



# King's Quill

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King of Kings Lutheran Church and School  
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## Pastor's Corner

April 2024

### Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Or is he? Even secular scholars attest to the fact that the resurrection of Jesus is one of the best documented events in ancient history. We know all about conspiracy theories in our day and age, but again, there is nothing new under the sun. In his book called *The 10 Most Common Objections to Christianity*, Alex McFarland describes three of the more common attempts to de-bunk the resurrection of Jesus.

- 1) **The Fraud Theory.** The resurrection was just a hoax. Most of these theories focus on a story of Jesus' body being stolen. Matthew 28 predicts this: *"While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup> and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day."*

McFarland makes a good point: "The [disciples] died because they were eyewitnesses to the resurrected Jesus. If Jesus' body was stolen (which we've already shown as not only unlikely but impossible), then the disciples would have all eventually died for something they knew was not true." Christ didn't appear just to the women who followed him and his disciples; he was also seen by Paul, James, and *"to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep."* (1 Cor. 15:6)

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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

### Live Stream Worship

<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html>

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



### April Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours  
8am to 4pm Monday - Friday



- 2) **The Swoon Theory.** This theory tries to make case that the crucifixion didn't actually kill Jesus but he somehow survived and was revived in the tomb. This means that Jesus would have had to have moved a one-and-a-half or two-ton stone from the tomb's entrance, sneak past or overcome the Roman guards set to guard the tomb, then travel across Jerusalem without anyone recognizing him. (Considering the absolute brutality of his suffering 39 lashes, carrying his cross, and finally his crucifixion, this theory is harder for me to believe than the resurrection itself!)
- 3) **The Hallucination Theory.** This theory claims that the resurrection of Jesus only happened in the minds of the disciples. They wanted to believe in the resurrection so badly that they thought that they had seen the risen Christ. The trouble is that visions and hallucinations are individual experiences and not group events. Add to this that Thomas asked to touch Jesus and Jesus came back a week later to allow it: *"Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."* Jesus also ate with his disciples after the resurrection (not ham and deviled eggs, but fish, mind you!): *"Peace to you!"* <sup>37</sup> *But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.* <sup>38</sup> *And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"* <sup>39</sup> *See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."* <sup>40</sup> *And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.* <sup>41</sup> *And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"* <sup>42</sup> *They gave him a piece of broiled fish,* <sup>43</sup> *and he took it and ate before them."* These things could not happen with an apparition!

Hear the Good News! In one of the great resurrection chapters of the Bible, Paul assures us of this: *"For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."* (1 Corinthians 15)

The "Alleluias" are back! **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

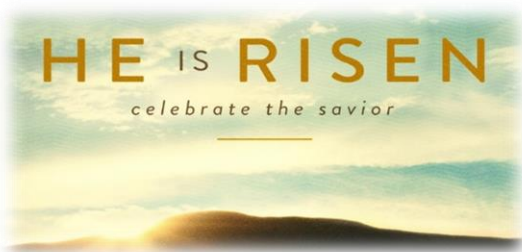
Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg



**Our sermon is: Christ's resurrection ... is a treasure... When you read: Christ is risen, then add: I with Him and you with Him.**

*Martin Luther,  
Easter Sermon March 28, 1529*



**St. Paul  
Outreach  
Center News**



**THANK YOU!** We are so grateful to those who helped to pass out fliers, donate items, and welcome neighbors to the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. We had around 75 people pass through the doors, and got to meet some neighbors who received our fliers. Please continue to pray for those who come to this center and those who serve them.



## Hospitality & Friendship Opportunity

**Wednesday, April 10 from 4:00-6:30pm on campus at Concordia St. Paul**, the SPOC has the opportunity to help host a belated Easter Brunch in partnership with CSP Campus Ministries for the international student community at CSP. In order to host this event, we will be needing traditional American egg bake dishes (please, no pork or beef), donations of fruit or bread/pastries, and people willing to serve or just have conversation. This is a great opportunity to meet and serve another group of community members! **Please use the QR code or this link:** <https://forms.gle/7Ad8WXsLQ3wmN5S2A> **to sign-up by Monday, April 8** if you are planning to attend or bring something to share. Contact Pastor Miller ([pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com)) or Anna Gruen ([gruen@csp.edu](mailto:gruen@csp.edu)) with questions about the brunch.

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!



## KING OF KINGS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### SPRING CALENDAR



Lots of fun events are coming up!  
Come join us!

**Eggroll Making and Fellowship! Sunday, April 14th** from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm in the Jerusalem Room. May Lee will guide us in wrapping 2-3 dozen traditional Hmong eggrolls. We'll eat a few eggrolls for lunch and plan to take the rest home! The eggrolls are traditionally made with turkey, you may request pork at sign up. Please bring cash or a check for **\$30 fee** to cover food supplies. Sign up using the WAIC sign-up form and place in the WAIC basket on the table in the narthex) **contact Sherri Pinotti** at 612-810-9826 **by April 7th** so we have the proper supplies prepared.

**2024 Spring Recycle Sale, Saturday, June 1 ~ 8:00am – 1:00pm**, Sponsored by: Women's Ministry. Mark your calendar for the Women's Ministry Recycle Sale. Start saving your gently used items for this event. The 2023 event was quite successful with the new "spin" on how we conducted the event, i.e., having it during the Roseville Citywide Garage Sale, and taking free will offerings. As you collect items to donate, please note we will not be accepting adult clothing, only infants and children to age 12. Watch for updates. We welcome your input. For questions contact **Peggy or Glenn Matthees** [mattheesgp@gmail.com](mailto:mattheesgp@gmail.com) or 651-245-2987.

Questions? Call Sherri Pinotti – Women's Ministry Coordinator at 612-810-9826 or email at [sherri-pinotti@comcast.net](mailto:sherri-pinotti@comcast.net)

## LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER  
<https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/>

**LCMS Estate Planning Information Session** Join Kurt Fuhr, regional Gift Planning Counselor, next week between the services for an estate/gift planning information session. Kurt Fuhr, our regional Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation will be leading this session during our normal Bible Study a.m. You can contact Kurt at [kurt.fuhr@lfnd.org](mailto:kurt.fuhr@lfnd.org) or at 952-270-5878.



### Membership Updates

#### In by Baptism:

Connor McGinnity

#### In by Transfer:

Nancy Binning (St. Stephanus)

#### In by Profession of Faith:

Greg & Paula Merth

**THANK YOU!** Many thanks to the family and friends of Roy and Ramona Kramer for the memorials given to provide a much-needed projector for our sanctuary. It was installed during Holy Week—what an improvement! Part of this gift was from the Kramers' estate planning as King of Kings was named as a beneficiary. Thanks to all of you who continue to support our church and school now and into the future! To God be the glory!



Dear King of Kings-  
Thank You very  
much for the awesome  
Easter-ham dinner!! A  
Special "Thank You" to  
the kind people who  
deliver these grand  
meals. All is truly  
appreciated.

**Giving Statements for 2023** Printed or emailed statements are available upon request from the church office [churchoffice@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto: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!

#### Take Heart Scholarship

The **LCEF Take Heart Scholarship** is developed for high school seniors who will soon be entering higher education. Students who have an LCEF Young Investors Steward Account have the opportunity of financial support through the **Take Heart Scholarship**. **The application window closes on May 1, 2024.** Read more about it at [www.lcef.org/scholarship](http://www.lcef.org/scholarship).



#### Vacation Bible Study – Register today!

Join us for VBS on June 24-28 from 9 am to Noon. Register here: <https://kingofkings.wufoo.com/forms/2024-vbs-registration/> To volunteer, please sign up here: <https://kingofkings.wufoo.com/forms/2024-vbs-volunteer-registration/> If you have any questions, please contact DCE Sally Schuster at [sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org).



## Education and Youth News

**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), 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and High School (HS), 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- **Youth Night (MS/HS)** is on Sundays from 6-8 pm. It will include gym time and small group time (devotion, highs/lows, and prayers).
  - **1<sup>st</sup> 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.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:** Game and Snack Night – bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.
  - **Our last Youth Night of the school year will be April 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Alaska Trip (HS):** We will be heading to Alaska on August 4-11 to serve and seek adventure! Watch the weekly update and bulletin board for the official sign up form. The form plus a \$100 deposit will be due by April 21<sup>st</sup>. We do have fundraising money to help with the remaining cost. To begin, this is only open to current 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We may open it up to 8<sup>th</sup> graders depending on numbers.

- **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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact Sally Schuster at [sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto: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)

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on **April 28th at the 11:00 worship service**. This year's confirmands are Lily Kolmer, Kenzie McKeever, Asher Metzgi, Veronica Nelson, and Bret Tupper, Jr. Remember them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation and their confession of Jesus Christ as Lord!



## School News and Notes



Thank you to everyone for helping the Community Boosters have a successful Royals Night event. The level of support was overwhelming, including reaching attendance capacity at Midland Hills. **Please save the date so you can attend next year's event on March 1, 2025.** We hope to provide an update on our **60 + 60 Campaign** soon. The future looks bright for King of Kings and I can't thank you enough for helping us create such a giving community. Continue to share with others about all the great things happening at King of Kings!



Principal Jay Schutte



### *Royals Night 2024: Back to the 60s!*

**Royals Night Update** Thank you for the support at our annual Royals Night event on March 2! Whether you attended, volunteered, prayed, or donated to our gala, everyone played a HUGE role in this highly successful event. Since we started our **60 + 60 Campaign** earlier this fall, the total raised is over \$158,000!!! The money raised will go towards financial aid, the school endowment, and other large financial items. Please save the date for next year's Royals Night event on March 1. We hope to see you there!



**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 April 11.** Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360

### UPCOMING DATES

- Apr. 11** - Board of Christian Education Meeting (7:00pm)
- Apr. 18** – Spring Musical “Good Fruits” @ CA Auditorim (6:30pm)
- Apr. 22** – Royal Service Day
- Apr. 24-26** – 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](http://www.facebook.com/kokroseville)

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

# King of Kings Summer Camps

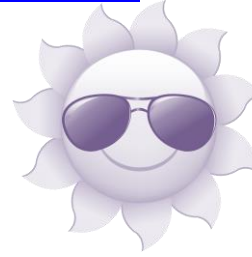
8 WEEKS OF FUN!

Register Online

2330 Dale St N  
Roseville, MN 55113

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

**Summer is coming!!** Registration is open for King of Kings summer camps for kids ages prek – 4<sup>th</sup> 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>



**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](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/camps).

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

## Other News

**Growing Through Loss** is a series hosts a variety of grief support groups. The spring sessions will begin in April at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton. Topics include loss of loved one, broken relationship, divorce, move, etc. For more information or to register, see the complete flier in the narthex.



### SAVE THE DATE:

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

**You're Wanted! Concordia Academy Rodeo Roundup, annual dinner auction** On April 13, saddle up for CA's annual Dinner Auction fundraiser in support of student scholarships, technology, and the Legacy Endowment Fund! This year's hootenanny will surely be an event you won't want to miss. Grab your darlin' and sign up today for games, roping, dancing with the Jason Paulson Band, line dance instruction, the return of the Dessert Dash, and a Live Auction. Rodeo attire is encouraged but not required. Come in casual dress for a night jam-packed with Western fun and hundreds of Concordia Academy supporters! You'll quickly see why this is our favorite night of the year. **The fun begins at 5:30 pm** with Live Music & Line Dance Instruction, Games, and Cattle Roping Demos. More information is on the poster in the narthex or by visiting <https://one.bidpal.net/rodeo2024/welcome>



**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.

**Go First! Ministry Conference**



April 19 - 20, 2024  
 Concordia Academy  
 2400 Dale Street  
 Roseville, MN




The **first ever** Minnesota South District Go First! Ministry Conference will be held at [Concordia Academy in Roseville, MN](#) on **April 19 – 20, 2024**. Pastors, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the **encouragement** and **inspiration** of this **FREE** two-day event. Break-out sessions will be led by people involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community and are focused on one or more of the Go First! areas of Life Together, Soul Care, Intentional Outreach, or Collaboration. Register by visiting [mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative#go-first-registration](https://mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative#go-first-registration)

**Concordia University, St. Paul's Confessio: A Retreat on the Lutheran Confessions** on April 20, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Rev. Will Weedon, author of *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey: Recovering the Joy of Piety*. Rev. Dr. James Baneck will preach for Matins, and Rev. David Kind will preach for Vespers. This event is FREE and open to the public, however, registration is requested for planning. Register at [one.csp.edu/confessio](https://one.csp.edu/confessio). More details are on the poster in the narthex.

**Mark your calendars!** SAGES GATHERING XXXIV – FINISHING STRONG will be held in Mankato, MN at the Country Inn and Suites, **May 6 & May 7**. **Featured speaker, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasy** on Psalm 71 for seniors Finishing strong three presentations, seven workshop choices, music, fellowship, banquet with entertainment by the Benson Family Singers presented by S.A.G.E.S. MN South District. More information is available on the poster in the narthex or from the office.

**Circuit-Wide Ascension Eve Service: On Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** all congregations and schools in our Circuit are invited to Jehovah Lutheran (1566 Thomas Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55104) for a joint worship service and international potluck to celebrate Christ's Ascension. You are invited to bring a dish to share. **Divine Service is at 6:30pm, meal to follow.** Singers are invited to join a massed choir for this festival. **Dr. David Mennicke will lead the choir in a 5:45 pm rehearsal that night in Jehovah's balcony.** Please contact David at [spoc@jehovahlutheran.org](mailto:spoc@jehovahlutheran.org) for more information on singing.

**Save the Date! "Luther's Catechism in the Life of the Congregation"** Rev. Dr. John Pless, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), will lead this course to examine the multifaceted place of the Catechism in the life of the congregation. Attention will be given to the doctrinal shape and content of the Catechisms, the relationship of the Catechisms to preaching, and the Small Catechism as a prayer book. The course will be held **May 28 - 30, 2024** at Jehovah Lutheran Church (1566 Thomas Ave. W., St. Paul) **To register**, please call LeeAnna Rondot at 260-452-2204. Online registration and more details on the poster in the narthex.

**Holy Land Tour with Pastor Nabil S. Nour** This summer, you can join Pastor Nour, a native of Israel, born in Nazareth, on his 26th tour of the Holy Land Nour Tour. Journey to the Holy Land for an experience of a lifetime! The dates of the tour are June 24 – July 6. Check out the flier attached, or there are copies on the table in the narthex for more details and contact information.

**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. Find out more at <https://www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/christ-academy/>



***He will die. And he will rise on the third day!***  
***Alleluia!***

**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/>

