



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

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"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." 2 Timothy 4:1-4

Usually I refer to Paul as the Apostle, but in his letter to Timothy, he is absolutely prophetic. It's 2024. The time has come when people do not endure sound teaching. You know that one of my favorite sayings is **"It's okay to be open-minded, but don't be so open-minded that your brain falls out."** The volumes of nonsense that have been promoted about gender, life issues from cradle to grave, and the never-ending social and political protests would make Paul weep alongside of us. Many times, the students protesting don't even know what they are protesting, but there is nothing new under the sun.

Paul warns all of us about **"itching ears."** It's too easy to listen only to the voices we want to hear. It's easier to point to those outside the church, but we, too, have been guilty of **"accumulating** (gathering, hoarding) . . . **teachers to suit [our] own passions."** But for the grace of God, we, too, might **"turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths"** as well. Whatever we want to believe, Paul tells us we can find someone who will back us up.

All the more reason for us to heed the charge Paul gives to his brother Timothy: **"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."** (continued...)

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)



June 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. Thank you!

These letters to Timothy and Titus continue to teach us what it means to be pastoral, to be shepherds. He doesn't urge Timothy to be popular or to try to outdo himself next Sunday. He tells him to "**preach the word,**" from the Old Testament to the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Preach it! Proclaim it! Broken people are made whole by the Good News that "**God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**"

As we waded through the challenges of Covid19 a few years ago, everything under the sun had to be considered. Whether we were worshiping online or in person, most pastors heard from their members. The emails seemed to come as quickly as new protocols. Pastor Lee and I appreciated the email that said something to this effect: "**Thank you, pastors, for preaching the Gospel. We are exhausted by everything else all week long. We don't need to hear about politics and policies from the pulpit. We need to see Jesus.**" Preach the word! Jesus Christ died for you! You are forgiven! "**In this world you will have trouble, but take heart!**"

"**Be ready in season and out of season.**" You and I never know when the phone will ring. We don't always have time to prepare a response. Simply wearing a clerical collar these days may provoke a thumbs up at Aldi, a "Good morning, Father!" at a St. Paul hospital, or an expletive in a crosswalk. A conversation may spring up where we least expect it: a playground, a waiting room, a line at the store. Paul says, "Be ready!" I had invited someone to church the week before, but to my knowledge, she didn't appear last Sunday. (The Holy Spirit may have steered her around the mysteries of the Athanasian Creed we confessed together.) All in good time (and His time, not ours). Only the Holy Spirit can say, "Heaven can wait!"

Finally, Paul calls us to "**reprove, rebuke, and exhort**" and then he tells us how we should do it: "**with complete patience and teaching.**" It is always ours to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of all, especially to those who do not know it yet. It is always ours to defend the faith, but in a way that invites conversation, not in a way that shuts it down. "**With complete patience and teaching.**" There are as many "unknown gods" among us today as there were when Paul was preaching in Athens, if not more. It is our calling to "**take what is unknown and make it known**" today. A DCE that I worked with told me that she was the only Christian friend of a gay man she had known in school. He knew what she believed as a Christian, and yet she was the one he could trust with his spiritual questions. The jury is still out, but the door is open because of her "**patience and teaching.**"

The trouble is that the door is open today and it might not be tonight. So we get to the first line of our text last: "**I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom.**" As we continue to baptize and teach, to proclaim and catechize, we do so in "**the presence of God and of Christ Jesus.**" When-ever two or three are gathered and where-ever they may gather, the Triune God is with us. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are ready in every season until the seasons end. Christ will be our judge. He has already pleaded our case on the cross and the verdict is in: by grace, through faith, we are saved. God the Father puts off that Day of Days one more day that the Holy Spirit may continue to do his work and that we may "**preach the Word . . . in season and out**" that others will be ready when Christ and his kingdom appear.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

Explanation of the third article, Martin Luther's Small Catechism



JIM & SUSAN KAISER
ETHIOPIA & SIERRA LEONE

"And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'" Romans 10:15 Thanks to everyone who contributed to the thankoffering for Lutheran Bible Translators Jim and Sue Kaiser May 26. The total was \$1, 091.00. If you would still like to contribute, please bring your offering by June 2. Their update is reprinted on the final pages of the newsletter.

Donation opportunity! This summer's Women's LWML District Convention has selected Orphan Grain Train (a Christian volunteer network) as the recipient of donations collected for Gifts from the Heart. You're encouraged to donate the following items that Orphan Grain Train will ship to areas in need. **We'll be collecting through June 16th in a marked box in the back narthex at church.**

- New socks – all sizes child through adult
- New quilts, blankets or comforters – any sizes



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 22 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

Spring Recycle Sale



Tomorrow! Women's Ministry Recycle Sale, Saturday, June 1, 8am – 2pm. We are hosting our sale the same weekend as the Roseville City-Wide Garage sale. Your support and assistance is essential to make it a successful event. Please also consider coming **Monday, June 3** to help with cleanup beginning at 9am.

If you have any questions contact:

Peggy Matthees, mattheesgp@gmail.com, 651-245-2987,
Deb Schultz, debmarsch69@gmail.com,
or Lori Wachter, 651-335-9467.

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@lfn.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



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 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/>

Summer Outreach & Fellowship Opportunities

Board of Evangelism Booth at the Hmong Festival

Sharing the Good News of Jesus here in St. Paul! King of Kings will have a booth at the Hmong Freedom Festival at the Como Park Athletic Field on the 29th and 30th of June. There will be no admissions fee this year, so there is anticipated to be a much larger crowd than in previous years.

We would like to include a package of 12 colored pencils in each backpack, and are planning to give away 200 backpacks to children at the Festival each day. **Please bring donations to the collection box in the narthex or the church office by Sunday, June 16.**

We are also placing A Child's Garden of Verses in Hmong in each backpack through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. If you would like to give toward that, make your checks out to King of Kings (with LHF on the memo line). If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the paper in the narthex. We will be looking for volunteers in various shifts from about 10AM to 6PM if possible.

The Board would like to borrow 2 canopy tents for the festival to provide shade for those who work and for those who visit us. We would also like to borrow an ice chest to keep drinks cool for the workers. Let Don Ullman (phone 219 742 4701) or Al Wassermann (phone 651 484 1487) know or leave a message at the office if you have either one of these items to loan.



It's back! Again this year the SPOC and partners are teaming up to put on the Unique Car Show (formerly the Classic Car Show) and offer hamburgers and popcorn to friends and neighbors in the Midway area on **Friday, June 21, beginning at 5pm.**

Come see the interesting cars and meet neighbors and brothers and sisters from fellow congregations and schools. Friends and neighbors are all welcome!

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact David Mennicke St. Paul Outreach Coordinator spoc@jehovahlutheran.org or 651-636-3271.

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 Email – Lanny Betterman rbetterman@gmail.com

Doug Hartford dhartford1943@gmail.com



Stewardship Thoughts: Through Us

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (Matthew 7:7). These words of promise Jesus spoke to His listeners. Whatever we need, God will provide for us. How does He do that? Through us! We are being asked; others are looking to us for help; we are the ones to open the doors to the hungry in body and spirit. We are the way God has chosen to provide for those in need. What a privilege to be stewards who bring others to participate in Word and Sacrament that all their needs might be met in Christ Jesus!



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.



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.
- **Service and Fun! (MS/HS)** On June 18th, we are joining together with the churches in our circuit to serve at Feed My Starving Children, enjoy a pizza lunch, and spend time at Zero Gravity. We will meet at Emmaus Lutheran Church (1074 Idaho Ave W, St Paul) at 8:30 am and return at 3:15 pm. Cost is \$10. Sign up with Sally by June 9th to participate.
- **Volunteer for VBS!** Have you signed up yet? Many youth are needing to guide groups from station to station and build relationships with our littlest members. It's June 24-28 from 9 am to Noon and can count as service hour requirements for other groups! Sign up here to state your preferences: <https://kingofkings.wufoo.com/forms/2024-vbs-volunteer-registration/>
- **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.

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 June 13.** Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360.

UPCOMING DATES

June 24– Rosefest Parade

August 14 – Back to School Night



Other News

Help Needed: During every service, our congregation benefits from Safety Team volunteers who keep a watchful eye inside and outside of the building and who are ready to offer help when needed. The team has a small number of dedicated volunteers, and the time has come to add new members. The commitment is typically one service a month and scheduling is very flexible. There are no minimum requirements; however, first-aid experience is beneficial and will be provided. Training will be provided. If you are willing to serve the church in this capacity, please reach out to Pastor Bielenberg or Jim Swanson (james.l.swanson3294@gmail.com)

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

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 Culbert (King of Kings Lutheran School). Please pray for Pastor Miller and Ms. Culbert 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

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!

King of Kings is in the Roseville Parade! On **Monday, June 24**, King of Kings will be walking the parade route for Roseville's Rose Fest. You can participate in the parade! We can take up to 20 people of all ages to walk in the parade. We will also need LOTS of candy. If you want to donate any non-chocolate small pieces of candy, drop off the candy in the office any time before **Friday, June 21**. Let **Katie Miller** or **Principal Jay Schutte** know if you'd like to walk with us!





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Enabling Bible Translation in Africa

May 13, 2024

Defining the Goal

Lutheran Bible Translators is part of an alliance of eleven Bible translation organizations called Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN). These organizations have agreed on an ambitious goal in making God's Word available. By 2033, the goal is that everyone in the world would have some Scripture in their language. Specifically,

- 95% of the global population will have access to a Full Bible.
- 99.96% of the global population will have access to a New Testament.
- 100% of the world's population will have access to at least some portion of Scripture.
- The world's most strategic 100 written languages will have access to a second translation.

There are about 3,500 languages that will be affected by this goal. Pray with us that this goal may be reached!

Mende Checking

I met with the Mende team online twice in March and April. The meetings generally went well, in spite of the time difference (4 to 5 hours). We were able to finish the balance of 2 Samuel, all of 1 Kings, and start 2 Kings. Our next meetings will be May 27-31, and June 12-18. Pray for good internet connections, good communication, wisdom, and God's leading.

As the Mende team and I worked through the book of 1 Kings, there were a variety of revisions that were made. Here are a few of them.

1 Kings 7:33 - The translation said, "He made all those smaller wheels from bronze." The text mentions axles, rims, spokes, and hubs. The

translation was not accurate, but Mende did not have words for all of these detailed parts of a wheel. It would be very difficult to try and describe them with phrases and it would make the passage long and confusing. The translation was revised to "He made all the parts of the wheels from bronze."

1 Kings 13:1 - The translation said, "As Jeroboam was standing near the altar to offer incense, the Lord sent a prophet from the land of Judah to go to the town of Bethel." The relative timing of the events in the translation was wrong. God did not send the prophet while Jeroboam was standing at the altar, but had sent him at some earlier time. He arrived while Jeroboam was standing by the altar. The translation was revised to show this.

1 Kings 16:2 - The translation said, "From the time I took you out of the dust and made you leader over my people of Israel..." The figure of speech "took you out of the dust" was misunderstood as referring to creation. The translation was revised to say, "From the time when you were nobody..."

1 Kinga 20:12 - The translation said, "The one who puts on the weapons clothes should not brag like the one who takes it off." This proverb was not understood by the translators. It was revised to, "One who has not made a farm should not brag about the harvest."

1 Kings 22:20 - The translation said, "...so that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?" The word "fall" here is a euphemism for "die, be killed". But in Mende, "fall" does not have that meaning. It only has the literal meaning of "fall down". The translation was revised to "die"

Pray for wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit as the team continues to do their work.

A Mistranslation

Mistranslations in the Bible can have big effects. One well-known mistranslation is the King James Version of Exodus 20:13, "Thou shalt not kill." Over the years, many sincere Christians understood this to mean that God prohibited capital punishment and serving in the military.

But in Hebrew, a different word is used here than the normal word for "kill". It is better translated as "unlawful killing, murder". Most modern English translations translate this word as "murder," which is more accurate than the general word, "kill". But this does give us a very different understanding and application of this verse.

Seeing You!

We are thankful for the safe travel and kind hosts that we had during April as we visited partners and churches in Wisconsin. It was great to see so many old friends again, and to meet new friends!



Susan with some helpful models from Prince of Peace WOW, Racine, WI

In order to make travel efficient, we are grouping our speaking by state. We spoke in Wisconsin during April, and we will be speaking in Minnesota during May and June. We plan to be speaking in Michigan this fall. Please contact us if you would like us to come.

Here is our Minnesota schedule for the last part of May and June:

May 14	St John, Buffalo
May 15	St Peter, Swanville
May 16	St John, Villard
May 18	St Peter, Afton
May 19	King of Kings, Roseville
May 20	King of Kings school, Roseville
May 22	Woodbury, Oak Hill campus
May 26	Trinity, Fairfield
June 2	St John, Vergas
June 3-5	MN North LWML conv., Brainerd
June 6	Living Savior, Lake Shore
June 9	Zion, Brainerd
June 12	Zion, Morris
June 16	Bethlehem, Annandale
June 17	St John, Wheaton
June 19	Good Shepherd, Alexandria
June 20-22	MN South LWML conv., Mankato
June 23	Gloria Dei, Virginia

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for safe travels as we visit partners in Minnesota.
- Pray for Jim as he prepares to work on 2 Kings and 1 Chronicles with the Mende team.
- Pray for the checking meetings May 27-31 and June 12-18. Pray for God's wisdom, good internet connections, and clear minds (because of the time difference, Jim will be starting at 4 am each day).
- Pray for the necessary workers and resources to meet the goal of providing access to 3,500 languages by 2033.

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