



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

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(This "Top Ten" was written by Rev. Timothy Pauls, pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho. It first appeared in the Lutheran Witness. It bears repeating! Pastor B.)

10 Reasons It's Awesome to be a Lutheran!

There are all sorts of Christians out there, so why be Lutheran?

Reason 1 > You "get" the Gospel. The Gospel is that Jesus died to take away your sins. Some say it's "whatever I believe about Jesus." That's silly. Imagine if I said, "Since I believe your name is Og, it is." Make sense? No. (Errr, unless your name really *is* Og, which would be . . . unusual.) The Gospel is what God says, so you know it's true.

Reason 2 > You get the Gospel. As in, you receive what God gives. So, if someone says, "Have you chosen Jesus?" you subtly reply, "As much as Lazarus chose to be alive when Jesus called him out of the grave."

Reason 3 > You know where you get the Gospel. To the question, "Where do you find God?" many will say, "heaven" or "my heart." But you point to the Word, to Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and you say, "There's Jesus – for me!"

Reason 4 > You're certain of salvation. If you believe God chooses some to be saved and some to be damned, the best you can say is, "I sure hope God chose me for salvation." If you believe you're saved by your commitment, then you can't be sure you're committed enough. You know you're forgiven because *Jesus says so* with words like, "I baptize you" and "I forgive you all of your sins."

Reason 5 > You understand good works. You don't do them because you have to, but because you can. You're set free to.

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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
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)



**July
Office Hours**

**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. Katie Miller will be out of the office July 1 - 5

Thank you!

Reason 6 > You understand vocation. Some say you're serving God when you do something outside of the routine, but your life pleases God wherever God has placed you. Whether you are doing algebra homework or rebuilding an orphanage, God is pleased.

Reason 7 > You love a good mystery. Many want to explain everything in the Bible, like the Incarnation, the Sacraments and the like. "After all," they'll ask, "would God say things we couldn't fully understand?" Actually, yes. God is greater (thankfully!) than we can explain. When people say, "Your beliefs are unreasonable," you calmly respond, "Okay. But they are immensely scriptural."

Reason 8 > You understand Christian freedom. Many make Christianity about lifestyle and then make up rules that aren't biblical, like, "Christians don't dance." You know you're free to utilize things that aren't condemned in Scripture. But you're not a knucklehead about it. Is it okay to dance? Yes. Does this mean anything goes? No. (Does it mean that I should dance? Never, I'm told.)

Reason 9 > You trust the Word over anything else. If you dream that your dog tells you to live in a tree to be saved, you ignore it and go with Scripture instead . . . and maybe a different snack before you go to bed.

Reason 10 > You're not looking for the End Times. You're in them. Forget speculations that aren't going to happen anyway. You're living daily as a repentant child of God, looking for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg



"Faith is assured of perfect joy, in the spacious place of freedom, not because this joy is already visible, but because it has been promised." Oswald Bayer



Membership Updates:

In by baptism: Jaxson Schroeder, son of Ben & Nicole

In by Profession of Faith: Jason & Angela Laughlin, Titan, April

Adult Instruction: Doug Pooley, Dan Jarl, Toua Yang

New Address:

Gary & Carol Gustafson 3160 Lake Johanna Blvd. Apt# 101, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Howard & Valarie Anderson Eagle Crest, 2925 Lincoln Dr. #318, Roseville, MN 55113

Phone: 651-628-3726

New email address: Doug Hartford dhartford1943@gmail.com

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.



KING OF KINGS WOMEN'S MINISTRY THANKS

Women's Ministry extends a gracious thank you to all that helped with the annual Recycle Sale. Many hands make the load light; hands that helped organize the contributions, that contributed items, that purchased items and that helped with cleanup. Sales for 2024 amounted to \$2408, compared to sales in 2023 of \$2418. Amazing!!! The fellowship interactions among the volunteers are priceless. Your continued service to the work of Women's Ministry is very much appreciated. We'll be back to you again next year! **Women's Ministry supports** various mission projects throughout the year, such as the Sandwich Project, blankets for the homeless, Christmas Shoebox, Lutheran school scholarships, and coordinates funeral meals within the church. **On behalf of Women's Ministry, again, thank you.**



CPH Reads Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Now through August 9, kids can report their reading and earn points to have a chance to win CPH Prizes. Learn more: cph.org/cph-reads

Update from Barb Rebentisch: I will be flying to the States in June to complete the Masters degree in Deaconess studies. Please pray. I am quite likely to experience reverse culture shock, after having never left Taiwan for more than two months at a time since 2011. Please pray also for my connections with Jesus. and with people in the USA, that God's purposes can be fully accomplished in this time.



**"Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from
among the nations, that we may give
thanks to your holy name and glory in
your praise. 1Chronicles 16:35**

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/>

Thank you! This summer's Women's LWML District Convention selected Orphan Grain Train (a Christian volunteer network) as the recipient of donations collected for Gifts from the Heart. Thank you to everyone to donated socks, and bedding for this effort!
~ Women's Ministry



CAUTION MAINTENANCE

Summer Floor maintenance Some rooms will be unavailable over the next few weeks due to floor cleaning and waxing. Please contact the office if you plan to use a space during this time and need to check on availability. Your understanding is appreciated as we maintain our facility.



LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER
<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@lfnd.org or at 952-270-5878.

Wanted – Summer Musicians If you have a musical talent you'd like to share (instrumental, vocal) during the 8:30 or 11 am service, please contact our Music Director, Laura Fritz at 651-325-7287 cell, or lfritz@kingofkingsroseville.org.

Summer Projection Help Needed! With many people traveling over the summer, volunteers are needed to help out with services running the projector. If you are willing to learn or haven't helped for a while and are able, please contact Katie Miller in the office or Music Director, Laura Fritz at 651-325-7287 cell, or lfritz@kingofkingsroseville.org




Vacation Bible School Update

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated items and prayed for a successful week! We had 116 kids join us with almost 40 volunteers! We raised \$826.40 for Feed My Starving Children and collected a lot of food for Keystone Community Services food bank. It was an amazing week teaching kids about Jesus and how we can share about Him with others.

Summer Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities


St. Paul Outreach News

Thank you to everyone who came out to the recent Unique Car Show June 21! Despite the rain, we had a number of neighbors stop by, and enjoyed great food and all the cars.



July 26, join other St. Paul Outreach center partners as we host a Summer Social (free frozen treats!) and Sampler. All partners will be invited to bring information and people from their site(s), and Jehovah will host, show off our SPOC facilities. Come to meet partners and neighbors in order to share the love of Jesus by reaching out to and meeting physical, social, and spiritual needs.

How can **you** partner?

- **Mark your calendar and join the party!**
- **Pray** for those served by the SPOC and all the partners!
- **Learn more** about the SPOC by contacting coordinator David Mennicke or checking out the SPOC website: 
- **Tell others** about the SPOC and all its ways to connect to the community. Some of those ways:
 - tutoring
 - crafting groups/events
 - concerts
 - ministry events (food, clothing, diaper, and household item giveaways)
 - summer activities (VBS, youth groups, Night to Unite)
 - sports (futsal, pickle ball groups)
 - English conversation/international student support *and more!*

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.

Planned summer dates are July 31 and 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

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 dates this summer are: July 18, 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 The SPOC has been blessed with a \$9,000 matching grant opportunity to support three women in their pre-natal care beginning in July. The sponsored women will be clients of the Options for Women East (OFWE), a St. Paul women's health clinic/pregnancy resource center partner of SPOC member Eastern Heights Lutheran Church. Those interested in mentoring, or who have any questions about this exciting initiative can contact SPOC coordinator David Mennicke at spoc@jehovahlutheran.org

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 on **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.



Education and Youth News

Men's Bible Study will resume in September. 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.
- **Circuit Youth Events (MS/HS)** Both events will meet at Emmaus Lutheran Church (1074 Idaho Ave W, St Paul, MN 55117) at 8:30 am and return at 3:30 pm. Need to RSVP for both by July 19th!!!! Both events are \$10 and include a pizza lunch.
 - July 23: Service at Options for Women (Pregnancy Shelter) and fun at Two-Bit Arcade.
 - July 30: Service at Trinity First Lutheran Church, getting school ready for the teachers' return and fun at Liliputt or Grandslam, based on weather.
- **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



Sideline with Schutte

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate with the City of Roseville at the Rose Parade. Whether you cheered us on, walked in the parade, or donated candy, THANK YOU!!! It is always a fun time walking the streets and seeing familiar faces. The more we get involved with the community, the more we can share the love of Christ.

Our enrollment numbers are showing that we should be between 175-180 students on the first day of school. This is more than a 7% increase from last year. With our third year in a row of record-breaking enrollment, 5 of the 11 classrooms will be full. We are truly thankful for all of the blessings that God has given us. Thank you for being part of something special as we continue to reach out to more people in

this community to share the love of Christ through Christian education.

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**

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Years



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

UPCOMING DATES

Have a great summer!
Back to School Night is August 14th!



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

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

Other News

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

Ordination & Installation of Rev. Daniel Thao as pastor of Cornerstone Light of Life, currently meeting at Concordia University St. Paul.

Front: Rev. Yia Lor, Rev. Tom Evans, Rev. Daniel Thao, Rev. Dr. Lang Yang, Rev. Chou Vang, Rev. Johnny Yang;
Back: Rev. Richard Her, Rev. Steve Benson, Rev. Brian Scoles, Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, Rev. Dr. Glenn Fluegge, Rev. Vue Lee, Rev. Scot Missling, Rev. Dr. Richard Carter, Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich



SAVE THE DATE:

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



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.

The Ordination and Installation for Candidate Daniel Thao will be held on **Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM** at the Buetow Auditorium at Concordia University, 300 Hamline Ave N. You are invited to attend!

