

King of Kings Lutheran Church and School 2330 Dale Street North | Roseville, MN 55113 Church 651-484-5142 School 651-484-9206

Pastor's Corner April 2023

On his way to the cross, Jesus stops at Bethany. Lazarus has died. Mary and Martha both jump on him: "Lord, if you would have been here, our brother would not have died." These are not the last two people who will ever take Jesus to task. If we haven't said it in exactly these words, we have probably come close.

In the middle of illness, death and resurrection, Jesus shows up. And he weeps with Mary and Martha. Lazarus is his friend, and even though he knows he is about to raise him from the dead, Jesus weeps. Lazarus is a sinful man. Death comes to us all. That's one thing when we say it philosophically or theologically, but it's quite different when we put someone's name to it. And so Jesus wept over Lazarus. He saw the effect it had on Mary and Martha, friends and neighbors.

Lutheran hymn-writer Jaroslav Vajda wrote a hymn called "Weep with Us, Jesus." A colleague had told him the tragic story of a car driver who blacked out on the first day of Little League in Riverside, Illinois. The car plowed into a dozen children sitting on a bench on the third base line, killing three and injuring eight. What songs shall we sing for such rare and tragic occasions such as these?

Weep with us Jesus, at our loss, As once you wept with for Lazarus. Who knows but you how deep our grief, Who else but you can bring relief?

"Some good will come from this, I swear;
Till then rest on My Spirit's care.
With joy your wept-out eyes will glow
To see the bliss your loved ones know." (vv. 1,5)

As we face the tragedies of our own lives, we take comfort in a Savior who not only knows what we are going through, but weeps beside us.

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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

Holy Week & Easter Worship

7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday

12 noon & 7pm – Good Friday

6:30 am - Sunrise Service

7:15 am – Easter Breakfast

8:30 am – Easter Service w/comm

11:00 am – Easter Service w/comm

Live Stream Worship

http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/ online-worship.html Use the above link to access the live stream of all services (recordings available)



Weekly Office Hours

8AM to 4PM Monday – Friday

The office will be closed Thurs., April 6,
Fri. April 7, and Monday, April 10.

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.

Who knows? God has certainly wept over situations before we even knew of them. As we struggle with why God allows some things to happen but prevents others, we know that he never disengages himself from us. I believe it was C.S. Lewis who said that suffering is God's megaphone. Not that he caused it, but that he works through it and we hear him more profoundly in times of trouble than during our work-a-day world.

This brings to mind a similar hymn, written by Joy Patterson ("When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love," LSB 764). How many hymns have been written in times of struggle and despair? "Lord, if you had been here!" But look at the end of this verse:

When aimless violence takes those we love, When random death strikes childhood's promise down, When wrenching loss becomes our daily bread, We know, O God, You leave us not alone.

On Good Friday, God watched his Son die on the cross. For the sake of the world, he had to look away from Calvary. He could have stopped the nightmare of crucifixion at any moment, but he did not. "For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Because Your Son knew agony and loss, Felt desolation, grief and scorn and shame, We know You will be with us, come what may, Your loving presence near, always the same.

As you and I watch Holy Week unfold, we know what will happen. Jesus will celebrate the Passover with his disciples one last time. He will be betrayed, ridiculed, humiliated, punished and sentenced to death. He will carry his cross as far as he can. He will speak from the cross to encourage those around him. He will die. And he will rise on the third day! Alleluia!

Console us Jesus, with your touch,
Lest we be burdened overmuch.
Cry to these graves, "Release your prey!
Your grip was loosed on Easter Day." ("Weep with Us, Jesus," v. 2)

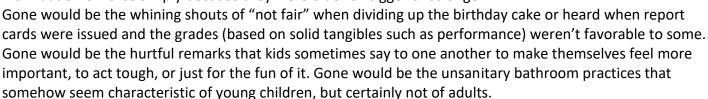
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg



It's a Small World After All (reprinted from The Way to Better Health by Concordia Plan Services)

Being a child grants one a certain amount of naïveté. For example, as kids we assumed there would be an eventual maturing process of our classmates, and that the mean, or rude kids we dealt with on a day-to-day basis would one day grow up to be more well-mannered adults. With that thought, perhaps we imagined a much nicer, gracious, respectful adult world in which to live.

Gone would be the playground days of bullies getting their way either through intimidation or force simply because they were older or bigger or stronger.



Jumping ahead several decades is the realization that due to our sinful natures, sadly little has changed in the adult world. Bullies still insist on getting their way, but now money or pride, or simple arrogance becomes the intimidator. Cries of "not fair" are still being bellowed, as some insist on being treated equally in society regardless of how well they perform. Hurtful remarks are still hurled at others on the roadways, at ball games, and even in our churches and schools. Not even bathroom habits have improved with age since about a third of all women and men still don't wash their hands after using the bathroom despite the outbreaks of Hepatitis B and other diseases. I guess it's true: everything we learned — or didn't learn — started in Kindergarten.

So where does this lead? To anger, anxiety, and despair about the state of our sinful world? No. It leads to the cross and empty tomb where Christ's death and resurrection forgives me and all sinners of our irksome, sometimes childish ways. These child-like habits show us that sin is still present and a part of who we are no matter our age — from birth to death. This leads us to His Word so that through the Spirit our faith may mature. This leads us to a yearning for the paradise that is to come that will take us away from the childish practices of sin and into a mature world of His heavenly realm.

by Steve Gruenwald



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

Membership/Directory Updates

Lee Wallman – Address Change as of 3/31 965 N. Brighton Cir. Apt. 245 Crystal Lake, IL 60012 (Cell phone number remains the same)



Men's Anxiety and Depression Support Group
An 8-week Men's Anxiety and Depression Support Group
will be starting on Wed, Apr. 12th for men (18+) dealing
with anxiety and/or depression. We will meet in the
library/media center on Wed. evenings from 7:00-8:00pm.
The purpose of this support group is to bring Christian men
together who are dealing with anxiety and/or depression to
encourage, enlighten, and support one another and to
approach these issues from a Christian, Biblical
perspective. This group will be co-facilitated by Dr. Bob
Reineck (retired psychologist) and Christina Gjelhaug (MA,
marriage & family therapy), both members of King of Kings.
If you are interested in participating in this group, please
email either Bob (rcreineck@gmail.com) or Christina
(cgjelhaug@hushmail.com) by Sunday, April 9th.

Meals on Wheels: Easter King of Kings has the opportunity to provide meals for those who may spend Easter alone without a hot meal. For many of the recipients, you will be the only person they see that day, and you will be there with a hot meal. We invite you to consider being a part of this effort to show our Christian

love. On Easter Sunday, we will be preparing, assembling, and delivering a hot ham dinner with all the trimmings to the homebound. There are many ways you can help. You can help cook, carve, serve, clean-up, deliver, supply rolls or make a monetary donation for ham and supplies. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Sunday worship folder.

2023 Spring Recycle Sale, Saturday, June 3 ~ 8:00am – 1:00pm

In conjunction with the Roseville City-wide Sale

We have decided to bring back the annual Women' cle Sale and are requesting that you start saving your gently used items for this event. We are "changing up" our sale; this is the perfect opportunity for us to re-evaluate what has worked in the past, and how to best utilize volunteers. *One change to note:* we will <u>not</u> be accepting adult clothing, only infant and children's to age 12. Watch for updates.

Women's Ministry has supported following mission projects: Sandwich Project, Christmas Shoebox project, Concordia Academy and King of Kings school scholarships, Hmong ministry, Concordia University, and provided King of Kings college students going into church work a small gift of financial assistance. Women's Ministry also coordinates funeral lunches for our church family.

We welcome your input. For questions contact Peggy or Glenn Matthees, mattheesgp@gmail.com or 651-245-2987.

Mighty mites! Thanks to everyone who donated recently to the mites box. We collected \$99.86 towards the Lutheran Women's Missionary League mission goals! Some of the regional mission grants go towards scholarships at Mayer Lutheran High and Martin Luther High in Minnesota as well as the Twin Cities Blind Fellowship Outreach. We appreciate your generosity! Women's Ministry - WAIC



Lutheran Social Services Refugee Services Refugee
Services needs home furnishing supplies, hygiene kits, cleaning supplies, and school supplies to settle refugee families. Our families—whether they immigrated recently like Pastor Lee and his family, or generations ago—became settled in the United States with the help of the churches. Are you moving, downsizing, or getting new home appliances or furniture? Do you have something to donate that a family or individual could use? Check out the list on the Outreach News bulletin board for a list of needed items. There will be a box in the north entryway during the week and the sanctuary on Sundays for collection.

North Parking Lot LCEF Loan Update: Our Lutheran Church Extension Fund Ioan balance stands at \$69,669.03. The original Ioan 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!

KING OF KINGS

SPRING BREAK THRIFT
CRAWL

King of Kings Spring Break Thrift Crawl! On Tuesday, April 4th King of Kings school and church members are invited to partake in the King of Kings Spring Break Thrift Crawl. We will meet at King of Kings at 9am on Tuesday to eat some doughnuts, pick up a snack bag, grab a bingo sheet and prepare to win some games! We will caravan to our locations and spend about 45 minutes to an hour at each location. There will be time allocated for lunch. You can either do lunch on your own or gather with some to find a location. We will meet back at the school around 2:30 to pick up prizes and show off our treasures.

It is spring break at King of Kings, so, yes, please bring your kiddos! If you can only join for a little while and want to meet up with the group a list of places and times will be sent out so you can find out where we are!



If you are interested in joining please RSVP to Sarah Culbert at sculbert@kingofkingsroseville.org to get an accurate count of snack bags and doughnuts. I hope to see a lot of you! ~Sarah Culbert

Education and Pouth Rews

3-Session Sunday Adult Bible Study starting April 2 (Led by Eleda DeRocker):

Session 1 April 2 - Jesus: Suffering, Obedience, Death

Session 2 April 16 - Restored Sight

Session 3 April 23 - Changed by Grace ... Excited by Faith



New Sunday Bible Study starting April 2 Join Sherri Pinotti in the Media Center to study The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. You can get the Bible Study book that accompanies it on Amazon or eBay for the most inexpensive price. This is a 7-session study that includes videos and discussion each week. It will meet every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 am from April 2 to May 21, except for Easter Sunday. Contact Sally Schuster if you need help getting a book (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or 612-540-0714.

New LifeLight Bible Study on Wednesdays

LifeLight is a personal Bible Study with daily readings and questions. There is a lecture and discussion led by Al Wassermann. The group meets on **Wednesdays starting April 12 and ending June 7 from 6:30-8 pm**. The topic this time is Selected Psalms and books are available from Sally Schuster (sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org). The group will meet in Room 103.

Registration and Volunteer Sign Up is Open for VBS! Get ready, Vacation Bible School will be held on June 12-16, 9 am to Noon, with READY, SET, MOVE: FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE! This is a free program for 3 year olds through 6th Grade. Register on the church website: www.kingofkingsroseville.org/children. Now is the time to sign up to volunteer too – station leaders, crew leaders, decorating, registration team, etc. If you have any questions, contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org.



Youth Ministry

- Youth Night: Doors open at 5:30 pm for open gym/fellowship and we separate into groups from 6-7:30 pm. On the first Sunday of the month, High School Youth are invited to arrive at 4:30 pm to cook dinner. Watch the bulletin and Weekly Update e-newsletter for more specifics on the rest of our schedule, including a card and board game night! NO YOUTH NIGHT ON EASTER!
- **High School Bible Study** meets on Sundays between services in the Youth Room. We are currently doing a study on Emotions and the Gospel.
- Easter Breakfast: We have meal prep on Saturday, April 8th at 9 am. If we have a lot of help, it takes less than 2 hours. On Easter Sunday morning, April 9th, we will be serving breakfast from 7:15 am to 10:45 am so we'll need help throughout the morning. At about 8:30 am, we will be transferring the meal to Room 103 (Mrs. Peterson's and Mr. Schmidtke's Classrooms) so that Meals on Wheels can use the kitchen. Please let Sally know when you are able to lend a hand. This is a fundraiser for the next summer servant event or National Youth Gathering.
- 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!



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.



School Rews and Rotes

Thank You!

The King of Kings Booster Club would like to extend a big thank-you to all who helped make Royals Night 2023 a success. Through your prayers, volunteer time and donations we exceeded our goal and raised a total of \$57,007!

Also, don't forget to check with your employer to see if they have a matching program in place. Receipts are available if needed. Please reach out to the Booster Club or office with any questions.



Message From Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Doraska

In the last five years, it has been a privilege to serve as the kindergarten teacher at King of Kings. While here, we welcomed Abel and Alya into our family and have seen Myka go home to Jesus. At this time, I will be returning after my maternity leave to fulfill my duties at King of Kings. However, after this school year, I feel God is calling me to serve elsewhere. I am so grateful and thankful for the opportunity to serve here and pray for nothing but the best for the church and school.



Following the announcement from Mrs. Doraska, King of Kings will be hiring for the following positions starting in the 2023-2024 school year:

- Kindergarten Teacher
- Middle School Teacher with an emphasis on math
- 4th Grade Teacher
- Preschool Aide
- Athletic Director

People interested can view the job description for these positions and others http://www.kingofkingslutheranschool.org/employment.html. Interviews will be taking place between March 29 through April 15.



Parkway Pizza Dine Out for Schools Night Thursday, April 13 is the next night in which our school will receive 5% of all sales. Put it on your calendar for each month! Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360

Upcoming Dates

Apr. 3-10 - Easter/Spring Break Apr. 13 - Parkway Pizza Night Apr. 14 - NW Lutheran Spelling Bee Apr. 17 – Board of Education Meeting

Apr. 19-21 – 5/6Grade @ Camp Omega

Apr. 23 - MS Band and Choir @ 11AM service

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**



THROUGH 4TH GRADE STUDENTS!

Weekly Schedule: Monday - Bike day Tuesday - All Field trip Wednesday - Water day Thursday - School age field trip Friday - Outdoor activity / bounce house day

Weekly Themes:

June 5 - 9: Bugs & Butterflies Week

June 19 - 23: Space Week

June 26 - June 30: Sports Week

July 10 - July 14: Camp Week

July 17- 21: Art Week July 24 - 28 : STEAM Week July 31 - August 4: Circus Week

Cost:

Full day: \$50 / day - 8 am - 3 pm Half day: \$30 / day - 8 am to 11 am, 12 - 3 pm Extended care by sign up only, no drop ins: \$7/hour - 7 am - 8 am, 3 pm - 5 pm

Register online at https://kokrosville.jumbula.com/#/home

Other News



LCEF Take Heart Scholarship The **Take Heart Scholarship**, is available to all 16-18 year old high school seniors who have a YI account with LCEF. Scholarships are available up to \$3000, and the due date for submission is **May 7**. More information online: https://lcef.org/scholarship/.

SAVE THE DATE:

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



Summer can't come soon enough! Registration is now open for 2023 Concordia Academy Camps!

We're offering almost three dozen summer camps focusing on athletics, arts, STEM, and other areas for students in Grades 1-12. In addition to favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Camp Create, Playmakers, Volleyball, and Youth Worship Team, we're offering plenty of exciting new camps: Act One Theatre Camp (for Grades 1-4), Beginner Hand Sewing, Blast Off (a rocket-building camp), Bon Appetit! Cooking Camp, To Infinity and Beyond (math camp), Video Production, Volleyball (for Grades 2-4). In addition, we're offering two weeklong sessions of our popular Auto Shop and ICE Lab camps.

Visit https://concordiaacademy.jumbula.com/#/home to get all the details, view the CA Camps catalog, and register for camps. Many camps have size limits and fill up quickly, so don't delay.

Christus Chorus & Band/Orchestra Concerts Concordia University, St. Paul invites you to attend these two amazing concerts featuring the God-given talents of our students and conductors:

The Christus Chorus Home Concert, Friday, April 14, 7:30. p.m. "God So Loved the World." Special guests include 29:11 International Exchange from South Africa and other collaborators from our February Rondo Reconciliation & Renewal Concert. The concert will be in Graebner Memorial Chapel. This concert will also be a celebration of 34 years of music making, relationship building, and faith sharing, prior to the retirement of long-time conductor, Dr. David Mennicke.

The Concert Band & String Ensemble Spring Concert, Sunday, April 30, 7:00 p.m., Buetow Music Auditorium.

Both are free and open to the public.





LWML St Paul Metro Zone Spring Rally April 15, 2023

Jehovah Lutheran Church 1566 Thomas Ave, St Paul 55104

9am registration and refreshments, \$5 fee 9:30-11:30 program "A Broom is a Gift of God" Stories and insights from the mission field. Sharing the Gospel through your vocation. Speaker: Dr. Richard Carter, Missionary to Hong Kong

CA 50s-Themed Auction on April 22 Concordia Academy invites you to their "Happy Days" Dinner Auction on April 22. Get your letter jackets, white t-shirts, and poodle skirts ready and flash back to the 1950s! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/auction to purchase tickets or get more information.

Circuit-wide Ascension Service We are excited to invite everyone in your congregation to a circuit-wide worship service in observance of the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ! The service will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 17 (Ascension Eve) at Jehovah Lutheran Church (1566 Thomas Avenue in St. Paul). Rev. Steven Bielenberg (Pastor of King of Kings, Roseville) will be preaching. Rev. Dr. Joshua C. Miller (Pastor of Jehovah Lutheran) will preside at Holy Communion. Other pastors from the St. Paul Metro Circuit of LCMS congregations will lead other portions of the service. Jehovah Lutheran's Music Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Wegner is inviting those interested to form a choir. (Please see invitation to sing and details below.) We also invite you to stay after the service for coffee and dessert in the fellowship hall! Please join us as we praise and receive the gifts of our crucified, risen, ascended, and reigning Lord Jesus!

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. LUKE 24:50-51

Ascension Eve Service
& Fellowship

The St. Paul Metro Circuit Cordially Invites
All Circuit Congregations and Members to Worship and Celebrate Our Lord's Ascension and Blessing. Refreshments to follow.

Divine Service 6:30 PM Wednesday, May 17

> Jehovah Lutheran Church 1566 Thomas Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104

Ascension Choir Invitation and Details Our circuit will be holding a festive Ascension Eve service on May 17, at Jehovah Lutheran Church. To add to the celebratory atmosphere of this service, a Festival Choir will be assembled from interested singers and friends of the congregations of our circuit. We will rehearse from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in Drews Chapel at Jehovah on 5/9/2023. Music for a psalm and an anthem will be provided. Feel free to bring a water bottle if you'd like. Singers age 13 and up are welcome.

Our gathering time for the service will be 5/17 at 5:45 pm. (The end of the work day can be a difficult time to gather, but please make an effort to arrive by that time.) Please join us we unite our voices in praise! ~ Mrs. Elizabeth Wegner

Vocatio summer high school visitation event registration now open! Vocatio is a free, faith-filled and fun opportunity for high school students entering grades ninth through 12th to explore God's calling and direction for them. During this weeklong retreat, students will be encouraged in their faith and the calling for their lives through many Seminary experiences including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and some fun and recreation! The deadline to register is May 27. Interested participants can learn more and sign up at https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio/

Register NOW for Christ Academy High School Christ Academy High School—including Timothy School (boys) and Phoebe School (girls)—is just a few months away! This two-week experience immerses students in confessional catechesis, liturgical worship, and fun life together. If you know high school students who love the life of the church and might be thinking about church work as a vocation, encourage them to attend Christ Academy this summer. Students who participate will attend classes in theology and worship together four times a day. Participants will also have an opportunity to serve their neighbor through service projects throughout the Fort Wayne area. Space is limited! For more information or to register, visit our Events page at ctsfw-events/.or call 260-452-3140.

The Catechism in the Life of the Congregation All are welcome to attend this continuing ed course June 7–9, 2023, with Prof. John Pless held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (110 E. 4th St. N., Truman, MN 56088) To find more see the poster in the narthex or Visit the website at ctsfw.edu/CE.

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

