

THE ROYAL MAIL

The Official Newsletter of King of Kings Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas Kindness,

St. Paul writes to Titus,

“When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.” [Titus 3:4-5]

Our salvation, the birth of Jesus the Messiah, is an act of undeserved kindness on God’s part. He didn’t have to do it. He had every right to condemn us because of our sin; but instead, out of kindness, mercy, grace and love, He gave us His Son.

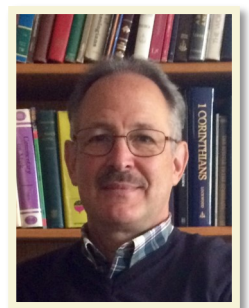
St. Paul says more to us when he writes to the Ephesians, “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” [Ephesians 4:32]

This Christmas, receive the gift of kindness. This Christmas, give the gift of kindness. Put away the ideological, political, social, racial, gender and other issues and labels that divide us. Look your brother, sister, neighbor, coworker and whomever you may meet, in the eye and be kind.

Take to heart the kindness of God. Know that He loves you. The child in the manger, the man on the cross, the ascended Christ is proof of it. Your kindness is a witness to it.

Faithfully,

Pastor Birner



FROM PASTOR BOTH -

We pray for our meeting on Dec. 5th. It is a pleasure to do God's work together. In Rev. 1:4-5 we hear "...Grace & peace to you from him who is, who was, & who is to come, & from the seven spirits before his throne, & from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth." We are reminded to remember he who died for us. I quote this verse when I am equipping people around the world, proclaiming the Word of the Lord.

I want to let you know that I am committed to my duties for ministry: teaching the Word of God to Sudanese here, in N. America & around the world, sharing the Gospel through Social Media/livestreaming, preaching the Good News of Jesus birth, death, resurrection & return.

I am also busy encouraging the Sudanese people for the loss of many family members. There have been so many tragedies in the community both here & around the US. Please pray for their losses & for healing & safety.

We are planning a large Sudanese celebration of the birth of Christ & the New Year.

In January, we will celebrate the birthdays of the Lost Boys & Girls from South Sudan, who have been found by the love of Christ. Thanks be to God!

Please pray for South Sudan, our church, myself, my family & especially Joshua.

I am so thankful for my church family here and love all of you and I'm grateful for our ministry together!



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

God Bless us all as we share the love of God. Thanks to the entire KOK family.

Pastor Matthew Both, Associate Pastor and Missionary at Large – 206-669-3195

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S ONGOING MERCY TO ALL, & ESPECIALLY FOR:

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR HURTING:

Joshua B. Myron H.	Frank F.	All who stop by the prayer tent.
Kim P. Cody H.	Verna S.	Those mourning the loss of a loved one.
Julie F.		

OUR SHUT INS:

Bill Weaver	Dwaine Mittig	Marlene Lutthans
Phyllis Fink	Sandy Griffiths	Will Wilkinson
Paul Steinback		

If you have names that need to be added or removed from this list, please let us know.



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BUY 1 (OR MORE) TO HELP
DECORATE THE
SANCTUARY & THEN TAKE
IT HOME AFTER
CHRISTMAS.

\$25/EACH. DESIGNATE "IN
MEMORY OF" OR "IN
THANKS FOR"

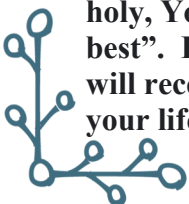
A MESSAGE FROM OUR CONGREGATION PRESIDENT - JACKIE KINUNEN

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

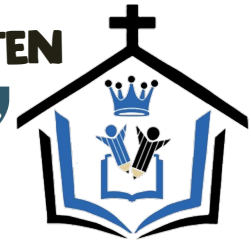
It's a time to both look backward & a time to look forward. Looking back over the last year, I am humbled by the number of people who have been involved in activities around the church. I cannot name them all here, but I am so thankful for them! I am so thankful for members of the MLG who devoted their time to so many Zoom meetings & taking on their leadership roles! God has gifted King of Kings with people who love the Lord & who show that love in action!

As we look forward to 2022 (2022! I remember being a young person wondering if I'd even be alive in 2022! Thank you, God!) I know that God will continue to bless our church. We will continue to pray for people, feed people & worship together. I pray that our pews would again be full of people because we will no longer have to be as concerned about the Covid virus. It's so important for Christians to worship & fellowship together because it builds up our faith.

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" is a favorite Advent hymn. "O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast. To do in spirit lowly, All that may please you best". How shall you meet the Lord as He comes in blessing? I pray that you will receive Him with an open heart, excited about what He wants to do in your life in the next year.



KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN



KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL
PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER!

THANK YOU

The Preschool & Kindergarten staff would like to extend its sincere thankfulness & appreciation for your love, support, & generosity towards us this year & during the past years. You have supplied much needed materials for both the staff & the children as well as funding for our staff to be in a position to continue providing the exemplary service that they do. Your willingness to contribute to our Butter Braids fundraiser, the gift of the rib fundraiser as well as the LWML donation blew me away! You all go above & beyond what we could have imagined for this ministry, & it shows in the joy of the children. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do!

HOLIDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - December 20 to December 31

Our Christmas break will start Monday, December 20 & go through Friday, December 31, 2021. We will be closed during this time. Classes will start again on Monday, January 3, 2022.

The staff at King of Kings Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten wishes everyone a joyous Christmas season & a very blessed New Year!

JANUARY NEWS

2022-2023 registration will begin on Monday, February 7, 2022, & will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Current students & church members may register beginning on January 24, 2021.

If you, or someone you know may be interested in our school, please contact the preschool office at 425-255-8520 for more information. We will be glad to give you a tour of our facilities & answer any questions you may have.

Our preschool is offered to all children 3-5 years of age. Our Kindergarten program is a half-day program for children who are five by August 31. We have a two-day-a-week session for three-year-olds, a three-day-a-week program for four-year-olds, & a five-day-a-week session for older four-year-olds. We also offer a Junior Kindergarten class for children who turn five between September 1, 2022, & December 31, 2022 & who show a readiness for an advanced preschool class. This class meets every morning, Monday-Friday.

Brochures for the 2022-2023 school year will be available mid-January & will be located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

OPEN HOUSE - SPREAD THE WORD

King of Kings Preschool will be hosting a Dr. Seuss themed open house to the public on Thursday, January 27 from 4:30-6:30 pm. The open house will run in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair. This will be a great way to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, & get to know a bit about the program we offer.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Preschool will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair Monday, January 24 - Friday, January 29, 2022, from 8:30am to 3:30pm & after each service in the Narthex on Sunday, January 30, 2022. We will have many selections for children & adults to choose from including best-selling authors, religious, cookbooks, & crafts just to name a few. If you do not see something you would like we can always submit a special request to the company.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 AM - Service of the Word

9:45 AM—Sunday School

11:00 AM - Praise Alive!

Check out our website: www.King-of-Kings.org**COMMUNION SERVICES**

There will be an opportunity to stay after each of the Wednesday, Dec. 15th Advent Services for communion.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOODBANK

Food insecurity is great in our community. We hand out food every week to more & more people with a record number on 11/20.

Thank God for the blessing of extra food! With the 26 pallets of food, plus dry goods, we fed 4,537. The highest week since Oct. 2020!

We also sponsor pre-schools in a Hispanic community, low income apartments, & the senior center. This month I would like to ask for donations of easy to heat & eat foods. Pop top soup, easy Mac, granola bars & snacks that kids can have at school, things the teachers can have on hand, things they can give to kids who they know are going home to no food source. These types of food are also good for people in the shelters—things they can heat in the microwave: soup, chili, mac & cheese, canned pasta & undivided cereal boxes.

We will also be doing another clothing drive for the veterans through Dec., distributed New Year's Day. Please leave your donations outside the Food Bank in the children's church area. We continue to ask for reusable grocery bags to give to people so they can bring back weekly. (We still except paper/plastic for bulk produce & when we absolutely need to.) Last Saturday, a lady came up to me & with her bag and said, "I bring back".

Remember, you make the difference! Continued donations from the congregation are so needed & greatly appreciated. We could never do what we're doing without you. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all my Food Bank volunteers who continue to stand outside in the rain & cold & be there to help others. Food Bank is extremely blessed with the best volunteers. If anybody else would like to stand out in the rain & cold, contact me. Closed Christmas Day.

Kim Petz Food Bank Director 206.390.1322

Giving Tree Christmas Stockings

Pick a stocking from our Giving Tree, buy some gifts for those in need and return them to church.

Pick up an instruction sheet for more info.

Return gifts no later than Dec. 15th.

Questions? Contact Aletha

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12/3 AND 1/7 Breakfast @ Golden Steer 9:00 AM

We have a social breakfast at the Golden Steer at 9:00am on the first Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

12/13 Lunch @ Toreros in the Landing in Renton 11:30 AM

920 N 10th Street Suit R and is on the corner of 10th and Park. The cost will be in the \$14-\$16 range.

1/10 Lunch @ Toreros in the Landing in Renton 11:30 AM

920 N 10th Street Suit R and is on the corner of 10th and Park. The cost will be in the \$14-\$16 range.

1/24 Lunch @ Mama Sortini's in Kent 11:30 AM

The address is 240 W. Kent Station. The cost will be in the \$14-\$16 range.

Any questions contact Bob Bliesner at 253-778-5974.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

December/January LWML News

Thank you each & everyone who donated & worked on our Christmas cards for the Care Centers, which are all ready to be distributed after Thanksgiving, & for making Christmas brighter for the people there. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus tells us, "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers (and sisters) of mine, you did for me.". Our focus now is on the Giving Tree. It is in the Narthex. Take a name or two. If you can't come to get a name &/or need someone to shop for you, you can contribute money for someone to shop for you, let me know. I pray that your holiday adventures are a blessing in your life.

Circle meetings for December are:

Faith: Tues., Dec. 7, @ 9:30am for Bible study - Upper Ed. Afterwards they will go to lunch. For more information contact Yvonne Christopherson at 425-432-2918.

Hope: Tues., Dec. 7, @ 7pm - Upper Ed. for Bible study & fellowship.

Charity and Peace: will not meet in December.

Circle meetings for January are:

Faith: Tues., Jan. 4, @ 9:30am - Upper Ed.

Hope: Tues., Jan. 4, @ 7pm - Upper Ed.

Charity: Thurs., Jan. 6, @ 10am - Upper Ed.

Peace: Sat., Jan. 8, @ 9:30am - Library

Women, young & old alike, feel free to join any one of these groups for Bible study & fellowship.

Aletha 253-639-3719.



<u>QUILTING REPORT</u>	Quilts/	School Kits	Personal	Baby Care	Fabric Kits	Masks
Covid19	8,825	3,512	3,502	2,244	183	325
Average 2014-19 for 18 months	17,645	8,799	7,841	3,378	548	0
Covid19 as %	50%	40%	45%	66%	33%	N/A



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Keaton Cour	12/2	Floyd Skagen	12/21	Leah Both	1/11
Anna May	12/3	Sherry Whiteley	12/21	Aviyahna Chuol	1/11
Victoria Bennett	12/4	Korey Davis	12/22	Brooke Morris	1/11
Tina Linehan	12/5	Ed Nitsche	12/22	Dennis Perry	1/12
Dennis Dyson	12/6	Barbara Linkous	12/24	Rodger Duncan	1/18
Kennedy Hogan	12/7	Ananyah Khan	12/25	Thomas Youn	1/21
Marge Avolio	12/8	Karah Rondestvedt	12/25	Lon Hileman	1/22
Tim May	12/9	Cole Grothen	12/27	Nei Geng Kuoth	1/22
Brad Grothen	12/10	Mary Donge	1/1	Vinay Samudre	1/22
Maggie Heimsoth	12/10	Nyamuon Luak	1/1	Elizabeth Bunker	1/24
Tom Koehler	12/10	Nyatemia Luak	1/1	Walter Hood	1/24
Bernice Mayes	12/10	Nyamal Chuol	1/3	Dorar Delual	1/26
Suzy Hennig	12/11	Doug Bender	1/4	Nicholas Perry	1/27
Nyakuol Kuoth	12/12	Alan Dalla Santa	1/4	Bill Preuss	1/27
Nathan Peak	12/12	Gretchen Johnsrud	1/6	Daniel A. Wolff	1/27
Vickie Haase	12/15	Nyeruon Biel	1/8	Ethan Rondestvedt	1/28
Leon Kinunen	12/15	Pam Bunker	1/8	Andraus Ablahad	1/29
Ron Lenz	12/18	Tom Folkerts	1/8	Janelle Heuslein	1/29
Christine Moran	12/19	Karen Sorensen	1/9	Catherine McGourty	1/30
Nyamal Both	12/21				

Lon & Faye Hileman

12/3 31 yrs.

Amos & Marla Trent

12/4 50 yrs.

Ralph & Joan Linderman

12/7 47 yrs.

Dwayne & Liz Dehlbom

12/14 12 yrs.

Dean & Ardy Taylor

1/5 58 yrs.

Lucas & Katie Devore

1/13 3 yrs.

Fritz & Deb Timm

1/18 35 yrs.

Don & Phyllis Fink

1/24 70 yrs.



Family Trivia Night

Jan. 10 (None for Dec.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88364811800pwd=aHFGRkRpb2FkZm84WmNqWGJoWjhGdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 6481 1800

Passcode: 282889

Zoom & in-person, combined. Choose your preference. Meeting in the Youth Room.

A huge thanks to everyone who made the Turkey Basket donations! The families were very grateful!

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Monday nights from 7-8:30 in the Youth Room
We will be making fleece blankets for LMS Care Centers again on Dec. 6th.

Look for details on a possible Winter Retreat Jan. 21-22

Family Space

We will be together during the Advent Wednesday evening services through on Dec. 1, 8, 15.
Let Suzy know if you need to Zoom in.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Advent Traditional Services: Wednesdays
@ 12:30pm, Dec. 1st, 8th & 15th

Advent Family Services: Wednesdays @ 7pm,
Dec. 1st, 8th & 15th

Blue Christmas: Tuesday, Dec. 21st @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Services: Friday, Dec. 24th
@ 7:30pm & 10pm

Christmas Day Service: Saturday, Dec. 25th @ 10am

Women's Getaway Weekend

How does a "Scrap-cation" sound? A "Staycation" for scrapbookers. It was pre-COVID last time we gathered, and we're really looking forward to 2022. If you are ready for something in-person, want to spend a relaxing weekend reliving memories & getting photos into albums, being creative, enjoying old friends & meeting some new ones, we'd love to have you join us. Most of those attending are scrapbookers, but we also welcome knitters, crocheters, or other hand crafters.

Date: Fri., Jan. 14th - Sun., Jan. 16th, 2022

Location: Black Diamond Camp—Auburn, WA

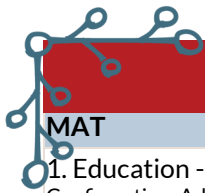
Cost: \$250 per person (double occupancy includes 2 nights and 5 meals)

Check-in: 3 PM Friday Check-out 1 PM Sunday

All COVID-19 protocols, including but not limited to, social distancing and the use of hand sanitizer will be observed. Camp policies follow all the same restrictions that apply to all camps in WA state, so masks must be worn in all indoor common spaces, including the dining room.

Margaret Wyneken coordinates this weekend event and is our presenter. Please reach out to her at mwcmc@comcast.net for payment details and a registration form or call her at 425-765-7501 with questions or for more specifics.

Registration form with full payment is due by December 10, 2021

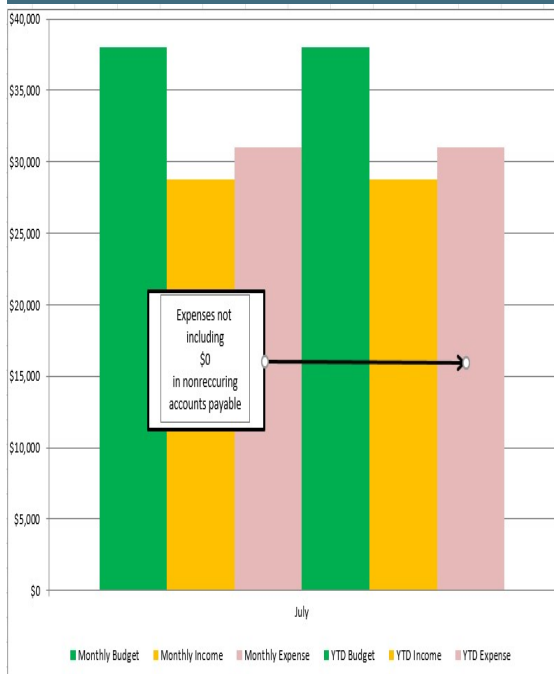


MINISTRY ACTION TEAMS (MAT) DECEMBER 2021

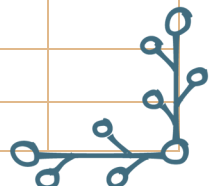
MAT	MAT LEADER	PHONE	AREA TEAM LEADERS
1. Education - Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation, Adult Ed, Library			SS: Jason Hennig, VBS: Suzy Hennig, Confirmation: Pastor Birner, Dennis Dyson, Theresa Lui-Kwan, Adult Ed: open, Library: open
2. Social Concerns -			ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH: Food Bank: Kim Petz
3. Outreach - Mugs, Greeters, Publicity, Preschool			Greeters and Mugs: Kristi Dyson Taproot: Joan Linderman
4. Stewardship - Ministry Fair, Campaign			Pat Gorman, Aletha Voges
5. Worship- Ushers, Altar Guild, Choirs, Nursery, Organists, Children's Church, Visuals, Readers, Banners, Decorating			Corinne Young, Terri Hahn, Barb Bruce, Mo Kutschara, Janelle Heuslein, Donna Wenndt, Theresa Lui-Kwan, Kristi Dyson, Shirley Sorenson
6. Elders	Dennis Dyson	425-255-8207	
7. Congregational Care	Kristi Dyson	425-255-8207	
8. Finance	Barbara Bruce	253-852-5807	Terri Hahn, Leon Kinunen, Teri Aprill-McGourty, Kevin McGourty, Maggie Heimsoth, Lisa Cameron, Gene Bruce, Kevin Kallish
9. Property	Roger Hitzeman	253-740-5094	Fritz Timm, Dave Wenndt, Art Brockschmidt Facilities Use Superintendent: Kim Petz
10. Small Groups Coordinator	Dennis Dyson	425-255-8207	
11. Endowment			Leon Kinunen, Aletha Voges
12. Human Resources	Scott Edwards	253-927-1139	Kevin Kallish
13. Fellowship			
14. Prayer Ministry	Kristi Dyson	425-255-8207	Tues Morning & Eve Prayer: Kristi Dyson Saturday Prayer Tent: Kristi Dyson Prayer Shawl Ministry : Jackie Kinunen
15. Youth, Family, Intergenerational			Suzy Hennig, DCE
16. Technology	Gerald Lui-Kwan	253-630-1899	Gary Blanchard
17. Missions	Pat Gorman	253-246-9402	
18. YouTube Channel	Jason Hennig	425-301-8535	



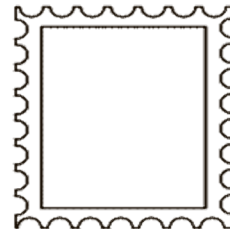
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021



		Mo. Bud.	Mo. Inc	Mo. Exp	YTD Bud	YTD Inc	YTD Exp
2021	July	\$37,992	\$28,795	\$31,024	\$37,992	\$28,795,	\$31,024
	Aug	37,992	\$34,031	\$33,352	\$75,983	\$62,826	\$64,376
	Sept	\$37,992	\$27,440	\$33,675	\$113,975	\$90,266	\$98,051
	Oct	\$37,992	\$34,148	\$30,724	\$151,967	\$124,415	\$128,775
	Nov	\$37,992			\$189,958		
	Dec	\$37,992			\$227,950		
2022	Jan	\$37,992			\$265,942		
	Feb	\$37,992			\$303,933		
	Mar	\$37,992			\$341,925		
	Apr	\$37,992			\$379,917		
	May	\$37,992			\$417,908		
	June	\$37,992			\$455,900		



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Sunday Worship Schedule

Service of the Word: 8:30 AM Praise Alive!: 11:00 AM

Nuer Language Service: 2nd & 4th Sundays: 1:00 PM

Christian Education: 9:45 AM Ages 3 through Adult

Office Hours : Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Staff

Senior Pastor—Pastor Paul Birner—pastor@king-of-kings.org

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Family Life Ministry & Youth Director—Suzy Hennig—youth@king-of-kings.org

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School Director—Rebekka Sollars—preschool@king-of-kings.org

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all for the glory of God.