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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"

"And be thankful" November 2018

At Thanksgiving, Lutherans often sing Martin Rinckart's famous 17th century hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God." Known as the "German Te Deum," this hymn was written during the horrors of the Thirty Years' War (1618-48). The town of Eilenberg in Saxony, where Rinckart was pastor, was once sacked by the Austrians and twice by the Swedes. A ravaging plague took the lives of some 8,000 residents. The number of parishioners he buried during those years is almost legendary, running in the thousands.

Even as he lived through years of intensely personal sorrow and hardship, Rinckart could still thank and praise the Lord. Tradition holds that Pastor Rinckart wrote this hymn as a table prayer for his children.

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love and still is ours today. (LSB 895)

Our sons and daughters serve in the military. Worshippers in churches, mosques, and synagogues are gunned down by terrorists. We may struggle with illness or finances, prodigal children or the temptations of the flesh. The good news is that we do not face or fight these battles alone. Even in the face of personal or national or worldwide troubles, we still come before God in thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. Maybe this is why some people count sheep (each one representing a blessing in our lives) as they drift off to sleep. Once you start thinking of things that you are thankful for, the list never seems to end. (This might be especially true if you are a hungry child and Grandpa is trying to list all of God's blessings in his Thanksgiving Day grace!)

In Colossians 3, Paul describes how we should live with each other as Christians. In verse 15 he simply says, "And be thankful." Be thankful for each and every day God gives us! Be thankful for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior! Be thankful for the family of believers at King of Kings! Be thankful for the blessings that surround you each and every day! Be thankful!

In Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg



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

12:15 PM - Hmong Sunday School and Bible Study

1:30 PM – Hmong (language) Community Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM - Lent/Advent Services (seasonal)



SEPTEMBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$46,935.03; Building – \$1,020.00; other specified offerings - \$828.52 Joyful Response – General \$11,624.00; Building \$1,326.00

Help Prepare the Church/School Grounds for Winter: Sat, Nov. 10th, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the church/school grounds for winter on Sat., Nov. 10th, from 9:00AM until noon. Come when you can and stay for as long as you are able...no pressure to be there the whole time. Tom Murdock will be leading the charge and the Board of Fellowship will be providing coffee, hot cocoa and donuts. All ages are welcome as "many hands make light work." Please bring your rakes,

gloves, shears/pruners, etc. and be sure to label them with your name. We could also use a truck or two to help haul leaves and other yard waste. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Tom Murdock (tomdimurdock@gmail.com) or Christina Gjelhaug (cgielhaug@hushmail.com).



Fall fair a big success—74ANX 40U!!

We had many wonderful cooks, bakers, and workers. We are especially glad for the involvement of school teachers and students. WAIC appreciates all who helped in any way, from planning and decorating to the cleanup crew. You are all fabulous!



Membership Updates August and September 2018

In by Holy Baptism: Tyeson Burkart, son of Andrew and Sarah, September 9

Abel Loren Doraska, son of Adam and Mackenzie, September 30

In by transfer: Mackenzie Doraska, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Adam Doraska, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

Michael and Amy Boll, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND

Out by transfer: Dan and Carol Maser, Adam and Alison to Trinity, Waconia

Emily (Meyer) Cooley to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Virginia, MN

Church Directory Updates

Please note the following corrections/updates to the recent directory:

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Dave & Sue Reuss: On email last 3 letters should be **net** not **ent**

churchoffice@kingofkingsroseville.org - Please use this address to contact the office/secretary.



From the Window View of Pastor Lee

Galatians 5:22-23—²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

This month I've been working on the nine fruits of the Spirit. Have you ever noticed that the first fruit of the Spirit is Love? Is that a coincidence, I think not.

At the time the New Testament was written, the Greek language had four forms of word love: *eros, stergo, phileo and agape.* These four words conveyed four very different types of love.

The first one is *eros;* in Greek this is the term for sexual love where we get the word erotic. This kind of love never showed up in the New Testament, even in the context of marriage.

The second one is *stergo*; in Greek this term describes love between family members. *Stergo* is rarely used and when it is used, it's in a negative way meaning this love will eventually deteriorate.

The third one is *phileo*; in Greek this term means love between two friends, brotherly love. Ever heard of Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love?

The last one is *agape*; in Greek this term is the highest form of love. The New Testament shows the love of God in the *agape* form. This is the word that Paul uses in Galatians 5:22 when he writes, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love...." This is what I call high-level love, for there is no higher, finer, or more excellent love than *agape* love.

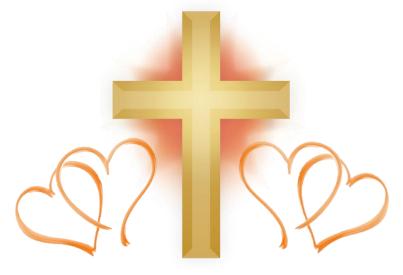
In fact, the word **agape** is so filled with deep emotion and meaning that it is one of the most difficult words to translate in the New Testament. Trying to explain this word has baffled translators for centuries; nevertheless.

In the New Testament, perhaps the best example of *agape* is found in John 3:16 in the phrase, "For God so loved the world": "For God so *agape* the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

When God looked at you, He stood in awe even though you were lost in sin. God held you in the highest appreciation. You are so precious to Him and He had to do something to save you. God's *agape* drove Him to action. *Agape* love knows no boundaries, it has no limits, if necessary, *agape* will sacrifice itself for the sake of the deeply cherished.

Agape is the highest form of love.

You have the Spirit of God in you if you say you have faith. That also means you also have **AGAPE** love. Please don't hold it back.



Education & Pouth News

Youth Ministry

- Middle School (6th-8th Grade)
 - Youth Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday: 3:00 to 6:15 pm. Please sign in at the Jerusalem Room when you arrive. Here is the schedule:
 - 3-3:30 pm Free time electronics allowed
 - 3:30 pm Small Group Time
 - 4:45 pm Dinner
 - 5:15 pm Small Group Time
 - **6:15 pm** Pick up (unless you want to stay at do childcare until 7:45 pm)
 - Youth will only be part of one small group, but we know that some are available right after school while
 others aren't available until later on because of after school activities. If they were a part of the first small
 group time, they will be able to work on homework, play outside, etc. during the second small group time.
 - **November 14th: Operation Christmas Child:** We will still start at 3 pm, but instead of our normal end schedule, we will have a potluck meal with all ages at 6 pm and then pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at 6:30 pm. The shoeboxes get filled with items like school supplies, socks, hygiene items, small toys, etc. and then sent to kids around the world! It is amazing to hear the stories of how God provides the right box for the right kid! At the end of the evening, we spend time praying for the boxes, that they may have safe travel and bless the recipients.
 - **November 21**st: We will be helping with Meals on Wheels food prep from 12-2 pm. Lunch will be provided first and then we will be busy bagging rolls, opening cans, and cutting pies to put in individual containers!
- High School (9th-12th Grade)
 - Hangout every 1st and 3rd Wednesday: Youth Room from 7-10 pm. There will be free time in Youth Room and Gym, Small Groups, and of course, EAT SNACKS! We will NOT have our regular Hangout on November 21st, the day before Thanksgiving. If you're available, come help with Meals on Wheels prep from 12-2 pm or help on Thanksgiving Day!
 - Children's Advent Festival Fundraiser: Give parents a morning out to finish their Christmas shopping and other activities during this busy time! It will be on December 8 from 9 am to 1 pm. Sign up to help for part or all of the time!

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.



Alaska Vbs Mission Team For 2019 Looking for volunteers interested in being part of the McGrath, Alaska VBS team in July of 2019. If you are interested in being part of the team, complete an interest form on the table in the back of the church. Questions contact Don Ullman (219) 742- 4701.

LCEF District Scholarships – Apply By Jan. 31, 2019

This Too Shall Pass:

After 11 years, the King of Kings Senior S.A.G.E.S. will NOT sponsor the Christmas Buffet this year. The years do take their toll. The attendance was always good, and we wish again to thank the "King's Kids" for the songs they sang and the bell ringers for the music they played.

A good time was had by all!



Fellowship Fun!



Bunco Night - Saturday, Nov. 10th, 6:30 - 8:30PM in the Jerusalem Room

The Board of Fellowship invites you to join us for Bunco Night on Saturday, Nov. 10th starting at 6:30PM in the Jerusalem Room. Bunco is a game that involves rolling dice - it is VERY easy to learn and fun for <u>all ages!</u> Join us for a night of FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and laughter. Lots of fun prizes!! Please bring a snack/appetizer to share. We will provide beverages, including hot apple cider! Contact Christina Gielhaug at 651-233-6686 with guestions.

Hope to see you there!!

Children's Advent Festival ("Parents' Morning Out") - Saturday, Dec 8th, 9 AM - 1 PM

Parents, enjoy a few hours away for holiday shopping, preparations or respite while your children experience the **true meaning of the season**. The Board of Fellowship and Youth Ministry are co-hosting this special event for children **birth – grade 5**. Children will enjoy crafts, sensory activities, story time, Christmas carols, snacks, playtime and more throughout the morning, with a focus on preparing their hearts to celebrate the birth of our King. Drop off/pick up anytime throughout the morning. Lunch (pizza, fruit and veggies) will be served at 11:30 AM. **Register online at https://kingofkings.wufoo.com/forms/s5nfhsn0kb27xy/. Registration deadline is Sunday, Dec. 2nd.** Cost: Freewill offering, with proceeds to benefit our Youth Program.

We envisioned this as a multi-generational event, so **volunteers of all ages (6th grade and older) are needed and encouraged to participate**. A volunteer sign-up form will be available in the coffee/fellowship area.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Christina Gjelhaug (cgjelhaug@hushmail.com) or Sally Schuster (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org).

Stewardship Minute Message:

With Thanksgiving

The world is full of heartache. Heartaches of all kinds: financial difficulties, health problems, broken relationships, job stresses. You can name more. Look around you, and often you can see hurt in people's eyes. More often, we learn to mask our hurt and present a "happy face." The apostle Paul had plenty of heartaches, too. He was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, without a home of his own, in danger from the elements, from enemies, and, sadly, in danger from false brothers. He suffered from hunger, the cold, and lack of clothing. He felt the pressure of concern for the new churches he established and served. (2 Corinthians 11:16-33.)

Surely Paul had a right to complain, not just to those who brought these calamities upon him, but to God Who allowed them! So we might think, anyway. Not so! Paul boasted in his weakness, in the circumstances over which he had no control, for he knew God was in control. "That is why," Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:10, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, in insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Paul taught the new Christians to depend on God for all their needs: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). That two-word phrase in the middle is easy to miss: "with thanksgiving." And why should we not pray with thanksgiving, knowing we have a gracious God Who delights to bless us! Why should we not pray with thanksgiving, knowing we have a God Who has spared not even His own Son (Romans 8:32)! Should we lose all, we still pray with thanksgiving that nothing can separate us from our Savior.

School News & Notes

Principal call committee Sunday, October 28th, a special Voters' Meeting was held to extend a call for the Principal position here at King of Kings Lutheran School. The call was extended to Mr. Phillip Rogers of Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Please pray for Mr. Rogers and his family as they discern God's will. Our thanks to the Call Committee for all the hard work they have done.

Wanted: Your Hospitality! Want to make a difference from the comfort of your own home? Invite a Japanese college student studying at Bethel University this winter (February 16th - March 12th) to be a part of your family! Share your love and faith with your student, and you'll plant a seed. Your student takes classes during the day and spends the evenings with you. Transportation help to/from Bethel is provided as well as a stipend. For information contact Lisa Bekemeyer, LBekemeyer@me.com or 651-253-9498.

Keep "Liking" Us on Facebook!

As most of you know, Facebook is a great way to network and share the blessings we have at our church/school ministry. Please find us at the following link and 'like' our page: www.facebook.com/kokroseville
Note: this is a separate page from the church.

November Events

11/1 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/2 Parent/Teacher Conferences No School

11/5 NO BUS

11/20 4:00PM - 5/6 Boys Basketball CCS 5:00PM - 7/8 Girls Basketball CCS 6:00PM - 7/8 Boys Basketball CCS

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11/2 Noon Dismissal NO PM BUS

11/22 Thanksgiving Break - No School

11/23 Thanksgiving Break - No School

11/26 6:30PM Board of Education

11/27 4:00PM - 5/6 Girls Basketball SJER

5:00рм - 5/6 Boys Basketball SJER

6:00рм - 7/8 Girls Basketball SJER

7:00pm - 7/8 Boys Basketball St. Croix

11/30 NO BUS

Accredited Parochial School
(Preschool - 8th Grade)

"It's Still All About Jesus"

www.kingofkingslutheranschool.org kingofkingsschool@kingofkingsroseville.org

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



Mozart's Requiem Dr. David Mennicke is conducting the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sr. Choir and Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's *Requiem* on **Sunday**, **November 4**, at 4:00 PM at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Avenue, St. Paul, 55104. The one-hour concert is free and open to the public.

Medicare Changes That May Affect You Join speaker Brenna Galvin to discuss various aspects of Medicare changes. Second session held **Thursday, November 8, 1:00-3:00 PM**, Ramsey County Library (2180 N Hamline Ave).

Singers in Accord Dr. David Mennicke is conducting the Singers in Accord ensemble (with professional orchestra and soloists) in a concert featuring the Faure's *Requiem* and Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* at the Buetow Music Center Auditorium on Saturday night, **November 10** at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 for seniors at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3617260 or call 612-597-5483 (tickets are \$15 at the door for seniors).

CA Craft Fair on Nov. 10 Concordia Academy's annual Holiday Craft Fair takes place **November 10, 9 AM - 3 PM**. With over 70 crafters and vendors, you're sure to get a great head start on your Christmas shopping. Get more information at www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair.

Christmas Poinsettias We will be ordering our Christmas poinsettias soon. There are a variety of sizes and prices. **All orders must be received by November 11th.** Orders forms (along with payment) may be left in the offering plate, collection boxes, or in the church office. Please include your name and phone number and your order choice with your enclosed check marked clearly in case of any questions. We look forward to a beautiful display in the sanctuary this year! Thank you!

S.A.G.E.S. Nothing new under the sun? Pastor Bielenberg completes a two-session study on highlights from the book of Ecclesiastes on **Wednesday, November 14 at 1 PM.** If you are free in the afternoon, come and join us!

Operation Christmas Child Join us Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30 PM to pack boxes. See insert (next page) for full info.

CA Presents Charlotte's Web You're invited to Concordia Academy's fall play, "Charlotte's Web," on **November 16 and 17 at 7:00 PM and November 18 at 2:00 PM**. Based on E.B. White's beloved children's book, this production will be a delight for the whole family. Get more details and reserve tickets at www.concordiaacademy.com.

Third Saturday Game Night Join us in the Jerusalem Room for Game Night this third **Saturday, November 17 from 5-11PM.** Game night is open house style, arrive and leave when you like. Bring a snack or drink to share with other players if you like. Contact Mike Boll with questions. (701) 955-8195 mboll@kingofkingsroseville.org



Meals on Wheels Join the board of stewardship in preparing (**Wednesday, Nov 21st**) and delivering this year's Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels. Please fill out the yellow insert and put in the bin in the back of the narthex if you are able to help. Contact Gary Fritz for more information 651-968-7970

Missional Life Style Training Program St. Peter's Lutheran Church is hosting a missional life style training program. This program will be presented by Rev. Greg Finke, author of "Joining Jesus on His Mission," LCMS pastor, and founder of Dwelling 1:14 The date for this event is **Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** (530 S. Victoria St., St. Paul, MN). There will be a follow-up session in May 2019 led by Rev. Finke. Details will follow regarding this session. The total cost for this event is \$25.00/person (includes the book, trainings and lunch). It is recommended that you read the book before attending the session. Contact Katie in the King of Kings office if you would like a registration form, or contact St. Peter's church office directly: 651-228-1482. For more information go to: https://dwelling114org/store/joining-Jesus-on-his-mission-how-to-be-an-everyday-missionary

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Women's Ministry and the Youth Groups are again leading the Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive for King of Kings, and you are all invited to help provide shoe boxes filled with supplies and toys to children around the world! We are in need of toys and supplies for boys and girls ages 2.14. There is always a need especially for items for



boys and girls ages 2-14. There is always a need especially for items for older boys.

We would also welcome any donations to help pay for costs associated with shipping the packages. These donations will also be applied towards equipping local churches to provide Gospelsharing materials and experience for the children.

The entire congregation and all school families are invited to help pack boxes on the evening of **November 14th at 6:30 PM** in the gym, so please bring in your supplies soon! If you want to join us for some additional fellowship before we pack, we will be having a potluck supper beginning at 6:00 PM so, please bring a dish to pass and contact Julie Hibbing at 651-337-1153 so she can get an accurate count for the main dish that will be provided by the Women's Ministry. Contact Kristin Nelson at 651-766-8369 or Julie Hibbing at with any additional questions.

While we don't know for certain where the boxes we pack will end up, we have been informed that boxes collected from our region have been sent to Haiti and Lesotho for the past several years. In light of that, we have adjusted some of our specific donation requests:

Preschool-kindergarten: crayons and colored pencils
1st grade - 3rd grade: Bar soap and washcloths
4th - 6th grade: toothbrushes and Hot Wheel cars
Youth (Jr and Sr High): Socks (Size child through adult)
Musical Groups - Flashlights (preferably with extra batteries)
Women Alive in Christ, Sages - small stuffed animals

We want to fill these boxes up, so everyone is encouraged to bring in any of the above supplies and/or some of the suggestions listed below. Please note: This year toothpaste is NOT allowed in boxes.

Toys: dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), deflated soccer ball with pump, puzzles, flash lights (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, stickers, finger puppets, etc.

Non-Liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

For Older Children: deodorant, small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; food or candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Your family can also fill an entire box themselves and place the assembled shoe box in the collection boxes located both by the board and in the Narthex.

More information can be found on the Samaritan's Purse website

http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box