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“In grateful response to God’s grace and empowerment by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, the mission of King of Kings Lutheran Church and School is to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, community, and the world”

Pastor’s Corner

May 2019

When Henry and David were small, one of the favorite books at our house was called “Road Builders.” It illustrated and described all the different pieces of heavy (and noisy!) machinery required to build a modern road. It’s worn and at least one page is missing, but it is still beloved. It reminds me that – at least here in Minnesota – winter is very quickly replaced by the season we call “road construction.”



The time has come to replace the parking lot on the north side of the church as well as the entrances on the Dale Street side of our property. We are working with our general contractor and are waiting to get a final estimate. At the present time, it looks like it will be above \$260,000. The parking lot will be reconfigured and re-graded to avoid some of the inconveniences and safety hazards it poses now. Please join us for the next Voters’ meeting between services on May 12th for the latest information.

We will also soon be asking our church and school families to prayerfully consider what each of us can do in support of this very necessary project. After the Voters approved reallocation of roof project funds after the completion of that project, ongoing gifts have raised that total to over \$62,000. Part of that has been spent on preliminary expenses such as a survey. To date, we have over \$55,000 in the fund and an LCEF loan to bridge the gap. We will use the same general contractor we used during our recent roof project. They worked above and beyond our expectations and will be glad to have them overseeing this summer project as well.

Of course, a parking lot may not be as exciting as building something new, but it has to be taken care of now to continue the ministry of our church and school in the future. We will have one drive for this project and every designated offering will go toward it. Every offering given will help us to complete the project quickly and keep us from adding an additional burden to the mortgage. Please prayerfully consider what you or your family would be able to contribute above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings. If you have any questions about this project, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg



Our own “little Venice”

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Regular Service Times:

Sunday

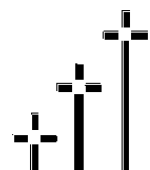
8:30 AM – Classic Worship

9:45 AM – Sunday School and Bible study classes

11:00 AM – Alternate Worship

12:15 PM – Hmong Sunday School and Bible Study

1:30 PM – Hmong (language) Community Worship



From the Window View of Pastor Lee

Mission to All Nations

On April 24th I was invited to St. Louis Seminary to present to the North America Mission Endeavor members on how we here at King of Kings are doing mission to 2nd generation Americans. I gave them a brief story of how I became a Christian, How I served as a deacon, vicar, and now pastor. I spoke on how well Pastor Steve and I work together and how we look so much alike that sometimes people get us mixed up.



One of the greatest challenges that we face with immigrants is language; The 1st generation speak the mother language. 2nd generations are bilingual and they are stuck in two worlds. Not American enough and not their ethnicity enough. Over 60% of them prefer English but still wants to be connected to the mother culture. 3rd generations are monolingual; they are ready to move on and just be Americans. Over 80% of this group prefers English. The immigrants of today are no different than the early immigrants that came from Germany, Italy, Sweden, etc. Eventually they'll lose the language too.

They asked, how do you do it so well at King of Kings? We do cross-cultural ministry so well because we integrate the people. You may notice I didn't say assimilate. Assimilate means to make someone look like you and that's not what we did and are doing. We integrated, meaning we took groups of people and made them equal participates in the church. It's not their church or my church but it's our church. Technically it's God's church but you get the point.

How do we integrate? We have joint services, fellowship/potluck Sundays; we sing together, have joint women's ministry, and serve on the same leadership boards. Even the children's message is important. It shows our children that they can have a pastor that is non-Anglo give them the Good News of Jesus and he doesn't have to look like them. It prepares them for a diverse America that is waiting for them.

Every people from every nation is what heaven will look like. We can begin by starting here on earth. Besides, didn't Jesus say something like, "Go and make disciples of all nations?"

I give thanks to God for sending Christians to my family. It is the little things that Christians have done over the years to help bring Jesus to me. We can ignore immigrants or embrace them for the Gospel. I choose the latter.

Blessings,

Pastor Vue Lee

MARCH GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$56,434.44;

Parking Lot – \$12,486.56;

other specified offerings - \$2,487.48

Joyful Response – General \$13,050.00;

Parking Lot \$1,105.00



In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed Monday, May 27th.

It's not too early to start thinking about SUMMER!!

Musicians are needed to play for offertory in the summer as the choirs and school groups take a break.

If you have musical talent you'd like to share (instrumental, vocal) during the 8:30 or 11AM service or at the nursing homes, please contact our Music Director Laura Fritz at 651-325-7287 (cell) or lfritz@kingofkingsroseville.org. Thank you to everyone in advance for giving glory to Jesus through music!

Women's Ministry

On behalf of the women's ministry we give thanks to all that helped or contributed in some way to the 2019 Spring Recycle Sale. It is an event that "takes a village"; those that give and those that can receive the benefits. Thank you to our church and school family. Your efforts will support several projects and ministries sponsored by the Women's Ministry over the coming year. Our 2019 results, \$2,233; compared to \$1,010 in 2018 when we had a snow storm. This year we didn't have to deal with a snow storm, but enjoyed some spring weather. God has a hand in everything. *Many thanks!*



MEALS ON WHEELS:



Thanks to everyone who helped prepare and deliver the Easter Meals on Wheels last weekend. Here are a couple of thank you notes we have received:

"Thank you so very much for the Easter Dinner that you are providing for me to have with my one and only granddaughter today. She teaches in Tenn. and came to spend her school's Easter vacation with me this year - what a wonderful way to serve the Lord. P.T.L. God bless you as you serve the Lord in your ministry!! Thanks again.

Ruth and Anne

Folks - I received a great Thanksgiving meal last year - thanks to all. And now from extension of Meals on Wheels, I'm getting another celebration of people's care and grace. Thanks again. A pleasant Easter and all things to everybody.

Kevin (and the dawg Murphy).

Haikel
Savannah
Lila M
Emma
Andrew
Isabel
Caleb
Josh
Baylor
Bethy
I SABELLE
Natalie
THANK YOU for...
* preparing meals
* serving meals
* eating Lent + Advent meals
Our field trip was fun!
♥ KOK 6TH Graders

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!

Membership Changes for April

In by Holy Baptism: Maxine Xiong, Daughter of Moua Xiong & Sao Vang



Confirmation Class of 2019

Karmen Joy Bensus Buhl is an 8th grader at King of Kings Lutheran School. She was born in Aurora, Colorado on August 15th, 2005. Since then she has lived in Savannah, Georgia; Orlando, Florida; and in Chiclayo, Peru. Karmen, along with her parents, Jorge and Christina, and her sisters, Irene and Elissa, moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in 2017. She enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and volleyball with her friends and for her school. In the Fall, Karmen will be attending Concordia Academy and looks forward being in school with her big sister. Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 23:1.

Benjamin Dorn is in eighth grade at King of Kings school. Benjamin was born in Maplewood Minnesota on July 19th, 2005. He lives in Little Canada Minnesota with his parents David and Jennifer, twin brother Aiden and dog Augie. Benjamin enjoys playing basketball, volleyball, baseball and the outdoors. He will be attending Concordia Academy next year.

Andrew Freudenwald is in 8th grade at Chippewa Middle School in North Oaks. He was born on August 23, 2005 at Sibley Hospital in Washington D.C. He now lives in Shoreview, MN with his parents David and Jill Freudenwald, his older brother Nicholas and his younger sister Laura. Andrew plays the trombone in band and is a member of the Mounds View ultimate frisbee team. His confirmation verse is John 15:5.

Logan Kirchoff was born in Huntsville, AL on Good Friday 2005. He moved to Indianapolis, IN just before Christmas of that same year, and then moved to Springfield, VA (just outside D.C.) in late August 2006. He lived in Springfield for 5 years, and attended Kindergarten and the start of first grade at Newington Forest Elementary School. Logan and his family returned to Minnesota in December 2011, and have lived in Little Canada since that time. Logan lives with his parents Brian and Stephanie, older brother Josh, younger brother Conner, and Dudley (truly the best dog ever). Logan will attend Concordia Academy for high school, continuing a family tradition started by Brian and his brother Jason. Logan enjoys baseball, basketball, roller coasters, and several video games

Benjamin Sell was born on a frigid January day, but warmed hearts instantly with his gentle demeanor and sweet smile. Today he can be described as a fun older brother to Andrew, a best friend to Chloe his black lab, and a sweet son to his parents, Lisa and Bradley. He loves basketball, baseball, and Nike shoes. Most of all, he loves life and is thankful for the many blessings given to him by his savior, Jesus Christ!

Christian Brown is in 8th grade. He plans on attending Concordia Academy in the Fall. He lives in Maplewood, MN. His favorite sports are baseball and basketball. His Confirmation verse is John 3:16.

Aiden Dorn is in eighth grade at King of Kings school. Aiden was born in Maplewood Minnesota on July 19th, 2005. Aiden lives in Little Canada Minnesota with his parents David & Jennifer, twin brother Benjamin and dog Augie. Aiden enjoys basketball, volleyball, baseball and the outdoors. He will be attending Concordia Academy next year.

Amelia Flack is in the 8th grade at Roseville Area Middle School. She was born in St. Paul on April 19, 2005. She lives in Roseville and is looking forward to 9th grade at Roseville Area High School this coming fall. Amelia loves competition cheer, playing the trumpet, getting all A's and playing with her dog Dixie. She is adored by her family and friends and she lovingly celebrates all holidays and birthdays by showering those she loves with decorations and gifts.

Hunter Grotheer is in 8th grade at King of Kings Lutheran School in Roseville. He was born on August 10, 2004 at St. Johns Hospital in Maplewood, MN. He lives in Roseville, MN with his parents Tim and Carol Grotheer, his younger brother Zach, and two dogs, Gadget and Patch. Hunter enjoys reading, board games, water skiing, tubing, fishing, hunting and video games. His favorite bible verse is Psalm 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

Nora Lynch is currently in 8th grade at King of Kings and looking forward to attending Concordia Academy next fall. She was born November 23rd, 2004 in Roseville. She has a brother, Gannon, and a sister, Danabri. Nora loves sports—mainly volleyball; her favorite academic subjects are: English, Art, and PE. Her confirmation verse is Matthew 17:20.

Gus Metzig is an 8th grader at King of Kings School. He was born in St. Paul, MN on June 23, 2005. He lives in Roseville, MN and will attend Concordia Academy next fall. He is involved in athletics and Boy Scouts, plays the alto sax and piano, and enjoys hanging out with his friends, being funny, and having great hair. His confirmation verse is Philippians 4:13

Education & Youth News



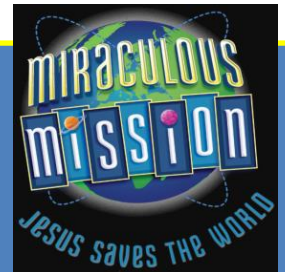
Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Mondays and is sent to all parents of 6th-12th graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org, cell: 651-341-3830, office: 612-540-0714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

Youth Ministry

- **Transition Sunday:** May 19th we will be a big day! At the 8:30 am worship, graduating seniors will be recognized during the mission minute. Please send Sally what school you are graduating from and your future plans! In between services, we will have the **Hands and Feet Celebration** in the Youth Room. 8th Graders are invited to paint their hand prints and 12th Graders will be adding their foot prints! All youth are invited to come and celebrate these milestones! Confirmation will be happening at the 11 am worship.
- **Volunteer for VBS!** All youth are encouraged to volunteer for Vacation Bible School! Help with stations, lead kids to stations, or help beforehand with decorations! VBS will take place on June 24-28 from 9 am to Noon. Your help is needed as our numbers continue to grow!

Update for Vacation Bible School!

Join us for Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World on June 24-28, 2019 from 9 am to Noon! Visit the church website to register! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sally Schuster at 612-540-0714 or sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org. We are looking for station and group leaders, decorators, and registration help! Also, check out the children's ministry bulletin board by the kitchen for items needed!



Volunteers Needed

“A Minnesota Lumberjack Experience”

Concordia University, St. Paul

July 10-15 (during the National Youth Gathering)

Sign up at www.ave.csp.edu/nygvolunteers



CSP



Praise God that death was defeated by the Lord of Life! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! May God bless you with joy this Easter!

Thanks for being partners with us in getting this good news to those who don't yet have it! And thanks for being willing to pray! Here are our current prayer requests:

- 1) Praise God for the successful checking of 2 Corinthians with the Zayse team March 25-29. We were even provided a fan to help with the heat.
- 2) Praise God for the successful checking of John 1-5 with the Suri team April 1-3.
- 3) By a divine "coincidence," it started raining here the same week you started praying for rain. Praise God for that life-giving rain.
- 4) I will be working with the Tsamakko team April 30 – May 10 in Addis Ababa to check over their translation of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. Pray that God will give us wisdom, guidance, and good communication, and that he will keep all of us in good health.
- 5) Pray for peace! There continue to be disturbances between ethnic groups here.

Thanks for praying!

God bless,

Jim (& Susan) Kaiser
Translation Consultant in Ethiopia
Lutheran Bible Translators

Stewardship Devotion

Scripture Reading: *"For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in Him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory. And it is God Who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and Who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee" (2 Corinthians 1:19-22).*

Yes! Yes! Yes!

"For I the Lord do not change," spoke our Lord through the prophet Malachi (Malachi 3:6), a statement echoed in our reading by Paul who says that God does not change His mind about His promise to us. All that God has promised us has been fulfilled through His only Son Who has taken our sins in His body and thus won our eternal redemption and given us life with Him forever in Heaven.

We respond with the great "Amen!" "Yes! Yes! Yes! It shall be so!" We offer our honor and praise to God through His Son. We offer our lives and our resources in thanksgiving to the One Who loves us with an incomprehensible love.

In Christ, He makes us stand unwavering in faith. In Christ, we are His own. Christ has made the down payment on our place in Heaven. In Christ, we look forward in hope and joyful anticipation to being with our Father forever!

We live as redeemed people of the victorious Lamb of God. As that Lamb came seeking us who were lost, (Luke 19:10), we now continue that work, for our will is that of *"...God our Savior, Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4).*

School News & Notes

CALL Mr. Schmidtke has received a call to serve as the Sixth grade/ PE teacher/ Athletic Director at Grace Chapel Lutheran in St. Louis, MO. Please remember Nat and his family in your prayers as he discerns the Lord's calling.

King of Kings Concert & Student Showcase

We are blessed with many opportunities to hear and celebrate our kids gifts and talents. Let's join together for their final choir concert and then meet in the gym for fellowship and viewing of their art and science projects. See the school website for the calendar and a complete listing of all school events and activities:
www.kingofkingslutheranschool.org

2019—2020 School Year Enrollment Open!

Notes about Registration Deadlines:

The early application/enrollment process for the 2019-2020 King of Kings Lutheran School year has begun. If you want to use the twelve-month payment plan, you must complete the process by **today**, May 1st. Enrollments after that date may use the one or two payment arrangement or set up a ten-month plan.

Financial aid for those who are eligible will be awarded over the summer, no later than July 15. (This amount generally falls between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00.)

Agreements will not be processed for families with outstanding balances until the balance is paid or arrangements have been made with the Business Office. Please contact us if you have questions.

April Events

4/30 & 5/1 - MAPS Testing Gr. K-8

5/3 - Gr. 5-8 Track & Field Day @ CA

5/6 - 6:30pm Spring Musical

5/10 - Gr. 3/4 Track & Field Day @ St. John's Corcoran

5/13 - 6:30pm Spring Instrumental Concert

5/14 - 7/8 Softball TCLAC Tournament

5/16 - 5/6 Softball TCLAC Tournament

6:30pm - Spring Choir Concert

5/19 - 11:00am - Royal Bells Play @ KOK

5/23 - 6:30pm Graduation Service/Reception

5/24 - End of Fourth Quarter

Last Day of School

NO BUS

11:00am All School Picnic

Noon Dismissal

5/27 - Memorial Day

5/28 – 5/31 Teacher Workshop

King of Kings Lutheran School

Presents



Words and Music by
Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley

Adapted for the Stage by **Leslie Bricusse**
and **Timothy A. McDonald**

Based on the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by **Roald Dahl**

May 6th, 6:30 p.m.
Concordia Academy Auditorium
2400 N Dale St, Roseville
Freewill offering at the door

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

Join us in celebrating

our **8th Grade Graduates!**

Thursday, May 23rd 6:30PM

Dessert Reception to Follow in Gym



Accredited Parochial School
(Preschool - 8th Grade)

"It's Still All About Jesus"

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Please Keep the Endowments at King of Kings Lutheran Church and School in mind: Linda ZumHofe Endowment (Tuition Funding); King of Kings Elementary Endowment (Tuition Funding); Member Hardship Endowment

Save the Date



Alaska Mission Team Fundraiser Breakfast will be hosted on **Sunday May 5 from 9:15 until noon** to raise money to send the VBS team to Northway, 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. Volunteers are needed to make one egg bake casseroles (recipes provided) (need a total of 16). Pick up the recipe at the display by the donuts. Volunteers are also needed to help serve and clean up. Sign up at the display by the donuts. Breakfast menu will include egg bake and bacon, egg bake with sausage, cinnamon rolls, juice, and coffee.

There is also an opportunity to support a Northway child for VBS. A \$10 donation will supply a child with a lesson leaflet each day, a craft each day and a keepsake with the Bible verse of the day. See the display near the donuts.

Retirement Service for President Ries The Rev. Thomas K. Ries will be retiring as president of Concordia University, St. Paul on June 30. The public is invited to attend a special chapel service honoring President Ries on Wednesday, **May 8, at 10:10 A.M.** The service will be held in Graebner Memorial Chapel with a reception to follow.

Missionary Experiences Join the S.A.G.E.S. **Wednesday, May 8th at 1PM** to hear a fascinating presentation based on a report for the 50th anniversary of the Lutheran Church in Paraguay. Free coffee and goodies provided. Visitors welcome! Contact Bob Nelson with any questions.

Ambassadors of Reconciliation Event May 8-11 at South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake. *The Coaching & Mediating People through Conflict Practicums* prepares anyone - reconcilers, pastors, elders, teachers and parents to guide people through Biblical counsel. Everyone can benefit from this training since we all - at times - give advice to others responding to conflict. Attend Coaching, Mediation or both. Sign up by April 3rd for best prices. www.aorhope.org/EventCalendar

COMING THIS SUMMER

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

Lutheran Island Camp will host Forgiven – Summer 2019. Bible studies will focus on the Gospels and the miracles of Christ, including the most important, our forgiveness. Visit www.islandcamp.org or call 218-583-2905 or email info@islandcamp.org for more information or to request a brochure. Lutheran Island Camp operates year round and provides programs and services to over 6,000 people every year. Lutheran Island Camp and Retreat Center is located on a secluded 67 acres surrounded by East Battle Lake in west-central Minnesota.

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

PEAK CHALLENGE What is it? At its core, Peak Challenge is a men's fellowship mission. It is a chance for men, their sons, fathers, brothers and friends to get out into God's creation in the mountains of Colorado July 25-29. This trip will push men physically by hiking one of Colorado's fourteen thousand foot peak mountains. It will push them emotionally by sharing experiences with the other men there. And it will push them spiritually through small group sessions and becoming more conscious of God's creations. For more information contact Adam Doraska by phone at (320) 894-3747 or by email at Doraskaa@csp.edu.

