

King's Quill

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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”

The Echo of Easter

May 2018

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Throughout Scripture we find all kinds of examples of what we might call “the great exchange.” The last become first. Weeping turns into rejoicing. The hungry are fed and the rich are sent away empty. Jesus takes our place on the cross. Our sin disappears in Christ’s perfect righteousness. It becomes very clear very quickly: Things are different in the Kingdom of God than they are here on earth!

In his letter to the Colossians (circa 60 AD) the apostle Paul writes about Jesus as “the firstborn from the dead,” a truth that could be spoken only post-Easter: ***“And [Christ] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.”***

As God reconciled the world (including you and me) to himself through Jesus, he lifted the pall of death that has fallen on every human since the beginning. Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. Eternal life! In a series of sermons preached on Sunday evenings at Westminster Cathedral in 1950, Ronald Knox explored how Paul wrote primarily of the life Christ lives in his church, lives in us. As you might guess, the death and resurrection of Jesus are central to Paul! And to the Church! And to you and me! Knox said it this way: ***“And the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the first echo which breaks the silence after the long sleep of death which has gone on undisturbed since Adam fell.”***

Jesus breaks the silence! Death cannot hold him any more than Mary Magdalene could cling to him outside the tomb. His resurrection breaks the silence of his own tomb, to be sure, but also the resting place of every believer. Jesus “borrowed” the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea for three short days. Our graves will only be borrowed as well. Jesus has made peace with God by the blood of his cross and he shares that Good News with each of us. Generation after generation, that Good News has echoed down through the ages and it will continue to echo until ***“every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”***

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Pastor Steven Bielenberg

MARCH GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$46,056.71; Roof – \$4,773.00;
other specified offerings - \$1,638.81
Joyful Response – General \$11,455.00 Roof - \$1,235.00

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Service Times:

Sunday

8:30 am – Classic Worship

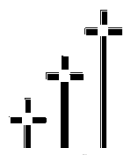
9:45 am – Sunday School and Bible study classes

11:00 am – Alternate Worship

1:30 pm – Hmong (language) Community Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm – Lent/Advent Services (seasonal)





A big **THANK YOU** to all the musicians who gave so much of their time, energy and musical talents to lead us in praise during this Easter season. Many hours went into practicing! Thank you especially to the directors of all the groups for the extra effort to lift up the name of Jesus. We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated and talented musicians at King of Kings!

It's not too early to start thinking about SUMMER!! Summer Musicians are needed to play during the offering. The choirs and school groups take a break during the summer, so if you have a musical talent you'd like to share (instrumental, vocal) during the 8:30 or 11 am offertory or if you'd be interested in playing at the nursing homes, please contact our Music Director, Laura Fritz at [651-325-7287](tel:651-325-7287) cell, or lfritz@kingofkingsroseville.org. Thank you to everyone in advance for giving glory to Jesus through music.

From the Window View of Pastor Lee

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900's as a result of the efforts of [Anna Jarvis](#), daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. Jarvis established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President [Woodrow Wilson](#) signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies. Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether.

The story had a wonderful beginning. The ending however was a little depressing. Something you once loved so much you now have denounced.

What is it in life that you had to denounce because of your faith? There are things in your life that maybe you used to love but have now denounced. I knew a gentleman that had a drug addiction. He loved the way it made him feel and he opening was proud of it. Little did he know he was enslaved. It wasn't until Christ entered into his life that his love to God was stronger than his addiction. A new addiction had to replace the old one. He denounced his drug addiction and he is now addicted to Christ.

Here in America, many of us are embarrassed by our faith. I pray that it's not anyone here at KoK but the truth is, they are everywhere. If this is you, I encourage you to be brave like Jesus who was brave to the cross to rescue us. If you are to have any addiction in life, be addicted to Jesus. He will never denounce us.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Vue Lee*



Pictures for Social Media

Pastor Vue Lee and DCE Sally Schuster have been increasing our presence on Facebook and we need your help! If you are at a church event, take pictures and email them to vue@kingofkingsroseville.org or sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org. Let's make the community aware of our happenings!

RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

The end is in sight! Total gifts for March amounted to **\$6,348.00**. (Gifts of **\$780.00** were received last Sunday toward our LCEF loan balance.) The actual LCEF loan balance for our roof project is \$30,616.95. (We have received gifts of \$27,936.00 which are being held aside because cash has been tight over the last several months.) To accomplish our goal of completely closing out the roof loan, we're asking for an all-hands effort to accomplish two things in the next two months:

First: we're asking everyone to consider first time or additional gifts, designated to the roof. We currently require an additional **\$2,680.95** to complete the proceeds needed to pay off the roof loan for good. If you would like to make a first time or additional gift, please earmark your envelope "Raise the Roof" or use one of the special envelopes available in the narthex.

Second: Cashflow has been tight for several months running. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider new or additional consistent, weekly giving. We have a lot of great things going on at King of Kings and we need to make sure we are in a better position to pay our called workers on time, heat and cool the building, make repairs, etc...

Every gift matters as we work together to address these needs for our Church and School.

A Missourian's Insights of Minnesota

Holy Cow! Do I see sun? What is that green looking matter? Could it be? Don't even think it! Can spring finally be approaching? I've waited so long! It just took 10 months out of the 12 that I am here for warmer weather to finally gift us with its presence, but thank you, Jesus! What wonders you give that come with spring! See below for more intern wonderments!

Spring or Summer? In Missouri, spring has surfaced since the entrance of February. My life in Missouri during this time of the year is completely different than it is now. Planting season has started, and the slow pace of tractors on the pavement is a pleasant surprise of helping you slow down after a busy work day. I have learned, more than I would have liked, this is not the case for Minnesota. My home sickness of wanting to be in the South has been evident to some through the choices of my outfits. The expectation of more snow being forecasted every day is not a surprise to me anymore. In my mind, I'm thinking, "wow, so this is what it feels like to live in the North." Inheriting my family's stubborn personalities, I do not accept that winter is still lingering, however God always wins and thus my winter coat gets pulled out again. Alas! What an amazing feeling it is when spring finally does approach. Holy cow! I see grass! How beautiful it is to feel the warm sun gaze upon the earth?! There may still be snow on the ground, and maybe that is what the Minnesota springs look like; but hey, I can be ready for summer! If I have the choice now between spring or summer, who cares? As long as it is warm and sunny!

Blessing (in disguise?): It truly has been a blessing to have been able to experience a Northern winter, especially with y'all people of King of Kings. However, I cannot say that I hope to experience this kind of season again. One time is plenty for this girl. Beings that I do not have plans to move further South at this time, I can only pray to God that I am blessed with milder winters to come. Thank God for the wonderful promises of spring, and the wonderment of new life that comes with this season. Even if it is a short season, may God bless us with summer as well!

Thank y'all with staying with me and enjoying my insights as I happily slogged my way through this winter. Thank God for the season of spring!

– Rebecca Drewitz (Your friendly, Missourian DCE Intern)

DCE Transition

It's been a busy year and it's almost time to say goodbye to our DCE Intern, Rebecca Drewitz. ☺ We are so grateful for the leadership that she provided this year and happy that we were able to provide this learning experience for her. Her final day isn't until June 10th, but starting in May, many responsibilities will be transitioning back to our DCE Sally Schuster. While Sally's official office hours will remain on Fridays, you will see her in the office more often, especially when Rebecca is gone for graduation and other events this month. Beyond the Family Feud event, all other inquiries can start being directed back to Sally, but of course Rebecca can relay messages too. Please feel free to contact either of us during this transition (Sally: sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org, Rebecca: rdrewitz@kingofkingsroseville.org, or DCE Office: 612-540-0714). Thank you for your support and patience!



Vacation Bible School – Register today for AMPED! VBS will take place on June 18-22, 2018 from 9 am to Noon. Registration is open! You can register online the church website or take a paper copy from the children's ministry bulletin board. Register by May 15th to guarantee t-shirt size! Lots of volunteers are needed too: station leaders – missions, snack, small groups, games, crew leaders, registration, decorating, etc. If you are interested in helping, contact DCE Sally Schuster (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or cell: 651-341-3830) or DCE Intern

Rebecca Drewitz (rdrewitz@kingofkingsroseville.org or DCE office: 612-540-0714). Watch for the donation board in May!

Volunteer for VBS We need your help this summer! If you are entering 7th grade next fall or older, you are able to be a leader! You can help with a station or work with a group of kids. Please let Sally or Rebecca know if you're interested and what your preference would be! We cannot do it with you!



Senior Recognition and Hands and Feet Celebration If you are graduating from high school this spring, we want to recognize you at the 8:30 am service on May 20th during the mission minute. Please let Sally know where you are graduating from and what plans you have for the fall. During the Education Hour, we will be continuing our Hands and Feet tradition with seniors adding their footprints and our confirmands adding their handprints. All other HS Youth are invited to join us in celebration!

Summer Leadership Trip – NATIONAL '18 (HS) Join us for the Youth Track of the National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference. The youth will be following the 2018 Lutheran Youth Fellowship Teen Leadership Training, participating in amazing worship experiences, and getting a sneak peek at the 2019 National Youth Gathering! More information and sign up forms at on the youth bulletin boards and the church website. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Sally Schuster (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or cell: [651-341-3830](tel:651-341-3830)).

Principal's News & Notes

Graduation Service – Thursday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to join us on Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. for our graduation service as we recognize the accomplishments of our eighth grade students.

We offer our sincere congratulations to our graduating class of 2018. These students have grown and matured in all areas of their lives. Standing on the firm foundation of our Lord and Savior, they are now prepared to take the next step in their lives. We send these young men and women out with God's blessings, assured that He has great plans for each one of them. This year at King of Kings there are 18 graduates. Congratulations!

2018 GRADUATING CLASS

Owen Flanagan
Asha Haase
Neftalem Hagos
Logan Johnson
Joshua Kirchhoff
Sarah Lahti
David Lopez
Amara McCord
Alayna Morse
Isaac Mylabathula
Riley Nelson
Kyle Scholten
Jordan Schuck
Tyler Schutte
Boyu (Jason) Sun
Katja Swenson
Paulito Yarbrough-Wright
Shuotong (Carol) Zhu

Spring Musical & Concerts:

- "The Granny Awards" Musical – Monday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Instrumental Concert - Monday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Featuring our Bands, Handbell Choirs, and Recorders
- Choir Concert - Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Preschool, His Kids, Disciples, Sonshine, and Hosanna Choirs

The students and faculty of King of Kings are pleased to present their spring musical and concerts on **Monday, May 7th, Monday, May 14th and Thursday, May, 17th**. Please join us for three evenings filled with music and fun entertainment. We hope to see you!

Congratulations to the King of Kings girls volleyball teams for an excellent showing at the Twin Cities Lutheran Athletic Conference Tournaments hosted by Concordia Academy on April 21. The 5/6 girls finished in second place. While the 7/8 girls took home 3rd place honors.

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7-11

As the school year rapidly comes to a close, we take time to recognize and appreciate all the talented individuals that make up the staff at King of Kings Lutheran School. We have been blessed with a great group of teachers that bring many years of experience in the teaching ministry. Please join me in offering a heartfelt 'thank you' for the dedicated work and service of all our teachers, staff, and volunteers. With a servant's heart, they joyfully carry on the daily task of preparing our children for works of service in His kingdom.

Host a Wonderful KoAm Exchange Student in 2018-2019!

Impact a child from Korea by sharing your love, time, and expertise through teaching about American culture through your own everyday lifestyle. Experience an exciting cultural exchange and friendship and broaden your family's perspectives on the world by hosting a Korean exchange student. KoAm students are in 4th - 8th grade. They arrive ready to learn and experience all that you have to offer. We invite your family to participate in this memorable experience by becoming a KoAm host family. Contact KoAm Coordinator Nicole Riebe at [651-468-8691](tel:651-468-8691) and/or [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640) or by email at administrator@koameduall.org. Please visit the KoAm website at <http://www.koameduall.org> and click on 'Apply to Be a Host Family'.

Student Enrollment for 2018-2019

Word-of-mouth is the most powerful source of marketing. Please take a few moments to share King of Kings Lutheran School with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Invite them to visit our school website, www.kingofkingslutherschool.org or call 651-484-9206 for more information and to schedule a visit.

May Events:

- 3 Gr. K-3 Oliver Kelley Farm Field Trip
- 4 Concordia Academy Track & Field Day (Gr. 5-8)
- 6 School Praise Team – 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / School Choirs - Nursing Homes - 2:00 p.m.
- 7 Spring Drama Production – 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Gr. 7-8 Conference Softball Tournament
- 10-11 Book Swap
- 11 St. John's Corcoran Track & Field Day (Gr. 3-4)
- 14 Spring Instrumental Concert – 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Gr. 5-6 Conference Softball Tournament
- 16 Gr. 4-5 Twins Game Field Trip
- 17 Spring Choral Concert – 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Music Festival @ King of Kings / Gr. 4-5 Nature Center Field Trip
- 20 Royal Bells – 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 21 Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Graduation Service (Royal Bells/Concert Band/Hosanna) – 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Last Day of School / No Bus Day – Noon Dismissal
Closing Chapel – 8:30 a.m. / School Picnic – 11:00 a.m.



*Accredited Parochial School
(Preschool - 8th Grade)*

"It's Still All About Jesus"

*www.kingofkingslutherschool.org
kingofkingschool@kingofkingsroseville.org*

Please visit the school website for calendar updates and a complete listing of all school events and activities:

www.kingofkingslutherschool.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 (Unemployment Assistance)

King of Kings Lutheran School is please to share the information below regarding new teachers for this fall!

Mackenzie Doraska
8347 Colby Parkway #346
Urbandale, IA 50322

April 5th, 2018

Principal Dan Maser
King of Kings Lutheran Church and School
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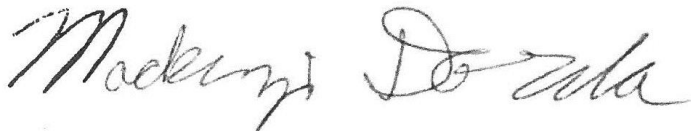
Dear Mr. Maser and members of King of Kings,

After many days of prayerful consideration, I am excited and pleased to write that I accept the call from King of Kings to serve as your kindergarten teacher.

Through speaking with many people, I am feeling called to teach and serve with you at King of Kings. I feel blessed to have this opportunity and I am excited to serve among each of you. I can only hope to serve you faithfully with God's help and the gifts he has blessed me with.

If there is anything else that you should need from me, you may contact me at any time. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I transition to a new place, as well as pray that God will bless our ministry together.

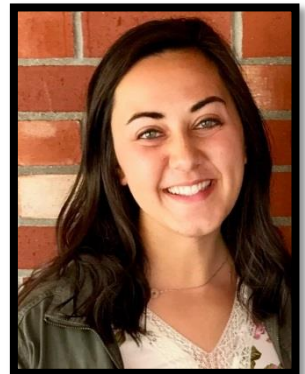
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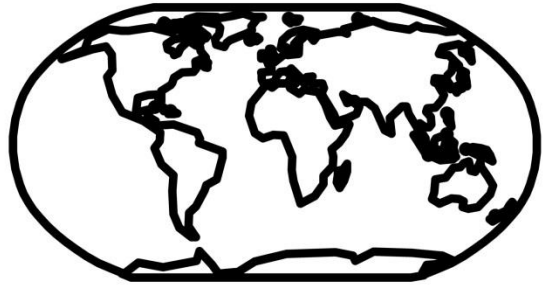


Mackenzie Doraska

Jazmin Roste Accepts First Grade Teacher Position

My name is Jazmin Roste and I am very excited to teach 1st grade at King of Kings next year. I recently graduated from Bethel University in May 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Psychology. This past year, I taught 1st grade at Hmong College Prep Academy in St. Paul. I grew up in Alexandria, MN where I attended a Lutheran grade school. Some of my hobbies include working out, playing piano, and spending time with my siblings. I'm looking forward to meeting you all!





PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE KAISERS:

- 1) Praise God for safe travel to Kenya and back, and for a good retreat there led by Rev. Darrell Zimmerman of Grace Place.
- 2) Praise God that things have been peaceful here since the new prime minister was selected. Pray that God will give him wisdom as he leads the country.
- 3) Praise God for good meetings with our co-workers in SIL.
- 4) We hope to travel to our home in Gidole on Tuesday or Wednesday. Pray for safe travels.
- 5) The phone company has told us that we are too remote for internet through a phone line. But recently the wireless internet began to work again. Pray that it continues to work in our area.
- 6) Pray for wisdom for Jim as he begins preparing to check the book of 2 Corinthians with the Zayse translation team.

God bless,

Jim & Susan Kaiser
Translation Consultant in Ethiopia
Lutheran Bible Translators



SAVE THE DATE

Women's Ministry Service Project This is the **last week** members of the congregation can bring items needed to create baby kits for a pregnancy and family services center in Rochester, MN. The Women's Ministry group is collecting the following and will be assembling the baby kits on Saturday, May 5th at 9:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. A collection box will be located in the church narthex. Please contact Julie Hibbing with any questions 651-337-1153.

Items requested are:

Baby Wipes – (flat packets),
Baby Shampoo, Baby Lotion and
Baby Wash – small bottles - unscented preferred
Baby Comb or Brush
Onesies – 2 or a package - newborn to 24 months size
Diaper packages – newborn to size 5/6

Baby clothing – new- newborn to 3T size
Formula
Pack-n-Play sheets – new
Christian storybooks, lullaby CDs
or devotions for new moms

ALASKA VBS Breakfast The Alaska Mission team will be holding a fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, May 6 from 9:15 until 11 AM to raise money to send the VBS team to McGrath, Alaska. Breakfast is a free will donation (suggested donation of \$5 a person (children under 5 free) or a maximum of \$15 a family.) You can come to eat after the 8:30 service and before or after Sunday School and Bible Class. If you can't stay for breakfast, carryout will be available. Volunteers are needed to make egg bake casseroles (recipe provided) and to help serve and clean up. Sign up at the display by the donuts. Menu will be egg bake, bacon, cinnamon rolls, juice, and coffee. There is also an opportunity to support a McGrath child for VBS. A \$20 donation will supply a child with a lesson leaflet each day, a craft each day and a snack each day. See the display near the donuts.

SAGES Police Officer Corey Yunke, Roseville Community Relations Coordinator, will be speaking to our group on Wednesday, May 9th at 1:00 P.M. He will be speaking about scams and other items of interest to the seniors in our community. Invite a friend to come along. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 20th at the 11:00 service. Our confirmands are Micah Fritz, Joshua Kirchoff, Sarah Lahti, Riley Nelson, Kyle Scholten, Jordan Schuck and Paulito Yarbrough-Wright. Remember our confirmands in your prayers as they prepare for their confession of faith on the Day of Pentecost.

Family Feud Night: Calling all youth, parents, and church family!!! Make your calendars!! On June 1st, at 6:00 PM in the Jerusalem Room, there is going to be a good ol' family feud show down! That's right! Come play Family Feud! All you need is to put together a family (team), and fill out the form (which can be found on the church website, or the bulletin boards by the sanctuary and youth room). Your family does not have to be related! (However, we are all related by the blood of Christ). Also, please bring a snack to share as well! So, make a family, register your team, bring a snack to share, and meet us in the Jerusalem Room at 6:00 PM on June 1st! Be there!! If you are interested in playing, but do not have a team, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact DCE Intern Rebecca Drewitz (rdrewitz@kingofkingsroseville.org).



Concordia Academy's summer camps Registration is now open! CA offers over two dozen arts, athletics, and STEM camps for students in Grades 3-12. New camps this year include Duct Tape Art, Bella Voce Girls Choir, Radio-Controlled Airplanes, Fastpitch Softball Catching, and G3: Genuinely Great Girls. Get more details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.