



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

October 2023

As we celebrated my 35th anniversary of Ordination last month, someone asked, *"Pastor, where did you preach your first sermon?"* Most likely it was at my field work church, Bethany Lutheran in O'Fallon, Illinois. In one of these assignments, my supervisor expected me to tie Mother's Day and Ascension into the same sermon. (Even today, I think I would fail that assignment!) Fortunately, that manuscript has been destroyed! I can tell you that the first outline was written inside the lid of a pizza box from Pantera's, one of St. Louis' finest pizzerias!

Thanks to everyone who joined in and wished Corinne and I well! We were married in Spokane, Washington where she taught a Third/Fourth Grade class at Spokane Lutheran. (The first day of our honeymoon was spent looking for car parts for her uncle's car on a Sunday, but that's another story). Two weeks later, we were in Moose Lake and Barnum, Minnesota. On Call Night, I thought to myself, *"Lord, I don't know what to do with one congregation and you have given me two?"* God bless parishes that will take brand new seminarians! One professor told us, *"We can make you theologians, but only a congregation can teach you how to be a pastor."* True enough.

In 1988, there was no such things as email. At the moment, my church Gmail account says that I have 1,689 emails seeking a response. (If yours is one of them, I apologize!) There was no such thing as the World Wide Web. If I needed more information than my own personal library afforded, I would write letters or make phone calls to the appropriate office at the Synod offices in St. Louis. Hospitals let us know when members were admitted to the hospital, and in some places, the admissions were printed in the local newspapers. *(continued...)*

Weekly Sunday Services

8:30 am – Classic Worship

9:45 am – Adult Bible Study

Sunday School

Confirmation

High School Bible Study

11:00 am – Alternate Worship

Live Stream Worship

[http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/
online-worship.html](http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html)

Use the above link to access
the live stream of all services
(recordings available)



October Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours

8AM to 4PM Monday – Friday

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament,
making known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, community and the world.

I had the noble (but unreasonable) goal of visiting every family at their home. You really get the full picture of someone when you are able to visit them at home. Some of you will remember our sister Joyce Johnson. During one of my visits to Lyngblomsten, I have to say that was the first time I ever communed someone with a Neil Diamond soundtrack in the background.

My out basket is never empty and the piles on the counters in my office get deeper in Advent and Lent, and yes, the meter on my emails keeps ticking. As your pastor, the time I get to spend with you one on one is the best part of my day. I will always choose people over paper. We rejoice in our blessings together, we share our sorrows together. Whether that happens at home, in the hospital, my office or the church parking lot, even the North Oaks Garage Sale or a funeral lunch, I enjoy all of these interactions. Our faith in Christ ties us together in astounding ways as the members and staff of our church and school build each other up, pray for each other, encourage each other, and work together for the sake of the Gospel.

As we call another pastor to work with us here at King of Kings, pray for our call committee and pray for the man who will be our next pastor, even though he doesn't know it yet. God knows, and we pray the Holy Spirit will lead us to a man who will love and serve this community as much as we do. *"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Phil 1:4-6

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg

Nomination Forms available: The Call Committee is ready to accept Nomination Forms for our congregation's next Associate Pastor. If there is a pastor you believe is right for this role at King of Kings, please complete and submit a Nomination Form **by October 15, 2023**. Nominations from the congregation will be submitted to the MN South District President for consideration. Nomination Forms are available at the back of the church and an electronic copy was sent out with the newsletter. Completed forms can be submitted to a Lay Minister, the church office, or directly to Christian Schiller (cnschiller@hotmail.com).



Thank you to everyone who helped make the recent potluck a success! Thank you especially to the Board of Fellowship for all the hard work behind-the-scenes, to Dave Bauman for coordinating the set-up, to all the people who stuck around to clean up, and to everyone who contributed fantastic food to the event. It was great to see the congregation come together to celebrate Pastor Bielenberg's 35 years of ministry to the LCMS! *Christian Schiller, Board of Lay Ministry Director*

Today's Light: Your New Favorite Devotional

Today's Light is a quarterly magazine subscription that leads you through a complete reading of the Bible in just two years. Add some light to your daily routine with fifteen minutes of Scripture and accompanying devotions.

How It Works

Each quarter you will receive a new edition of Today's Light directly to your doorstep, ready and waiting for you to start. The daily devotions walk you through Bible verses, a one-page reflection, and a question to ponder as you continue through your day. A new two-year reading cycle, beginning in Genesis, starts in 2024. Subscribe by October 13 to get started in time.

Visit <https://www.cph.org/todays-light-subscription> to subscribe.

Faithful Stewards

By God's grace, we can acknowledge that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17), and we have been given the privilege and responsibility to manage all that He entrusts to us. In spite of our unworthiness, God has chosen us in Christ to become His stewards. God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and He puts us in places such as schools, offices, fields, construction sites, and factories to be His stewards. Wherever we are placed, we are to be faithful in our stewardship.

We can say, "Stewardship is faith in action." Stewardship is our response to the faith that God gives us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel. It is our whole-hearted response to God's redeeming love. Faith gives us access to God's endless source of power, and faith produces the works of love that we do in Christ. God's grace enables us to express our faith in the way that we live our lives. God calls each of us to be faithful in our living, serving, witnessing, and giving.

Of all the gifts that God gives to us, money, for many, is the hardest to manage faithfully. Jesus tells us that we "cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:24). Our society focuses on having more and more so we need God's help to put Him first in our finances. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we become givers rather than takers. By God's grace, we are enabled to hold onto our money loosely, which empowers us to give generously to those in need and to God through our church.

Through the continued reading and study of God's Word, and, through faithful attendance at the Lord's Table, we are nourished, strengthened, and sustained in our faith.



News and Notes

Attached to the Quill are *Barb's Bulletin*, from King of Kings supported missionary Barb Rebentisch. Please keep her and all missionaries in your prayers!

Anna Gruen, Ministry Associate at Concordia University, will be here **next Sunday** to share what's new in **International Student Ministry** at CSP this year. Join us in room 103A and 103B between services next Sunday!



Membership Updates:

In by Baptism – Atlas Coleman, daughter of Brandelle and Sid

In by Transfer – Chris & Kim Anderson, daughters Lillian and Clara
Rev. Lee & Lana Rupert
Alhrick Schommer
Jaden Quast

North Parking Lot LCEF Loan Update: The Lutheran Church Extension Fund loan balance for the north parking lot project is down to approximately \$45,364.29. The original loan was for \$300,000. If you would like to contribute to this project, make out your check to King of Kings and put "Parking Lot" on the memo line or use your Joyful Response online account and click on "Building Fund." Thanks to everyone who has given so generously toward this project!

Thank You!

Offering Envelope Update Many of our members are now using online giving rather than requesting weekly offering envelopes. Due to the decrease in the number of envelopes ordered each year, it will be necessary for us to change the envelope numbers as we move forward.

For any member still wishing to receive envelopes in 2024, we ask that you let us know by signing up on the list found on the table in the rear of the narthex by the last Sunday in October. (October 29th). You may also contact the church office.

Questions may be directed to Deb Gogins in the office 651-484-5142.

Thank you for your cooperation with this cost-saving measure.

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Psalm 67:6-7



Winter Coat Drive & Giveaway

Saturday, October 14 10am – 2pm

The St. Paul Outreach Center is hosting a giveaway event at
Jehovah Lutheran Church
1566 Thomas Avenue, St. Paul

Winter Wear Donations Needed (clean, good condition):

- coats
- hats
- scarves
- gloves
- mittens

Donation drop off:

- At Jehovah every Friday 9-11am
- at our own site for later delivery.

Volunteers Needed:

- set-up, help that day
- and take down

Use this link or QR code to sign up for donations and volunteer slots:



<https://forms.gle/dHeEMMhV5ba1b25Y7>

Women's Ministry LWML Fall Rally: Our regional women's conference and fall rally is coming up on Saturday morning, **October 14th** at Gathering Place Lutheran Church in Arden Hills. Pastor Yia Lor will be the speaker for the conference and a wonderful Asian catered lunch will be provided after the rally. Cost for the conference and lunch are \$10. **Registration starts at 9:00am and the program goes through 11:30am.** If you are interested in attending, please email me by Friday, October 6th so I can get a count to the host church. Please invite other women from King of Kings too! It's always a great way to meet other sisters in Christ. Julie Hibbing – julie@hibbing.us or 651-331-0427.

Education and Youth News

College Address Do you have a college student? Whether they are living at home or on campus, please send their address to Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org. We will be doing care packages in November!



Volunteer Opportunities Are you interested in working with elementary-aged children or teenagers? There are opportunities to teach the faith, prepare supplies, build relationships, teach cooking skills, etc. Contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org for more information.

Home Grown Faith Are you a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or have another connection with children? On Sunday mornings, we will be starting a study of the book, Home Grown Faith. Please contact Gina Tupper (gina.tupper@concordiaacademy.com) or Sally Schuster (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org) if you are interested in participating.





Youth Ministry

- We have events for Middle School (MS), 6th-8th Grade, and High School (HS), 9th-12th Grade.
- **Youth Night** is on Sundays from 6-8 pm beginning September 17. It will include gym time and small group time (devotion, highs/lows, and prayers).
 - **1st Sunday of the month:** High School Youth invited to arrive at 4:30 pm to cook dinner for the group to be served at 6 pm. Begins on October 1.
 - **3rd Sunday of the month:** Game and Snack Night – bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. Begins on October 15.
- **Fundraiser at Trunk n Treat:** While the cars are handing out candy outside, we will be in the gym with a carnival and concessions. Families buy red tickets to play games and earn yellow tickets to redeem for prizes. We will need youth and parents to run games, sell tickets, and work concessions. Please let Sally know if you are available to help – 6th-12th Graders!
- **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!** 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 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.



Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Wednesdays and is sent to all parents of 6th-12th graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact 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.

Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders meets most weeks in Room 102 (Mrs. Incitti's Classroom)

School News and Notes



Sideline with Schutte

Happy 60th academic year King of Kings!

As you are reading this month's Sideline with Schutte, we will have already completed six weeks of school. Six weeks is a timeline that we talk about as it generally takes this long for students to get into a school rhythm and their routines. By now, students are ready to discover the new wonders that their grade level has to offer.

In a couple of weeks, our building will be filled with grandparents as they are invited to spend the day with us. The smiles on our students' faces shine as they spend time playing games, showing off their classrooms and art projects, performing their musical talents, and creating crafts. We are anticipating a record number of grandparents to show up to see the awesome blessings God has provided our school for 60 years.

If you would be interested in joining us on October 18 from 8:00am - noon and participating in these fun activities, please contact Katie Miller. We are always looking for extra adults to help be a "surrogate grandparent" for the day to meet some of our students who are not able to have a grandparent or other special adult present. This will be just as much fun for you as it will be for our students.



Principal Jay Schutte

King of Kings Preschool Aide Position

Qualifications:

- An aide must be 16 years of age or older.
- An aide who is under 18 years of age must be directly supervised by a teacher or assistant teacher at all times except when the aide is assisting with the supervision of sleeping children or assisting children with toileting and washing.
- Successfully completed CPR and first aid training, and all other courses required by the DHS.
- Pass the Net Study Background Study processed by DHS.
- Must be able to work between 10-30 hours per week between 7:00am - 5:00pm.

If you or someone you know would like to apply, visit kingofkingslutherschool.org/employment and send the specified documents to Mrs. Adkins, Preschool Director aadkins@kingofkingsroseville.org



Substitute Teacher Position

Requirements:

- Great organization and communication skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively with all staff and faculty.
- Flexibility and high adaptation skills to work successfully in a Lutheran school setting.

Preferred:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education.
- Good interpersonal skills with students ages 3-14.

Please send a cover letter, resume and references to Principal Jay Schutte. When sending this information, please list the age levels you prefer to work with and any particular strengths in academic courses.

KING OF KINGS BOOSTERS PRESENTS

FALL FEST

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
4:30-7:30PM
KING OF KINGS SCHOOL

4:30-6:30PM:
Enjoy pumpkin crafts, raffles,
food truck, face painting,
bounce house and more!
(KOK Field)

6:30-7:30PM:
Luke Winger
Juggler and Inspirational Speaker *

Fall Fest returns!

October 13, 4:30 – 7:30PM

New this year, enjoy Juggler and Inspirational Speaker, Luke Winger.



We need your help!

Please click the code to volunteer and/or donate supplies. Thank you!

Parkway Pizza Dine Out for Schools Night

The second Thursday of each month is the night in which our school will receive 5% of all sales (no coupon required!). Put it on your calendar for each month! **The next date is October 12.** Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360



Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 4 - Picture
- Oct. 6 - CA Day (homecoming - 5:30pm)
- Oct. 7 - CSP Homecoming
- Oct. 11 - Endowment Committee Meeting (7pm)
- Oct. 12 - Parkway Pizza
- Oct. 13 - Boosters' Fall Fest

Facebook is a great way to network and keep connected to church/school.

Please find us at the following link and 'like' our page:
www.facebook.com/kokroseville

We also are on [Twitter!](#) [Instagram](#) and [Youtube!](#)

**MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF CHRIST
BY WORD AND DEED WITHIN
OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY,
AND WORLD**

Other News

SAVE THE DATE:

To see the most recent version of upcoming events, visit; <http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/events.html>



Concordia Academy BEAMS Middle School Basketball

Registration is open for Concordia Academy's BEAMS Basketball program for girls and boys in Grades 5-8. This modified traveling program is designed to give students opportunities for athletic growth and competition that will complement...not replace...the sports offerings at their current schools. Practices start in October. Get details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/beams.

Concordia Academy Homecoming

You're invited to celebrate "Beacon Power" at Concordia Academy's homecoming on **Friday night, October 6**. An alumni tailgate party starts at 5:15, followed by a free outdoor family carnival at 5:30 and the football game vs. St. Croix Lutheran at 7:00. Admission to the football game is \$7, but children (8th grade and younger) and CA alumni are admitted at no charge. Get all the details at www.concordiaacademy.com/homecoming.

LWML Fall Rally The St. Paul Metro zone will be the hosts for the Capitol Conference Fall Rally on **Saturday October 14, 2023** at Gathering Place Lutheran Ministries (3245 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills). 9 am registration, 9:30 - 11:30 program followed by lunch "A Taste of SE Asia". The presenter will be Pastor Yia Lor—"Mission Impossible: The Upside-Down Mission to the Lost in the Mountains of Southeast Asia". Registration \$10. Collections will be taken for offering, and Gifts From the Heart: items for homeless shelters/homeless. Join us for food, fellowship, singing, Bible study, convention re-cap and LWML news.

Trunk n Treat with Indoor Carnival Mark your calendar on **October 27 from 6-8 pm** and watch for more information to come!



October 2023 & April 2024 VOCATIO Retreat: Are you a college student or second-career adult interested in full-time ministry? Check out Vocatio: Retreat, an opportunity to rest in God's Word and learn more about serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary, or chaplain. For more information: <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio-retreat/>

Mark Your Calendars! Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns this fall on **November 11 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. This event features dozens of crafters and vendors, a café with delicious treats, hourly prize drawings, and fun for everyone. More information at www.concordiaacademy.com/craffair Registration is now open to all crafters and vendors! You can go to the website to register and complete your payment online (preferred method)



King of Kings Online Giving

You can use the gold button on the King of Kings website homepage set up regular or one-time giving: <http://www.kingofkingsroseville.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

