# 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"

Pastor's Corner All Hallow's October 2019

At the end of this month, our community will celebrate Halloween in various ways. There will be costumes, candy, Trunk or Treat events and haunted houses. Very few people realize its holy history anymore. "Hallow" is an Old English word which means "holy" or "sacred." We use the word when we pray the Lord's Prayer: "hallowed be they name." "Hallow's Eve" or "Halloween" originally meant the "evening of holy persons," the night before All Saints Day, which falls on November 1. Our world sees less and less of the holy each passing day.

When we sit beside the deathbeds of those we love, there seems to be no more difficult place in the world. And still, no one could remove us from that place. The vigil that takes place at the death of a loved one is a sacred thing. It is a holy time. The Holy Spirit gives us clarity when all other cares and concerns are set aside. In a very unusual way, we are allowed to think first and foremost of life and death, sin and grace, and the good things God has in store for the faithful in his kingdom. And yet the thought of separation makes this time very difficult for us.

When one of our families walks the holy time between life and death, I am reminded of the words of Richard Baxter, a 17<sup>th</sup> century English Puritan pastor, poet, and hymn writer. He once described himself as "a dying man preaching to dying men." While I recommend the entire hymn, here are the last two verses of "Lord It Belongs Not to my Care."

Then shall I end my sad complaints And weary, sinful days And join with thy triumphant saints Who sing my Savior's praise.

My knowledge of that life is small, The eye of faith is dim; But 'tis enough that Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.

LSB 757; TLH 527

Baxter may well have been inspired by the apostle Paul's confession that whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord! He speaks of how little knowledge we have of what is to come, and yet all of our faith is placed in Jesus Christ, the way and the truth and the life. He knows that this is all that is important: "But 'tis enough that Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him." (Continued...)

#### King of Kings Lutheran Church

#### **Regular Service Times:**

#### Sunday

8:30 AM - Classic Worship

9:45 AM – Sunday School and Bible stud

11:00 AM – Alternate Worship

12:15 РМ — Hmong Sunday School and Bible Study

1:30 PM – Hmong (language) Community Worship (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

Even in the places where our knowledge is short, Christ's is not. He knows all things. He knows all people. He calls us by name, the name given to us when we were washed with water and the Word in Holy Baptism. And then he gives us His name! The name of Jesus is what allows us to end our "sad complaints and weary, sinful days" in the hope that we "join with thy triumphant saints who sing my Savior's praise."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

Habakkuk 2:3

#### From the Window View of Pastor Lee

For ages, people used the sun to determine what time it was where they were. Every community set its clocks to noon based on when the sun reached its highest position in the sky; as a result, when it was noon in Washington, D.C., the local time in New York City was already minutes ahead. Before the days of long-distance travel, differences in local times weren't a big deal. That changed with the rise of railroads in the 1800s. Although it was then possible to travel significant distances faster than ever before, a multitude of local times, particularly in large countries such as the United States, made things confusing when it came to train schedules.

Each train station had set its own clock making it difficult to coordinate train schedules and confusing passengers. Time calculation became a serious problem for people traveling by train (sometimes hundreds of miles in a day), according to the Library of Congress. Every city in the United States used a different time standard, so there were more than 300 local sun-times to choose from. Railroad managers tried to address the problem by establishing 100 railroad time zones, but this was only a partial solution to the problem.

On November 18, 1883, America's railroads began using a standard time system involving four time zones, Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific. Within each zone, all clocks were synchronized. The railroad industry's plan was adopted by much of the country, although the time-zone system didn't become official across the United States until the passage of the 1918 Standard Time Act, which also established daylight saving time.

What time zone is your life in? Are you four hours behind or are you four hours ahead? That all depends on where you're standing compared to where the sun is. If you're in California and its 9am in Maine, it's 6am for you making you three hours behind. What if you got up at the same time as someone in Maine? Not in the sense of time clock but at the same moment in time. Your time stamp would be 6am while his time stamp in Maine would be 9am, this time making you three hours ahead of him. You see, being behind or ahead is all relative to that moment in life when you do something that changes everything. You can fail all your life but that one moment in life, that one moment in time that changes the course of your life forever. Those are the times you live for. When that friend of yours you've been talking to for fifteen years about Jesus finally gets baptized, it makes it all worth it. When we are baptized, we are in sync with every baptized believer in the past and all those that will be in the future. Our God in eternal, He is not confined to time. He has no beginning nor ending. All it takes is one moment in time to make a timeless moment.

Blessings, Pastor Vue Lee

## **October Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 3:30PM Wednesday, Oct. 16 8-12:30PM Thursday/Friday, Oct 17-18 Mrs. Miller out of office

**500 Cards Club** for the month of October will be **Saturday**, **October 5**<sup>th</sup> **at 6:30PM**, hosted by Tom and Dianne Murdock (4368-87th Ln., Blaine, MN 55014). Sign up on the bulletin board or call Tom or Dianne (**763-208-5581**) if you can make it. Bring a snack/appetizer to share. All levels of play are welcome!



## **Directory Updates:**

Andrea (Nelson) Miller 2249 County Rd. C Star Prairie, WI 54026

Carol & Jerry DeLoye Phone Number: 612-328-4383



FELLOWSHIP - CRAFTS

#### MN SOUTH BIBLE STUDY SURVEY

Help us understand your congregation's Bible study habits through Thursday, October 3 What do you think about the Bible studies offered in your congregation? We want to know! Visit <a href="https://mnsdistrict.typeform.com/to/NwZZyb">https://mnsdistrict.typeform.com/to/NwZZyb</a> to take a quick (less than 9 minutes) survey. We'll use the results from this survey to develop a task team with the goal of helping congregations improve Bible study engagement and offerings. This survey is open to ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS in the MN South District, so please share it with others in your congregation. We want to hear from as many people as possible in every congregation.

Christian Basics - Adult Information Class If you are interested in becoming a member of King of Kings Lutheran Church or would like to brush up on Lutheran teaching, you are invited to join a new class that will be held **Tuesdays**, beginning **October 8 at 7:00 P.M.** 

We will cover all the basics as we look at Baptism, The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Holy Trinity, and the Lord's Supper. We will meet an hour and a half for 8 weeks in the Media Center. Please contact Pastor Bielenberg (sbielenberg@kingofkingsroseville.org) if you are interested or have any questions. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can have enough materials on hand.

Eggroll Sale—it's that time of the year again to get your Hmong egg rolls! Preorder and pick up at the Fall Fair or just stop by that day to get some. All Preorders are due in by Thursday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>
\$15 a dozen or \$9 or ½ dozen

E-MAIL order with Name, Phone Number and Quantity to Rose, rosevang2882@gmail.com

TEXT order with Name and Quantity to 651-341-4409.

Please indicate how many dozen or ½ dozens you would like and if you want them cooked or frozen.

This event is successful with your help! Volunteer in the kitchen, help with kids' activities, sell cookies in the Cookie Shoppe, or bake homemade cookies by signing up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844a9aa29a0fa7-20181 Cookies

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844a9aa29a0fa7-20183 Kids Activities

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844a9aa29a0fa7-20182 General Help

Or contact Jill Korinek (korinek26@comcast.net or 651-398-6034 text).

# Letter From the Vicar

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am excited to begin serving you as your vicar at King of Kings. Many of you may know me already, but it is my hope that we will get to know each other better as I embark on this service. Pastoral vicarage is a one-year program in our denomination, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which prepares men for the office of ordained Word and Sacrament ministry through the experiential learning of working under a veteran pastor. You and Pastor Bielenberg have partnered with me and the Minnesota South District of the LCMS to undertake this program, working together to prepare me and my family for my future service of ministry.

I come to vicarage with over ten years of theological education, having completed by B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in theology, and having published my dissertation, *Hanging by a Promise*. I also currently teach theology in the Religion Department of Augsburg University. While I continue to learn much of theology in the academic realm, I am eager to begin the experiential learning of Christian ministry in your midst, guided by Pastor Bielenberg. While classroom learning, teaching, and research are important and fun, the most important thing for Christian theology is the proclamation of the Gospel of forgiveness in Jesus Christ and engaging in worship and pastoral care. These three things will form the essence of my vicarage at King of Kings, as I learn from your pastor and from you all.

Perhaps the things that am I most known for—and rightfully so—are for being the husband of Katie, your office administrator at King of Kings, and the father of our three sons, Martin, Peter, and Thomas. All five of us are very active in the various communities of our lives and have been very involved at your sister congregation, Emmaus Lutheran, in St. Paul for the last thirteen years. We also participate in many different activities at King of Kings and have all come to love your congregation as our "second church home."

We are all enthusiastic to begin this new chapter in our lives, as I begin a year with you as your vicar in preparation for my ordination into Word and Sacrament ministry in the LCMS. I look forward to our worship and fellowship together. I am always willing to talk with you, as we share our Christian lives together.

Yours in Christ, Joshua Miller

**LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH THE ROSEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT** Pastor Lee recently reached out and asked what Roseville PD's greatest needs are and how we, the church, can help. The department said, "When our officers get calls about people on the streets, such as veterans and families with children, their hearts go out to them. Most of the time the officers end up buying them food or giving money out of their own pocket." I know we as the church can 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 bars, water bottles, socks, hand wipes, chap stick, tooth brushes/paste, Cub/Target Gift Card of any amount, and a hand written note. If you don't feel like shopping, you can make a monetary donation and Pastor Lee will buy it on your behalf. We will have a continuous ministry of package these into the 1-gallon zip top bag and deliver them to Roseville PD.



#### **AUGUST GIVING INFORMATION**

Regular offering – \$37,791.00; Parking Lot – \$6,501.00;
Other specified offerings - \$1,370.73

Joyful Response – General \$13,075.00;

Parking Lot - \$1,085.00



# Education & Pouth News

#### LifeLight - Wednesday Nights

LifeLight begins on September 11 studying Law and Gospel this fall. It is a personal Bible Study with daily readings and questions. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:45 pm in Room 104 (Media Center). There is a lecture and discussion and will be led by Al Wassermann. Books are \$10. Talk to Al to get your book. **Lifelight** will not be held **October 2 or 9th**. Class will resume October 16th at 6:30PM.





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 <a href="mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org">sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org</a>, 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Youth Night every Wednesday, except Oct 9th and 16th: Here is the schedule for Oct:
    - 3-4:30 pm Study Hall/Free time
    - 4:45 pm Snack and Small Group Time
    - 5:30 pm Dinner
    - 6:00 pm Pick up time
    - Watch for a survey coming later this month to determine if this is still the best schedule for next season!
  - **Sunday mornings:** Each week, there is a middle school Bible study held in Room 111 (Mr. Schmidtke's Classroom). Most weeks, it will be only 6<sup>th</sup> graders as the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- High School (9th-12th Grade)
  - Community Night every Wednesday except Oct 16th: From 7-8 pm, we will have food and small group time in the Youth Room. From 8-9 pm, we will have open gym time to play basketball, volleyball, or whatever the group decides! Come for one or both hope to see you there! We will be evaluating this schedule as we go and may change it in the future.
  - **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: @27c366HS 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:
     <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baca82da7fb6-youth7">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baca82da7fb6-youth7</a> If you have other suggestions, please let Sally know so that we can coordinate with the entire organization.



Confirmation for all 7th and 8th graders is held Sundays at 9:45AM in Mr. Boll's classroom (101) at the north entrance.



#### 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.

# Update from the Kaisers

### Changes!

Changes are a part of life, and we are in the middle of an exciting one! The national leadership of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) has decided to re-establish their national Bible translation office. This is exciting because they are recognizing the importance of Bible translation in the life of the church and are making it a priority for the church. They have asked me (Jim) to be an advisor to this work, and Lutheran Bible Translators has agreed to this change.

What this means for us is that we will now be living in the capital city of Addis Ababa instead of the small town of Gidole in the southwest part of Ethiopia (note our address on the back page). I will be doing much the same work as before, except that I will be doing it at the national level instead of the local level. My priorities will be the checking of Bible translations,



Jim with Mr. Solomon Haile (EECMY Translation Coordinator) and Rev. Dr. Lalissa D. Gemechis (Director, EECMY Department of Mission and Theology)

advising the translation office, and helping to develop new consultants for the church.

Nationally, the EECMY has over twenty Bible translation projects. One of the first tasks the translation office will take up is to visit each of these projects. An assessment will be done to see how they are doing and to see how they can be helped to do a better job.

We are excited by this new opportunity to help so many translation projects, and to help the church develop consultants for the future. I will also continue to work with the Zayse, Tsamakko, Konso, Dirayta, and Ale projects as I was before. Please pray for energy and flexibility as this program moves forward.

# **Stewardship Corner**

God wants our giving and sharing to be joyful and fulfilling. How could we not be joyful when the creator of the universe chooses us to be His stewards who care for His creation and His gifts to us? How could we not want to express our gratitude to God for Who He is and what He has done and continues to do for us through our faithful and joyful giving? Our generosity flows out of our understanding that God has created and redeemed us. In spite of our sinful ways, He loves us and calls us each by name. Filled with God's love, we give generously and cheerfully. In the words of Rev. Stephen Olford, "Giving satisfies the soul, edifies the church, and magnifies the Lord." May God grant us hearts that find joy in giving.



# School News & Notes

## Sideline with Schutte !



Listening to Minnesota Twins baseball games on the radio is something that is constantly happening at our house during the summer months. The excitement that this year's team has brought to baseball fans throughout the state has generated a major buzz leading into playoffs in October. No matter how many home runs the members of the "Bomba Squad" hit, I'm still amazed on how far they can blast the ball out of the park.

Baseball is a game of failures. Growing up, I had spent endless hours trying to perfect my game, only to fall short more times than not. The drive to always be my best helped me to focus on every single swing in the batting cages and during early morning workouts. All of this was done despite knowing that failure was much more likely than success. It didn't matter how many scraped knees from sliding, bruises from playing catcher or time spent sitting the bench when not in the line-up, I wanted to make sure I did everything possible to prepare myself ahead of time so I was ready when the coach called my name.

As we go about living our lives, we know there will be failures. There will be endless hours spent trying to perfect something which may seem to have no success in sight. If those failures cause us to give up, then the devil has won. We must improve all parts of our game. Daily preparing ourselves for the moment when our Heavenly Father looks down the bench and calls our name, looking for us to step up to the plate and hit it out of the park.

#### **October Events:**

Oct. 2

4:30 - 4-6th Volleyball vs Immaculate Conception

5:15 - 7-8th Volleyball vs Immaculate Conception

Oct. 4

4:00 - Cross Country Camp Omega Meet

10:10am - 7-8th Soccer vs. Liberty

2:00pm - 4-6th Soccer vs St.Charles

Oct. 6

K-8 Choir Sing (8:30am service)

Oct. 7

4:00 - 4-6th Volleyball vs St.Charles

5:00 - 7-8th Volleyball vs St.Charles Borromeo

4:30 - 4-8th Soccer vs Cambrige (4-6th 4:30 & 7-8th 5:30)

Oct. 9-12 - LEA Break

Oct. 12-16 - Book Fair

Oct. 12

State Cross Country Meet

9:00am - 7-8th Soccer vs Transfiguration

1:10pm - 4-6th Soccer vs Gethsemane

Oct. 16 - Grandparents' Day

Oct. 17-18 - MEA Break

Oct. 19

**National Cross Country Meet** 

Oct. 21 - Start of 2nd Quarter,

6:30 - Board of Ed Meeting

Principal Jay Schutte announced the results of the Pavement Party last Sunday: over \$8,500 was raised at the Pavement Party on September 20! Thanks to our Boosters and everyone who attended!

## 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.kingofkingslutheranschool.org

Oct. 24

6:30 - Fall Music Concert

Oct. 25 - Trunk or Treat

Oct. 27.

K-8 Choirs/Royals Bells (8:30am Service)

# Save the Date



**Lifelight** will not be held **October 2 or 9th**. Class will resume October 16th at 6:30PM.

**Rejoice Choir** will not meet Wednesday, **October 2 or Wed, October 9**th while director Gizelle Smothers is out of town. Also, choir members: Please contact Deb Schultz regarding your ability to help out at the choir table at the Fall Fair on October 12. Thank you!

**500 Cards Club** for the month of October will be **Saturday, October 5**th, hosted by Tom and Dianne Murdock (4368-87th Ln., Blaine, MN 55014). Sign up on the bulletin board or call Tom or Dianne (**763-208-5581**) if you can make it. Bring a snack/appetizer to share. All levels of play are welcome!

**Jacquelyn Magnuson Organ Recital** on **Sunday, October 6** at 7:00 P.M., Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407. Free admission. (If you are new to King of Kings, Jacquelyn is the daughter of Tod and Berniece Magnuson.)

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will be hosting a brief, pro-life presentation on October 7 from 7-8PM at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church (1414 Dale St. N, St. Paul). The presentation will cover many aspects of the pro-life topic. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting and supporting unborn children and their mothers. Enjoy fellowship at this free, one-hour gathering. For more information, visit mccl.org/falltour.

The King of Kings Community Fall Fair is coming soon! Date for the fair this year is Oct. 12 9:00am - 2:00pm. Everyone can participate by coming and enjoying the fair. See you there!

**2019 Hoffman Lecture Series** All are invited to attend Remembering the Future: Exploring an Ancient Model of Making Disciples for the 21st Century at Concordia University, St. Paul at **7:00 p.m. on October 15** in Buetow Auditorium. Dr. Rhoda Schuler (Concordia St. Paul) and Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) will propose a model of making disciples rooted in practices from the ancient church, embodied in thriving congregations across racial and socio-economic boundaries.

**Lutheran Heritage Foundation** Can you imagine teaching your young child about Jesus Christ—without having any kind of Sunday School materials, or even a basic Bible story book? This situation is a reality for many Lutheran churches around the world, but the Lutheran Heritage Foundation is helping to change that! Come hear Rev. Dr. Bernie Lutz, an LHF representative, speak about what LHF does on **Sunday, October 20 at both the 8:30 and 11AM services**. An offering will be collected for this important work! You are further invited by LHF to meet and speak with Bishop Peter of the ELCSS/S and Rev. Dr. Robert Rahn, founder of the LHF on **October 21 from 12noon to 1:30PM** at Emmanuel Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights (2975 – 70<sup>th</sup> St. E.). Please RSVP to Bernie Lutz for this event on or before October 18. Br.lutz@hotmail.com or 218-929-0447

**Trunk and Treat with Concession** Join us for our annual event on **October 25th from 6-8 pm!** Cars will be decorated in the south parking lot for kids to visit and collect candy and other goodies. Then stop and get a cup of hot chocolate or cider.

The 32nd Annual Minnesota Lutheran Free Conference will be held Saturday, Oct. 26th, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2719 3rd St. N., St. Cloud, from 9:30 to 4:00. Registration opens at 8:30. The theme is: "Christ's Hope Amid Cultural Madness & Immorality." The speakers will be Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, President, MN South District, LCMS, and Rev. Dr. Karl Weber, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottertail, MN & St. Paul's Lutheran Church Richville, MN, and First Vice President of the MN North District. Registration is \$25, which includes coffee, rolls, and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though this fee is not due until you register at the door, the cooks at Redeemer would like to know if you are planning to attend & have lunch. So, on or before Monday, October 21st, please contact Redeemer at 320-252-8171, or email: office@redeemerstcloud.org to let them know.

Concordia Academy Annual Holiday Craft Fair takes place on November 9, from 9 AM - 3 PM. If you are a crafter or vendor who would like to participate, sign up now before spaces are gone! Visit <a href="https://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair">www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair</a>.

**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. Ccontact Matt or Steve with questions or if interested in joining the retreat. Steve Dahl 651-503-5837 Matt Collova 612-685-0069.