF KINGS WOMEN'S MINISTRY- SPRING CALENDAR

Lots of fun events are coming up!
Come join us!



Easter Tea - You're invited! Ladies and friends of the congregation ages 16 and up, are invited to join us on **March 16th from 10am-12pm** for an Easter Tea Party including speakers, music, fellowship, treats, and tea! We will be "spilling the tea," sharing the Gossip about the Gospel, and taking time together to discuss what the good news of the resurrection means in our lives. RSVP by call DCE Practicum Student **Emma Giger** at (317) 946-7719

Eggroll Making and Fellowship! **Sunday, April 14th** from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm in the Jerusalem Room. May Lee will guide us in wrapping 2-3 dozen traditional Hmong eggrolls. We'll eat a few eggrolls for lunch and plan to take the rest home! The eggrolls are traditionally made with turkey, you may request pork at sign up. Please bring cash or a check for **\$30 fee** to cover food supplies. Sign up using the WAIC sign-up form and place in the WAIC basket on the table in the narthex) contact **Sherri Pinotti** at 612-810-9826 by April 7th so we have the proper supplies prepared.

2024 Spring Recycle Sale, Saturday, June 1 ~ 8:00am – 1:00pm, Sponsored by: Women's Ministry. Mark your calendar for the Women's Ministry Recycle Sale. Start saving your gently used items for this event. The 2023 event was quite successful with the new "spin" on how we conducted the event, i.e., having it during the Roseville Citywide Garage Sale, and taking free will offerings. As you collect items to donate, please note we will not be accepting adult clothing, only infants and children to age 12. Watch for updates. We welcome your input. For questions contact **Peggy or Glenn Mathees** mattheesgp@gmail.com or 651-245-2987.

Questions? Call Sherri Pinotti – Women's Ministry Coordinator at 612-810-9826 or email at sherri-pinotti@comcast.net

SPRING FORWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

March 10th



Women Alive in Christ – Quilts for Ukraine Many THANKS to all that attended and made quilts for Ukraine. We completed 28 quilts and 28 people attended (men, women, and youth). Special thanks to our leader Debbie Schulz for all the prep work and mailing of the quilts. Thanks to Thrivent for sponsoring our event.



And That's the Way It Is

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The saying “No news is good news” can be interpreted two ways. It could mean that if you don’t hear anything, well, then that’s good. If you regularly watch news programs, you could interpret that saying more cynically by stating: there is no good news. It’s all bad.

The world’s reaction to bad news is almost always the same: “Why?” “Why would someone do that?” That’s the wrong question. The question is not “Why,” but “Why not?” To ask “why?” assumes that good people are doing bad things when we know that as a result of sin, we’re all doing what comes naturally. We were born and will die as sinful human beings. We should be surprised that anything good ever happens at all!

The very thought that no good could come from us would be incredibly bad news if it weren’t for God’s love and grace. He knew how incapable we were to achieve anything good on our own because of our sin. Christ’s death on the cross forgives our sins and gives us hope for today to lead more Christ-like lives and gives to us the promise of eternal life for tomorrow.

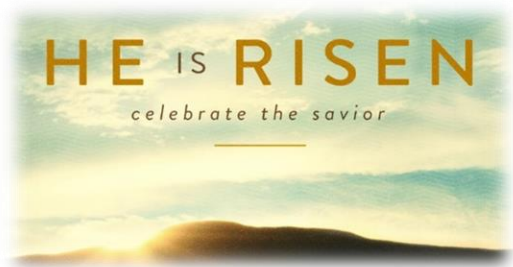
Even while we celebrate the Good News of the Gospel, the reality is the bad news/good news cycle continues throughout our lifetime as we live as both sinner and saint.

It’s understandable that by worldly standards Christians are often viewed as hypocrites. We’re “supposed to be good,” yet we still sin. What is sometimes confusing is when Christians ask “Why” of other Christians who sin. “He should have known better” (we all do, but sin anyway). “She let us down (we’ve all let others down, but maybe to a lesser degree). We’re not excusing the sin, but let’s at least pray for the resolve to show some compassion and grace for the sinner and the family — especially for those that are brothers and sisters in Christ. It’s during moments of being brought low that they are in need the most for prayers and support from their family of believers.

Because of God’s love for us, we strive with His help to love and forgive those who have fallen and could use our support. That’s not an easy task. For those inner-battles, we pray for the strength to be more Christ-like: to recognize that we all are in need a savior. Then when we fail — whether it’s not reaching out to fellow sinners to support them, or when we are needing that support ourselves — we know that God will never forsake us or abandon us.

What do you know, the Good News really is good!

by Steve Gruenwald



North Parking Lot LCEF Loan Update: The Lutheran Church Extension Fund loan balance for the north parking lot project is down to \$22,503.40. The original loan was for \$300,000. If you would like to contribute to this project, make out your check to King of Kings and put “Parking Lot” on the memo line or use your online account and click on “Building Fund.” Thanks to everyone who has given so generously toward this project!



Your Hospitality Wanted!

Hospitality Opportunity
There are more than 56 international students who have requested Friendship Families in partnership ministry between local LCMS cc and CSP’s incoming international students through Concordia’s International Student Ministry program! If you want more info or to sign up, please contact Anna Gruen, Ministry Associate by email gruen@csp.edu. More information is also on the flier in the narthex.



LCMS Foundation

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LCMS Estate Planning Resources Gift Planning creates solutions for donors. A gift planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don’t have go through the process alone. You may have some fears about facing mortality as you work on your estate plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you face those fears by reminding you of our life in Jesus that never ends. Contact Kurt Fuhr, Gift Planning Counselor at kurt.fuhr@lfn.org, or at 952-270-5878.



Registration and Volunteer Sign Up is Open for VBS!

Join us for VBS on June 24-28 from 9 am to Noon. Register here:

<https://kingofkings.wufoo.com/forms/2024-vbs-registration/> To volunteer, please sign up here:
<https://kingofkings.wufoo.com/forms/2024-vbs-volunteer-registration/> If you have any questions, please contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org.

Education and Youth News

Home Grown Faith Study Join us for a new book study, Habits of the Household: Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms, on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in Room 101 (Mr. Boll's Classroom). It's recommended to buy the book if you are able. You can get it on Amazon (<https://a.co/d/0RR6LoU>). This study is led by Gina Tupper (gina.tupper@concordiaacademy.com).

Men's Bible Study Opportunity - Men's Bible Study meets every other week on **Saturdays at 9:00AM** at King of Kings. Please join us! Contact Ted McArthur with questions.

Youth Ministry



We have events for Middle School (MS), 6th-8th Grade, and High School (HS), 9th-12th Grade.

- **Youth Night** is on Sundays from 6-8 pm. It will include gym time and small group time (devotion, highs/ lows, and prayers).
 - **1st Sunday of the month:** High School Youth invited to arrive at 4:30 pm to cook dinner for the group to be served at 6 pm.
 - **3rd Sunday of the month:** Game and Snack Night – bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.
 - **NO YOUTH NIGHT ON EASTER, MARCH 31st!**
- **Night at the Dome Kickball Tournament:** It's back! We join together with youth from around the area to play Kickball in the dome at Concordia University on March 22nd. We will meet at King of Kings at 5 pm for pizza and then drive over. Please sign up by March 10th. End time depends on how far we make it in the tournament (between 8:30 and 10 pm). Bring some money in case we stop for a treat afterward.
- **Easter Breakfast:** We have meal prep on Saturday, March 30th at 9 am. If we have a lot of help, it takes less than 2 hours. On Easter Sunday morning, March 31st, 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 might transfer the meal to Room 103, depending if Meals on Wheels needs the full kitchen. Please let Sally know when you are able to lend a hand. This is a fundraiser for the Alaska Trip.
- **Summer Trip (HS)!** Details will be coming soon, but for this summer, we are getting together details for a service/adventure trip to Alaska in late July/early August!
- **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!**

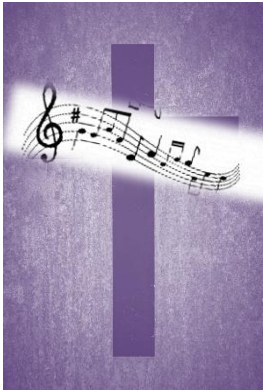


Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Wednesdays and is sent to all parents of 6th-12th graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org, cell: 651-341-3830, office: 612-540-0714 or check your junk mail. You can also check the bulletin boards by the sanctuary and youth room and the website for information.



Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders meets most weeks in Room 102 (Mrs. Incitti's Classroom)

School News and Notes



Sideline with Schutte

If you were to stop by any physical education class during the day, there is a good chance you would hear music being played. One of the songs on my playlist that I happen to play more frequently than others in class is “All Joy No Stress” by Rhett Walker. If you know this song, I’m sure that you are starting to get the tune in your head now. One thing that I have noticed this year is a transformation when songs like this one are being played. The students, and I, will get a little more upbeat without even knowing it and I will notice a difference in their body language.

Music is everywhere in the PE and athletic world. It is played to help warm up a team or to psych an individual up for a performance. As I got older and started to work in schools, I paid more attention to the lyrics of what was being broadcasted by the speakers. When I listen to the lyrics from “All Joy No Stress,” the message goes with this Sunday’s epistle reading (1 Cor.

1:18). The symbol of the cross means something different to different people. To many during the time of Jesus, the cross meant something shameful due to the reasons behind why someone was crucified. To Christians, the Apostle Paul writes that the message of the cross is the power of God. The Easter story helps Christians change their view of the cross from something powerless to being powerful, which helps us sing “*I got that good news smiling on my face.*” Knowing that we were saved because of Jesus defeating death on the cross, we know that *life will get you down. But there’s joy to be found. You can’t buy it ‘cause it’s free. So lay your troubles on the ground.* Enjoy this upcoming Easter season with everyone you plan on spending it with and remember, “*All joy no stress. No worries, I’m blessed.*”



Principal Jay Schutte



Royals Night 2024: Back to the 60s!

Royals Night Update The King of Kings Booster Club would like to extend a big thank-you to all who helped make Royals Night 2024 a success through your prayers, volunteer time, attendance, and donations! Stay tuned for official updates on numbers!



Parkway Pizza Dine Out for Schools Night The second Thursday of each month is the night in which our school will receive 5% of all sales (no coupon required!). Put it on your calendar for each month! **The next date is March 14.** Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360

UPCOMING DATES

- Mar 2 – Royals Night Gala
- Mar 8 – Teacher in-service – Noon Dismissal
- Mar 12 – Church Voters’ Meeting
- Mar 14 – Parkway dine out for schools night
- Mar 21 – Board of Education Mtg.
- Mar 25-4/1 – Spring/Easter Break – No School

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!](#)



**King of Kings
Summer
Camps**

Register Online

**8 WEEKS
OF FUN!**

2330 Dale St N
Roseville, MN 55113

**SUMMER CAMPS FOR PRESCHOOL
THROUGH 4TH GRADE STUDENTS!**

Summer is coming!! Registration is open for King of Kings summer camps for kids ages prek – 4th grade. Themes include bugs & butterflies, sports, space, art, and more! Fliers on the table in the narthex. Register online at <https://kokrosville.jumbula.com/#/home>

Summer Camps at Concordia Academy Concordia Academy offers dozens of camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Dance, Playmakers (with two full-day theater camps options), and Youth Worship Team. But there are also exciting new camps, including Adventures In Prose (a creative writing camp), Beacon Archery, and Young Scientists (for Grades 2-4). Get details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY
Camps**

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



Other News



Saint Paul Outreach Center News The SPOC will be helping to host community meals during the season on Lent, as well as neighborhood Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 30 at 3pm**. Donations of treats, small prizes, and plastic eggs gladly accepted from SPOC partners. Volunteers will be needed to help with the event. Families of partner churches/groups are also welcome to attend and join the fun! More Lego/Bracelet-making events will be planned for April. We will need help passing out fliers to get the word out in the coming weeks for these

events! Huge THANKS to SPOC partner Concordia Academy whose students were on site recently for a clean-up day, in conjunction with a service day for them. Please continue to pray for those who come to this center and those who serve them.

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact David Mennicke St. Paul Outreach Coordinator spoc@jehovahlutheran.org or 651-636-3271.

SAVE THE DATE:

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



Voters' Meeting The next voters' meeting will be held on **March 12 at 6:30pm**.

March Marriage Workshop King of Kings school parent, Benjamin Seim (MBA, MA, LAMFT), will be hosting sessions in March to support and encourage couples in their marriages. This experience is designed to help you find joy in your marriage, get refreshing communication tools to practice and connect with each other and more. Two Options to Choose from: **Mondays, Mar. 11, 18 & 25 from 6:30-8pm OR Saturdays, Mar 16 & 23 from 9-11am**. See the poster attached to the Quill email for more details, or visit: <http://benseimhelps.com/>

500 Cards Join us **March 15th at 5:30 pm**. Our Hosts for this month are Ted & Ethel McArthur (4395 Moon Lake Ct., White Bear TWP, 55127) Please RSVP to 651-303-9947. Bring a snack to share.



Upcoming Camp Omega Events

Summer Camp Registration Summer camp registration is open! Check out all the programs that are offered!

Man Up! Men's Retreat March 15 - 16 Men from churches in the LCMS Minnesota South District are invited to attend a 24-hour retreat where faith will be strengthened, and spirits renewed by God's Word. This year's speaker, Rev. Dr. Rich Carter, will be speaking on the theme: "My Life Matters?! Freedom in Christ for Service with the Neighbor." At this retreat, there will be time for fellowship and recreational opportunities. Cost includes three meals and lodging. For more information or to register, call 507-633-2253 or go to <https://campomega.org/event/manup/>



Wedding Shower Invitation The King of Kings community is invited to celebrate with our preschool teacher and fiancé, Ms. Sarah Culbert and Taylor Mueller, at an open-house style shower at King of Kings on **March 16 from 1-4 pm** in the gym. Lemonade & dessert provided. More details on the flier in the narthex.

New Seminar at CSP Sing a New Song: A Seminar on the Book of Psalms, Led by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing will be held on **March 16, 2024 from 9 am - 3 pm**. You can attend Online or Onsite at CSP. Have you ever had a hard time praying? Or expressing your emotions in your prayers? Do you wonder how the book of Psalms points to Jesus? And how you can pray through it more confidently? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, then this seminar is for you! All participants will get a 100-slide PowerPoint document and a fifty-page Bible study to share insights with others. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. You may sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting CSP's website.



Growing Through Loss is a series hosts a variety of grief support groups. The spring sessions will begin in April at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton. Topics include loss of loved one, broken relationship, divorce, move, etc. For more information or to register, see the complete flier in the narthex.

Mn South LLL Convention Mark your calendars for **April 13, 2024** and join the Minnesota South LLL District at their annual convention. It will be hosted at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Bloomington. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Kari Vo, Theological Editor for Lutheran Hour Ministries, focusing on Energizing Mission. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Be on the look-out for more convention details in the new year.

Go First! Ministry Conference

April 19 - 20, 2024
Concordia Academy
2400 Dale Street
Roseville, MN

Go First!

Life Together, Soul Care, Collaboration, Outreach

The **first ever** Minnesota South District Go First! Ministry Conference will be held at [Concordia Academy in Roseville, MN](#) on **April 19 – 20, 2024**. Pastors, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the **encouragement** and **inspiration** of this **FREE** two-day event. Break-out sessions will be led by people involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community and are focused on one or more of the Go First! areas of Life Together, Soul Care, Intentional Outreach, or Collaboration. Register by visiting mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative#go-first-registration

Mark your calendars! CORRECTED SAGES GATHERING XXXIV – FINISHING STRONG will be held in Mankato, MN at the Country Inn and Suites, **May 6 & May 7**. **Featured speaker, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy** on Psalm 71 for seniors Finishing strong three presentations, seven workshop choices, music, fellowship, banquet with entertainment by the Benson Family Singers presented by S.A.G.E.S. MN South District. More information is available on the poster in the narthex or from the office.

Christ Academy – Summer 2024 Early Registration Applications are open for Christ Academy High School, which will be held on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary **June 16–29, 2024**. Participants are high-school-aged men and women interested in Lutheran theology, worship, and service to the Church. Find out more at <https://www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/christ-academy/>



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