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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 2019

“Some good will come from this, I swear.”

This line comes from the hymn “Weep with Us, Jesus,” written by Jaroslav (Jerry) Vajda after a car whose driver suddenly blacked out plowed into a dozen children on a bench on the third base line on the first day of Little League practice in Riverside, Illinois in 1991. Three children were killed, eight were injured. Jesus told his disciples, **“In this world you will have trouble.”** How do we face tragedy and trouble when it comes our way?

Our interim principal Clet Pfeiffer was hospitalized following an accident on his way to King of Kings two weeks ago. He is home and on the mend, but it will be a long recovery. We remember him and Jan in our prayers. The other man involved in the accident died. (I have spoken to a member of his family and glad to know he was a Christian, but what a grief for that family of this young man who worked at Mayo.) We grieve the loss of our brother, Pastor Dave Maki, who faithfully served The Gathering Place (Trinity Lake Johanna) as well as families at inner-city Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis. To know that he was taken by the freezing waters of Balsam Lake in Wisconsin while he was ice fishing is beyond words to describe, but we remember Deb and their sons in our prayers.

Farther from home, the family of a Lutheran school teacher at Zion, Cologne, lost everything they own but the clothes on their backs when the McCloskey’s lost their home in a fire. And then we look at the states of New York and Illinois and are horrified by their actions of passing into law the Reproductive Health Act, allowing children to be killed even up until birth if the little one has a condition a doctor thinks will cause death soon after being born (New York) and the Governor of Illinois ensuring the taxpayer funding of abortions, saying that it would make his state “the most progressive . . . in terms of women’s reproductive rights.” To which the Church must respond, “Lord, have mercy.”

Jesus said, **“In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, for I have overcome the world.”** The world has been too much with us these days. We live in a sinful world and continue to suffer the consequences as individuals, schools and congregations, communities, and nations. We know this is a fact of life, but it is hard to bear. Only by Jesus are we able to manage, to muddle through the challenges we face in our own lives, in the lives of our families and our neighbors. Even in the face of death, we find our life – even here on earth – in the name of Jesus Christ alone. *(Continued...)*

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Regular Service Times:

Sunday

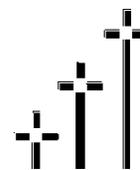
8:30 AM – Classic Worship

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



Pastor's Corner, continued...

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

As the body of Christ, you and I have been called to stand beside those who grieve and suffer trouble. In the face of the inexplicable and unpredictable, we turn to our God, a God of mercy and love, come what may. We live as people whose greatest hope is to be resurrected with Jesus, who is like us in every way, yet without sin. He has overcome the world at the cross, and stands beside us in all our troubles.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg*

Christ comes and takes the heart captive and says: Learn to know me. Then the heart replies: Aye, who art thou? I am Christ, who placed myself in your misery to drown your sins in my righteousness. This knowledge softens your heart, so that you must turn to him. This love is awakened when one learns who Christ is.
Martin Luther, 1522



From the Window View of Pastor Lee

In December, we had a total of twenty-two worship services. I may be a new pastor but I'm a quick learner. I've learned that Christmas and Easter are the busiest times of the year for me as a pastor. I can remember coming home after Christmas service, the kids told me, "Dad, you get some rest and we will wake you up when lunch is ready." I said, "No, no, I want to spend time with you all, I'll be okay." I lay down on the couch and three hours later, I was awakened by the smell of food. I must have fallen asleep even though I didn't want to. Three hours had gone by and I didn't even realize it until the smell of food tickled my senses.

After December, I took a week off and went to see family and friends in California. I call it a mission trip because every family and friend I visit is an opportunity to share Jesus. I already know they will ask me, "What have you been up to?" In my mind I'm thinking, "I'm glad you asked." And the story of Jesus begins. For me, it's intentional ministry.

On my way back to MN, I must have caught a virus because it put me down for almost five days. The only reason I made myself get up was that I had a three-day Hmong funeral to conduct. In the eulogy, they said that their father was by no means a saint. I assumed he didn't live his life in a manner pleasing to them. I gave them the message of Jesus and I said, "Even if you didn't think your father was a saint, he now is. Not by how he lived his life but by how Jesus lived and died for your father." Aren't we glad it's not up to us or how people think of us to go to heaven?

We live, we celebrate, we get tired and we sleep. One day, you and I will fall asleep even though we don't want to. Time will have gone by and we won't even realize it. We will only be awakened by the tickling of our sense that something good is near. Some people will open their eyes to see, smell, touch, and hold our Lord and become saints. Some people will open their eyes only to see the eternal torment in being apart from God. I never want anyone to be apart from God, but I know I can't save the world, that's Jesus' job—but I promise to do all that I can until I sleep.

Don't go tell, just tell as you go..

*Blessings,
Pastor Vue Lee*

DECEMBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$63, 890.35; Parking Lot – \$3,368.00; other specified offerings - \$1,500.51
Joyful Response – General \$13,784.00; Parking Lot \$1,421.00

Food Shelf

The government shut-down has caused more families to turn to the local food shelves in our community. If you are able to make a financial contribution, please earmark your gift "Food Shelf." Gifts of non-perishable food may be left in the collection box in the sanctuary (or the church office during the school day).
Thank you for considering our neighbors.

But I have trusted in your
steadfast love; my heart shall
rejoice in your salvation.

Psalm 13:5

Membership/Directory Updates

Email Change:

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Deb Schultz – debmarsch69@gmail.com

Bob & Joyce MacDonald – rbmacedonald40@gmail.com

Email Correction:

Jackie Larson – jackieraeharson@yahoo.com

Address Change:

Bret & Gina Tupper: 1805 Arcade Street
Maplewood, MN 55109

Phone Number Correction:

Jane Teschke - 651-888-6554

Women's Ministry

Minneapolis Sandwich Project for the Homeless: Please join us on Monday night, **February 11th from 7-8:30PM** in the Jerusalem Room in assembling sandwiches for the homeless. The past years we have put together about 400 sandwiches. All supplies are provided and families are encouraged to join us! Sponsored by Women's Ministry-WAIC. Questions? Please contact Julie Hibbing at 651-337-1153 or Pam Collova at 651-249-3811.



Missions Presentation

Saturday, March 2nd from 9:30 to 11A.M.

Join us for a ministry presentation by our very own Christina and Jorge Bensus. After early February travels to Ecuador and Peru, Christina and Jorge will share with us about their recent ministry and teaching experiences serving with World Mission Prayer League based in Minneapolis. All adults are welcome to join us for a light continental breakfast and devotion prior to the presentation. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Women's Ministry north bulletin board. Please keep Christina and Jorge in our prayers for safe travels and good fellowship with the national leaders in both countries.



2019 King of Kings Spring Recycle Sale

Sponsored by King of Kings Women's Ministry

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6, 2019

8am – 1pm, for the annual Spring Recycle Sale. Please remember to start setting aside items for our annual sale.

What does the Women's Ministry do with the proceeds?

We support the following mission projects: Sandwich Project, Christmas Shoebox project, Concordia Academy and King of Kings school scholarships, Hmong ministry, and Concordia University. In addition, we provide to King of Kings college students going into church work a small gift of financial assistance, and support the work of the group that provides funeral lunches. We believe these are all important functions of the congregation and hope you will support us in 2019.

We will need assistance to set up the event on **Friday, April 5** and conduct the sale on Saturday, April 6. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy or Glenn Matthees, project chairs, 651-245-2987.

Education & Youth News



Super Sunday Subs and Egg Rolls!

Pickup of subs and egg rolls is **Sunday, February 3rd**! Thank you to everyone who ordered. All money raised will support the youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering this summer in Minneapolis!



Youth Ministry

- **Middle School (6th-8th Grade)**
 - **Youth Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday:** 3:00 to 6:15 pm. We will be meeting on February 13th and 27th. Please sign in at the Jerusalem Room when you arrive. Here is the schedule:
 - **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 time, unless staying to 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.
 - **Beacon Blast at Concordia Academy (5th-8th Grade):** February 18 from 10 am to 1 pm. Register for this FREE event by February 11 and get more information at <http://www.concordiaacademy.com/prospective-students/admissions-events.cfm>.
- **High School (9th-12th Grade)**
 - **Hangout every 1st and 3rd (and 5th) Wednesday:** Youth Room from 7-10 pm. There will be free time in Youth Room and Gym, Small Groups, and of course, EAT SNACKS! We will be meeting on February 6th and 20th
 - **Super Sunday Sub and Egg Roll Fundraiser:** Order forms are available on the church website and in the back of the sanctuary. Orders were due by Sunday, January 27th. We will be meeting at 7:30 am on February 3rd to put together the sub sandwiches. Help is needed to pick up sub materials.
 - **Bowling at AMF Saxon Lanes:** February 18 from 6-8 pm. Cost is \$20 and includes pizza, soda, and bowling! Turn in money to sign up by February 13!
- **7th-12th Grade** – Mark your calendar for the Night in the Dome Kickball Tournament at Concordia University on March 8th! The youth ministry covers the cost of pizza beforehand at 5 pm at church and the cost for the tournament. The tournament runs from 6-10 pm, but we will get done sooner or later based on how we do. It is a double elimination bracket so we will have at least 2 games. Parents are welcome to come watch and we always need a few drivers. Youth can be picked up after our games are done or stay until our drivers leave. We oftentimes stop for ice cream afterward. Players do not have to be members of our church so feel free to invite your friends! The form to register is online this year! Visit www.csp.edu/kickball to fill it out and let me know by **February 24th** that you have it complete! For team name, please put "KOK Roseville."

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.

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School! VBS will take place next summer on June 24-28, 2019 from 9 am to Noon! Watch for the theme to be revealed later on. Registration is now open on the church website! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sally Schuster at 612-540-0714 or sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org.

Message From Parish Director Aaron Gjelhaug:

Now that the recent roof project is complete....what's next?

In late 2018 we communicated that our roof loan had been completely paid off. Yay!! This was a big accomplishment, and we were blessed by the generosity that the congregation displayed throughout the multi-year fundraising efforts for the roof project. In fact, approximately \$28,000 that was allocated to the project remains unused after paying off the loan.

As we continue to carry out our obligation to maintain the facility, we now intend to focus on upgrading the parking lot due to its poor condition, which is especially evident in the north lot. So in order to get on a contractor's scheduled for the 2019 "season", we have already begun to engage the services of an engineering firm to assist with this process. Having an expert partner on board will ensure that the underlying issues (i.e., poor drainage, standing water, etc.) contributing to the current lot conditions (i.e., pot holes, crumbling surface, etc.) are addressed, along with any existing safety concerns.

While we won't have a cost estimate until the engineering plans are complete and the final scope is determined, we are expecting the cost to upgrade the parking lot to be significant, and are anticipating the need to secure immediate funding from multiple sources to cover the cost. One source will likely be a new loan from LCEF, which is currently offering a special promotional program at very competitive rates. Another source will be monies donated via congregational fundraising, where approximately \$21,000 has already been donated towards the parking lot project. In addition, we would like to further "jump start" our fundraising efforts by directing the \$28,000 of unused roof funds noted above towards this project.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this project being our next area of focus, or regarding the unused roof project funds being re-directed towards this project, please contact Pastor Bielenberg, Aaron Gjelhaug or Brent Sabin.



School News & Notes

Principal Call Accepted! Good news! Mr. Jay Schutte has accepted the call to serve as our principal! He will begin in July. Please keep Jay and Kim and their family in your prayers as they make this transition.

Prayer Walk in our School Building on Monday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. The Moms in Prayer Group is hosting an all school prayer walk for all parents, grandparents, and staff. We'll meet in the Jerusalem room and travel through classrooms and all areas of the school praying for our students, teachers, staff, and families. We'll cover many areas of our kids' lives in prayer including bullying. Make plans to join in this time of prayer for blessing, protection, and God's provision over our entire school!



2019 - 2020 School Year Re-enrollment open! Re-enroll by **February 28th** to ensure your student's spot in next year's classes. Re-enrollment is \$150 until March 1st. On March 1st the fee goes up to \$250. Save \$100 / student by enrolling early!

NEW Art Adventure Club Art Adventure after is an after school art club being offered Feb. 12, Feb. 19, and Feb. 26 from after school until 4:15 P.M. This art club will focus on two artist works of art as well as creating art. All young people in grades K-5th grade are welcome to join in the fun. Please contact Molly Kieser to **register by end of the school day on Feb. 1** at mollykieser@yahoo.com or call 612-735-9393.

2nd Annual Wine in the Woods Fundraiser **Saturday March 2, 2019**

The 2nd annual Wine in the Woods fundraiser is one month away. ALL proceeds directly benefit King of Kings School and Church. Please join us in sharing this special evening together! Limited on-site childcare is provided.

Your attendance is needed! Please invite family members, friends and co-workers to this event. Introduce them to King of Kings and the positive difference it has made in so many lives, while having a great evening together.

We have a lot of new activities at this event you won't want to miss! Take your chance on a **mystery box** - you won't be disappointed. They sell out fast! **Wine Pull:** Winning a top quality bottle of wine for a cheap price - you'll always walk away a winner, some people with \$100 bottles of wine. Instantly become \$500 richer with a live **cash raffle** and other raffles! **Live and silent auction** items for everyone!

Register today [online](#) or in the office (to avoid processing fees). **Registration deadline is Friday, February 22nd.**

Last, but not least, please pray that this event would be a wonderful evening of fellowship and fundraising for all who attend and that it would bless the entire King of Kings community through the money raised.

Thank you and we hope to see you there on March 2nd!

Wine
in the
Woods

February Events

2/1 National Lutheran Schools Week

Bowling at Flaherty's – **3PM Pickup at Bowling Alley**

4:00pm 5/6 Girls Basketball TLO

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6:00pm 7/8 Girls Basketball SPA

7:00pm 7/8 Boys Basketball SPA

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4:00pm 5/6 Girls Basketball Trinity Waconia

5:00pm 5/6 Boys Basketball Trinity Waconia

6:00pm 7/8 Girls Basketball Trinity Waconia

7:00pm 7/8 Boys Basketball Trinity Waconia

2/7 – 8:45am – K-8 Vision and Hearing Screening

5/6 Boys and Girls Basketball @ Trinity - St. Francis

2/8 – NO BUS - AM and PM

Prek- 3rd Grade @ The Works Museum

5/6 Boys and Girls Basketball @ Trinity - St. Francis

2/9 –5/6 Boys and Girls Basketball @ Trinity - St. Francis

2/12

4:00pm 5/6 Girls Basketball New Life Academy

5:00pm 5/6 Boys Basketball New Life Academy

6:00pm 7/8 Girls Basketball New Life Academy

7:00pm 7/8 Boys Basketball New Life Academy

2/14 - 7/8 Boys & Girls Basketball @ St John's Corcoran

2/15 - 7/8 Boys & Girls Basketball @ St John's Corcoran

2/16 - 7/8 Boys & Girls Basketball @ St John's Corcoran

2/18 - No School/Presidents Day

2/22- 2/24 - MN Lutheran School State Basketball Tournament

2/25 - 6:30pm Board of Education

2/28 - 5:00pm Mystery Box Packing Wine in the Woods

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)



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Save the Date

Omega Plunge Camp Omega's Polar Plunge fundraiser is **Saturday, February 9th**. Last year's raised \$38,000. This year, the goal is \$80,000 to help build a new Adult and Family Retreat Center. They need your help! Gather your team of friends, family, and church family to plunge for a great cause in our District. Questions? Contact Heather Dimmel at polarplunge@campomega.org or Russ Schwichtenberg at russ@campomega.org. More information is also available on Camp Omega's website.

Minneapolis Sandwich Project for the Homeless: Please join us on Monday night, **February 11th from 7-8:30PM** in the Jerusalem Room in assembling sandwiches for the homeless. The past years we have put together about 400 sandwiches. All supplies are provided and families are encouraged to join us! Sponsored by Women's Ministry-WAIC. Questions? Please contact Julie Hibbing at 651-337-1153 or Pam Collova at 651-249-3811.

Normal Aging or Dementia? Memory loss is not necessarily dementia. Learn the importance of an accurate diagnosis. Dementia Caring & Coping presentation at the Ramsey County Library, 2180 N. Hamline on **February 14 from 1:00-3:00 P.M.**

500 Club The Board of Parish Fellowship will be having a 500 Card party on **Friday, February 15th at 6:30P.M.** at the home of the McArthurs (3060 Chatsworth St. N). Please sign up on the sheet on the North Hallway bulletin board!



Men's Retreat At Lutheran Island Camp will be held **February 15-17**. The speaker will be Rev. Jeff Hemmer, Fairview Heights, IL, author of "Man Up!" To register, go to www.islandcamp.org or email register@islandcamp.org or call 218-583-2905.

Third Saturday Game Night Join us in the Jerusalem Room for Game Night this third **Saturday, February 16 from 5-11PM**. Game night is open house style, arrive and leave when you like. Bring a snack or drink to share with other players if you like. Contact Mike Boll with questions. (701) 955-8195 mboll@kingofkingsroseville.org

WAIC Mission Presentation Join us for a ministry presentation by our very own Christina and Jorge Bensus on Saturday, **March 2nd from 9:30 to 11A.M.** in the Jerusalem Room. After early February travels to Ecuador and Peru, Christina and Jorge will share with us about their recent ministry and teaching experiences serving with World Mission Prayer League based in Minneapolis. All adults are welcome to join us for a light continental breakfast and devotion prior to the presentation. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Women's Ministry north bulletin board. Please keep Christina and Jorge in our prayers for safe travels and good fellowship with the national leaders in both countries

Lutheran Hour Speaker at Concordia University, St. Paul You are invited to hear Dr. Michael Ziegler, the newly appointed Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, as he preaches in chapel on **Friday, March 15**. A reception will follow in the Cross of Christ Fellowship Center.

Lutheran Hour Rally The MN South District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League is hosting an 'old-fashioned' Lutheran hour Rally on **Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 PM** at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna St., Mankato. The preacher will be Rev. Michael Ziegler, our new Lutheran Hour speaker.

