



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

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Saying is Believing

Tom Kuseske sends out a daily email to history buffs called – you guessed it – “*Today in History*.” His posts cover everything from military history to pop culture. July 22nd would have been the 100th birthday of Margaret Whiting. Who? Well, her Dad wrote “On the Good Ship Lollipop” and by the time she was 7 she was singing for Johnny Mercer. By 1945, she was known as the “Queen of the Jukeboxes” and kept working until 2001.

(I hear you: “*Okay, Pastor, get to the point!*”) Margaret said, “*The way I teach people to sing . . . I have them talk the lyric until it sounds like something they really believe, like an actor with a monologue.*” To use songs from her heyday, I would say this makes more sense to apply this theory to “That Old Black Magic”(which she recorded) than to “Yes, We Have No Bananas.”

Have you ever heard someone say something that they didn't even believe? I have, and I am sure you have, too. While I was deliberating on a jury, someone said, “*His lawyer doesn't even believe him! Why should we?*” (We found the defendant guilty of disturbing the peace, and if we could have, of wasting our time.)

Thank the lay readers who serve our congregation on Sunday mornings. It takes serve nerve to get up and read the Word of God to those who know it well and to those who are hearing it for the first time. It is a labor of love. They receive the readings early and review them. Some will actually read them out loud at home. They wouldn't be reading it for us if they didn't believe it! I appreciate the nuance a good reader gives to a text. There have even been a few times where I think to myself, “*Hmm. I wonder if I have time to rework my message?*” A good reader helps us enter the text. They point us to God's love through his Son. *(continued...)*

Weekly Sunday Services

8:30 am – Classic Worship
9:45 am – Adult 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)



**General Weekly Office Hours
8am to 4pm Monday – Friday**

*Due to various staff schedule changes during the summer month, the office hours may vary. Please call ahead if you need to ensure that staff are in the office if you plan to stop by at specific times. **The office will be closed August 8th for a staff development day.***

Thank you!

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.

“A good reader helps us enter the text. They point us to God’s love through his Son.”

There is also a difference between a singer who hits all the right notes and the singer who *believes* what she or he is singing. Does it sound like something they really believe? I love to hear our congregation sing on Sunday mornings because we are people who believe what we are singing! I can only chuckle at all the commercial Christmas albums

made by Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand. They are pointing people to the birth of the Messiah, even though they don’t believe it themselves. Can the Holy Spirit use this? Absolutely! In the wake of debacle otherwise known as the Opening Ceremonies of the 2024 Olympics, we’ve heard a lot of righteous anger, back-pedaling, and justification. One Christian commentator said, *“We shouldn’t be surprised. Jesus was mocked while he was here. Every time I see a rainbow flag, I think of the irony of God’s promise being displayed by people who do not trust Him.”* Our world is constantly at variance between what they believe and what they say.

In his Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul encourages us with these words: ***“Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, ‘I believed, and so I spoke,’ we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.”***

When we speak, we speak with the love of Christ. Venomous, hateful Christians (an oxymoron if there ever was one) have never helped any situation or person. They have not brought anyone to the cross except in fear. It is ours to speak what we have been given – and to believe – that Christ died for all sinners and that no one is beyond His promise of forgiveness and salvation. Some will reject the Gospel without giving it a fair hearing. Others may take a while to come around. But others most definitely will, as ***“grace extends to more and more people.”*** ***“A sower went out to sow...”***

Say what you believe! Believe what you say! We do this, ***“knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.”***

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”



Romans 10:15b



Membership Updates:

In by baptism: Everett Scott Baker (son of Katie & Brandon)
Neil Scott Manninen
(son of Thomas & Keeli)
Jack & Emmaline Reineck
(son & daughter of Paul & Stephanie)
In by transfer: Dan Boche, St. James – St. Paul

Summer Floor maintenance

Thank you to everyone who adjusted schedules and rooms to accommodate the yearly floor maintenance over the past few weeks. A HUGE thanks to our floors crew who have done such a great job to prepare our floors for the upcoming year!

Thank You!



Associate Pastor Call Committee Update:

We have received the PIFS (Pastor's Information Form) and SETS (Self-Evaluation Tool, which highlights his pastoral perspectives and practices) from the MN South District for candidates for us to consider.

Please keep our Call Committee in your prayers as we seek God's will for the next pastor to serve with us here at our church and school. Chelsea Lee, Gina Maltese-Preciado, John Mitsch, Paul Reineck, Christian Schiller, Adam Schutte, and Tara Wirth serve on the committee with Pastor Bielenberg and Principal Schutte serving ex-officio.

Many thanks go out to everyone who joined in ministry at the recent Hmong Festival in St. Paul. It is estimated that contact was made with 700 people! Attached to the Quill is a letter of thanks and encouragement from LHF (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) who supplied much of the Hmong Language Resources.



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<https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/>

LCMS Estate Planning Information Kurt Fuhr is our regional Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation. You can contact Kurt at kurt.fuhr@lfn.org or at 952-270-5878.

Ukraine urgently needs quilts and blankets.

Please consider:

1. Donating 60"x 80" cotton fabric (2 1/4 yard) or sewed pieces of any cotton fabric in the same size.
2. Dropping off clean gently used sheets.
3. Dropping off twin size blankets.

A tying event will be scheduled for October. Contact Deb Schultz for more information. **Thank You!**

King's Ringers We will be starting **Thursday night practices on September 5th at 7:00 in the sanctuary**. We're always looking for new ringers. Anyone who can read music can play bells, and it's a great way to contribute to the worship service. Can't make every practice? That's ok – we need a good list of substitute ringers as well. Middle school aged students are also welcome, as long as they have prior experience with band, bells, or piano and strong music-reading skills.

Rejoice Choir We will be starting weekly practices on **Thursdays, starting September 5th at 6:15**. We need voices! Music reading experience isn't necessary, as long as you can pick up tunes by listening. While weekly commitment is ideal, there can also be opportunities for smaller groups or special occasions that would be a shorter-term commitment.

If you're interested in learning more about either group, connect with Brian Gustafson in church, or by email or phone: briang4968@gmail.com 651-242-0709.



Summer updates from Barb Rebenisch are attached to the newsletter email. **King of Kings will take a freewill offering to support Barb on Sunday, August 25th**. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 of support for our sister in Christ. (Checks may be made out to King of Kings Lutheran Church.)

Thank you for your support of Barb and other missionaries at home and around the globe who bring Jesus Christ to the nations!



MN South LWML Convention Update The Minnesota South District LWML biennial convention was held on June 20-22 in Mankato, MN. There were 331 women and men in attendance of which 210 were delegates. King of Kings delegates were Peggy Matthees and Arlene Anderson.

The theme "Walk in Love" was proclaimed by mission speakers Rev. Kuehne of Trinity Lutheran School; Dr. Woodford, Minnesota South District President; Dr. Friedrich President of Concordia University; and Rev. Vance and Linda Becker, past missionaries to Kenya. Rev. McCourt was the Bible study leader of the theme from Eph. 5:1-2. Gary Thies from Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa gave an especially moving and inspirational message emphasizing that we are all missionaries.

The mission goal was met and a new goal of \$270,000 approved of which \$202,500 will go to 13 grant recipients and \$67,500 going to national LWML.

Items collected for Orphan Grain Train totaled 2299 pairs of shoes, 4838 pairs of socks, and 1194 quilts.

Four convention offerings were collected amounting to \$21,698.

To view the entire proceedings go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/@mnsouthdistrictlwml6958/streams>

Summer Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

Save the Date!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Tuesday,
August 6th
6 to 8 PM

Night to Unite Again this year, King of Kings Church and School will be hosting a Night to Unite ice cream social event on our playground. We will invite our church's neighbors to join our congregation for some ice cream or frozen custard and friendly conversation. This is an opportunity to tell our neighbors about our church and school and invite them to worship with us. Last year we had 100 people attend. We hope to have more people attend this outdoor event this year.

We will need volunteers for a prayer walk this **Saturday, August 3rd from 9AM until 10AM** to distribute door hangers inviting our church's neighbors to attend. We will also need volunteers on **Tuesday, August 6th, at 4 PM** to set up tables and chairs and to scoop ice cream and pour pop. Afterwards we will need help putting chairs and tables away.

Please let the Board of Evangelism (Don Ullman, Al Wasserman, Jose Jimenez and Stefanie Jimenez) know if you are able to help.

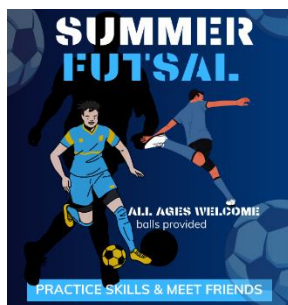
St. Paul Outreach News

A HUGE thank you to everyone who prayed, donated, and came out on Friday night for the Summer Social and Sampler event!! It's such a blessing to be walking together with so many partners as we continue to reach out to our neighborhood and circuit!



Learn more about the SPOC by contacting coordinator David Mennicke or checking out the SPOC website.

Our website is current under construction, so check back often for new information!



Weekly Futsal Fun & Outreach Fridays

Everyone is welcome Fridays around 5pm to watch or play as coach Ashe Hatte and anyone around from the neighborhood have a great time practicing their futsal (court soccer). This is an opportunity to engage with neighbors, invited them to SPOC events, and just be a positive community connection. No experience or equipment needed. See you there!

Chai Dosti with SPOC partner, CSP Chai Dosti is a program of conversation and fellowship with international students at Concordia University, St. Paul. We will meet occasionally over the summer. Everyone is welcome to stop by and meet students and be a welcoming presence during their time in the US. Meet in the Buenger Education Center (BEC) at 4:30pm. **The final summer date is August 28.** Contact Anna Gruen (gruen@csp.edu) with questions or visit the CSP hospitality website for more details about this and other volunteer opportunities: www.thehospitalitycenter.org/events



SPOC Pickleball continues! We had a fantastic opening session of pickleball in the gym at the recent SPOC summer social & sampler! **The next opportunity to grab a racket and get on the court will be Tuesday, August 6 from 5-7pm** at Jehovah Lutheran's National Night Out (Night to Unite) event on. No experience required, equipment provided. More times and days are in the works! Stay tuned for more information to come. Email spoc@jehovahlutheran.org for more info.

Food Distribution with SPOC partner St. Stephanus

Each month a truck from Second Harvest comes to deliver many pounds of fresh produce for us to give out to neighbors in need. Food is paid for through gifts to Second Harvest or St. Stephanus. You're invited to join the team of volunteers gathers to sort food, bag it, and distribute it to our neighbors. We have a dedicated

team of volunteers that help each month but we would love, and are in need of, some new hands to help this summer as people travel. There is a job for everyone! **Volunteers are needed each 3rd Thursday, 2:30-6:45** with the sign-up for slots at: <https://tinyurl.com/4xuevwy9> **The remaining date this summer is: August 15.** A detailed flyer is on the bulletin board in the narthex For questions, contact Megan at youth@saintstephanus.org.



Life Match Grant Initiative Great news! Life Match Met! The SPOC partners have already exceeded the \$4,500 LCMS Life Match Grant with \$5,230 in pledges and gifts, more than meeting the \$9,000 total to support the three women in their pre-natal care at Options for Women East. The excess donations (and any more that come in) will go into the SPOC budget for more ministry. We also continue to seek mentors to connect with the three women clients. Please contact David Mennicke at spoc@jehovahlutheran.com if you are interested in this mentorship.



Save the date! The International Potluck returns! Partners and all members and friends will all be invited to this delicious kickoff event one of the first weeks in September. Watch for more details soon!

Education and Youth News

Youth Ministry

- **Alaska Trip:** We have a group of youth and adults leaving for Alaska for Aug 4-11. Please pray for their trip as they serve the community and enjoy some time around Anchorage.
- **National Youth Gathering** is next summer, July 19-23, 2025. Watch for information on how to sign up this fall. Those entering 8th-12th grade this fall will be eligible to attend.
- **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 or download the Remind app.
 - 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.

School News and Notes



Enrollment Is Still Open! Families can [apply online](#) or by [contact principal Schutte](#) to set up a tour. For over 60 years King of Kings has provided this community, and beyond, with a school filled with a loving staff who cares about each child who steps through these doors. Help make it possible for more families to enjoy this Royal experience by talking to family, friends, neighbors, and others about King of Kings. Our school and church families are our #1 recruiters and I would love to set up a time to meet those who you are talking to us. All of this is done as we continue to fulfill our mission:

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



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 August 8.** Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360.

**KING OF KINGS
TAILGATING PARTY**
Friday, September 20 5-7pm
Home Football Game
at CA @ 7:00pm

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

UPCOMING DATES

Night to Unite: Tues, Aug 6 – 6 to 8pm
Back to School Night & Pictures: Wed, Aug 14
First Day of School: Mon, Aug 19
No School: Friday, August 23, 30 & Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day)

Other News

Synod and District Highlights

You Get to Tell Them! There are many ways to share the good news of Jesus! Check out [the website](https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/international-mission) (https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/international-mission) or the attached flier with information from the LCMS office of International Mission about some of the many ways you can be involved in bringing Christ to others. Also see the attached letter from LCMS president, Rev. Matthew Harrison about this joyful mission.

District Mission Spotlight Each month the MN South District spotlights a mission going on right here in our midst. Check out the district mission attachment to find out about new and ongoing missions in our MN South District and watch the bulletins for recurring updates. For the month of August, the spotlight is Gen Connect. Gen Connect is a ministry of St. Michael's, Bloomington, focused on reaching the 1.5 generation of immigrant families.

Want to know more LCMS and MN South District happenings and news?



LCMS: <https://www.lcms.org/email-updates>

MN South District: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the main page

Subscribe to our eNews

NEW Set Apart to Serve is a very exciting, new Synod-wide campaign to raise up the next generation of church workers in the LCMS! We all have a role to play in this work of encouraging young people to consider serving as pastors, teachers, DCE's, and other church workers. Each District in the LCMS has its own committee set up to help kick-start Set Apart to Serve on a local level. The leaders of your Minnesota South Set Apart to Serve Committee are Pastor Joshua Miller (Jehovah Lutheran Church) and Sarah Mueller (King of Kings Lutheran School). Please pray for Pastor Miller and Mrs. Mueller as they begin this exciting task. Please pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He will continue to send workers into His field!

For more information on Set Apart to Serve, check out the Synodical website:

<https://www.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve>

SET APART TO SERVE

LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO WORK FOR THE CHURCH!



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PARISH MUSIC

SAGACITY S.A.G.E.S. quarterly newsletter, Sagacity, for July - September 2024 is now available on the table in the narthex or on the [district website](https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages) (<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>).

SAVE THE DATE:

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



Friday, August 23rd, 2024 10:00am Twosomes or foursomes are welcome to play in a Best Ball tournament. Brooktree Golf Course, Owatonna

Get a foursome together and join the annual golf benefit. The proceeds from the tournament support the Camp Omega Campership Endowment Fund. These funds support the camp's commitment to providing camp experiences for all, including those with financial needs.

Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 **Time:** Check-in is 10am – Shotgun start is 11am **Location:** Brooktree Golf Course – 1369 Cherry St, Owatonna, MN 55060

Register: Complete the Registration Form [online](#) and return to Russ or Dave (contact information on form) and mail your check (payable to Camp Omega) to: Camp Omega, 22750 Lind Ave, Waterville, MN 56096

Registration and Fees due by August 19th

Men's Bible Study will resume in September. Please join us! Contact Ted McArthur with questions.

A Pro-Life Convocation: Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota, will be held in September, sponsored by LCMS Minnesota South District Faribault Circuit. Christian ministry display tables and educational materials/resources will be available.

Saturday, September 21
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2500 7th Ave NE, Owatonna

Speakers include:

Dr. Robin Goldsmith, Catholic Medical Association Midwest Regional Director and co-founder of St. Gianna Clinic (De Pere, WI);
Rev. Fred Hinz, LCMS Public Policy Advocate, MN districts;
Jeff Evans, Minnesota Family Council CEO; and
Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford, LCMS Minnesota South District President

Catered lunch for \$10 with RSVP

Use this link to [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or use the QR code to REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 11

Mark Your Calendars!

Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on **Saturday, November 9, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. This fall, don't miss Concordia Academy's Holiday Craft Fair! This beloved holiday tradition features almost 100 crafters and vendors, a café with delicious treats, hourly prize drawings, and fun for everyone. More information at www.concordiaacademy.com/crafffair. Registration is now open to all crafters and vendors! You can go to the website to register and complete your payment online (preferred method).

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/>

