



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

November 2023

(Pastor Tom Gundermann, Campus Pastor at Concordia University, St. Paul, invited me to speak at a recent morning chapel service. Their theme for the year comes from the opening verses of Isaiah 43. It was a rainy Friday the 13th and the unfolding situation in the Middle East was front and center. Here is the message I shared that day. Pastor Steven Bielenberg)

Fear Not!

Isaiah 43:1-2

I love the verses Concordia University is using for her theme this year! Isaiah 42 ends with God's wrath scorching those who refused to follow Him or obey Him. As Isaiah pounded on the pulpit to get their attention one more time, he knew exactly how much they had to fear. The children of Israel seemed to be under the impression that if they just ignored God long enough, He might just go away. But it didn't happen then and it won't happen now. In the face of all the vengeance and terror that God Almighty could pour out in a single moment, Isaiah comes to them, and to us, with a word of mercy, a word of encouragement, and a word of strength. Having wrapped up the **Law** portion of his message, Isaiah turns to the **Gospel** (and you didn't even know that the prophet was a Lutheran until this morning, did you?):

But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

And the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

This water and fire is powerful stuff for the visual or sensory learner, isn't it? *(continued...)*

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

Thanksgiving Worship

Tues 11/21

6:30 pm – Combined Worship
at Jehovah Lutheran

Thurs 11/23

9:30 am – Combined Worship
at King of Kings

Live Stream Worship

<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html>
(recordings available)

November Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours

8AM to 4PM Monday – Friday

The office will be closed 11/ 23 & 11/24 in observance of Thanksgiving



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.

When the water is high enough to cover your mouth but not your nose. I envision all those scenes in movies where pioneers crossed raging rivers that were so popular when I saw as a boy. You would literally hold your breath watching Pa hold the reigns of terrified horses and Ma steer the covered wagon – only with prayer. When you walk through the fire, as did Daniels’ friends Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego, you won’t even smell like smoke. These are the pictures that go through my mind when I read this marvelous bit of Gospel embedded in the gloom of the prophets.

I knew I had read Isaiah 43 before, but this text really became mine after our first son, Andrew, was born in Duluth. Corinne and I had no idea that anything was wrong until he was born. He suffered from a rare Leukodystrophy that would take him away from us in seven months. When the water was high and the fire was hot, our friend Allen Steinbeck sent us a card with this Isaiah 43 reference written at the bottom. It wasn’t like John 3:16 or Matthew 18 to me in those days; I had to look it up. In the middle of the trial of our life, Allen sent me to the Word. Smart man. Since then, I can’t tell you how many times I have read these verses to myself, or to someone in the hospital, or sitting with a family.

There is that verse Paul gives us about temptation which always keeps us mindful of the fact that **“God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.”** We know He will provide a way out, and we may have to look for it, but it’s there. A lot of people have flipped this verse inside out and come up with **“God won’t give you any more than you can handle.”** This isn’t a verse, and in my experience, it’s just not true. I have seen any number of people in situations that were indeed much more than they could handle. I went out on a limb and asked a woman who has been through a lot if she had been **“reading Job to cheer herself up.”** She burst out laughing and admitted that she and Job had indeed become good friends.

An old Swede named Bo Giertz has wisely said that **“The Old Testament is as much about us as it is about Christ . . . Christians repeatedly come across Bible verses they can apply to themselves as if they came directly to them from God himself. Today’s verse is one of them.”** Our parents have given us names, like them or not (our names, not our parents!), but God has called us by the name He alone can give us. **“His.”** We are **His**. No one can take that away from us. Even when the water rises and the fire gets hot. Some worry today. Friday the 13th? Who cares? Who believes in superstitions? A day of Jihad around the world? Who does this man think he is? While I was listening to the news on my way to King of Kings this morning, I thought to myself, **“Satan declares Jihad against me every day of my life. He’s out to kill me.”**

Two weeks ago, the pastors of the MN South District met in Lakeville for our fall conference. At one point, the main speaker asked the question you might want to ask when you are reading theology – talking in the dorm late at night – or just about anything else – **“What is he afraid of?”** Great question. The guys at my table kept applying it appropriately to our topic (and inappropriately to anyone who made an announcement). But it’s a great question. **“What am I afraid of?”** There are as many honest answers to this question as there are men and women in this room, even though I am sure there is a little overlap. **“What am I afraid of?”** The psalms are full of every aspect of our fears, but there is only one answer. David writes in Psalm 27:

**The LORD is my light and my salvation -- whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?
When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.**

And all the people say, **“Amen!”** right? A few verses later David writes:

**One thing I have asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
And to inquire in his temple.**

And so here we are, for a little while this morning, **“gazing on the beauty of the Lord, inquiring in his temple.”** It’s going to rain all day. It’s Friday the 13th. Papers and projects are due. Worse yet, someone has to evaluate all those papers and projects they assigned. Terrorists were up all night, and so was the devil. The Good News is that our God **“neither slumbers nor sleeps,”** not ever. He created us! He formed us! He could have made us snakes and toads but He did not. He made us to be His people, created for His glory, shining the light of Jesus on this campus today.

“What are you afraid of?” Admit it to yourself. Tell your neighbor. **“Confession is good for the soul.”** Then remember your baptism. I don’t even remember that day, and many of you don’t either. But I cherish that October day all the more as I get older because every day brings me one day closer to its fulfillment: to be with Christ. When the water was poured over us, God promised that He will be with us when the water starts to rise. When the candles were lit, God promised that He will be with us through the fire as well. If you have not been baptized yet, join us. Your God says,

**“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;
And the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”**

All this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

News and Notes





Wednesday Advent services
Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 P.M.
(Suppers at 5:30 P.M.)



Membership Updates:
Contact Information Update

Ted & Ethel McArthur
4395 Moon Lake Ct.
White Bear Twp, MN 55127

Thank you to everyone who submitted a pastoral nomination form. Nominations from the congregation will be submitted to the MN South District President for consideration. If you have any questions, please direct them to Chair of the call committee, Christian Schiller (cnschiller@hotmail.com).



Attached to the Quill are *Barb's Bulletin*, from King of Kings supported missionary Barb Rebentisch. Please keep her and all missionaries in your prayers!

North Parking Lot LCEF Loan Update: The Lutheran Church Extension Fund loan balance for the north parking lot project is down to approximately \$41,411.75. The original loan was for \$300,000. If you would like to contribute to this project, make out your check to King of Kings and put "Parking Lot" on the memo line or use your Joyful Response online account and click on "Building Fund." Thanks to everyone who has given so generously toward this project!



Your Hospitality Wanted!

Hospitality Opportunity

There are more than 56 international students who have requested

Friendship Families in partnership ministry between local LCMS congregations and CSP's incoming international students through Concordia's International Student Ministry program! If you want more info or to sign up, please contact Anna Gruen, Ministry Associate by email gruen@csp.edu. More information is also on the flier attached to the Quill.

Or visit: [Friendship Family Sign Up](#)

Welcome



500 Cards Returns! In November, join us **November 10th at 5:30 pm**. Our Hosts for this month are Tom & Dianne Murdock (4368 - 87th Lane, Blaine, MN). Please RSVP to 651-216-1114. Bring a snack to share. A schedule for Nov – March is posted on the church bulletin board in north hallway.



THANK YOU!

The Saint Paul Outreach Center is incredibly grateful for everyone's prayers and donation for the October coat drive and giveaway. Please see the attachment to the Quill for many more details about those who attended and the continued work of the center in the circuit!

Volunteers are need for continued events! Use this QR code if you are interested. For more info contact SPOC coordinator David Mennicke spoc@jehovahlutheran.org



Meals on Wheels As you may be aware, Thanksgiving and Easter are the only two days of the year that Meals on Wheels doesn't deliver meals to their clients. King of Kings has long pitched in to cover those two days by delivering meals cooked here and delivered by our members after our service. We had some time off due to the COVID shutdown, but as of last Thanksgiving we're back on track now. We don't have exact numbers for this Thanksgiving yet, but are anticipating likely 50 or so meal deliveries.

So we'll need a lot of your help to keep this running smoothly. Sign-up sheets will be available as either bulletin inserts or on a table at the rear of the sanctuary **starting November 12th**. Thank you for all you do!

Greg Gogins, Board of Stewardship



Save the date! Concordia University's Christus Choir will be joining Kings of Kings for both services on **Sunday, November 19th**.



Collecting Mites - Sunday November 12th The LWML Mite Box supported by Women's Ministry will be in the narthex on Sunday, November 12th to bring any mites from home you may be collecting for missions. Bring your mites (nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars) to support state, national and international mission grants. A list of mission grant projects will be available. Small extra mite boxes will be available too for collecting coins throughout the year at home.

Kids In Need Volunteer Activity – Talk & Tie Blanket Event Join in this service project on **Saturday, November 18, from 10am to Noon** in the Jerusalem Room (rooms 103A&B). Come help tie blankets and enjoy some fellowship. All supplies and refreshments are provided. A Thrivent grant will help support funds for this service project. Questions? Contact Deb Schultz - dlschultz@me.com



Christmas Poinsettias We will be ordering our Christmas poinsettias soon. There are a variety of sizes and prices. **All orders must be received by Sunday, November 5th.** Orders forms (along with payment) may be left in the offering plate, collection boxes, or in the church office. Please include your name and phone number and your order choice with your enclosed check marked clearly in case of any questions. Contact Deb Gogins with any questions 651-628-0641. We look forward to a beautiful display in the sanctuary this year! Thank you!



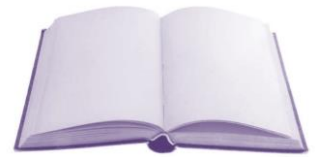
Education and Youth News

New Bible Study Opportunity: Lifeway study of Isaiah by Melissa Spoelstra Please join us for a weekly women's Bible study, **Tuesdays at 7pm starting Nov 7th.** The format is every other week watching the video at Christina Gjelhaug's home and then discussing the video at Pam Collova's home the following week. It will be 14 weeks all together with some breaks for holidays and events. We will likely wrap up sometime near the end of February. All women are invited! We would love to get a cross-generational group of women together to study God's word and learn from each other. This is a 7-session Lifeway study of Isaiah by Melissa Spoelstra. JOIN US TO:

- Learn to trust God for who He is and how He reveals Himself in Scripture
- Grow in understanding of the book of Isaiah and its prophecies
- Grasp how Jesus fulfills the promises in the book of Isaiah
- Discover peace in God's commands, character, and comfort

The study book is \$22 and includes access to the streaming video.

Please text Pam Collova (651-249-3811) or Christina Gjelhaug (651-233-6686) if you have any questions or would like to join.



College Address

Do you have a college student? Whether they are living at home or on campus, please send their address to Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org. We will be doing care packages this month!



Youth Ministry

- We have events for Middle School (MS), 6th-8th Grade, and High School (HS), 9th-12th Grade.
- **Youth Night** is on Sundays from 6-8 pm. It will include gym time and small group time (devotion, highs/lows, and prayers).
 - **1st 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.
 - **3rd Sunday of the month:** Game and Snack Night – bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.
- **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 Mondays 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.



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.

Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders meets most weeks in Room 102 (Mrs. Incitti's Classroom)

School News and Notes



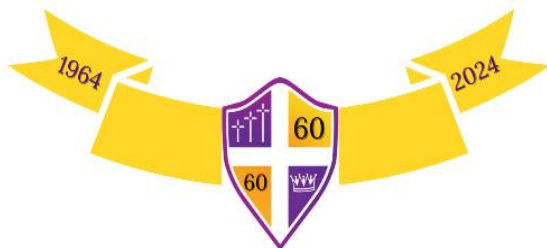
Sideline with Schutte

Happy 60th academic year King of Kings! When I started in 2019, I wanted to learn more about the history of our school so I visited with all of the remaining charter members from the church. I knew there was a vision and inviolable faith in God in order to successfully start up a school. In order to keep this vision alive, I needed to experience it through our charter members. As I sat in their living rooms listening to their stories, I could see in their eyes all of the emotions from the beginning, to the joy of knowing that what they started was going to last far beyond their time here.

To help recognize this vision, we are launching a **60 + 60 Campaign**. This campaign allows us to reflect on how God has worked through King of Kings these past 60 years while continuing its legacy into the future. The "first 60" in the campaign is a goal of raising \$60,000 for financial aid next year. This is what many school families need to help make Christian education a reality for their children. To help jumpstart this goal, we have begun some challenges within our school. We are asking school families to help raise \$60 per student by contacting anyone in their lives who understands the importance of Christian education. The second one is monthly staff challenges to help engage people in our 60 + 60 Campaign. During the month of October, the staff has been recording their miles to see how far we can go. If you find it in your heart to contribute beyond your weekly offering, you can donate to the "first 60" at <https://givebutter.com/kok60> or by dropping off a check in the office.

The "second 60" in the campaign is our goal to raise \$60,000 for our school endowment fund. This school endowment will help preserve our legacy by providing financial stability through tuition assistance in the future. Contributions towards the school endowment fund can be made through the office by dropping off a check with "school endowment" written on the memo line. Please contact [Jay Schutte](#) if you prefer to use an online option for the endowment donation.

Throughout this campaign, you will be hearing stories on how King of Kings has impacted their life. Please take the opportunity to prayerfully consider donating to our school. Now is the time to benefit from any end-of-year giving for tax purposes. We cherish all donation sizes, so whether it is \$60, \$600, or \$6,000, God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7). *(Did you know there are more ways to financially donate besides writing out a check? Many people are able to donate through other financial forms like stocks, bonds, employer-matching gifts, retirement accounts, property, jewelry, or other assets. Please contact a financial advisor to see how you can provide a charitable donation to our school.)*



Royal Day of Giving
November 16, 2023

Royal Day of Giving: Thursday, November 16th

The King of Kings Community Booster Club is excited to announce the first annual Royal Day of Giving on **Thursday, November 16th**. We are thankful that God has abundantly blessed King of Kings Lutheran School since the doors opened in 1964. In commemoration of 60 academic years, we are challenging church members to raise \$10,000 by November 16th to assist in the continued success of the school. The goal is to match the \$10,000 the school children and families have been challenged to raise by the 60th day of school. Funds raised will go toward current needs (scholarships, sports equipment, etc.)

There are a number of ways to give and you do not need to wait until November 16th! The QR code below is [live](#) and currently accepting donations. Envelopes will be in the Sunday bulletins beginning November 5th and checks may be dropped in the office. Please consider any matching gift options through your employer as well. Questions? Contact boosterclub@kingofkingsroseville.org.



Thank you for your continued support and generosity!
KOK Community Booster Club

King of Kings Preschool Aide Position

Qualifications:

- An aide must be 16 years of age or older.
- An aide who is under 18 years of age must be directly supervised by a teacher or assistant teacher at all times except when the aide is assisting with the supervision of sleeping children or assisting children with toileting and washing.
- Successfully completed CPR and first aid training, and all other courses required by the DHS.
- Pass the Net Study Background Study processed by DHS.
- Must be able to work between 10-30 hours per week between 7:00am - 5:00pm.

If you or someone you know would like to apply, visit kingofkingslutherschool.org/employment and send the specified documents to Mrs. Adkins, Preschool Director aadkins@kingofkingsroseville.org



Substitute Teacher Position

Requirements:

- Great organization and communication skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively with all staff and faculty.
- Flexibility and high adaptation skills to work successfully in a Lutheran school setting.

Preferred:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education.
- Good interpersonal skills with students ages 3-14.

Please send a cover letter, resume and references to Principal Jay Schutte. When sending this information, please list the age levels you prefer to work with and any particular strengths in academic courses.



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

Did you know you can earn money for Tuition or Scholarships while you shop? Visit raiserright.com/shop

BUY GIFT CARDS: from over 750 brands at using ShopWithScrip.com

EARN FUNDS: rebates are added to your tuition account (or other designated account) twice a year

SPEND: e-Gift cards are immediately ready for use; physical gift card orders arrive a week after the group order (to share shipping and handling costs).



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!](#)

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 9 - Royals Fall Service Day,
Parkway Pizza Night,
Board of Ed Meeting

Nov. 10 - No School (In-Service Day)
Nov. 11 - CA Craft Fair

Nov. 13 - Endowment Committee Meeting
Nov. 14 - Region 1 Admin Meeting @ CSP

Nov. 16 - 2024-2025 Enrollment Opens,
Nov. 17 - Student Council Movie Night,
CA Musical (Elf)

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

Other News



SAVE THE DATE:

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

Mark Your Calendars! Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns this fall on **November 11 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. This event features dozens of crafters and vendors, a café with delicious treats, hourly prize drawings, and fun for everyone. More information at www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair



Concordia Academy Open House Open houses are a great way to see what Concordia Academy is all about! Take a tour, meet current students, talk with teachers and coaches, and see if CA is the right fit for your family! **The next open house takes place on November 14, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**. You are welcome to arrive at any time that works for you during that timeframe. Families will have the opportunity to meet teachers and students, talk about courses, tour the building, learn about our College on Campus program and Cohorts, and connect with our principal. To help us with planning, **please register for the open house online** <https://www.concordiaacademy.com/experience-ca-at-our-nov-14-open-house/>

Based on the cherished 2003 New Line Cinema hit, Elf The Musical is a hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy following Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. Performances are November 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 7:00 pm and November 19 and 26 at 2:00 pm. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear! Tickets for Premium Seating are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens. Standard seating is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. All seats are reserved. Click here to purchase tickets and reserve seats. Questions? Please email boxoffice@concordiaacademy.com.

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The Musical

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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL

The Communal Shape of the Christian Life – Then and Now

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM
BUETOW MUSIC AUDITORIUM, CONCORDIA ST. PAUL


Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzger
Featured Speaker

When God calls individuals to faith in Jesus, he also gathers them for life together. This makes the Christian life communal. Luther understood this. In his teaching and preaching he emphasized the relationships Christians have with one another, and in his life in Wittenberg he put it into practice. In today's polarized and individualistic culture it is increasingly necessary to proclaim not only the Reformation Gospel, but also the communal shape of the life it creates.

Learn more: csp.edu/reformation

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/>

Please Keep the Endowments at King of Kings Lutheran Church and School in mind: Linda ZumHofe Endowment (Tuition Funding); King of Kings Elementary Endowment (Tuition Funding); Member Hardship Endowment