



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

February 2024

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year, also known as Valentine's Day. If you don't remember this ever happening before, it's because this has not happened since 1945! This Lent, instead of the Three Little Words we all love to hear, we will focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus, the greatest "I love you" message this world has ever received!

"If what Christians say about Good Friday is true," Richard John Neuhaus writes, ***"then it is quite simply, the truth about everything."*** The Seven Last Words of Jesus have inspired countless authors and composers throughout the ages. Now it is our turn. As we face the death of Christ on a Friday afternoon, we must consider the darkness of that day in terms of His suffering and death on account of our sin. Even so, we look from Good Friday to Easter with hope in our hearts, knowing that everything Christ would teach us comes to its ultimate fulfillment in his death and resurrection. Beyond the darkness of our own experience and condition, there is light. Beyond the terror of Good Friday, Easter calls to us with hope.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Beginning Feb 21, the service is preceded by a light supper. Gathering in the name of Jesus is a great way for us to close the day together. The Ash Wednesday service will also include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

February 14 Ash Wednesday "Forgive Them, Father" Luke 23:34

February 21 "Today You Will Be With Me" Luke 23:43

February 28 "Behold Your Mother – Behold Your Son" John 19:25-27

Have a blessed Lenten journey toward Easter!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

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.

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

Lenten Worship

5:45 pm – Lenten suppers

7:00 pm – Adult Bible Study

Live Stream Worship

[http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/
online-worship.html](http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html)

Use the above link to access
the live stream of all services
(recordings available)

February Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours

8am to 4pm Monday - Friday

**The office will be closed on Monday,
February 16 for Presidents' Day.**



Life in the St. Paul Metro Circuit (What's a Circuit?)

Lutherans love acronyms: LCMS. WELS. ELCA. LWML. SPOC. WAIC. DCE. CA. CSP. While these acronyms may be convenient shorthand for those in the know, every abbreviation may not be familiar to everyone. For clarity, we make it a point to spell things out in King of Kings publications.

I was recently asked, "**What is a circuit?**" Our church body, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, is made up of 35 Districts. 33 of these districts are regional. Geographic size depends on the number of members or density of churches in that area. So while the Northwest District is made of churches in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, other districts may be single states. Where Lutherans are denser (properly understood!), that state may be divided into two districts, as in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Most of our Districts have a centrally located office and staff to serve the churches, schools, and workers of their district. Our MN South District Office is located in Burnsville. Pastor Vue Lee works there as the Assistant to President Lucas Woodford for mission work throughout our District.

Districts are sub-divided into Regions and then again by Circuits. Circuits typically have eight to twelve congregations and send two delegates to our Synodical conventions held every three years. King of Kings Lutheran Church and School belongs to the Minnesota South District, Region 1, St. Paul Metro Circuit. Apart from **The Gathering Place** in Arden Hills, all of the churches in our Circuit are in St. Paul: **Bethel, Bethlehem, Cornerstone Light of Life Lutheran, Eastern Heights, Emmaus, Hmong Lutheran, Jehovah, Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship, Our Saviours, St. Peter, and St. Stephanus**. Almost every congregation welcomes an African or Asian ethnic ministry as well. Another noteworthy thing about our Circuit is that we are one of the few Circuits in Synod that has a day school, a high school, and a university!

The pastors of each Circuit meet monthly, each church taking a turn hosting. These meetings are called Winkels. To the best of my knowledge, this is an old German word that means *angle, corner, or meeting place*. We have a devotion, Bible Study, topic of our choosing, and time for casuistry. This is a time for pastors to discuss any situations or challenges they may be having. (Speaking from experience, this is a life-saver for young pastors!) We also pray for one another and for our congregations.

Our Circuit is working together to work in the Midway neighborhood through the St Paul Outreach Center. The SPOC uses Jehovah Lutheran as its home base. Many of you have donated and helped distribute winter clothing, as one example of the work we are going together. Afterschool programs are also in the works. You are always welcome to volunteer at SPOC events! We have had Circuit-wide worship services at Transfiguration and Epiphany. Some of the churches within our circuit have worked together for Advent or Lenten seasons or Youth events. This gives us a great opportunity to visit each other's churches, serve our neighbors, and to get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I hope this gives you some insight into how our churches work together for the common good. I also hope you are encouraged to be involved in the various aspects of our life together in the St. Paul Metro Circuit.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Steven Bielenberg



St. Paul Metro Circuit

Bethel

bethelstpaul.com

Bethlehem

bethlehem-eaststpaul.org

Cornerstone Light of Life Lutheran

cllc.church

Eastern Heights

ehlc.org

Emmaus

emmaus-lutheran-church.org

Hmong Lutheran

hmongevangelical.com/home

Jehovah

jehovahlutheran.org

Mekane Yesus Lutheran
Fellowship

Our Saviour's

oursaviourslutheran.org/home

St. Peter's

saintpeterslutheranchurch.com

St. Stephanus

saintstephanus.org/home

Gathering Place

Concordia Academy

concordiaacademy.com

Concordia University

csp.edu

The MNSouth District

mnsdistrict.org/about

News and Notes

Young Women's Survey

Women Alive in Christ would like to provide an opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with God and to experience the joy and support of connecting with other women through Bible study. KOK women who are involved in Bible study together share that they gain wisdom and knowledge, find hope, peace and encouragement, discern their purpose and place in the world, and build relationships.

To accommodate busy schedules of mothers with young children, we are planning to offer a Zoom Bible study this winter. We request your input about day of week, time, length, and topics of interest. We would greatly appreciate your response to a few questions at this link (<https://forms.gle/qtjS7X5YiLSDJyKP8>) or you can scan the QR code.



LCMS Foundation

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LCMS Estate Planning Resources A good gift plan within one's estate plan can help manage taxation. For an extended period, Federal Estate Taxation exemptions (how much is exempt from Federal Estate Tax) have been high. In 2024 it is set at \$13.6 million per person, or \$27.2 million per couple. For most of us that is not a concern. However, some states have estate or inheritance taxes. In addition, retirement plans like annuities, IRAs' or 401(K)'s can be loaded with income tax liability. If you are planning on making a charitable gift from your estate, you want to make sure you use the right asset to reduce this liability. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Kurt Fuhr @ 952-270-5878, or at kurt.fuhr@lfnf.org learn more about LCMS Foundation at <https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/>



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

Talk & Tie Quilts for Ukraine Refugees

On **Saturday February 3 from 10:00 am -2:00 pm** in the Jerusalem room you and your family have an opportunity to stop by and tie a quilt to help Ukraine refugees who are homeless. They use these quilts for carrying all their personal possessions and keeping warm as they sleep in mostly outdoor conditions. Our goal is to complete 25 quilts. If you can thread a large needle and can tie a knot you can make a difference. A Light lunch will be served from 11:30 am -1:00 pm. This is a Thrivent Sponsored Event. Questions? Reach out to Debbie Schultz.

North Parking Lot LCEF Loan Update: The Lutheran Church Extension Fund loan balance for the north parking lot project is down to \$28,441.27. The original loan 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 online account and click on "Building Fund." Thanks to everyone who has given so generously toward this project!



Your Hospitality Wanted!

Hospitality Opportunity

There are more than 56 international students who have requested Friendship Families in partnership ministry between local LCMS congregations and CSP's incoming international students through Concordia's International Student Ministry program! If you want more info or to sign up, please contact Anna Gruen, Ministry Associate by email gruen@csp.edu. More information is also on the flier in the narthex.





Stewardship Corner ~ Channels of God's Love



Benjamin Franklin, one of our country's founding fathers, developed a challenging habit. Every day of his adult life, he set aside time to examine two questions. In the morning, he asked himself, "What good shall I do today?" As the day drew to a close, his question was: "What good have I done today?"

As Christians, it is easy to relate to Franklin's attitude because a common theme throughout God's Word is that we are to share God's love within us with others as we help and serve them. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are called to love others as we love ourselves. In his letter to the church in Galatia, the Apostle Paul wrote, "*So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith*" (Galatians 6:10). God has created, forgiven, and redeemed us, and we become His instruments of love and compassion in the world. God blesses us so we can serve Him by serving others. He honors us with the privilege of being the channels through which He works.

We are blessed to be a blessing. God wants us to be His channels who live in total devotion to Him and are His faithful stewards. He empowers us to do the "*good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them*" (Ephesians 2:10). The same strength that was available to Paul is available to us. As the Apostle Paul wrote the people in Philippi, "*I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13). God is our source of strength. Through our weakness, God is able to display His divine power. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can make the serving of others a priority in our lives.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, thank You for choosing me to be Your steward. Grant me faith to use faithfully the gifts, talents, and money You have entrusted to me. I especially thank You for Your faithfulness to me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available in the narthex. If you do not have a box and would like to, please use the sign up sheet on the table in the narthex or contact the church office.

Giving Statements for 2023 Printed or emailed statements are available upon request from the church office churchoffice@kingofkingsroseville.org. If you give electronically, your statement can be accessed by logging on to your online giving profile. Please contact the office for assistance or for a printed statement. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of King of Kings Lutheran Church and School!



College Care Kits

We will be packing care kits **on February 4** and a box for donations will be available in the back of the narthex. Please consider donating items like microwave popcorn, fruit snacks, hot chocolate packets, granola bars, post its, etc.

Vacation Bible School – new date for 2024! Mark your calendars for VBS on June 24-28, 2024. It will still be in the mornings from 9 am to Noon. Watch for registration to come out later this month! If you are interested in helping, please contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org.

Super Sunday Subs and Egg Roll Sale! It's back! Pre-order your subs and egg rolls to pick up for the big game on February 11th! Foot long subs will be \$15 each and a dozen egg rolls will be \$20. Order forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary or fill out this form online: <https://forms.gle/sfFnRFT77PWZCfjJ8>. All funds will support the youth attending a service and adventure trip to Alaska this summer. **All orders must be in by February 4th!**





Education and Youth News

New Home Grown Faith Study starting February 11th Join us for a new book study, *Habits of the Household: Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms*, on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in Room 101 (Mr. Boll's Classroom). It's recommended to buy the book if you are able. You can get it on Amazon (<https://a.co/d/0RR6LoU>). This study will be led by Gina Tupper (gina.tupper@concordiaacademy.com).

Men's Bible Study Opportunity - Men's Bible Study meets every other week on **Saturdays at 9:00AM** at King of Kings. Please join us! Contact Ted McArthur with questions.

Youth Ministry

We have events for Middle School (MS), 6th-8th Grade, and High School (HS), 9th-12th Grade.

- **Youth Night** is on Sundays from 6-8 pm. It will include gym time and small group time (devotion, highs/lows, and prayers).
- **1st Sunday of the month:** High School Youth invited to arrive at 4:30 pm to cook dinner for the group to be served at 6 pm.
- **3rd Sunday of the month:** Game and Snack Night – bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.
- **Confirmation (7/8 grade):** We meet on January 7, 14, 21, and 28. Don't forget to continue working on sermon notes, memory work, and service project reflections.
- **Packing College Care Kits:** During the Education Hour on February 4th, 7th-12th grade is invited to join us in the gym to put together our college care kits.
- **Night at the Dome Kickball Tournament:** It's back! We join together with youth from around the area to play Kickball in the dome at Concordia University on March 22nd. We will meet at King of Kings at 5 pm for pizza and then drive over. Please sign up by March 10th. End time depends on how far we make it in the tournament (between 8:30 and 10 pm). Bring some money in case we stop for a treat afterward.
- **Fundraiser – Super Sunday Subs and Egg Rolls:** On February 11th at 7 am, we'll be making subs to fulfill orders. Shifts will happen throughout the morning as people pick up between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. Please let Sally know if you are available to help.
- **Summer Trip (HS)!** Details will be coming soon, but for this summer, we are getting together details for a service/adventure trip to Alaska in July! We need to hear from you so talk to Sally, Ben Nelson, or Alhrik Schommer about the options we have.
- **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:** @27c366
 - **HS 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.



Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders meets most weeks in Room 102 (Mrs. Incitti's Classroom)

School News and Notes

Parkway Pizza Dine Out for Schools Night The second Thursday of each month is the night in which our school will receive 5% of all sales (no coupon required!). Put it on your calendar for each month! **The next date is February 8th.** Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360





Royals Night 2024: Back to the 60's!

Saturday, March 2nd Midland Hills Country Club

We are less than two months away from our largest fundraiser of the year. Below are ways you can help us celebrate 60 years of Royal Education!



Tickets are on sale at <https://givebutter.com/KOK60>. Purchase yours today! **The Boosters will be selling tickets between church services on both 2/18 and 2/25.**

New this year: Purchase a table for \$1000 and receive reserved seating for 8, two raffle tickets/person AND dessert at the table.

Donations We are now accepting donations for our live and silent auctions. Suggestions include gift cards, themed baskets, services, etc. (We cannot accept homemade items.) You can also pick up donation letters to drop off at your favorite local businesses. Letters are available in the office from Mrs. Miller.

Help us Stuff the Purse! Donate cash, gift cards and small prizes (ear buds, wallet, jewelry, etc.) to stuff a **Kate Spade Purse/Tote Bag** that will be auctioned off on Royals Night. Help drive the value of the purse as high as possible! Donations of any amount can be dropped off in the office with Katie Miller. Thank you!

Sponsorships Do you own a business or work for a company that you'd like to promote among the King of Kings community? Do you have a favorite local business that you'd like to share with a broader audience? If so, this is your chance! We've got three levels of sponsorship: Gold (\$6,000), Silver (\$3,000), and Bronze (\$1,000). Each level includes tickets to the gala and recognition on all marketing materials, including King of Kings' website and social media platforms. Prefer to remain anonymous? No problem! You can donate anonymously and still receive those ever-popular gala tickets.



To become a sponsor, please complete the online Sponsorship Form using the QR code below or going to bit.ly/KOKSponsor2024. Paper forms are also available in the back of the church sanctuary and in the office – we encourage you to grab a few and share them with your favorite businesses and service providers (e.g., dentist, financial advisor, chiropractor, auto shop, etc.). **The deadline to sign up is February 16th**, so don't wait...act NOW! Any questions? Contact Christina Gjelhaug at cgjelhaug@hushmail.com or 651-233-6686. Thank you for supporting our school and making this event a huge success!

Volunteers We need your help to make Royals Night a success. We are looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks, many of which can be done on your own time. Please contact Autumn Fast or Laura Boche @ boosterclub@kingofkingsroseville.org if you are interested.



~ KOK Community Booster Club



The Greatest Fourth Grade Class in the World!

Dr. Jeff Burkart with the 4th grade class of King of Kings Lutheran School, Roseville, MN, on January 12, 2024. After finishing his "Hymn Talk" on the meaning of the Epiphany hymn, "As with Gladness Men of Old," he presented them a wooden cross for their classroom that he made from recycled wood.

Thank you, Dr. Burkart!



National Lutheran Schools Week Update King of Kings students and teachers had joyful fellowship with many other Lutheran Schools as we took a virtual mission trip to Australia and learned how we are all CONNECTED in Jesus! The tree in the north hallway is a collaborative work amongst the K-2 students from all the schools. Check out the KOK Facebook page for lots of great photos of the fun!

Summer is coming!! Registration is open for King of Kings summer camps for kids ages prek – 4th grade. Themes include bugs & butterflies, sports, space, art, and more! Fliers on the table in the narthex. Register online at <https://kokrosville.jumbula.com/#/home>

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 2 – 100th Day of School!
- Feb 8 – Parkway Pizza Dine Out for Schools
- Feb 15 – Board of Education Mtg.
- Feb 16 – No School, Teacher in-service
- Feb 19 – No School, Presidents' Day

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/kokrosville

We also are on [Twitter!](#) [Instagram](#) and [Youtube!](#)

**MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF CHRIST
BY WORD AND DEED WITHIN
OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY,
AND WORLD**

King of Kings Summer Camps



**8 WEEKS
OF FUN!**

Register Online



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**SUMMER CAMPS FOR PRESCHOOL
THROUGH 4TH GRADE STUDENTS!**

Other News

FREE

COMMUNITY LEGO CLUB!

BRING YOUR OWN BRICKS OR USE SOME HERE.
HOW CREATIVE CAN YOU BE?
ALL AGES WELCOME!

SATURDAY, FEB 10 FROM 10AM-12PM
1566 THOMAS AVE. ST PAUL, 55140



A Saint Paul Outreach Center Event

SPOC News NEW Lego Club at the Saint Paul Outreach Center! The Lego Club will meet for the first time on **February 10th at 10am**. Join the fun! Come help build with bricks and relationships with each other and our neighbors! No experience is necessary, we will just be building for fun. Please contact David Mennicke or Katie Miller to get more details or to let us know you can come. We also need partners to hand out fliers for this event in our neighborhood. **We will meet Saturday, February 3 at 11am** for a nice walk and to hang fliers on doors (no knocking). Or, talk to David Mennicke or Katie Miller in the office at King of Kings to arrange to grab a stack of fliers and a route to fit into your schedule.

You can now "Like us on Facebook" and "Follow us on Instagram" to keep up with all the exciting things going on at the SPOC! Or visit jehovahlutheran.org/st-paul-outreach-center/

Questions? Contact David Mennicke St. Paul Outreach Coordinator at spoc@jehovahlutheran.org or 651-636-3271. Thanks for your donations, time, and prayers!



Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with a special presentation produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries. The weekly topics are listed on a poster in the narthex. More info: www.mainstreetliving.com

SAVE THE DATE:

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

500 Cards Join us **February 16th at 5:30 pm**. Our Hosts for this month are Mark & Deb Schultz (2610 Park St, Little Canada) Please RSVP to 612-222-6879. Bring a snack to share. A schedule for Nov – March is posted on the church bulletin board in north hallway.



Camp Omega

Upcoming Camp Omega Events

Summer Camp Registration Summer camp registration is open! Check out all the programs that are offered!

Omega Plunge February 25, 2024 Get your team ready for the "Omega Plunge." The plunge will be held at Camp Omega - the first time at this location. For over five years the plunge has averaged 20 teams per year. Teams can be one person or groups of many; youth groups make great teams! If you have ever thought about plunging, this is the year! Check it out on the camp's website.

Man Up! Men's Retreat March 15 - 16 Men from churches in the LCMS Minnesota South District are invited to attend a 24-hour retreat where faith will be strengthened, and spirits renewed by God's Word. This year's speaker, Rev. Dr. Rich Carter, will be speaking on the theme: "My Life Matters?! Freedom in Christ for Service with the Neighbor." At this retreat, there will be time for fellowship and recreational opportunities. Cost includes three meals and lodging. For more information or to register, call 507-633-2253 or go to <https://campomega.org/event/manup/>

New Seminar at CSP Sing a New Song: A Seminar on the Book of Psalms, Led by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing will be held on **March 16, 2024 from 9 am - 3 pm**. You can attend Online or Onsite at CSP. Have you ever had a hard time praying? Or expressing your emotions in your prayers? Do you wonder how the book of Psalms points to Jesus? And how you can pray through it more confidently? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, then this seminar is for you! All participants will get a 100-slide PowerPoint document and a fifty-page Bible study to share insights with others. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. You may sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting CSP's website.



Mn South LLL Convention Mark your calendars for **April 13, 2024** and join the Minnesota South LLL District at their annual convention. It will be hosted at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Bloomington. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Kari Vo, Theological Editor for Lutheran Hour Ministries, focusing on Energizing Mission. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Be on the look-out for more convention details in the new year.

Mark your calendars! SAGES GATHERING XXXIII - JOYFULLY AGING will be held in Mankato, MN at the Country Inn and Suites, **May 1 & May 2**. The featured speaker is Dr. Rich Bimler, returning for the fourth time! Formerly past president of Wheat Ridge and a published author, Dr. Bimler will have three presentations during the two-day event. See the SAGACITY newsletter on the table in the narthex for further details.

Summer Camps at Concordia Academy Concordia Academy offers dozens of camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Dance, Playmakers (with two full-day theater camps options), and Youth Worship Team. But there are also exciting new camps, including Adventures In Prose (a creative writing camp), Beacon Archery, and Young Scientists (for Grades 2-4). Get details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

Christ Academy – Summer 2024 Early Registration Applications are open for Christ Academy High School, which will be held on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary **June 16–29, 2024**. Participants are high-school-aged men and women interested in Lutheran theology, worship, and service to the Church, **A \$100 discount is available for returning students who apply before January 1, 2024**. Find out more at <https://www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/christ-academy/>

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