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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

Forgiveness

November 2019

“Pastor, I’m having a hard time forgiving myself.” You might (or might not) be surprised at how many conversations have been had around this notion. It’s a common struggle for Christians. But why? God tells us clearly that He has forgiven us in Isaiah 1: **“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”** God’s use of the colors red and white give us a visual we can imagine. He assures us of the completeness of His forgiveness, that the righteousness of Jesus covers us, even when we have been caught “red-handed.”

Jesus calls us to forgive each other. Easier said than done, right? Where we would set limits and personal boundaries, Jesus continually calls us to forgive, sometimes even for our own sake. When Peter asked Jesus if it was enough for him to forgive his brother seven times, Jesus tells him “No. Keep forgiving!” In Mark 11, Jesus tells us **“if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”** This echoes the thought he shared with his disciples when he taught them to pray: **“And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”** Perhaps we are more inclined to forgive each other if it is conditional – if God forgives us only insofar as we forgive each other? It’s something to think about! When I think about the sheer volume of things God has forgiven me, I am much more inclined to forgive my brother or sister.

So God forgives us. And Jesus calls us to forgive each other, and shows us how through the cross. It’s not always easy, and we might have to forgive the same person for the same sin more than once. If these things are true, why do we have such a hard time forgiving ourselves? Is it because we know ourselves better than anyone else? Is it because we knew better, but acted recklessly? Is it because we decided that in this one situation, God would surely bend the rules for us because He would understand if He were in our situation? Is there a point when we can really excuse the inexcusable? As much as we hate to admit it, we’ve been there. *(Continued...)*



Thanksgiving Worship November 28th 9:30 AM
Meals on Wheels rep beginning 7:30 AM
Delivery following the service

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

(1st Sunday of each month)

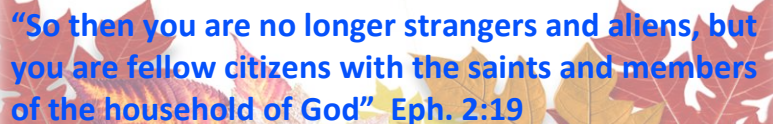


All of these things point us to the reason there is forgiveness in the first place. Life is not neat and tidy. Neither are our words, or thoughts, or actions. Sometimes we've given thought to what we are about to do. We turn the heat up on the temptation and turn it into action, even though we had sworn (to ourselves, and maybe even to someone else) that we wouldn't. Sometimes it happens so spontaneously that we even surprise ourselves. Something has gone wrong and we have broad-sided our relationship like a car getting T-boned at an intersection.

There may be times in your life when someone refuses your apology. They refuse to forgive. You can try any number of times, but that person is done with you. Their unwillingness to forgive is finally on their head and not yours. You may indeed have to forgive yourself because they won't. In other situations, we should be mindful of the fact that Scripture doesn't talk about forgiving ourselves. It speaks of God's forgiveness. It speaks of Christ's forgiveness as he takes our place at the cross. Brothers and sisters, we have to accept the forgiveness of God and let go of the bookkeeper in our heads, that voice that wants us to keep track of our sins. If we will gladly accept Christ's forgiveness – which is absolute – we will come to see that we don't have to forgive ourselves. We can't. It's the work of Christ. Let him do His work! He loves you. He forgives you. Believe it. It's true.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

Welcome



“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” Eph. 2:19

From the Window View of Pastor Lee

Summer is over. The vacations are done. School has started and now November is here. It's a busy time of the year when families get together. It's a time that inspires feelings of joy, warmth, thankfulness and a sense of belonging. But for some people it's a time of loneliness, stress, anxiety, and even anger.

Lonely people dread the holiday seasons more than any time of the year. They watch everyone around them connect with happiness while their feelings of loneliness heighten and are all the more excruciating.

The best way to help people with loneliness is to spend time with them and especially this holiday season, don't be afraid to invite someone to join your family in your celebration.

I've invited people I knew who were lonely to join us for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It may feel strange having someone outside of the family joining your family time, but what better way to show the love of God? Isn't that how we it was at the beginning? Jesus said to go and bring people from the street and alley to the banquet. Jesus came and brought other sheep into His fold and from that time on, your ancestors encountered Christians at some point and now here you are. 2000 years ago is no different than today. There are other sheep outside the fold that need to come in. I encourage and challenge you to invite someone this holiday season. It's not only good for them but it'll be good for your family too, I promise.

Blessings,
Pastor Vue Lee

November Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 3:30PM

Wednesday, Nov. 27 8-12:30PM

Thursday/Friday, Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving – Office Closed



SEPTEMBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$42,744.73; Parking Lot – \$8,705.00; Other specified offerings - \$757.50

Joyful Response – General \$13,595.00;
Parking Lot - \$1,135.00

Operation Christmas Child 2019 You are all invited to help provide shoe boxes filled with supplies and toys to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Our goal is to fill 100 boxes this year! **We will receive donations through November 10th.** Collection boxes and lists of items are located in the Narthex and the school office. If you join us to help pack boxes, please bring a dish to pass because we'll be enjoying a potluck supper and fellowship before we pack on **November 13th at 6pm!** Contact Gina Maltese-Preciado at 763-780-0116, Jessica Pearson at 612-799-5514 or Julie Hibbing at 651-337-1153 with any questions.

King of Kings Women's ministry and Thrivent are again sponsoring a drive to support Simpson Housing Services. Drop off items listed on the Thrivent Table in Narthex from **November 17-December 15, 2019.**

Contact Deb Schultz with questions or to learn more: debmarsch69@gmail.com

(All items must be new, unless noted otherwise.)

Food

Cereal

Coffee, tea, hot cocoa

Cub Foods gift cards \$20 and \$30

Personal Hygiene

Bath towels and wash cloths – gently used or new

Bar soap

Deodorant

Shaving razors/Shaving cream

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and lotion

Q-tips

Facial tissue

Combs & brushes

Toilet paper

Clothing

New bras – all sizes

New boxer shorts – sizes S, M, and L

New white t-shirts – all sizes

New adult & child underwear

New adult t-shirts

New adult & child socks

500 Cards Club for the month of November will be **Friday, November 15th at 6:30pm.** Our hosts for the evening will be Deb & Mark Schultz. (2610 Park St., Little Canada). Please bring a snack/appetizer to share. If you have any questions you can contact the Schultz's (651-483-1148). **All levels of players are welcome**, even those who have never played but wish to learn. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the north hallway or contact the Schultz's. Looking forward to a fun evening with friends!



Meals on Wheels Join the board of stewardship in preparing (**Wednesday, Nov 27th**) and delivering this year's Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels, **November 28th.** 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



"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I Thess 5:18

Christmas Poinsettias We will be ordering our Christmas poinsettias soon. There are a variety of sizes and prices. **All orders must be received by next Sunday, November 10th.** 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!



Letter From the Vicar

During the season of Thanksgiving, I often think of the petition for daily bread that we pray in the Lord's Prayer. Luther's explanation in the *Small Catechism* to this petition reminds us that everything we need in this life comes to us from the hand of God and that we live within the overarching context of gift. Luther's explanation reads:

"Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land animals, money goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

When we read and memorize this, we begin to recognize that all the good things in our lives come from the hand of God and are moved to thank Him for them. During this season of harvest and thanksgiving, it is fitting that we would stop the business of our month for a day, and even the business of our days for a few moments, and turn of thought to thanking the Creator for all He has done and continues to do for us.

It is also fitting that during this season we turn ourselves to help others in our community and around the world who have less than we do in this life. While sometimes when presented with the needy we may wonder if life or even God is unfair to them, another possibility lies before us: that we would become the means through which the needy receive daily bread. In his book, *Praying Luther's Small Catechism*, John Pless states, "God has arranged the world in such a way that human beings are daily bread to one another."¹

When I read this, my mind went immediately to what I have observed this past month as your vicar at King of Kings. I have seen generosity that astounds me. From the many hands that make light work of preparing and cleaning up at events, to open hearts that donate food, clothing, money, and time to those in need; I have observed how the members of this congregation willing serve as daily bread to their neighbors in Roseville and throughout the world.

When God's children collect canned goods at school or pack boxes at Feed My Starving Children, they are being daily bread to others. When people surprise the vicar with wonderful coats and blankets for those exiting our state's prison system, they are being daily bread to others. When members comfort each other during an illness or the loss of a loved one, they are being daily bread to one another. When the safety team keep watch during divine service, they are being daily bread to others. When church and school staff check on each other and say, "How's it going?" they are being daily bread to others. When churchgoers go from the Lord's Table and don an apron or pick up a tray to bring someone food on Thanksgiving, they are being daily bread to others.

There are too many ways in which the people of this parish are daily bread for the sake of their neighbors for me to list all of them. That does not mean, however, that they go unnoticed by others or by our Lord. This Thanksgiving, when I am thinking about those things for which I am thankful, God's people at King of Kings are right at the top of the list. Thank you for loving Christ and others by being daily bread!

Your Vicar,
Joshua Miller



LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH THE ROSEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT Loving our neighbors with the Roseville Police Department: How can you help? It's so easy, donate any of the following items and drop them off to Pastor Lee: 1-gallon zip top bags, fruit snacks, granola/protein bars, water bottles, socks, gloves, beanies, hand wipes, chap stick, tooth brushes/paste, Cub/Target Gift Card of any amount, and a handwritten note. If you don't feel like shopping, you can make a monetary donation and Pastor Lee will buy it on your behalf. **Luke 10:27: He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**

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

- **Middle School (6th-8th Grade)**
 - **Youth Night every Wednesday, except November 27:**
 - **3:00 pm** Study Hall/Free time
 - **3:30 pm** Snack and Small Group Time for those who have late practice
 - **4:45 pm** Snack and Small Group Time for the rest of the group
 - **5:30 pm** Dinner
 - **6:00 pm** Pick up time
 - **Operation Christmas Child:** November 13 from 6-8 pm. You can find details about this elsewhere in the newsletter, but it will mildly affect Youth Night. We will NOT be having dinner at 5:30 since there will be a potluck at 6:00 pm. Youth can stay after Youth Night to participate, but we encourage parents and siblings to join as well!
 - **Meals on Wheels – November 27:** We will NOT be supervising Meals on Wheels assistance after the Noon School dismissal, but parents are welcome to sign up to volunteer with prep or delivery with their children!
 - **Sunday mornings:** Each week, there is a middle school Bible study held in Room 111 (Mr. Schmidtke's Classroom). Most weeks, it is only 6th graders as the 7th/8th graders have confirmation in Room 101 (Mr. Boll's Classroom). Whenever there is no confirmation, the MS Bible Study will still be happening and the 7th/8th graders are welcome to join the 6th graders.
- **High School (9th-12th Grade)**
 - **Community Night every Wednesday except November 27:** We meet from 7-9 pm each week and have discussion, snacks, and gym time. On November 13th, our time will be cut short by the Operation Christmas Child activity. HS Youth are encouraged to come early to participate in the potluck and event from 6-8 pm and we will continue Community Night afterward until 9 pm. Parents and siblings are also invited to join us for Operation Christmas Child.
 - **Sunday mornings:** Most Sundays, we will have a video-based Bible Study on various topics with on-site service projects sprinkled in! We meet in the Youth Room (Room 112) from 9:45-10:45am.
- **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!**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**

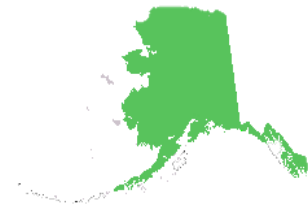
As Sally's role has become part-time, there is the opportunity for you to be the point person for extra events and fundraisers! Check out this list of established events and sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baca82da7fb6-youth7> If you have other suggestions, please let Sally know so that we can coordinate with the entire organization.

LCEF IS OFFERING TO \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING SENIORS

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. Candidates must also be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Application deadline is January 31, 2020. Applications will not be considered valid unless all material requested is submitted in an online application. The scholarship will be awarded on merit and need, and distributed following successful completion of one semester (or term) at the accredited institution the student is attending. Learn more and apply at lcefcentral.org/scholarships.



ALASKA MISSION FOR CHRIST TEAM VOLUNTEERS Alaska Mission for Christ is the mission arm of the 14 Alaskan congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They are working together to make a bold witness for Jesus in every community in Alaska. They believe that every Christian is called to be a part of God's mission. Therefore, they encourage volunteers to come share the Gospel.



I am looking for five to seven people (16 years or older) who are interested in forming a team from King of Kings to share the Gospel while carrying out one of following activities, Vacation Bible School, sports and fine arts camps, or hammer and nails projects (Making repairs to buildings in the community or building something for the community.). A team could also do a blend of these activities.

Typically, the activity requires a commitment of 7 to 10 days with travel time in June or July. The cost is \$300 to \$500 per person depending on location and the activity. Additional funds will need to be raised through fund raising projects. Expressing an interest to be on a team does not commit you to participating. In order to have enough time to plan one of these activities and raise funds I need to know of your interest by December 31st.

If interested in being part of a team or helping send a team, complete an interest form on the table at the back of the church and place in the box. If you have questions, talk to Don Ullman at church or phone him at (219)742-4701 or email him at donbill14@gmail.com.

School News & Notes

Meal Train For Incitti Family: Our middle school teacher, Hannah Incitti, and her children (preschooler Cameron and 1-year-old Evelyn) are currently without their husband/father (Matt), while he is serving with the Air National Guard in Africa until Feb/March 2020. To help them out during his deployment, we've created a "meal train" calendar to provide dinner for the family once a week (Wednesdays) and lunch for Hannah once a week (Tuesdays). If you'd like to help the family by providing a meal or two, you can sign up by going to: <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/IEAD5131> (Password = 2330) The family doesn't have any food allergies. However, they prefer milder foods (nothing too spicy). If you need meal ideas, there are some recipes on the website. Or if you'd prefer to give them a gift card for a restaurant, that's also an option. Some of their favorite restaurants include: Culvers, Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW), Zupas and Chick-fil-A.

Meals can be placed in the KoK kitchen refrigerator on Tues/Weds mornings or afternoons. Please label items as "Hannah's Lunch" or "Incitti Family Dinner" and include any specific instructions for reheating, etc. Gift cards can be dropped off at the office anytime.

Thank you for supporting the Incitti family in this way! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Christina Gjelhaug at cjelhaug@hushmail.com or 651-233-6686.

ROYAL SERVICE DAY VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED King of Kings School is looking for individuals or families to help out as the students participate in a Royal Service Day on **Friday, November 15 from 8AM-12NOON**. The upper grades will be heading to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, and adult drivers/chaperones are needed. Younger grades will be staying on site to make sandwiches for The Sandwich Project MN, pack bags in conjunction with the Roseville PD ministry, and make crafts to send with the Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels. Help is needed to pack and craft, and donations are needed for the Roseville PD bags (see list above in description). Please talk to Principal Schutte or contact the school office to let them know you are interested kingofkingsschool@kingofkingsroseville.org 651-484-9206



Sideline with Schutte

Years ago when I coached multiple sports, people would ask me which one I enjoyed the most. Even though I enjoyed all of them, I frequently commented on high school football and the Friday night lights experience. The adrenaline that goes through one's body is something that I have not been able to duplicate in other sports. In my opinion, football is the ultimate sport because it needs players with all ability levels, playing in sync at their best to help achieve success. Watching this come together in unison has always amazed me as teams transformed into something special throughout a season.

Last year started a different transformation in how our students are to serve others in our community. With this initiative from our staff, we have now created **Royal Service Day**. On November 15, we are dedicating the whole school to focus on serving others. Our theme comes from 1 Peter 4:10, ***“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”***

Students in Grades 5-8 will travel to *Feed My Starving Children* to pack meals that will be delivered to other parts of the world. Our students in Preschool through Grade 4 will stay on-campus for a variety of activities that focus on local ministries, like *The Sandwich Project Minnesota* and Pastor Lee’s *Care Package Ministry* through the Roseville Police Department. This opportunity to serve requires many different abilities and age levels, and we want you to join us. Our greatest need right now is help transporting and chaperoning Grades 5-8. Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer driving our students to *Feed My Starving Children*. What better way than to watch our children come together in unison as they create excitement and adrenaline needed to continue to love one another by serving others throughout their lifetime.

November Events:

November 3 - Grades K-8 Choir sings at Estates and New Perspective Senior Living Homes

November 4-8 - Grades 7-8 at Camp Widji

November 6 - Royals Night Volunteer Meeting (6:00pm)

November 8 - No Bus Service

November 10 - Royal Bells plays at 11:00am service

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 13 - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party (6:00pm)

November 15 - *Half Day, Noon Dismissal, Royal Service Day (Faculty In-Service Day)

November 19 - Hot Lunch Orders Due

November 22 - Fall Fantasy

November 24 - Grades K-8 Choir sings at 11:00am service

November 27 - *Half Day, Noon Dismissal (Teacher Work Day)

November 28-29 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December 4 - Royal Bells plays at 7:00pm Advent Service

December 5 - Preschool Christmas Program (4:30pm)

* All Half Days includes Noon Dismissal, No Hot Lunch, No PM Bus Service, No PM Extended School Care

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.

Please Keep the Endowments at King of Kings

Lutheran Church & School in mind:

Linda ZumHofe Endowment (Tuition Funding);

Elementary Endowment (Tuition Funding);

Member Hardship Endowment

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

www.kingofkingslutherschool.org

Christmas Sanctuary Decorating

Saturday, December 7 @ 9:00AM.

Everyone is welcome to help decorate the church!



Save the Date

Concordia Academy Annual Holiday Craft Fair takes place on **November 9, from 9 AM - 3 PM**. Come and check out the variety of crafters and goods! Great for Christmas shopping!

Christmas Poinsettias We will be ordering our Christmas poinsettias soon. **All orders must be received by Sunday, November 10th.**

Men's Pheasant Hunting Retreat Matt Collova and Steve Dahl are putting together a Men's Pheasant Hunting Retreat at Coyland Creek Hunting Preserve in Wisconsin. They will head up **Saturday November 9th**, shoot clays, eat dinner at the bunkhouse where they will be staying and have a Bible Study that night. Sunday the 10th, they will have breakfast and go into the fields with their dogs to hunt. Cost to join is \$160 per man. Contact Matt or Steve with questions or if interested in joining the retreat. Steve Dahl 651-503-5837 Matt Collova 612-685-0069.

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Art In The Church Seminar: Throughout this academic year ULC will be hosting a series of one-day seminars on the way that the arts are used in service of the Church's worship and mission. Our first seminar will be held on **November 16 from 10 AM to 4 PM** and will feature visual artist Edward Riojas. The liturgical art of Mr. Riojas graces the walls of several LCMS churches; his iconography features prominently in Higher Things publications and conferences; and his embroidery designs are now being incorporated into church vestments and paraments (including the gorgeous set used at ULC's dedication). Riojas writes a regular blog on aspects, implications and the importance of the liturgical arts called "the Art Curmudgeon. A brochure is available with more information at Luther House, or at ulcmn.com, and there is a poster on the bulletin board in the narthex with information.

Third Saturday Game Night Join us for Game Night this third **Saturday, November 16 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

Voters' Meeting the next voters' meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30PM**.



Concordia St. Paul Sunday Be sure to join us on **Sunday, November 17**, for Concordia St. Paul Sunday. Rev. Dr. Mark Koschmann, Director of Hoffmann Initiatives & Solus Christus Fellowship, will preach in both service as well as leading a Bible Study titled "Callings: Faith, Vocation, and Life Together". A freewill offering will be taken to support CSP Campus Ministry & Spiritual Life.