



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

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Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

After a funeral here at King of Kings, one of our members came up to me and said, ***"That was a great funeral, Pastor!"*** All of a sudden, he had a confused look on his face and said, ***"Can I say that?"*** I laughed with him and said, ***"Sure you can! I want to have a great funeral, don't you? We've probably both been to the other kind."***

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ allows us to have great funerals. The focus is on Jesus because there is nothing else for us to say. If we believe it when we say, ***"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"*** in this season of Easter, it should also give us great comfort on All Saints' Day and each time we gather to remember a loved one or a brother or sister in Christ here at King of Kings. You have undoubtedly noticed that the spirit is different when we leave the church as opposed to the way we arrived. We remember that we have been baptized in the name of Jesus, we hear the Good News in the Scriptures that were chosen and the Word as it is preached. The music has an impact of its own – the Spirit surely works through the texts and the tunes! We sang this hymn at the funeral of Sally Cordes, one of her favorites. I know why!

Death, you cannot end my gladness:

I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness

To inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes

Faith's assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine

To make life immortal mine.

(God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It, LSB 594, v. 4)

(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

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)

May Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours
8am to 4pm Monday – Friday

The office will be closed Monday, May 27 & 28 in observance of Memorial Day and staff vacation.



Add to all this is that the fact that some of your friends and neighbors and family members will stay and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Who knows what happens next? I think it might be next to impossible for us to attend a funeral and not think about what will happen when it is our turn.



**When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!**

As your pastor, I would encourage you to give some thought to what your funeral may look like. It is incredibly helpful to me and to your family if we know your preferences when the time comes. On Sunday morning, how often have you thought, ***“I love that passage!”*** or ***“I’d like that to be sung at my funeral?”*** Write it down! Too many choices are okay! It gives your family something to choose from.

In my desk is a file folder an inch thick with funeral plans for King of Kings members. I hope we don’t have to use them for a long time (my wishes are included here, too!), but they are there for when the time comes. With this month’s newsletter, you will find an attachment for a form to use toward this end. It can be modified at any time. It also might be a good conversation starter with your family.

Christ is risen!
Pastor Steven Bielenberg

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

SET APART TO SERVE
LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT

Stewardship Thoughts: Stewardship Is God Working through Us

Through faith that God gives us, we understand that our stewardship is God working in and through us. It is not what we do, not what we give, not how we serve – but what God does, what He gives, how He serves, and our response to His love and gifts to us. God has shown us His plan for our lives. *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:10). Stewardship could be defined as doing the good works which God has prepared for us to do. God empowers and equips us to be faithful stewards. He has chosen us to carry out His work on earth.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, please grant me the faith I need to be a faithful steward. In Jesus’ precious name I pray. Amen.





JIM & SUSAN KAISER
ETHIOPIA & SIERRA LEONE

King of Kings welcomes missionaries Dr. Jim and Susan Kaiser on **Sunday, May 19th**! Jim & Sue support Bible translation teams, with Jim providing consultancy for projects in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, mixing travel with virtual assistance. Please come to meet them and hear more about their important work in between the services. More information is attached to the Quill email.



North Parking Lot Tree Planting Info King of Kings was informed recently by a representative of the organization Tree Trust that Roseville has contracted with them to replant new trees to replace trees removed last year that were infected with Emerald Ash Borer Disease. The planting work, which is planned for the next week or two, will impact the north parking lot on weekdays due to the equipment needed. We have asked that the company park its largest vehicles in the south lot as much as possible, but we ask families for your patience and cooperation for the times when there is equipment blocking some of our north lot spaces.

Questions about the overall project, can be directed to the City of Roseville.

KING OF KINGS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Spring Recycle Sale



UPDATE: 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.

There are two opportunities to **drop off** sale items at the church: **Thursday and Friday, May 30th and 31st, 3pm – 7pm.** Bring your items to the church gym where you can drop off or place them in the area designated for them.

A **volunteer signup chart** is posted at the **church coffee area.** We need volunteers Thursday and Friday to help collect and sort items; Saturday to monitor gym sale area and checkouts (free-will offering for most items); clean up on Monday, June 3. Please sign up and give us a few hours of your time.

Regarding donated items:

We will **NOT accept:** adult clothing, large furniture, exercise equipment or electronics.

We **WILL accept:** baby and children's clothing to age 12, typical household items, purses, shoes, small tools, craft items, etc., and plants. **Gardeners,** if you are thinning your perennials this Spring, you can bring them to the sale. Deb Schultz has volunteered to coordinate the plant sale portion.

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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.



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!

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 Easter season. Many hours went into practicing! We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated and talented musicians at King of Kings!

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](tel:651-325-7287) cell, or lfritz@kingofkingsroseville.org.



St. Paul Outreach Center News

SPOC News The St. Paul Outreach Center is partnering to host the upcoming **Circuit-Wide Ascension Eve Service. Wednesday, May 8th.** See more info in the Save the Date!

Looking ahead: Weekly Wednesday afternoon activities will continue for the next few weeks until school is over for the year. Later on, events in the planning stage are: Unique Car Show, Booth at the Little Africa Festival, Puppets & Popsicles in the Park, and Pickleball! We also hope to continue the summer futsal (soccer) opportunities that were held last summer. We will know more mid-May about the SPOC and affiliates' grant opportunity to help new mothers in partnership with Options for Women East as part of the SPOC's family resource dimension. We are currently collecting diapers and baby wipes for neighbors in need.

Stay tuned for more information about summer opportunities to volunteer with the SPOC.

Questions or want to volunteer?

Contact David Mennicke

St. Paul Outreach Coordinator

spoc@jehovahlutheran.org

or 651-636-3271. Visit the website:



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.

Associate Pastor Call Committee Update: The Call Committee worked through the names on the first list and interviewed one candidate. We recently requested a new list from the District Office. During the second round, individuals from our church and school nominated seven pastors (one of them receiving two independent nominations). We have received word from the MN South District that we will soon be receiving the PIFS (Pastor's Information Form) and SETS (Self-Evaluation Tool, which highlights his pastoral perspectives and practices) for 23 candidates for us to consider.



Keystone Community Services Update In addition to case management and food services tailored for seniors (Meals on Wheels), did you know that Keystone offers a wide variety of exercise, arts, social, and programs at our two community center locations to help adults age 55+ stay healthy, independent and socially connected?? Sound interesting? Check out the flier on the bulletin board in the narthex or visit <https://keystoneservices.org/seniors>.

Lutheran Witness Subscription Opportunity *King of Kings is renewing the yearly subscription to Lutheran Witness magazine, a publication of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. **If you would like to add your name to the subscriber list or make any changes to your name/address, please use the paper list on the back table beginning Sunday, May 12th, or email or call the office.** More information about the publication can be found on the CPH website: <https://www1.cph.org/witness> The cost to subscribe is \$24.97.*





Confirmation Class of 2024

Bret Earl Tupper, Jr. is in the 8th grade at King of Kings School. He was born in St. Paul on July 18th, 2010. He lives in Maplewood with his parents, Bret and Gina Tupper, siblings, Cosette and Lee, but loves his dog, Rocky, the most. Bret enjoys hanging out with his school and baseball friends and also drawing in his free time. He's looking forward to playing soccer, basketball, and baseball next year at Concordia Academy. His confirmation verse is Psalm 40:1-3 (NIV).

Mckenzie (Kenzie) Rae McKeever is in the 8th grade at King of Kings School. She was born in Woodbury, Minnesota on August 10th, 2009. Kenzie enjoys playing volleyball, dancing, drawing and working at the Dairy Queen. Kenzie plans to go to Westonka High School in the fall. Her Confirmation verse is: Isaiah 58:11.

Asher James Metzger is in the 8th grade at King of Kings School and will go to Concordia Academy next year. He was born in Maplewood, MN and lives in Roseville with his parents, Charlie and Brittany, and brothers, Gus and Henry. His favorite hobbies are basketball, baking, and hanging out with friends. His Confirmation verse is: Matthew 14: 27-33.

Veronica QinNi Nelson is an 8th grader at King of Kings school. She was born in Hepu, Guanxi, China on October 19, 2009, and moved to Roseville in 2011. Veronica is well loved by many including her parents Ben and Kristin, and her siblings Bridget, Riley, Connor, Sawyer, Levi, Davis, Juliet, and Elouise. Veronica has many interests including sewing, crocheting, reading, and baking. She will be attending Concordia Academy next year and plans to be involved in soccer, softball, and theater. Her confirmation verse is Isaiah 12:2

Matthew K. Tilahun Matthew Tilahun is an 8th grader at King of Kings School. He was born in Maplewood, Minnesota on May 4, 2010. He is living in Roseville with his parents Deb and Tilahun and his little sister Mercy. Matthew enjoys playing with his friends and swimming in the summer. He plans to attend high school at Concordia Academy and wants to play soccer and basketball there. His Confirmation verse is Mark 10:27

Lily Ann Kolmer is an 8th grader. She attends youth night and enjoys VBS. Her confirmation verse is Isaiah 43:2

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



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.

Summer Opportunities

High schoolers are invited to visit the seminary!

Vocatio: High School

June 22-29, 2024

Interested in church work someday? Vocatio: High School, is a weeklong summer retreat that encourages 9th-12th grade students to explore the many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation. Registration costs \$100 and closes May 24!



Christ Academy Family Institute 2024 – Registration Open

June 13–15, 2024

Cost: \$150/family

The Christ Academy Family Institute (CAFI), launched in 2023, is the newest Christ Academy program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Since 1999, Christ Academy has been preparing young men and women for confirmation, high school, and college. CAFI focuses on the people who walk alongside these students: their parents, families, and youth-focused church workers. CAFI's goals are to help participants raise Godly and faithful families, resource them for this task, and strengthen marriages and families. The cost of registration is \$150 per family. Please note that registration does NOT include housing. To learn more about various lodging options around the Seminary, see the website: ctsfw.edu/cafi

Youth Ministry



MN SOUTH DISTRICT FINANCIAL AID

Student aid is available to communicant members of Minnesota South District congregations. Applicants shall be enrolled as a professional church worker student or be on the roster of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (graduate students). The amount of student aid to be provided will be determined on the basis of District policy and funds available. More information is available on the **district website**. **Applications must be submitted by students to their Financial Aid Office by June 1st EACH YEAR.**

- We have events for Middle School (MS), 6th-8th Grade, and High School (HS), 9th-12th Grade.
- **Senior Recognition:** May 19th at 11 am worship service. Please send a photo, where you are graduating from, and what your future plans are to Sally. After the service, we will be doing footprints on the walls in the youth room!
- **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

6 Years



King of Kings Spring Music Concerts Come and hear the musical gifts of the King of Kings students on **Tuesday, May 14** as they showcase what they have been learning throughout the year. Grades Prek– 4 will be at 5:30pm, and grades 5-8 will begin at 7:00pm.



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 May 9th.** Parkway Pizza is located at 1909 Lexington Ave N, Rv 651-493-4360

UPCOMING DATES

- May 3 – 5th-8th Gr. Track & Field Day
- May 6-10 – Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7 – 7-8th Grade Softball Day
- May 9 – 5-6th Grade Softball Day
- May 10 – 3rd-4th Gr. Track & Field Day
- May 14 – Spring Musical Concerts
- May 16 – Board of Christian Education Meeting (7:00pm)
- May 17 – 1st-2nd Gr. Track & Field Day
- May 23 – 8th Grade Graduation Service, 6:30pm
- May 24 – Last day of school!



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!](#)

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

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



CONCORDIA ACADEMY
Camps

King of Kings Summer Camps

8 WEEKS OF FUN!

2330 Dale St N
Roseville, MN 55113

SUMMER CAMPS FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH 4TH GRADE STUDENTS!

Register Online

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.

Other News

Thank you! Auction Raises \$80,000 Concordia Academy's 2024 Dinner Auction was a rip-roarin' success, with **\$80,000 raised for student scholarships and the Legacy Endowment Fund**. That puts us only \$10,000 shy of our goal of \$90,000. Will you consider making a donation to push us past that goal? Visit www.concordiaacademy.com/support/giving/financial-gifts/ and select Annual Fund as the Project Designation. Please type "Auction" in the Gift Notes field. Thanks to everyone who helped make April 13 a night to remember! And mark your calendars for next year's event on April 12.

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)

SAVE THE DATE:

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



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 8th 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 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 (CTSF), 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.

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/>