



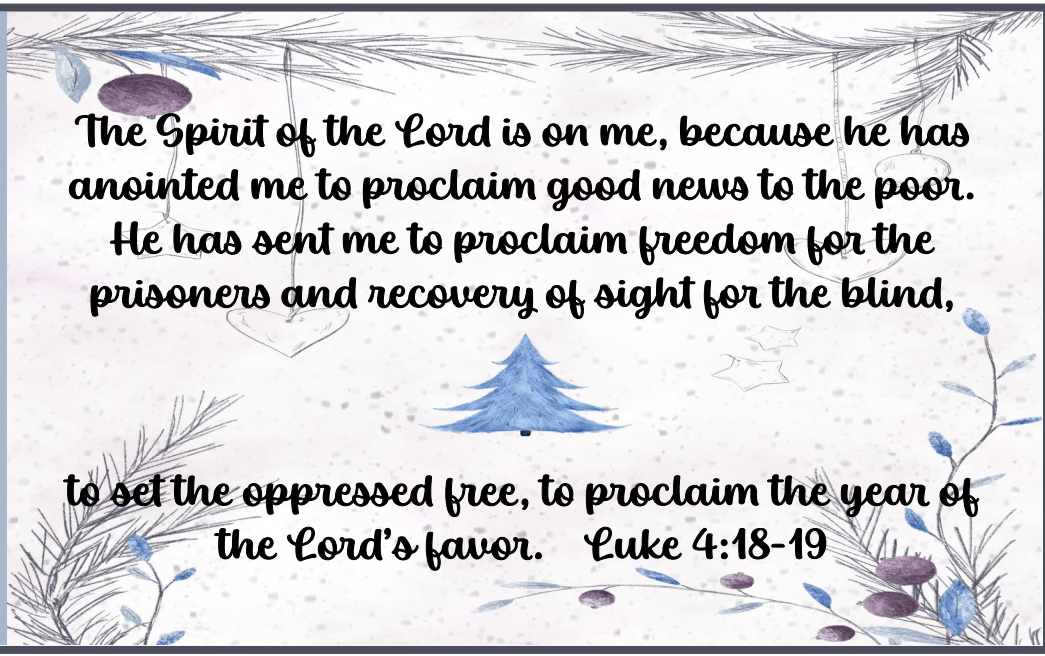
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The Official Newsletter of King of Kings Lutheran Church

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**The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has
 anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
 He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the
 prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,**

**to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of
 the Lord's favor. Luke 4:18-19**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Word of God recorded by St. Peter in Chapter Three of his Second Letter is appropriate for the end of the year and for marking the birth of Christ.

St. Peter speaks of God's sovereignty over time when he writes, "Do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." Furthermore, he reminds us of God's overarching mercy, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." That's the bottom line. God does not want anyone to perish. That's why He sent Jesus in the first place; but Jesus is coming again.

Back to St. Peter, "The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare." We live in the Second Advent, waiting for Jesus to come again.

St. Peter asks and answers a most important question. "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming."

And finally, St. Peter reminds us of God's love and faithfulness, "But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." [2 Peter 3:8-11]

God bless your observation of Advent
 and your celebration of Christmas.

Faithfully,




FROM PASTOR BOTH -

Grace, Mercy, & Peace to us all. Amen! For prayers past, present & future.

From Rev 1: 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 & the ruler of the Kings of the earth.

Last month & this month were very crazy months. There were so many hard situations with the Sudanese community: illnesses, accidents,, hospitalizations. Mana Gach, Tut Kuivy, Teng, James Guach family... Please keep them in your prayers & for all those in the area.

I was blessed to be able to do a telephone conference that included those in the US & around the world. I spoke from Luke 10:5-17, to encourage young people, speaking of Jesus sending out the 72. I also went to the Midwest at the end of Nov.

On Nov. 20th, there were 5 baptisms where we sang: "Have you been to Jesus?"

The Sudanese will be having Christmas services on the 24th & 25th & a New Year's service.

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:

Ella Aprill Marlene Lutthans Paul Steinback Irene Lenz Betty George

****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

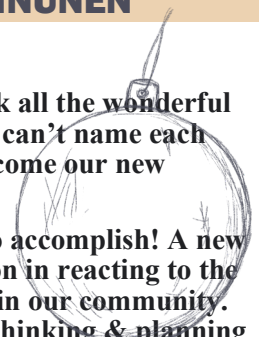
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Well, 2022 is coming to a close. This year has gone by so fast. I want to take this time to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have been involved in some way at King of Kings. There have been so many, I can't name each name!! I want to thank Terri Hahn & Ryan Lui-Kwan for serving on the MLG & also to welcome our new members at large, Joan Linderman & Christine Moran.

As I look back over the terms of my office, I'm amazed at what King of Kings has been able to accomplish! A new roof, feeding thousands of people & I could go on! We have had God's provision in reacting to the physical needs of the church & to be able to come to the aid of desperate needs in our community. I'm hopeful that next year we will also be able to spend our time & energy in thinking & planning ahead. Are we being good stewards of our land & properties, our staff & our mission?

There is a hymn in the Lutheran Service Book, "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year". My hope & prayers for next year are reflected in some of the verses: "Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy & penitence sincere. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace. With Him as Lord to lead our way in want & in prosperity, what need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace. God, Father, Son and Spirit, hear! To all our pleas incline your ear; upon our lives rich blessing trace in this new year of grace".

May 2023 be a new year of grace to you, your loved ones & to God's church, King of Kings!



KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

THANK YOU

The Preschool & Kindergarten staff would like to extend its sincere thanks & appreciation for your love, support, & generosity towards us this year & every year. Each of you has donated the funding to keep us afloat during these difficult COVID & "post"-COVID years. Your continued willingness to contribute to our Butter Braids fundraiser, the gift of the rib fundraiser & the LWML donations, just to name a few, have been blessings that touch our hearts deeply. You go above & beyond what we could have imagined for this ministry, & it shows in the joy of the children & the gratefulness of the parents. They are excited to help in the classroom & speak about how much they appreciate what we all provide. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do.



KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL
PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER!

HOLIDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - December 19 - December 30

Our Christmas break will start Monday, Dec. 19 & go through Friday, Dec. 30, 2022. We will be closed during this time. Classes will start again on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Bettina, Jenny, Josephine, & I want to wish everyone in the congregation a joyous Christmas season & a very blessed New Year!

JANUARY NEWS

2023-2024 registration will begin on Mon., Feb. 6, 2023, & will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Current students & church members may register beginning on Jan. 17, 2023. Brochures for the 2023-24 school year will be available mid-Jan. & will be located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

If you or someone you know may be interested in our school, please contact the preschool office at 425-243-9589 for more information. We will be glad to give you a tour of our facilities & answer any questions you may have.

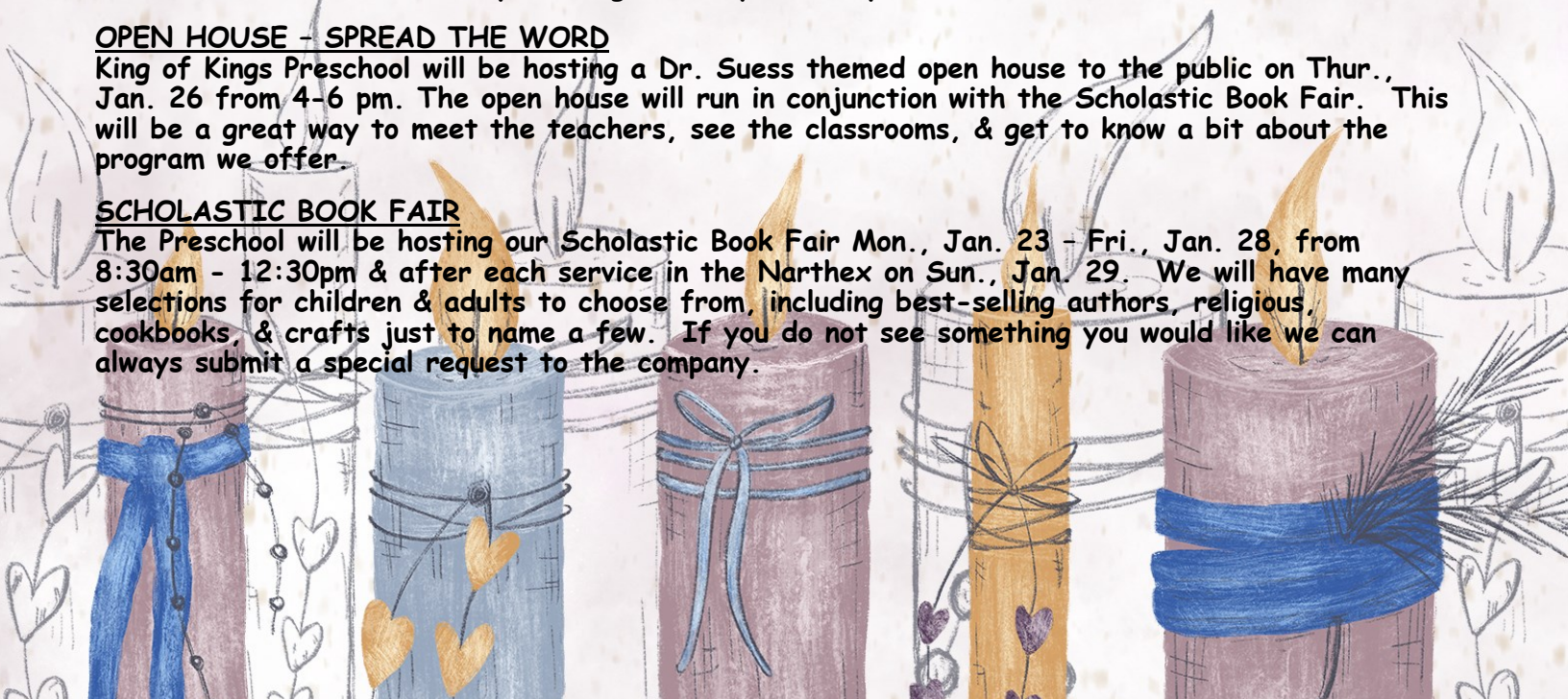
Our preschool is offered to all children 3-5 years of age. Our Kindergarten program is a half-day program for children who are 5 by August 31. We have a two-day-a-week session for 3-year-olds, a three-day-a-week program for 4-year-olds, and a five-day-a-week session for older 4-year-olds. We also offer a Junior Kindergarten class for children who turn five between September 1, 2023, & December 31, 2023, & who show a readiness for an advanced preschool class. This class meets every morning, Monday - Friday.

OPEN HOUSE - SPREAD THE WORD

King of Kings Preschool will be hosting a Dr. Suess themed open house to the public on Thur., Jan. 26 from 4-6 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 Mon., Jan. 23 - Fri., Jan. 28, from 8:30am - 12:30pm & after each service in the Narthex on Sun., Jan. 29. 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!

Website: www.King-of-Kings.org

How beautiful on the mountains are the
feet of those who bring good news.
who proclaim peace. who bring good tidings.
who proclaim salvation. who say to Zion.

"Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 52:7

Advent Schedule

Sundays:

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Wednesdays: Noon & 7pm

11/30, 12/7 & 12/14

Blue Christmas: 7pm - Wed. 12/21

Christmas Eve: 7:30 & 10pm

Christmas Day: 10am

New Year's Day: 8:30 & 11am

No SS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOODBANK

Food Bank continues to be incredibly busy. For over a month we've had more cars than ever. Last week being a record high. We are receiving more food than ever & we still ran out of food. Last week we fed 3000 people. Wow!

We will be closed Christmas Eve, as we will not be getting any food delivery.

Thank you to everyone who brought warm winter supplies like blankets & socks for homeless & veterans.

When out shopping this month, please consider small bags of rice. Chili & canned foods like Chef Boyardee with pop top are also in great need. We are currently helping lot of families who cannot get to Food Bank. Packing approx. 40 bags per week of dry good to needy families with elementary age children.

Everything you do makes a difference. Thank you again. Your support means everything!

Questions? Call: Kim Petz

Food Bank Director 206.390.1322



SAVE THE DATE

Lutheran Ministry Services NW
meeting at KOK on Sun., Feb.
19 @ 2 with a Boeing Choir
concert following @ 4.
Everyone is welcome!!
Bring friends!



OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS - OWLS

Questions: Bob Bliesner: 253-778-5974

12/2 & 1/6 Breakfast @ Gaters

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

12/12 Lunch @ Whistle Stop in Renton 11:30 AM

The address is 809 S 4th St, Renton. The cost will be in the \$14-\$16 range.

1/9 Lunch @ Toreros in Renton 11:30 AM

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

1/25 (Wed.) Lunch @ Apogee in Fairwood 11:30 AM

The address is 14125 SE 171st Way. The cost will be in the \$14-\$16 range.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



CIRCLES HAVE BEEN BUSTY!

In honor of 80th Anniversary of the LWML, Faith Circle has made 80 Christmas cards for care centers & given 80 pairs of socks to Food Bank. Hope Circle will be completing 130 Christmas cards for care centers & served 80+ hrs. in volunteer activities.

GIVING TREE

Check out the Giving Tree at church. You can choose any number of gifts to buy according to the amount you wish to spend. Return gifts no later than Dec. 14th. Aletha will deliver them to Benson Rehab to give to their residents. Thanks for your participation, as many residents have no family to support them, so you are God's gift to them.

CIRCLE NEWS

Faith Circle: Dec. 6 & Jan. 3 @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall with lunch.

Hope Circle: Dec. 6 & Jan. 3 @ 7pm in the Upper Ed.

Charity Circle: NO Dec., Jan. 5 @ 10am in the Upper Ed.

Peace Circle: NO Dec., Jan. 14 @ 10am in the Library.



Micah 6:8 - He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly &
to love mercy & to walk humbly with your God.

Keaton Cour	12/2
Victoria Bennett	12/4
Dennis Dyson	12/6
Kennedy Hogan	12/7
Marge Avolio	12/8
Brad Grothen	12/10
Maggie Heimsoth	12/10
Tom Koehler	12/10
Suzy Hennig	12/11
Nyakuol Kuoth	12/12
Nathan Peak	12/12
Vickie Haase	12/15
Leon Kinunen	12/15
Ron Lenz	12/18
Christine Moran	12/19
Nyamal Both	12/21



Floyd Skagen	12/21
Ed Nitsche	12/22
Cajen Deng	12/23
Barbara Linkous	12/24



Ananyah Khan	12/25
Karah Rondestvedt	12/25
Cole Grothen	12/27
Mary Donge	1/1
Nyamuon Luak	1/1
Nyatemia Luak	1/1
Nyamal Chuol	1/3
Nyeruon Biel	1/8
Pam Bunker	1/8
Tom Folkerts	1/8
Karen Sorensen	1/9
Leah Both	1/11
Aviyahna Chuol	1/11
Brooke Morris	1/11
Dennis Perry	1/12
Nyamal Deng	1/16
Rodger Duncan	1/18
Damaar Dedoch	1/19

Thomas Youn	1/21
Greta Alex	1/22
Nei Geng Kuoth	1/22
Vinay Samudre	1/22
Elizabeth Bunker	1/24
Walter Hood	1/24
Dorar Delual	1/26
Nicholas Perry	1/27
Ethan Rondestvedt	1/28
Andraus Ablahad	1/29
Janelle Heuslein	1/29
Catherine McGourty	1/30

Amos & Marla Trent

12/4 51 yrs.

Ralph & Joan Linderman

12/7 48 yrs.

Dwayne & Liz Dehlbom

12/14 13 yrs.

Dean & Ardy Taylor

1/5 60 yrs.

Fritz & Deb Timm

1/18 37 yrs.



MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

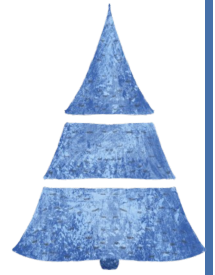
Monday nights: 7-8:30

Dec. 19 - Christmas Party

No YG on 12/26

Winter Retreat - January
13-15, watch bulletin
board for details

In the Youth Room - See you there!!

**Family Space**Join us in person -
Wednesday Advent Services
@ 7pm in the Parish Hall**Wed's @ 6:15**
Resuming 1/11Join Zoom Meeting:[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89029530423?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89029530423?pwd=V1F2UmRKQkJNTmxqemgzakZIMFpTQT09)
pwd=V1F2UmRKQkJNTmxqemgzakZIMFpTQT09
Meeting ID: 890 2953 0423 Passcode: 220929**GET YOUR
CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS**

-BUY 1 OR MORE @ \$25 EACH.

-"IN MEMORY OF" OR "IN THANKS FOR".

-SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

-TAKE HOME AFTER CHRISTMAS SERVICES OR GIFTAWAY.

-PAYMENT IN-PERSON OR ON OUR WEBSITE
ONLINE GIVING PAGE.**Family Trivia Night**Join Zoom Meeting:[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85124830857?pwd=N3ptRlc1N3RRdTJYNURzQk9jNDhiUT09)
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"THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE," ANSWERED JESUS,
"IS THIS: 'HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD,
THE LORD IS ONE. LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH
ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH. THE SECOND IS THIS: 'LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' THERE IS
NO COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN
THESE.'" MARK 12:29-31



I will be leaving my position as
Church Administrator as of the end
of December.

I am going to go back to my career
as a Home Organizer.

I thank you all for a wonderful 2
years here at King Of Kings.
You have welcomed me & been very
kind.

Good luck for the future & God
Bless! Gretchen Johnsrud

Giving Tree Stockings

Grab a stocking off the tree.
Follow the instructions &
return your gifts to church.

Let's be a blessing to those in
need and share the love of
Jesus with others!

Return gifts to KOK by Dec. 14th.

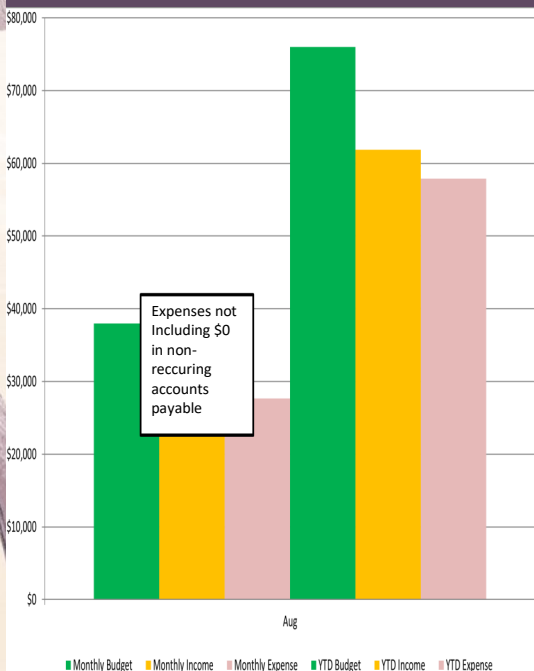
Questions: contact Aletha Voges.



MINISTRY ACTION TEAMS (MAT)

MAT	MAT LEADER	PHONE	AREA TEAM LEADERS
1. Education - Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation,			SS: Jason Hennig, VBS: Suzy Hennig, Confirmation: Pastor Birner, Dennis Dyson, Theresa Lui-Kwan,
2. Social Concerns - ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH, Food Bank			ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH, Food Bank: Kim Petz
3. Outreach - Mugs, Greeters, Publicity, Preschool			Greeters and Mugs: Kristi Dyson
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	Terri Hahn, Leon Kinunen, Teri Aprill-McGourty, Kevin McGourty, Maggie Heimsoth, Lisa Cameron, Gene Bruce, Kevin Kallish
7. Congregational Care	Kristi Dyson	425-255-8207	
8. Finance	Barbara Bruce	253-852-5807	
9. Property	Lisa Stuart	253-797-9468	Fritz Timm, Dave Wenndt, Art Brockschmidt
10. Small Groups Coordinator	Roger Hitzeman	253-740-5094	
11. Endowment	Dennis Dyson	425-255-8207	Facilities Use Superintendent: Kim Petz
12. Human Resources	Scott Edwards	253-927-1139	Leon Kinunen, Aletha Voges
13. Fellowship			Kevin Kallish
14. Prayer Ministry			Mon. Morning & Tues. Eve Prayer: Kristi Dyson Saturday Prayer Tent: Kristi Dyson Prayer Shawl Ministry : Jackie Kinunen
15. Youth, Family, Intergenerational	Kristi Dyson	425-255-8207	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	

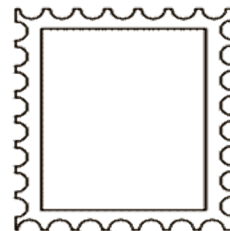
FINANCIAL REPORT



		Mo. Bud.	Mo. Inc	Mo. Exp	YTD Bud	YTD Inc	YTD Exp
2022	July	\$37,992	\$31,027	\$30,252	\$37,992	\$31,027	\$30,252
	Aug	\$37,992	30,832	\$27,656	\$75,984	\$61,859	\$57,908
	Sept						
	Oct						
	Nov						
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2023	Jan						
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	May						
	June						



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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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Secretary—Gretchen Johnsrud—office@king-of-kings.org

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

Facilities Use Superintendent—Kim Petz—office@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.