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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

February 2018

The Gospel in Seven Words

Back in 2010 an article was published in a Christian magazine called, "The Gospel in Seven Words." The author invited fifteen prominent theologians around the country to give it a shot— to proclaim the gospel as clearly as they could. But instead of letting them recite the Apostles' Creed, he allowed them only seven words. Can you imagine? Their versions were fascinating. Some were faithful and true and creatively insightful. Others left something to be desired, while others missed the point entirely.

Now imagine someone you know – someone unfamiliar with the Christian faith, asking you the very same question. She isn't looking for a laundry list of doctrines. She has no interest in hearing you recite the Apostles' Creed or quote from the Augsburg Confession. She wants to get to the heart of the matter. "In seven words or less," she says, "tell me what you believe as a Christian."

What would you say? How would you put it? Are you prepared to confess your faith in Jesus?

To be a Christian is to "believe with your heart" and "confess with your mouth" the good news of God's love for us in Christ (Romans 10:9-10). Peter calls us to be prepared always to give a reason for the hope we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15). Christians have the best news in the world to share. But are we prepared to share it?

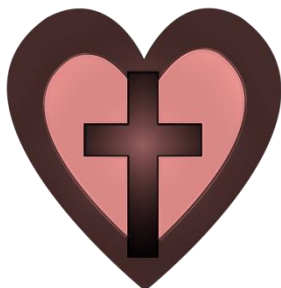
During this season of Lent, we're going to prepare to celebrate Holy Week by sharing why Holy Week is so important. The messages in our midweek worship services will help each of us create faithful Christian confessions of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

February 14	Ash Wednesday	The Gospel in Seven Words	1 Peter 3:15
February 21	Midweek 2	Preparing to Confess	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
February 28	Midweek 3	Captivity and Freedom	Luke 4:16-21

(Please note that we will observe the Imposition of Ashes and celebrate the Lord's Supper at the Ash Wednesday Service.)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg



*"We love, Because
He first loved us"
1 John 4:19*

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
1:30 pm – Hmong (language) Community Worship

Wednesday

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



DECEMBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$88,137.42; Roof – \$6,821; other specified offerings - \$3431.73
Joyful Response – General \$10,679.00 Roof - \$566.00

A Missourian's Insights of Minnesota

Living in Minnesota for over 7 months has been interesting. Though the temperatures have been quite crisp, I have been warming up to the temperatures more of late. See below for more discovery details!

Living that Minnesota Weather Life. Really this has been my only observation this month. I am starting to warm up to Minnesota weather life. I find the joys in teen temperatures and driving in snow is just an everyday occurrence. I find it easy to be outside with just a jacket, when I usually would be freezing in a coat. I now laugh at my intern friends who find Illinois freezing cold and hear their complaints as I walk outside with a light jacket. I still find it comical how often Minnesotans' get their cars washed, even though I understand their logic. Nevertheless, my recent trip to Illinois spoiled me with warm weather. I am now trying to migrate back into the cold breeze and the mountains of snow.

Stay tuned for more insights as I happily slog my way through this winter!
– Rebecca Drewitz (Your friendly, Missourian DCE Intern)



From the window view of Pastor Lee

I think this year we may see more gentlemen bringing their wives to worship on Ash Wednesday because it's also Valentine's Day.

Husband, "What's a matter honey, you don't love God?" We should go to worship. "

Wife, "What's a matter honey, you don't love your wife?" We can go after worship."

He thought he got out of that one. Oh, the dilemma we have in America. In many cultures, there is no such Valentine's Day. I've heard stories of how my men would court women back in Laos. The men would walk miles in the hard dirt, green grass filled jungle to get a glimpse of his girl. It would not be proper for him to interrupt her while she was tending to the rice field. To let her know he was watching her from a nearby hill, he'd take a green leaf from a tree, fold it in half, and turn it into a musical instrument. By blowing air into the folded leaf while it being between his lips, it produced musical notes to her; because Hmong is a tonal language, the notes can often be interpreted into words. While she is working, the loves notes can be heard by everyone but she knows it's for her for his love is unique to her ears.

Wherever we go in this world, love is universal. Everyone wants to feel special and loved. In many cultures there is no Valentine's Day. There is no one day to remind us of each other's love. In many cultures there is no Ash Wednesday. There is no reminder that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. In many cultures there is no Jesus, there is no Christmas, there is no Easter, and there is no hope. As we remember our brokenness, one day we will return to dust, we are also hopeful for the resurrection that one day we will return to eternity.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Vue Lee

Principal's News & Notes

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is in full swing for all grades, preschool through eighth grade. Now is a very exciting time of the year as we start planning for another academic year. Please take a few moments to share King of Kings Lutheran School with your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Word-of-mouth is powerful source of marketing.

Congratulations to the 7/8 boys basketball teams!

Congratulations to the 7/8 boys team for bringing home the consolation championship trophy from the Central Lutheran Holiday Classic Tournament at Concordia Academy on January 5-6, and taking first place at the Our Savior Excelsior Tournament on January 12-13.

Congratulations to King of Kings' Geography Bee champion Isaac Mylabathula! Isaac now has an opportunity to qualify for the state level competition to be held later this spring.

Winter Jubilee a Huge Success! On January 20th, King of Kings hosted our fifth annual Winter Jubilee for families with young children through third grade. Approximately 170 people participated in numerous family fun events and activities. A huge 'thank you' to all of our sponsors, volunteers, faculty and staff members that made this special event possible!

King of Kings 2018 Annual Fundraiser "Wine in the Woods"

Date: Saturday, March 3rd 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Southview Country Club, 239 East Mendota Road, St. Paul, MN 55118

Mark your calendar, King of Kings' largest fundraiser is just around the corner and we would love to see you there! Please join us for an evening of live music from Dave Burkart, entertainment, and a gourmet dinner with friends, family, and supporters of King of Kings Lutheran School. The goal is to raise significant funds for playground improvements and the scholarship endowment fund.

The SCRIP Program: A Great Way to Set Aside Money for Tuition Payments!

Through the SCRIP Program, you purchase gift cards from businesses to use for yourself or give as gifts. When you purchase the cards, a certain percentage is set aside in a tuition account for your family. If you don't currently have students enrolled at King of Kings, you can assist other families with funds rolling into our tuition assistance scholarship program. Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for all businesses that are available nationwide. Then contact our program coordinator, Sarah Berwald at berwaldsb@yahoo.com with questions and to enroll today.

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

February Events:

2/8-10 5/6 Boys Basketball Conference Tournament @ Trinity St. Francis
2/8-10 5/6 Girls Basketball Conference Tournament @ Trinity Lone Oak
2/9 No Bus Day
2/15-17 7/8 Boys Basketball Conference Tournament @ St. John's Corcoran
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2/19 Presidents' Day - No School
2/23-25 MN Lutheran School State Basketball Tournament @ CSP

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

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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

Voters' Meeting on Monday February 5 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jerusalem Room.

As you are recovering from the 2017 Christmas and New Years Season, we want to announce that the **Women's Ministry** will once again organize a **2018 Spring Recycle Sale**. As you are cleaning up from the holidays and reorganizing your household, please collect any gently used items for our sale ... clothing, household items, small tools, etc. **SAVE THESE DATES: Friday, April 13 for delivery of your items and setting up the event, and Saturday April 14, 8am – 1pm, for the sale.** You can assist now by gathering up your "recyclable" items, and plugging us into your calendar so you can help those days. But more information to come in the Spring. For now, start gathering those items you can contribute. Thanks to all for supporting this important **Women's Ministry event**.

Dr. Robert Kolb at Concordia University Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb will be the speaker on February 8 for the Reformation Lecture Series at Concordia University. His topic is **"Living as a Christian: Wittenberg Style."** Martin Luther redefined what it means to live as a Christian. No longer was it about sinners coming to God; it was about God coming to sinners. Is this what it still means to live as a Christian? Thursday, Feb 8 at 7:00 PM, Graebner Memorial Chapel. Free and open to the public.

Chris August concert in Buffalo Christian recording artist **Chris August** will be performing in concert on Saturday, February 10th, at 6:30 pm at St John's Lutheran Church Family Life Center, Buffalo, MN. The two-hour concert will have a brief intermission with time to meet Chris as well as purchase his music. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door and can be purchased at www.iTickets.com or at the St. Johns church office. More info can be found at www.stjohnsbuffalo.org or www.chrisaugustmusic.com

SAGES - The new SAGACITY Newsletter has arrived and is available in the narthex.

We have two speakers lined up for February and March. In February, Rev. Fred Hinz will be here from the MN South District Office. He is the LCMS Public Policy Advocate for the MN North and South Districts and will speak on public policy and how Christians are affected by (and might effect) government policy on the state and federal levels.

Dr. Joshua Miller will be our presenter in March. His topic is Luther on Vocation and will explore how Luther viewed the different callings of a Christian.

Dr. Miller is a professor of Religion at Augsburg College. Everyone is welcome to attend these presentations.

Women Alive in Christ: On Monday February 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 the Women Alive in Christ group will be assembling sandwiches for the Minnesota Sandwich Project (A Minneapolis Homeless Ministry).

We make roughly 400 sandwiches in about 1 hour. We will be meeting in the Jerusalem room starting with a short devotion. All supplies are provided. Everybody is welcome!"

500 Card Night for February will be on **Saturday, February 17th at 6:30pm.** Our hosts for the evening are Deb and Mark Schultz. Their home is at 2610 Park St., Little Canada. Please bring a snack/appetizer to share. If you have any questions please contact the Schultz's at 651-483-1148. **All levels of players are welcome**, even those who have never played but would like to learn.



Bunco! The Board of Fellowship will be hosting a **Bunco** night on **Saturday, February 24th starting at 6:30pm.** It will be in the Jerusalem Room at church. Please bring a snack/appetizer to share. All ages are welcome and no experience is needed to play. Contact Christina Gjelhaug at 651-233-6686 or Deb Gogins with question. Prizes for everyone!

Wine in the Woods Join us **Saturday, March 3rd 5:30-8:30** for an evening of live music from Dave Burkart, entertainment, and a gourmet dinner with friends, family, and supporters of King of Kings Lutheran School! Registration now open: <http://bit.ly/WineInTheWoods>