

THE ROYAL MAIL

The Official Newsletter of King of Kings Lutheran Church

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*I will give you a new heart
and put a new spirit in you; I
will remove from you your
heart of stone and give you a
heart of flesh.*

EZEKIEL 36:26

Dear Friends in Christ,

I saw a church sign recently that said, “Normal is not coming back... But Jesus is!”

What was normal 3 years ago is not normal today. What is normal today may not be normal in a couple of years. Things change. Normal doesn't last long.

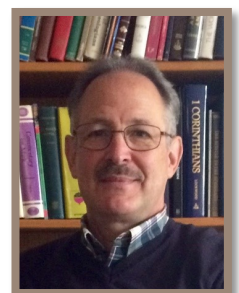
Jesus is not normal. There was very little about His life or teaching that was or is normal. Jesus was abnormal, different, contrary, even radical. He is coming back; but as an example of His abnormal, different, contrary, even radical nature, He never left. He said, “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” [Mt 28:20] Furthermore, God promises, “I will never leave or forsake you. [Heb 13:5] “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” [Heb 13:8]

Jesus is our normal. He is our rock. Our foundation. His love for us compels us [2 Cor 5:14] to love God and our neighbors — that's normal for us, even in an abnormal world.



Faithfully,

P. Birner



FROM PASTOR BOTH -

Grace, Mercy, and Peace from God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ & the Holy Spirit Amen!

We are working together with Pastor Paul, who preaches in English & myself translating so that they people can learn English better. It's good to be together for Nuer Sunday services, where we continue to teach about the Ten Commandments in Nuer & English for the young people to learn. Nuer language is very important to us because cultures & their languages go together.

Mainly, I keep visiting Sudanese who are sick. Please pray for Sudanese community as we have many people in the hospital but no deaths now. Thanks be to God.

I will go to visit my daughter, Nyamal, in Omaha in Sept. Please pray for her continued court case.

Wow, I got the scholarship from LWML for my pastoral education to continue & I will start class on Oct. 4. Hallelujah! I ask that you keep praying & supporting the mission, which continues to be a blessing.

Our Sudanese ministry continues to go out in unity from KOK to Divine Lutheran to share the Gospel of the Lord. Aliak teke kuoth nhial.

Shalom & peace be with you—a male teke yien dial. May God Bless us all. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR HURTING:

Jennifer Y Kim P April Ken S Katie Alli Tony Cody Rita Jim

All who stop by the Prayer Tent. All who have cancer. All who come to the Food Bank.
All mourning the loss of a loved one.

OUR SHUT INS:

Dwayne Mittag Marlene Lutthans Paul Steinback Will Wilkinson

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



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CONGREGATION PRESIDENT - JACKIE KINUNEN

Dear friends in Christ!

I really can't believe it's September in just a few days! Soon school will start, the leaves will start changing & cooler weather will be the norm. For me, & maybe for you too, time seems to go by much faster the older I get. My Dad used to say that, & I couldn't really relate – but I do now! The more time that goes by, the more things change. Some changes are wonderful & some are not!

Change requires flexibility, which is sometimes difficult for me. I heard someone say that “the best ability is flexibility”. The one thing that we can't be “flexible” about is the truth of God's Word. When I think about the legacy that King of Kings is leaving, the preaching of the truth in a world where truth is “relative” is one of the most important things that is part of our legacy. Not only are we holding firm to God's Word, but it shows up in the actions of our congregation, locally & internationally. We are a serving church & we are a praying church. We fellowship with one another & encourage each other in our faith & life circumstances.

My confirmation verse is Phil: 1:6 – being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus”. And He is still working on me!

May God, who began a good work In King of Kings carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

We're Back At It

The staff of the Preschool are back at work after our summer break. God has been working on all of us over the summer & we are so excited to be back & able to share His love & His word with the incoming children & their families this school year.

News

Our new website is up & has generated the vast majority of our incoming students, which is fantastic! We look forward to utilizing it further & increasing our numbers as the school year continues & for next school year in particular. The Preschool has recently joined the Renton Chamber of Commerce & I plan to take advantage of marketing opportunities available through that avenue as well this upcoming year. I am excited for what God has planned for this program. I believe that he has restoration & growth in his heart for this ministry.

Share Us With Others

King of Kings Preschool and Kindergarten is opening for IN-PERSON services on August 31st for Kindergarten & after Labor Day for all other classes. We have a low registration rate currently, so we are offering only morning classes from 9:00-11:30am at this time. We have openings for 3-year-olds two days a week, 4-year-olds either three or five days a week & 5-year-olds five days a week. Please if you know anyone who has young children have them contact me at info@kingofkings.school or 425-243-9589. I would be happy to discuss any concerns or questions that they might have.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank you again for your enormous support of this ministry. We would literally not be here right now if it weren't for your overwhelming heartfelt donations. The love, blessing & commitment that you have shown to this service has truly been beyond what we imagined. Please know that you are stewards of God's word & a major part of this program. We are all committed to doing everything in our power to build & grow this ministry to be the light of God in this community that we know it is & can be.

Prayer

We request your prayers for strength, patience, health, grace, endurance, an increase in students, & God's hand over us and all of the families that we have influence over. Please pray that God's will for the preschool be done & that we are that expression of His grace & love that He desires of us. Thank you for all of your continued support. You have been more encouraging & caring than I could have ever asked for. I thank you from the bottom of my heart!



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

**Rid yourselves of all the offenses you
have committed, and get
a new heart and a new spirit.
Ezekiel 18:31**

The Prayer Team is meeting at church on
Mondays @ 10:30. If you have an interest in
praying for our church, members, or any one/group,
you're invited to join the team or make a prayer
request by contacting Kristi Galindo Dyson or Aletha
Voges.

Also, the **Drive thru Prayer Tent** team is open
for praying Saturdays 9:30-12:30 for all to come.
Let Kristi know if you are interested in joining.

*"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is
anyone among you cheerful? Let him sing praise".
James 5:13*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOODBANK

Food Bank is still going strong with feeding approximately 1500 to 2400 per week. In addition to our other commitments, we've now taken on a special-needs daycare of 40 kids, a small homeless camp, as well as the victims of the Fairwood fires. I picked up our first load from Food Lifeline & was able to store it easily due to the new refrigeration unit, which we are extremely grateful for! It has definitely been used. We're still running low on dry cereal; things like Cheerios are always great & kid friendly cereals have been extremely helpful over the summer months. Another item we could use is Kraft Mac & Cheese. I don't know why but kids like the Kraft best. As school gets back, I'm sure we will start serving our three elementary schools again. We did continue to serve one over the summer where the teacher delivered to the families homes & we were also able to get some of the families on the United Way list for the summer. Thank you for your continued support of Food Bank. With food prices continuing to rise, food insecurity is still a very real thing.

*Questions? Call me. Kim Petz Food
Bank Director 206.390.1322*



**But if from there you seek
the Lord your God, you will find
him if you seek him with all
your heart and with all your
soul. Deuteronomy 4:29**

**OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS - OWLS**

Questions: Contact Bob Bliesner: 253-778-5974

9/2 Breakfast @ Gater's**9:00 AM**

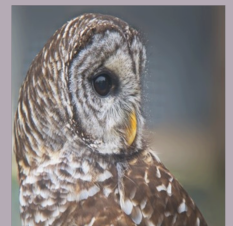
We have a social breakfast at Gater's at 9:00am on the first Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

9/12 Lunch @ Gene Coulon Park in Renton**11:30 AM**

The park is on the Southeast end of Lake Washington. Meet by Ivar's at 11:30AM. The cost will be in the \$15-\$17 range. Or bring your own.

9/26 Lunch @ The Cheesecake Factory in SouthCenter 11:30 AM

The address is 230 Strander Blvd. The cost will be in the \$14- \$17 range.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

What's your 80?

LWML turned 80 this year. Created in 1942, LWML has been serving God by serving others. Through mission offerings & service projects, LWML has touched the lives of people in 73 different nations. As a project to celebrate this milestone, LWML is suggesting we choose an activity & complete 80 of whatever you choose. You may give 80 pairs of socks, 80 cans of food, 80 hats for the homeless, 80 cards for shut-ins, 80 hours of prayer for missionaries & pastors, 80 hours of Bible reading, 80 hours of serving others, or whatever you choose. If you have an activity you can record with a picture, please do so & send it to alethan@aol.com. We will post all the 80's & share them with the congregation.

Save the Date

The Lake Washington Zone will hold the fall rally at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Renton on Saturday, October 22, @ 9:30am, with the theme of *At Table with Jesus*. There is a \$5.00 registration fee which helps with zone expenses. Breakfast items will be served. Come enjoy the fellowship of other Lutheran ladies from our local churches.

CIRCLE NEWS

Faith Circle: September 6 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall with lunch.

Hope Circle: September 6 at 7pm in the Upper Ed.

Charity Circle: September 1 at 10am in the Upper Ed.

Peace Circle: September 10 at 10am in the Library.

TEST ME, LORD, AND TRY ME, EXAMINE
MY HEART AND MY MIND. PSALM 26:2

Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever! Deuteronomy 5:29



Dave Wenndt 9/1
Kevin Bunker 9/3
Nyatip Biel 9/4
JD Wyneken 9/6
Corinne Young 9/9
Sarah Both 9/15
Chris Christopherson 9/15
Donna Wenndt 9/15

Marlene Lutthans 9/17
Daylen Whited 9/17
Gayle Sikes 9/20
Julia Wenndt 9/20
Laurie Cour 9/22
Rebecca Samudre 9/23
Diana Davis 9/24
Jacob Bail 9/26
Joy Skagen 9/26
CJ Timm 9/26
Wil Wilkinson 9/27
Cindy Reishus 9/28



Kevin McGourty & Teri
Aprill-McGourty
9/8 38 yrs.
Rick & Cindy Reishus
9/8 43 yrs.
John & Suzy Hennig
9/14 31 yrs.

Ulf & Inger Goranson
9/16 61 yr.
Mark & Susan Loken
9/22 15 yrs.
Dave & Denise
Boroughs
6/22 65 yrs.





MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Monday nights: 7-8:30

Sept. 5th - No Group (Labor Day)

Sept. 26th - Back to School BBQ!

Celebrate the new school year w/ food & fun! Outside if good weather.

In the Youth Room -
See you there!!



Family Space — Mindfulness Jar

The beginning of the school year can be stressful for kids & parents. Here is an activity you can do together as a family that can help manage that stress as well as other strong emotions. Gather enough supplies for each person to make their own jar. Here's what you will need:

Ingredients

- A clear jar with a tight-fitting lid
- Water
- Clear glue or glitter glue
- Dry glitter

Instructions

1. Cover the whole surface of your workspace for easy cleanup.
2. Fill the jar with glue until it is about 1/4 to 1/3 full.
3. Add hot water until the jar is about 3/4 of the way full, leaving 1-2" from the lid. This allows space to add more glue & helps minimize splashing when stirring in the glitter.
4. The best step! Add glitter. It is impossible to have too much glitter. Stir along the way to check how the glitter moves, making sure it's the speed & swirl you want.
5. Screw the lid back on tight. Give the jar a good shake. Ooh la la!
6. Add more glitter, glue, & hot water, as you see fit until the jar is full.
7. Screw the lid back on & make sure everything is just as you want it.

If desired, when you're done, hot glue the lid on to avoid leaking.

Finally, use the following script or take inspiration from it to form your own explanation:

"Imagine that the glitter is like your thoughts. When you're stressed, mad or upset, shake the jar. Notice how it swirls around & makes it hard to see clearly? That's why it's so easy to make silly decisions or calm yourself when you're upset - because you're not thinking clearly." Take some time to be still & watch the glitter as it gently falls & settles. Ask children to notice how they feel now that the glitter has settled. Remind them that just as the glitter settles, their big emotions will settle also.



Family Space

Wed's @ 6:15
Beginning 9/21

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 890 2953 0423 Passcode: 220929

Family Trivia Night

June 13th @ 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

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VISION HOUSE NEEDS

YOUR HELP!

We have supported Vision House for many years and they continue to grow and continue to have many needs. They have expanded their services from long-term transition housing for women and children, to diversion services for whole families. There are so many families who need the support of Vision House. There are a number of ways that you can contribute. Please go to their website to see how many different ways there are to support families in need: <https://visionhouse.org/ways-to-give/give-items/>

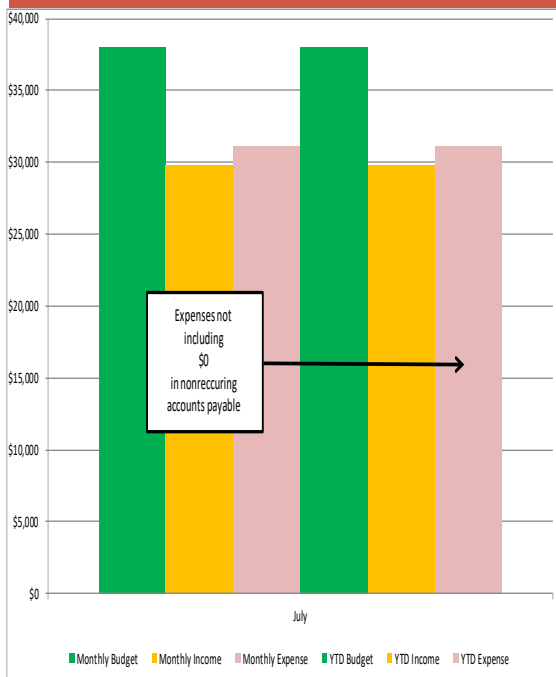
On Tuesday, October 25, they will be holding their free Annual Fundraising Luncheon at the Lynnwood Convention Center. I encourage you to attend - gather some of your friends & carpool! It's an excellent opportunity to hear about the services they provide & to listen to wonderful testimonies from residents whose lives have been forever changed! Register: visionhouse.org/events

Questions? Please don't hesitate to give me a call.
Jackie Kinunen, Vision House Ambassador

MINISTRY ACTION TEAMS (MAT)

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, Praise Band, Nursery, Organists, Visuals, Flowers, Banners, Decorating			Corinne Young, Terri Hahn, Barb Bruce, Mo Kutschara, Donna Wenndt, Theresa Lui-Kwan, Kristi Dyson, Shirley Sorenson
6. Elders	Kevin Kallish	253-631-6065	
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	Lisa Stuart Roger Hitzeman	253-797-9468 253-40-5094	Fritz Timm, Dave Wenndt, Art Brockschmidt
10. Small Groups Coordinator	Dennis Dyson	425-255-8207	Facilities Use Superintendent: Kim Petz
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	Garn Blanchard
17. Missions	Pat Gorman	253-246-9402	
18. YouTube Channel	Jason Hennig	425-301-8535	

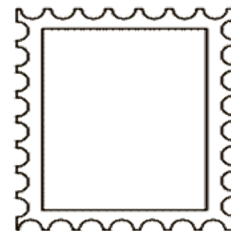
FINANCIAL REPORT



		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	\$37,358	\$33,258	\$75,983	\$67,130	\$64,376
	Sept	\$37,992	\$37,798	\$33,675	\$113,975	\$104,928	\$98,051
	Oct	\$37,992	\$36,149	\$30,724	\$151,967	\$141,077	\$128,775
	Nov	\$37,992	\$32,331	\$35,380	\$189,958	\$173,408	\$164,155
	Dec	\$37,992	\$39,068	\$27,715	\$227,950	\$212,476	\$191,871
2022	Jan	\$37,992	\$50,749	\$36,637	\$265,942	\$263,225	\$228,508
	Feb	\$37,992	\$27,621	\$35,337	\$303,933	\$290,846	\$263,845
	Mar	\$37,992	\$33,895	\$38,126	\$341,925	\$324,742	\$301,971
	Apr	\$37,992			\$379,917		
	May	\$37,992			\$417,908		
	June	\$37,992			\$455,900		



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YouTube: Something About A Pie

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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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OUR MISSION

King of Kings, a Christian community,
gathers people to Jesus, **enables** them to
grow in faith, and **equips** them to serve,
all for the glory of God.