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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"

The Gift of Hospitality

September 2018

In two of the three pastoral epistles, Paul charges Timothy and Titus to be hospitable:

"Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach..." I Timothy 3:2,3a

"[The overseer] must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined." Titus 1:8

When "determining your Spiritual Gifts" was the Bible Study rage among Christians a few decades ago, a staff member told me that I had the gift of hospitality: "You make people feel at home here." While I hadn't necessarily considered it from that perspective, isn't that what we are all called to do? Whether it is in our homes or here at King of Kings, we all do our best to make people feel at home, to be comfortable in our presence.

On Sunday morning (or the first week of school) some people new to us may seem like extroverts: they work the crowd, they shake hands and introduce themselves. Others may be more introverted (another word for Lutheran!): they may not speak until they are spoken to! While we have many members who faithfully volunteer to greet at our worship services, the welcome belongs to all of us. There are King of Kings members who have told me who greeted them on their first Sunday here. That's impressive!

If you are unsure as to what to say, the safest bet is, "I don't believe we've met" and then introduce yourself. Even if you have met before, ask their name again. It's better to do that than to fake it. Studies have shown that people would rather have you ask again – it shows you are interested in them.

A pastor of a small country parish in western Minnesota had worked for years trying to get a family to return to church. When they finally returned, a member (who thought he was being funny) said, "I suppose you would like to sign the guest book!" I think it would have been a lot better to have said, "It is really great to see you here today!"

A few weeks ago, Dan and Laurie Shepard were visiting here from Georgia. Laurie had been a church secretary for me many years ago. While we keep in contact via email, we hadn't seen each other in years. They showed up at 8:30 unannounced and I thought to myself, "Isn't this what heaven is going to be like? A reunion of the saints, brothers in sisters in Christ we haven't seen for years!"

Every Sunday, these reunions take place at King of Kings. After five years, I have decided that we are the Grand Central Station of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod: everyone seems to pass through here at least once! Greet those you know, but make a special point to greet those you haven't met. They may turn out to be a dear brother or sister in Christ in the years to come!

*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

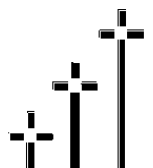
11:00 AM – Alternate Worship

12:15 PM – Hmong Sunday School and Bible Study

1:30 PM – Hmong (language) Community Worship

Wednesday

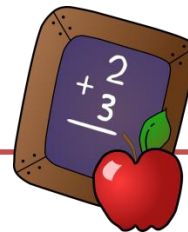
7:00 PM – Lent/Advent Services (seasonal)



JULY GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$58,604.86; Roof – \$571.00; other specified offerings - \$ 1,651.06

Joyful Response – General \$1,360; Roof \$95.00



JOIN THE BAND!

If you've ever thought you might like to sing or play with the worship band at the 11 am service, please contact Laura Fritz (651-325-7287|fritz@kingofkingsroseville.org) (www.kingofkingsroseville.org/music). Guitarists, vocalists, drummers, instrumentalists are all invited!! Practice is at 6 pm Wednesday nights and 10:20 Sunday Mornings. Now is a great time to join!

Thank you to all the musicians who shared their time and talents in praise to God this summer:

Corinne Bielenberg, The Kimberly Brown Gospel Band, Jeff Burkart, Janice Collova, Mackenzie Collova, Peter Collova, Ann Curry, Laura Fritz, Rebecca Fritz, Christina Gjelhaug, Stephanie Gleason, Grace Harre, Bekah Jorgensen, Natali Jorgensen, Lily Kolmer, Matt Landby, Lucy Lee, Theresa McCann, Martin Miller, Laura Moldenhauer, Mary Mork, Isaac Mylabathula, Anika Neuman, Kelsey Odeen, Clara Paul, Marc Paul, Beth Peter, Mike Pinotti, Glenda Pooley, The Rising Joy Band, Jazmin Roste, Adelyn Sutherland and David Ukatu.

Thank
You

From the Window View of Pastor Lee

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers, and Labor Day 2018 occurs on Monday, September 3 (it's traditionally observed on the first Monday in September). It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events. But after Labor Day, we all return back to work again; sad that summer is finally over.

For Christians, when is our Labor Day? Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV) "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

As long as we are on this side of heaven, we will work tirelessly 24/7/365 to proclaim the Gospel because that is what we're called to do. We are called to love. Do you truly understand what that means? We try but we will never fully understand until our final labor day when we are with God in eternity. We look forward to that day, until then we Labor on. Working conditions is always good with the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Vue Lee



Education & Youth News

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of children and youth? There are many hands-on and behind-the-scenes openings in the children and youth ministries. Some are short term while others are for the entire school year. Contact DCE Sally Schuster (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or 612-540-0714) if you are interested in finding out more!

Rally Day – Ministry Fair and Kids’ Activities

On September 9th, Rally Day, we will hold a Ministry Fair in the gym during the Education Hour (9:45-10:45 AM). This is your opportunity to learn about all the different ministries happening here at King of Kings! Information about each one will be available along with a chance to sign up! If you have a group that you’d like to advertise, please contact Sally Schuster (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or 612-540-0714) about table space. Activities for kids will be held outside (weather permitting) including the bounce house! If it rains, they will be in Room 103. Sunday School and Bible Studies will begin on September 16th. The Ministry Fair will also be open during lunch after late service if you don’t have a chance to visit it earlier, but there will not be a representative available to answer questions.

Marriage Study – Sunday Mornings

Home Grown Faith is sponsoring a marriage study on Sunday mornings in the Media Center (Room 104) using the book *His Needs, Her Needs*. There is also a participant guide if you like to write and utilize for further study and conversation at home. This will be led by a few different couples of different generations, making it applicable to all ages and stages! It will begin on September 16th and go until the book is complete. The main book is \$10 and the participant guide is \$5. Contact Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or 612-540-0714 to sign up.



Wednesday Nights this Fall!

All Wednesday night programs for children, youth, and adults begin on September 12th, except LifeLight, which will begin on September 19th! Contact DCE Sally Schuster to sign up for Adult Studies (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or 612-540-0714).

MS Youth Night and HS Hangout

The MS and HS Youth will alternate weeks with HS on 1st and 3rd weeks from 7-10 PM and MS on 2nd and 4th weeks from 3-6:15 PM. See the youth ministry section for more details!

Childcare

There is childcare offered in the gym every week from 6:20-7:45 PM. They have some free time, but also participate in large group games like soccer or floor hockey! This service is provided by the youth and a few adults.

LifeLight

LifeLight will be studying part one of Exodus this fall. It is a personal Bible Study with daily readings and questions. The group meets at 6:30-7:45 pm in Room 104 (Media Center). There is a lecture and discussion that will be led by Al Wassermann. Books are \$10 and are available in the office.

Home Grown Faith

This is for people who are passionate about passing along their faith to the next generation, whether that includes your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or any child in your life! Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm in Room 103. This year, we will have two books running concurrently: *Raising a Modern Day Knight: A Father's Role in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood* by Robert Lewis and *What a Girl Needs from Her Mom* by Cheri Fuller. Both books are \$10 to purchase.



Youth Ministry

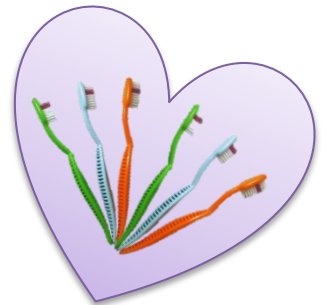
- **Middle School (6th-8th Grade)**
 - **Youth Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday:** Starts September 12th and goes from 3:00 to 6:15 pm. Please sign in at the Jerusalem Room when you arrive. Here are the schedule changes:
 - **3-3:30 pm** Free time – electronics allowed
 - **3:30 pm** Small Group Time
 - **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.
 - **Midnight Madness:** September 14 from 6 pm to Midnight. Join us for nerf guns, movie, pizza, and more! Signup sheets are on the bulletin boards and online. Please turn in BEFORE the day of the event!
- **High School (9th-12th Grade)**
 - **Hangout every 1st and 3rd Wednesday:** We're starting September 5th and will be in the Youth Room from 7-10 pm. There will be time to work on homework, play in the gym, study God's Word in small groups, and of course, EAT! On the 5th, we'll be discussing events for the school year and how we will form the hang out time going forward!

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.



FOSTER THE LOVE MN

Last year we were blessed with the opportunity to share God's love by providing socks to foster children. Our church has the opportunity to, once again, partner with nine other churches in Ramsey County to make placement bags for kids entering foster care—right here in our community. Our church has chosen to provide a hundred toothbrushes and toothpastes. Since we will be making placement bags for kids in a variety of ages/genders, we will need to gather 25 older girl and 25 older boy toothbrushes, along with 25 kid-sized girl and 25 kid-sized boy toothbrushes. Our hope is to show our county's kids, foster parents, and social workers that the Church has not forgotten them! Please drop them off in the office for Pastor Lee.



2018-2019 Church Directory Update

Please review your information on the back table in the narthex at church in preparation for the annual church directory update! Grab a pen and make any changes necessary to the paper copy so that we can update our electronic records to keep our church family in touch! If your information is correct nothing further is needed. Also, look for an email to follow this issue of the King's Quill! We have put a password on the document attached and will send that info along in a separate email. If you need to update any of the info listed in the document, please simply send a quick email reply or call the office 651-484-5142.

Principal's News & Notes

Principal call committee The call committee for a new principal has met several times. We would like to give our church and school the opportunity to submit the names of candidates who might serve King of Kings Lutheran School. Names and contact information may be submitted to Tim Grotheer (timgrotheer@gmail.com) or Pastor Bielenberg by **Sunday, September 9**. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter!

King of Kings Collections & Savings:

Now that school is back in session, we can keep collecting those recyclables, box tops, rewards, and proof-of-purchases. These items bring in several hundred dollars to the school each year. Items can be dropped off in the collection center or school office any time. We currently collect:

- Box Tops from over 240 products participating in General Mills' Box Tops for Education program
- UPC Proof-of-Purchases from any Country Hearth or Village Hearth product participating in the Loaves 4 Learning program
- Empty printer cartridges accepted by the FundingFactory Recycling Program

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.

September Events

- 9/3 Labor Day - No School
- 9/5 5:30pm - Gr. 6-8 Picnic
- 9/7 4:15pm - Cross Country @ Trinity Lone Oak Meet
- 9/14 4:15pm - Cross Country @ King of Kings Meet
- 9/21 4:15pm - Cross Country @ Trinity Academy Hudson Meet
- 9/22 7/8 Soccer @ SJC Tournament
- 9/27 5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting
- 9/28 1:30pm - Cross Country Meet @ Camp Omega



Accredited Parochial School
(Preschool - 8th Grade)

"It's Still All About Jesus"

www.kingofkingslutherschool.org
kingofkingsschool@kingofkingsroseville.org

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

www.kingofkingslutherschool.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)



SAVE THE DATE



King's Ringers has resumed! Anyone interested in playing bells please join us! Practice is on Thursday evenings from 7-8 PM. Jackie Larson, director 615-486-7019

Rev. Mark Koschmann -Instructor in Theology and Ministry at Concordia University St. Paul, will lead a presentation on "**Being the People of God in our Broken Cities**" on **Wednesday, September 5th** at 6:30 PM in the Jerusalem Room. Join us for a timely discussion on how we should invest in our cities and the need for spreading our Good News! This event is hosted by the Women's Ministry group (WAIC) and is open to all adults.

Rejoice Choir will resume on **Wednesday, September 5th at 7:45 PM**. New members, all voices are welcome. Please contact Gizelle Smothers at mkgizelle@msn.com or 651-236-0438.

Cancer Companions "*I'm sorry to inform you that you have cancer.*" If you've ever sat in a doctor's office and heard these words, you know how quickly your life can change. If you, or a loved one, has been impacted by cancer at some point in your life, you are invited to the next session of Cancer Companions. Cancer Companions is a nine-week support group. The group meets on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 – 2:30PM at Our Saviour's Lutheran (674 Johnson Parkway in St. Paul). The next session will begin on **Thursday, September 6**. Please call the church office at 651-774-2396 for more information, or to let us know that you'll be attending. Cancer Companions is led by Liz W. and Kathy K., both of whom are cancer survivors.

Rally Sunday Potluck Picnic Please join us for a potluck picnic lunch in the gym on **Sunday, Sept. 9th** (after the 11AM service) as we "rally" behind all our ministries at King of Kings. The Board of Parish Fellowship will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cake and beverages.

Those with last names **A-M should bring fruit, vegetables or a salad**

Those with last names **N-Z should bring a dessert (e.g., bars, cookies, etc.).**

We will need help with setting up, cooking, cleaning and taking down tables & chairs. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the coffee area to see how you can help. Many hands make light work. ☺

New Member Class Pastor Lee will be starting a new class for anyone interested in becoming a member or just wishing to learn about the Christian faith. Invite anyone you know who may be interested. You are also encouraged to take the class as a refresher if it's been a while. Class will be held **every Thursday from 6:30 – 8 PM**, starting **September 13th** and continuing until November 22nd. Please let Pastor Lee know if you plan to join.

Leaders in Legacy: Presidential Perspectives from Across the Years. Join Concordia University St. Paul as the four living presidents come together with wit, wisdom, and insight to reflect upon the legacy of CSP's mission across the years. Featuring Rev. Dr. Alan Harre, Rev. Dr. John Johnson, Rev. Dr. Robert Holst and Rev. Dr. Thomas Ries. **7:00 PM, September 13**, Buetow Music Auditorium. Dessert reception to follow.

2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering Local Volunteer Opportunities The MN South District is looking for dedicated volunteers in the broader Twin Cities area who are willing to serve before, during, and after the Gathering to bless all who will be attending. Volunteer recruitment events will be held on the following dates: **Saturday, September 29 at Trinity, Waconia, 6:30-8:30 PM;** **Sunday, September 30, Concordia University, St. Paul, 2:00-4:00 PM.** You are encouraged to attend one of these events, though attendance is not required to apply. Visit the following link for more info: <http://www.mnsdistrict.org/nyg>

Stewardship Minute Message

**THE PEOPLE IN MACEDONIA FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO
THE LORD AND THEN THEY GAVE JOYFULLY AND GENEROUSLY.**

“Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy
and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity”
(2 Corinthians 8:2).

Overflowing Joy

The thought of anything overflowing is normally seen in a negative light. When we fill containers to their limit and beyond, the contents will pour out of the container resulting in a mess to clean up. We've all experienced putting too much water, soda, or milk in a glass causing an overflow. However, in a spiritual sense, an overflow is what we want. When we are filled with God's love and joy, His love and joy overflow from us to others. As God continues to fill us, we have more to share with our family, friends, and all people.

An example of being filled to overflowing is found in the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth. In the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians, Paul encouraged the people in Corinth to give generously to the needy brothers and sisters in Christ in Jerusalem. To encourage the Corinthian people to give generously, Paul referenced the generosity of the people in Macedonia, who were filled to overflowing with an abundance of joy. Paul wrote, *“We want you to know brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty on their part have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part”* (2 Corinthians 8:1-2). In these verses, we find four significant thoughts. There is severe affliction and extreme poverty and in the midst of these troubles, we find an abundance of joy that is overflowing in generosity. The joy of the Macedonians flourished even with *“severe test of affliction”* and *“extreme poverty.”*

The joy of the Macedonians was in Jesus. They were filled with joy because they experienced Jesus' love. They knew that because of their faith they were forgiven. Their hope and security were in Jesus, and they wanted to share their blessings with others. Having been filled by God, they had much to share. Their joy could not be contained. Their joy grew and became complete as they shared their joy in Jesus with others as they gave their money *“beyond their means”* (2 Corinthians 8:3).

Where and in what you and I find joy will determine how we view and use the blessings that we have. If our joy is in the things of the world, we will want to hold onto and keep enjoying what we have for ourselves. When our joy is in material things, we become protective and possessive of them. If our joy is in Jesus, as was the Macedonians, our joy will prompt us to want to share our blessings. We want others to have the joy that we have in Jesus.

May God fill each of us with His joy and may He bless us as we share that joy with others.