

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

July 2018

I have lived in Minnesota for nearly three decades and haven't as yet seen a "typical" year. We enjoyed a long fall last year, then went straight from winter to summer. After shoveling out from the Sunday morning of April 15th "the Blizzard of '18," you probably couldn't wait for summer, either! Our schedules relax a bit (not a lot, but a bit). We spend our time visiting parks and lakes and enjoying all kinds of activities. We have the opportunity to see some of the members of our extended family as well as other parts of the United States. Summer gives us a breather from our hectic schedules. As Henry James once said, **"Summer afternoon . . . to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."** (I'll bet he said that while he was swinging in a hammock!)

As we enjoy each season God gives to us in turn, we do well to keep the words of Hebrews 12:2 in our thoughts: **"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God."** God has given us summers so we can enjoy the beauty of His creation; still, we should never lose sight of who we are or Whose we are as we do. Whether we are gardening, swimming, biking, traveling, walking, or mowing the lawn, we should be fixing our eyes on Jesus.

As wonderful as summer is, it can easily be a distraction to fixing our eyes on Jesus and cause us to take our eyes and thoughts away from Him. Rather than focusing on Jesus, we can let our activities interfere with our worship and our spiritual growth. Sometimes we are tempted to let the creation be greater than the Creator. By God's grace, we can enjoy our summers and still keep our focus on Him.

As you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus this summer, I would ask three things. 1) Please keep me and the rest of our staff in your prayers. Remember our call committees in your prayers as they seek a new principal and teacher for our school. 2) Please also continue to be faithful in worship, either here or wherever you might find yourselves on a Sunday morning as you travel. 3) I would also encourage you to continue to be faithful in your weekly tithes and offerings so that God's Good News may be proclaimed year round through the Word and Sacrament and the teaching ministry of King of Kings Lutheran Church and School.

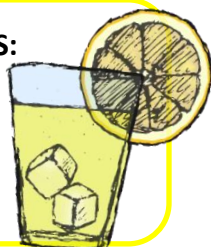
With God's blessing, we will find ourselves refreshed and renewed during these summer days and months. May each of us have a safe and enjoyable summer as we **"fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith."**

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

June 25-August 31:
Mon – Thurs 12-4
Closed Fridays



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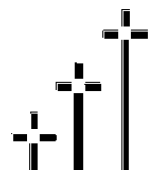
Service Times:

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)



MAY GIVING INFORMATION



Regular offering – \$44,954.26; Roof – \$3,886.00; other specified offerings - \$3,332.53
Jovful Response – General \$10,629.00 Roof \$1,166.00

From the Window View of Pastor Lee



There's a saying, "The old has gone, the new is here." When Jan 1st comes around, we celebrate New Year's, but is it really new? Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer start all over again and again, and again. Year after year, it's the same old season. I've never experienced true four seasons until I moved to Minnesota. Growing up in California, all I experienced was Hot, Really Hot, Extremely Hot, and Rain.

As we navigate through life, there are many seasons as well. Year after year, it seems like nothing changes, life goes on as usual. Then bam!

Do you remember April 14th-15th weekend of this year; how can we forget? The weekend snowstorm set an all-time record in the Twin Cities. The National Weather Service says the 14.9 inches of snow that fell on Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport between Friday morning and Sunday evening set a record for largest April snowstorm in the Twin Cities. The prior record was set back in 1983, when 13.6 inches of snow fell in the metro. WCCO meteorologist Matt Brickman says that this also counts as the 12th biggest snowfall overall in the Twin Cities. The all-time leader is, of course, the 1991 Halloween storm, which brought a total of 28.4 inches of snow to the area. When I moved here in 2008, my neighbors were still talking about that Halloween storm.

God has given us the bible to teach and remind us about the season of life. His love letter show us how much He loves us. When we realize how majestic God is, bam, it'll finally hit us that it's not just another day, not just another season, not just another God, He's the one and only God that loves us personally, the power of the true Spirit of God works in us, and the blood of the true Son that redeems us. Do you not know how powerful that is? It's the power that changes day to night, from darkness to light.

There are no longer four seasons in your life but one season. That is the Season of Life; a life that lives to serve, a life of obedience, and a life that is ready to be blessed by God; bringing God all the glory in our new creation, in our new season.

2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Vue Lee



SUMMER MUSICIANS are needed to play during the offering. The choirs and school groups take a break during the summer, so if you have a musical talent you'd like to share (instrumental, vocal) during the 8:30 or 11 am offertory or if you'd be interested in playing at the nursing homes, please contact our Music Director, Laura Fritz at [651-325-7287](tel:651-325-7287) cell, or fritz@kingofkingsroseville.org. Thank you to everyone in advance for giving glory to Jesus through music.



Vacation Bible School – Get AMPED!

What a week we had! The quiet summer halls were filled with so much energy and joy! Thank you for volunteering, praying, donating, and helping out wherever needed! We had a large attendance this year with 151 kids and 55 volunteers! It was a record year! Another highlight is that the kids were bringing offering for 410 Bridge to purchase chickens for families in poor communities around the world. Over the course of 4 days, they

brought in 254.51!! On top of that, they also filled a table with non-perishables for the food shelf! It was awesome to see God's hand at work within the kids and volunteer! Thank you again for all your support!



Youth News:

Events are marked MS for Middle School (6th-8th Grade) and HS for High School (9th-12th Grade).

- **Water Night (MS/HS):** July 18th from 6-9 pm. Prepare to get wet with water balloons and games!
- **Beach Day (MS/HS):** August 8th from 4:30-8:30 pm. We're changing it up this year and meeting at Lake Josephine on Lexington. We will have the same drill as in the past with a consent form required! Forms may be found on the bulletin boards or the church website.
- **Camping Trip (HS):** We haven't nailed down a date yet, but it will be at the end of July or beginning of August. Keep a lookout for more information!



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, 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.

Freedom in knowing. . .

Adam first learned of a knowledge limitation in the Garden. He and his companion Eve were created perfectly and eternally able to know good. Knowing 'evil' was a limitation given in love.

God's creation account chronicles this limitation. God prohibited eating the "fruit of the tree of the knowledge of 'good' and 'evil.'" Knowing that evil would overcome life with death, God protected His people to live forever with Him. However, deceived into thinking they could be 'like God', people rebelliously desired equality with God.

Many Christians fail to relate this freedom in knowing to life's purpose or consequence. The God of perfect wisdom desires eternal peace for people. God didn't make a creature with limited decision making. People are given knowledge of God and 'good' as a gift.

Humankind also has a freewill to choose the knowledge of 'evil' and does. The disobedient choice of Adam and Eve, (and us), brings death. Disharmony replaces harmony, resulting in people murdering God's only Son.

Some Christians know that freedom of knowing good, is a gift of God, who fulfilled His promise to rescue and redeem the future from knowing 'evil.' Jesus lived perfectly and rescued all people from a defiant and wayward nature. Easter's glow shines the full knowledge and freedom of 'good' on us.

God gave people freedom to know. Knowledge opens daily doors of thought and action. Faith translates knowledge into a loving call to serve others. The human will's defiance, caused by the deception of knowing evil, translates into self-interest, despair and destruction.

When earthly life is over, value symbols left behind will transfer to another. Transferring life's treasures can benefit or injure. Those with faith's gift of knowing good, will plan to bless, not curse. How can your lifetime plan for giving be a 'testament for good'?

Matt Steiner- Gift Planning Counselor, MNS District/Concordia St Paul – 651-641-8243

Principal's News & Notes

Enrollment

King of Kings still has openings in preschool through eighth grade. If your family or a family you know is looking for a quality, Christian education with a strong emphasis on academics please invite them to visit our school website, www.kingofkingslutherschool.org or have them call 651-484-9206 to arrange for a visit and receive additional information.

Summer Collections & Savings:

School may be out for the summer, but there are still several ways you can help our school in the coming months. 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 throughout the summer months. 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

KoAm Korean Students Seek Wonderful Host Family for 2018-19!

KoAm encourages your family to be a host family, welcoming a Korean student into your home and heart. KoAm students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition, school fees and personal spending money for the duration of their stay. The exchange students show appreciation to the host family with a monetary gift and reimburse expenses. Please call KoAm Area Coordinator Nicole Riebe at [952-217-5510](tel:952-217-5510) or Haewon Park at [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640) cell or email administrator@koameduall.org with your interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Accredited Parochial School
(Preschool - 8th Grade)


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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/koklutherschoolroseville Note: this is a separate page from the church.

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)

May 30, 2018

Dear Members of King of Kings,

After much prayerful consideration and deliberation, I have been led to accept the call to serve as the school administrator at Trinity Lutheran School in Waconia. This decision was very difficult for me and my family as we considered both my current call at King of Kings and the call that has been extended to serve at Trinity. In the end, we felt that the Lord is leading us to serve and accomplish His mission by meeting the challenges of a new community.

I sincerely want to thank everyone for the kind words of encouragement, and your thoughts and prayers for my family as we prayerfully sought God's will during this process. My family and I have been truly blessed to be surrounded by so many loving and caring people. King of Kings will always hold a special spot in our hearts as we cherish all the memories and special friendships. We will continue to pray for King of Kings and for all the faithful people that support the mission of this wonderful school, church and community.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Daniel Maser".

Dan Maser



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Our Present - For the Future

June 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

King of Kings Lutheran Church and School has been a vibrant part of the Roseville community for over 55 years. We have been faithfully served by many called workers during this time. Now that Mr. Daniel Maser and Mr. Andrew Hulke have accepted calls to new places of service, we thank them for their dedication to our students and families and wish them the best as they move in the direction God has led them. At the same time, we are thankful that Mrs. Hannah Incitti has declined the call to St. John, Corcoran and will continue to teach here at King of Kings.

While there may never be a great time for the changes we now face, our school is healthy and strong. It is better to be seeking people in times of bounty than in times of trouble. Every teacher and principal who has served us well came here at our invitation – and because there was a vacancy. We have been here before – just think of the blessings God has provided in the past and know that He will continue to provide for the educational ministry of King of Kings Lutheran School today!

Our congregation is strong, supportive and growing. We have had more than 30 new members join us in the last 12 months! We are blessed with talented and seasoned staff, as well as welcoming two new teachers with strong LCMS backgrounds at a time when many schools have to hire secular teachers. Enrollment is strong and has continually increased in recent years, which is not the trend for many Lutheran schools. Our unique connection with Concordia Academy is robust and fruitful, and fosters a growth point in upper grades, while our growing preschool continues to support a growth point in our early grades.

As the apostle Paul reminds us, “Fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith!” God has already selected the people he wants to serve our school! Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for our two call committees as we seek a new principal and teacher for King of Kings!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Steven Bielenberg

Tim Grotheer
Chair - Board of Education

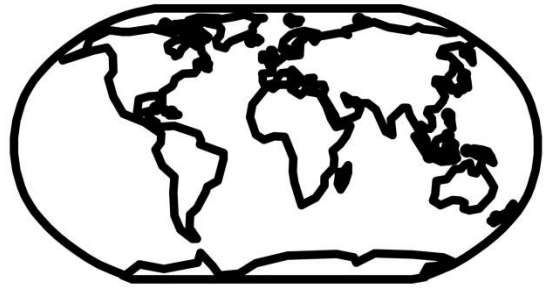
Rev. Vue Lee

“We will tell the next generation about the Lord’s power and great deeds...so that the next generation would know them. They will grow up and tell their children to trust God, to remember what He has done, and to obey His commandments.” Psalm 78:4b-6

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE KAISERS:

1. Praise God for the completed checking of the Tsamakko translation of Matthew, and the Nyangatom translation of Acts. Pray for wisdom for Jim as he prepares for checking the Zayse translations of Romans, Hebrews, and Mark.
2. Praise God for safe travels!
3. Praise God for peace! Since the announcement of the new prime minister in March, there has been peace here. Please pray for wisdom for him, and that the peace would continue.
4. Praise God for health! Over the past months, we both had the flu and a cold that just kept hanging on. We are now starting to feel normal again.

God bless,
Jim & Susan Kaiser
Translation Consultant in Ethiopia
Lutheran Bible Translators



SAVE THE DATE

Concordia Academy's summer camps Registration is now open! CA offers over two dozen arts, athletics, and STEM camps for students in Grades 3-12. New camps this year include Duct Tape Art, Bella Voce Girls Choir, Radio-Controlled Airplanes, Fastpitch Softball Catching, and G3: Genuinely Great Girls. Get more details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

STEAM Camp Lutheran Island Camp is offering a new STEAM camp at Birch Lake Camp (near Elk River). Camp activities will include academics as well as Bible study, campfire devotions, and more! July 8-13, 2018. Check out more information in the Lutheran Island Camp Summer Brochure, available in the narthex.

JOY:FULLY ALIVE > BODY&SOUL Save the date for the 2019 LCMS Life Conference which will be held January 17-19, 2019 in Washington D.C. For more information, go to lcms.org/life.



Oberammergau 2019 Have you had a lifelong desire to see where Martin Luther was born, where he lived and served as a pastor and other important sites in Germany? Would you like to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau? The villagers in this small Alpine village have been performing it every 10 years since 1634 to fulfill the vow their ancestors made to God, if God would release them from the deadly plague that year. Pastor Bob Gehrke from South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake will be leading a tour for 11 days from August 11-21, 2020. (Brochures are available from Pastor Bielenberg.) If you would like to know more, please call Pastor Gehrke at 651-503-7032.

