



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

January 2020

Happy New Year! Do you remember baby new year? The old year would go out as an old man, and the new year come in as a newborn baby. Our congregation and our families have been blessed recently with many babies and many names, some old, some new. We thank God for each addition to our family! On New Year's Day the church celebrates the naming of Jesus. Because of the birth of this Baby, we have a new hope – not just for this New Year in 2020, but forever! We have a new life, here in this life and into eternity.

Jeremiah told us about God's plans for us in chapter 29:11-13. ***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.’”***

How good is our God who has given his only Son in order to give us this hope, this future? What could be more important than to bring this message to those without hope and without a future, those for whom Christ died and rose again? We have been given the joy and the privilege of sharing the good news of Christ and changing the lives of those around us.

I pray that in this New Year we will work together to use the tremendous resources God has given to the people of King of Kings – gifts of time and abilities and offerings – to build up believers in this congregation and throughout the whole body of Christ and to share the message of our salvation through Jesus Christ with those who need good news.

I want to thank all the people who served God and our congregation and school so faithfully this past year. Whether it was teaching a class or serving on a board or making music or serving a funeral lunch or delivering Meals on Wheels or taking a little one by the hand during Vacation Bible School or volunteering at our school or visiting a member or welcoming a visitor – every gift of time and energy was appreciated! May God continue to bless every action of King of Kings and every member within her as we look forward to this new decade of 2020 in His name.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

Regular Sunday Service Times

8:30 AM – Classic Worship

9:45 AM – Sunday School &
Bible study classes

11:00 AM – Alternate Worship

12:15 PM – Hmong Bible Study

1:30 PM – Hmong (language)

Community Worship

(1st Sunday each month)

January Office Hours

Regular Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

January 1 – New Year's Day, Closed

January 2 – Closed



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.

From the Window View of Pastor Lee

There is a Hmong Hymn that we sing once a year when it's New Year's.

In short this is what it says:

***The New Year is a tradition we celebrate by going from house to house
as we send the previous year off and receive the a new one.
God has blessed us the last twelve months,
let us be joyous and at peace. Let us remember how God shines His face unto us.***



I think we know what celebrating the New Year means. Out with the old and in with the new. What gets my attention with this hymn is the part where it says, "Going from house to house." I think this is something we're missing out on in this individualist culture. Scripture tells how the Christians worshiped in the temple and went from house to house to break bread. This is not just something that people did some 2000 years ago, it still goes on today in the world. This New Year, I hope this going from home to home comes to your home. That is how the Good News is shared, one home at a time.

By the time you read this, May and I will be California visiting our family and friends, begging them to spend time with us, making meals for us, going from house to house sharing the Good News as we go.

Blessings,

Pastor Vue Lee

Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto man His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth.

Martin Luther

Membership Updates:

Gail Christ Address Update:

1053 Lovell Ave. W., Roseville, MN 55113

Eileen Fringer Address Update:

521 Lovell Ave., Roseville, MN 55113

NOVEMBER GIVING INFORMATION

Regular offering – \$55,388.72;

Parking Lot – \$2,459.00;

Other specified offerings - \$1,211.32

Joyful Response – General \$12,720.00;

Parking Lot - \$1,060.00

News and Notes

New Online Giving Tool Now available on the King of Kings Website (www.kingofkingsroseville.org)! Use this tool anywhere with your computer or phone to make one-time gifts or to set up recurring giving. Log on to see the expanded categories to specify where your gift is used. (If you have giving set up through Joyful Response, please contact the office for details if you would like to use the new tool for regular giving.)



Feed My Starving Children The board of Parish Fellowship is hosting a service event **Saturday, January 18, 9-11AM** at the Coon Rapids Location of Feed My Starving Children, a food-packing organization that feeds hungry children world-wide. 20 people are needed to fill out the reserved space. Please contact Board of Fellowship chair Dee Boll doloresboll@msn.com with any questions or to sign up.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the musicians who gave so much of their time, energy and musical talents to lead us in praise during this Advent/Christmas season. Many hours went into practicing! Thank you especially to the directors of all the groups for the extra effort to lift up the name of Jesus. We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated and talented musicians at King of Kings!



2020 King of Kings Spring Recycle Sale



Sponsored by King of King's Women's Ministry

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8am – 1pm**, for the **annual Spring Recycle Sale**. You can start now by 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 with a small gift of financial assistance, and support the work of the group that provides funeral meals.

We believe these are all important functions of the congregation and hope you will support us in 2020.

Please mark your calendar, we will need assistance to set up the event on Friday, April 3 and conduct the sale on Saturday, April 4. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy or Glenn Matthees, project chairs, 651-245-2987.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH THE ROSEVILLE P.D. The holidays are over, but winter weather and hunger still pose challenges to some around us. What can you do? It's so easy, donate any of the following items and drop them off to Pastor Lee: 1-gallon zip top bags, fruit snacks, granola/protein bars, water bottles, socks, gloves, beanies, hand wipes, chap stick, tooth brushes/paste, Cub/Target Gift Card of any amount, and a handwritten note. He will then pass them on to Roseville PD for distribution. If you don't feel like shopping, you can make a monetary donation and Pastor Lee will buy it on your behalf. **Luke 10:27: He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**



2019 Advent Bible Reading: Isaiah 1-39

The Board of Lay Ministry would love to hear about your reading through Isaiah during the season of Advent! If you have some thoughts or inspiration to share, please contact Pastor Bielenberg, Pastor Lee, Vicar Miller or Steve Dahl, Chair of the Board of Lay Ministry.

“Surrounded by God’s Good and Gracious Powers”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Prayer for a New Year

Sometimes on New Year’s Eve, we may just be happy that a year is over. Sometimes a year has been so filled with suffering, sorrow, sickness, and death that we just want to be done with it. At the same time, we may also look upon the coming year with trepidation: another year in which we strive unsuccessfully to get accomplished all we hope to do, another year filled with yet unknown anxieties. What tragedies await us this year? Who will fall ill this year? Who will be taken from us too soon? What events will rend our hearts in two?

Sitting in his basement prison cell in a Nazi prison, doubtlessly Dietrich Bonhoeffer felt similar sadness, fears, and anxieties for the future. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran theologian and pastor in Berlin, Germany throughout Adolf Hitler’s entire reign of terror. Bonhoeffer opposed the Nazi’s takeover of the Lutheran churches in Germany and also participated in plots to assassinate Hitler and set-up a new government in his homeland. Bonhoeffer was arrested in late 1943 and spent the entire year of 1944 behind bars in Tegel Prison, separated from his friends, his family, his fiancée, and his church. There must not have seemed like much for which he could thank God in the past year.¹

Bonhoeffer must have known that the coming year held yet more bad news for him, and indeed it did. In early 1945, the SS moved him to concentration camps at first Buchenwald and later Flossenbürg. It was there that Bonhoeffer would join the ranks of those murdered by the darkness of Hitler’s monstrous Third Reich and, more importantly, the ranks of the saints triumphant whose light is the Lamb of God.²

With such a past, present, and unknown future, one would not expect much in the way of hope for a good New Year for Bonhoeffer. And yet, in the damp, cold darkness of his cell, bereft of light, friends, and family, Bonhoeffer wrote his last theological work, a poem, entitled, “Von Guten Mächten Wunderbar Geborgen,” a text full of hope in the graciousness and power of God.³ This poem has since been made into a hymn and may be found in the German Lutheran hymnal.

I look forward to using a translation of the German in our worship at King of Kings, and that this hymn may bring you encouragement in your walk with the Lord this coming year. In it, in spite of all of his suffering and an uncertain but almost certainly dark future, Bonhoeffer proclaims that he will live out his days without fear, “come what may,” because his life is still wrapped in the power of God’s grace.

Whatever may be going on in our lives, we need the message of God’s grace Bonhoeffer proclaims here. We all need the all-enveloping love of God in Christ confessed by this preacher who is about to cross over into the arms of his Savior. God is present with us through good times and bad, at morning and evening, through light and dark, and promises to go with us into the future. This is the only thing that can get us through this life. In the midst of suffering, temptation, and fear that would lead us into despair, the light of God shines, because He has entered into our world as the Child of Mary, became one of us, experienced life with all of its hardships, died, and was raised to life again for us. As the author of Hebrews tells us, “We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.”⁴

We have a high priest, and God, in Christ who knows all of our sorrows and took them with him to the cross, dying in our place, giving us His salvation in exchange for our suffering, His life for our death. (cont’d)

¹ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Von Guten Mächten Wunderbar Geborgen* (Gütersloh: Kiefel, 2000), 7.

² Eberhard Bethge, *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Biography*, Second Revised Edition, trans. Edward Robertson, et al. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2000), 894-895, 926-927, 1026-1027.

³ Bonhoeffer, *Von Guten Mächten Wunderbar Geborgen*, 7. *Evangelisches Gesangbuch. Ausgabe für die Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirchen in Bayern und Thüringen*. 2. Auflage (EG) (München: Evangelischer Presseverband für Bayern, 1995), 132.

⁴ Heb. 4:15 (ESV).

Because of that, we can face whatever life holds for us, because our Savior and God has gone before us and goes with us into the future, “come what may.”⁵

In the third verse of his hymn, Bonhoeffer puts this truth to us in this way:

“And should you offer us the cup of sorrow,
Which undergoing suffering demands;
We’ll not tremble now or tomorrow,
For it comes from your precious, loving hand.”

The reason that we can accept the cup of suffering of which Bonhoeffer writes—and from which he personally drank so deeply—is because the hand that gives it to us bears the marks of the nails of the cross. The reason we can go into the coming year with hope is not because of some trite idea of starting the New Year right. It is because our God, Jesus Christ, goes before us and with us. We have no idea what 2020 will hold for any of us. We don’t know what successes, failures, triumphs, tragedies, sicknesses, or deaths await us. Of one thing, however, we can be absolutely sure: that God, our Savior, holds us all in his nail-pierced hand, and that He goes with us.

Surrounded by God’s good and faithful powers

Surrounded by God’s good and faithful powers,
So wonderfully sheltered and held dear;
So will I live with you these waning hours,
And go together into this New Year.

Chorus:
So wonderfully surrounded by good powers,
We await with hope, come what may!
God is with us at eve and morning hours,
And goes with us into each new day.

The old year still wants now to torment us,
And evil days oppress us with what’s done.
Calm, O Lord, the terror still within us,
With the salvation for us You have won! (Chorus)

And should you offer us the cup of sorrow,
Which undergoing suffering demands;
We’ll not tremble now or tomorrow,
For it comes from your precious, loving hand.
(Chorus)

And when then Your joy again You send us,
And in our world the sun so brilliant shines;
Then we recall all good that you have gi’vn us,
For our lives are wrapped in Yours divine. (Chorus)

This eve then let these candles burn and warm us,
For our darkness has been broken by Your light;
Go into our lives now with us,
We know that You shine forth into our night! (Chorus)

When the silence spreads now all around us,
And then we hear the New Year’s ringing sound;
We join our voices then with saints and angels
Who unendingly, with praise Your throne surround!

German Text, *Von Guten Mächten Wunderbar Geborgen*,
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. *Evangelisches Gesangbuch*.
Ausgabe für die Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirchen in
Bayern und Thüringen. 2. Auflage (München:
Evangelischer Presseverband für Bayern, 1995), 132.
English Translation: Rebekah Jorgensen, Joshua C. Miller

Your Vicar,
Joshua Miller

⁵ Bonhoeffer, *Von Güten Mächten Wunderbar Geborgen*, 38.

Education and Youth News

LifeLight – Wednesday Nights LifeLight begins a new session **January 15** studying the book of Revelation. It is a Bible Study with daily readings and questions. The group meets on **Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:45pm** in Room 104 (Media Center). There is a lecture and discussion led by Al Wassermann. Books are \$10. Contact Al Wassermann to ask questions or get more information: almarge2hikers@q.com or 651-484-1487.

Adult Small Groups Are you interested in starting or hosting a small group Bible Study? Contact DCE Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org or 612-540-0714 for resources and training. We have many curricula that can be used – video based or book based – and you can host in your home, at church, or elsewhere like a coffee shop!

VBS: Save the date!

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School which will happen on **June 22-26, 2020!** More information to come after the New Year and registration will open in February. Please begin praying for this important ministry!

Youth Ministry

- **Middle School (6th-8th Grade)**
 - **No Confirmation Jan 5**
 - **No Youth Night until January 8th! Then back to 3-6 MS Youth Sunday mornings:** Each week, there is a middle school Bible study held in Room 111 (Mr. Schmidtke's Classroom). Most weeks, it is only 6th graders as the 7th/8th graders have confirmation in Room 101 (Mr. Boll's Classroom). Whenever there is no confirmation, the MS Bible Study will still be happening and the 7th/8th graders are welcome to join the 6th graders.
- **High School (9th-12th Grade)**
 - **No Community Night until January 8th! Then back 7-9 HS Youth**
 - **Sunday mornings:** Most Sundays, we will have a video-based Bible Study on various topics with on-site service projects sprinkled in! We meet in the Youth Room (Room 112) from 9:45-10:45am.
- **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!**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - As Sally's role has become part-time, there is the opportunity for you to be the point person for extra events and fundraisers! Check out this list of established events and sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baca82da7fb6-youth7> If you have other suggestions, please let Sally know so that we can coordinate with the entire organization.



LAST MONTH TO APPLY FOR \$1000 LCEF SCHOLARSHIPS Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. Candidates must also be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. **Application deadline is January 31, 2020.** Applications will not be considered valid unless all material requested is submitted in an online application. The scholarship will be awarded on merit and need, and distributed following successful completion of one semester (or term) at the accredited institution the student is attending. Learn more and apply at lcefcentral.org/scholarships.



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.



School News and Notes

Sideline with Schutte



Training in the off-season can be a long and demanding process. Athletes know that most of the gains in physical and skill development happens out-of-season. The long hours preparing for something that is could be months away can be mentally challenging, even for the toughest athletes. With proper planning, developing smaller goals help break up a long off-season. Dedication and determination is required for any athlete to complete these rigorous workouts. Their motivation is knowing that their work during the off-season will help make their regular season performance be topnotch.

At times, I feel that life has seasons similar to the sports world. Even though I know we are always *in-season*, this time of year seems to be the beginning of our *off-season*. We just finished a busy Christmas and New Year's season with family and friends. These final two weeks of December usually provides us with the time to rest, reset and refocus on what lies ahead. This is a great motivational period to implement goals for the coming year.

When I taught my teams about goal setting, I also talked about the challenges they may face in fulfilling these goals. I would tell them to write down their goals and put it in a place where they frequently see it. I would also ask them to write Nike's slogan "Just Do It" on the top. These three words can help put our emotions to the side and continue to do what is needed, especially when the sweat begins and the nagging aches and pains arrive. No matter what challenges the devil throws at you this coming year, remember how that baby in the manger leads us to Easter Sunday.

Blessings to you, as you continue to do great things in 2020!

Principal Jay Schutte

January Events:

Wednesday, January 1 – Monday, January 6

Christmas Break - No School

Friday, January 3

3:00pm - 7-8 Boys & Girls Holiday Tournament

Saturday, January 4

4:00pm - 7-8 Boys & Girls Holiday Tournament

Monday, January 6

School Resumes / 3rd Quarter Starts

Wednesday, January 8

9:00am - K-3 Science Museum Field Trip

Friday, January 10

Epiphany Fest, 11:45 Lunch, 1PM service

Sunday, January 12

11:00am - Royal Bells Play @ Worship

Monday, January 20

MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 21

10:00am - Hot Lunch Orders Due

Saturday, January 25

9:00am - Winter Jubilee

Sunday, January 26 – Friday January 31

National Lutheran Schools Week

Sunday, January 26

11:00am - PreK, K-8 Choirs Sing @ Worship, Royal Bells play

Friday, January 31

3:00pm - King of Kings Tournament

Meal Train For Incitti Family Continues in 2020:

Our middle school teacher, Hannah Incitti, and her children (preschooler Cameron and 1-year-old Evelyn) are currently without their husband/father Matt while he is serving with the Air National Guard in Africa until Feb/March 2020. To help them out during his deployment, we've created a "meal train" calendar to provide dinner for the family once a week (Wednesdays) and lunch for Hannah once a week (Tuesdays). If you'd like to help the family by providing a meal or two, you can sign up by going to: <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/IEAD5131> (Password = 2330) Meals can be placed in the Kok kitchen refrigerator on Tues/Weds mornings or afternoons. Please label items as "Hannah's Lunch" or "Incitti Family Dinner" and include any specific instructions for reheating, etc. Gift cards can be dropped off at the office anytime

Keep "Liking" Us on Facebook!

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



Save the Date

POINSETTIAS in the sanctuary may be picked up after the services on **January 5th**



6th Annual Epiphany Fest 2020: A Celebration of the Epiphany Season in Poetry, Song, and Story Featuring the Children of King of Kings Lutheran School. Presented by Dr. Jeffrey E. Burkart – Organist, **Friday, January 10, 2020 - 1:00 pm** A noon luncheon prior to the event is available by reservation only. The cost is \$10.00 per person. For more information or to RSVP for lunch, call the King of Kings office at 651-484-5142. The celebration is free and open to the public.

Christmas Decoration Take Down will take place on **Saturday, January 11 at 9 AM**. Many hands make light work! If your schedule allows, please join us. Thank you!

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Concordia St. Paul will celebrate a new gift in January as they welcome Rev. Dr. Brian L. Friedrich as the University's 10th president. They would be honored to have you join the campus community for Dr. Brian Friedrich's Service of Installation, **Friday, January 24, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Buetow Auditorium.

Winter Jubilee 2020 Join King of Kings School for its annual Winter Jubilee on **Saturday, January 25 from 9am to Noon**. Free lunch is provided, along with games and activities for kids PreK – 5th grade. Tour the school and meet teachers and staff! RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Contact Preschool director Amanda Adkins for more information or to RSVP 651-484-9206 or aadkins@kingofkingsroseville.org

Women's Ministry Annual Spring Recycle Sale. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8am – 1pm**. You can start now by setting aside items for our annual sale.

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on **April 19, 2020** at the 11:00AM service.



2020 Winter Jubilee
When: Saturday, January 25
Time: 9 am – Noon
FREE LUNCH
Who: Preschool – 5th Grade
Families
RSVP or Walk In On that
Day!

