

# THE ROYAL MAIL

The Official Newsletter of King of Kings Lutheran Church

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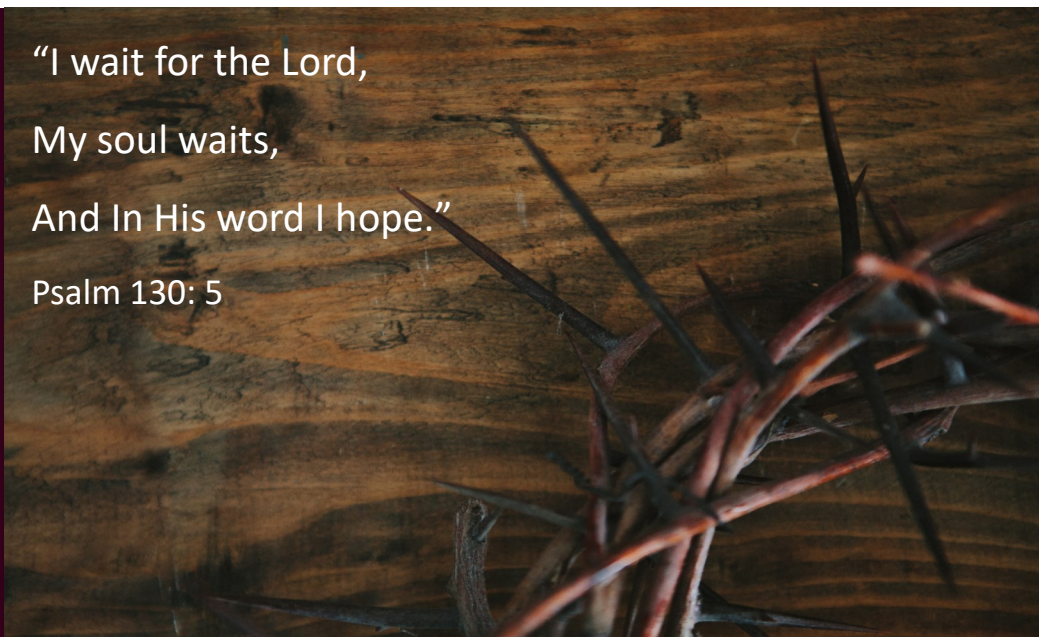
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"I wait for the Lord,  
My soul waits,  
And In His word I hope."

Psalm 130: 5



Love God. Love your neighbor.

That is one way to summarize the Christian life; but loving God is different from loving your neighbor. Loving God is primary and requires obedience. [See Deuteronomy 11:1 and John 14:15] Loving your neighbor is secondary. In fact, we cannot love our neighbor if we don't love God first; because it is God's love for us that enables us to love our neighbor. [See 1 John 4:19]

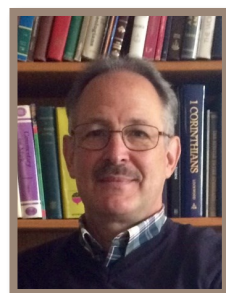
Love and obedience to God go together; but sometimes our obedience to God is misinterpreted by the world as being loveless toward our neighbor. Love for God does not require us to obey our neighbor—serve our neighbor, yes; submit to his worldly values, no. Be kind to our neighbor, yes; deny the realities of sin, no.

This is the truth: God is love and He has chosen to love us unconditionally and completely. God so loved the world that He sent Jesus to suffer and die in our place to save us from our sins on Good Friday and rise on Easter Sunday. That is the message of love that we have received from God and seek to share with our words and deeds with our neighbor.



Faithfully,

*Pastor Birner*



**FROM PASTOR BOTH (ASSOCIATE PASTOR AND MISSIONARY AT LARGE) -**

I will be going to Omaha, NE, maybe the 4th of March, to be with my daughter Yamai Both, for her daughter Mer who she is going to court for custody. I continue my English studies and studying the books of the Old Testament, Thank God for that.

We Pastors continue to share the catechism with Sudanese, and I am interpreting the Sudanese in both English and Nuer. We also continue to learn about Gods words. Learning more about Luther's small and large catechism is very important for the Sudanese peoples around the state and at King of Kings, who come to worship with us. Pastor Paul is teaching these catechisms thanks be to God again for that.

I am spreading the gospel of the Lord to Sudanese in North America and the United States of America. In Washington state in the cities Seattle, Renton, Kent, Auburn, and Kennewick. I am doing home visits, visiting hospitals, jails, courts, and as an interpreter for migrants. Including that I was in Sioux City, Iowa spreading the Gospel in the Midwest Feb 5th. They gave me the title of Missionary at Large. The picture is of them and I will continue teaching them through March.

We are teaching Nuer children here by Evangelist Drear yier Lual. King of Kings is greeting people about Jesus Christ Our Lord welcoming them into Christ Jesus amen and amen. I and Pat Gorman were comforting two families who lost their daughters, God with us. I as a preacher share the gospels to them always. First to my family and our mission sharing the words of the Lord. If you have any questions for the Sudanese Ministry and unity, please do not hesitate to call me, 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**

Dear friends in Christ,

For the last two years, my March newsletter articles reflected on the theme of optimism. Apparently, optimism is the emphasis in March! I am still optimistic! And why shouldn't I be? God has been so faithful to us, hasn't he?

We've been studying Isaiah in Bible Study Fellowship and there are such wonderful words from his prophecy. Isaiah 43:1 – "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine". And Isaiah 10:8 – "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever". As I am writing this tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of 40 days of Lent. It is a time of reflection and repentance. The hymn "O, Lord, throughout These Forty Days" ends with this prayer: "Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise". Remember and pray the words of this hymn verse as you awake every morning.

Our Chief Operations Officer has been working with all the MAT leaders and the Human Resources Committee to put together our 2023-2024 budget which will be reviewed at our February and March MLG meetings in readiness to present to you at our semi-annual meeting in May. God has been so faithful to us and I know that He will provide all that is needed to carry out our current ministries and even more!! We are a light to our Renton community and we want to keep that light shining so that all can see Jesus in the love of our congregation for one another and those in the community.

I pray this Lenten season is one where your faith will deepen as you reflect, repent, pray and say, "Thank you, God, that you call me yours!!"

# KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

## 2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Registration for 2023-2024 school year is open! If you know someone who would be a good fit for our program, we would love to speak with them, show them around the school, and have them sign up!

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 our three-year-olds, a three-day-a-week session for our four-year-olds, and a five-day-a-week session for our older four-year-olds. We also offer a Junior Kindergarten class for children who turn five between September 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, and who show readiness for kindergarten. This class meets every morning, Monday through Friday.



If you, or someone you know who may be interested in our school please contact the preschool at 425-243-9589 or send me an email at [preschool@kingofkings.school](mailto:preschool@kingofkings.school) for more information.

## SEES CANDIES FUNDRAISER

Please take the time to meet with either Kristi Dyson or Terri Hahn after service on the Sundays of Feb. 26th, Mar. 5th, and Mar. 12th and take a look at the Sees Candies we have to offer for Easter. Orders must be in by Thursday, March 16th so that I can have them delivered by Thursday, March 30th. They will be ready for you to pick up on Sunday, April 2nd or I can deliver them on Monday, April 3rd. We are so thankful for your support, you are such a blessing

## DEFY TRAMPOLINE PARK FIELD TRIP

The preschool has invited parents to bring their students and families to Defy in Tukwila on Thursday, March 2nd at 1:30pm to enjoy some discounted trampoline enjoyment. We have had an overwhelming response from families and are looking forward to a blessed time of fellowship and fun!



## ANSWERS TO PRAYER:

Healing for (preschool student) Pavit's throat - He has returned to school and is doing great!  
A job for (staff daughter) Briawna and comfort for her following the closure of the job she had been promised - She has begun a job with the same school district very similar to the original one that she had been promised and is loving it.

## CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Housing for (preschool mom) Jannica and her children  
Comfort for (preschool student) Madelyn & (younger brother) Marcus during their parent's divorce  
An increase in the number of students for the preschool  
Patience and Energy for the preschool staff  
Wisdom for preschool staff in sharing God's word and interacting with parents and students.

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS:

Josephine's (staff member) husband, Ricky, may potentially be let go from his job. So prayers that the Lord's will be done in the situation. And that there be financial provision for the family should that occur.

The Lord's desire for school placement next year for Harper and Coit (preschool students). Harper will be in 1st grade and her parents are concerned about public school but private is very expensive.





**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](http://www.King-of-Kings.org)

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."  
Matthew 18:20

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES****Wed 12PM & 7PM****3/1      3/8****3/15     3/22****3/29     4/5****A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOODBANK**

A big shout out to everyone who contributed to the winter sock, coat and blanket drive! We were able to provide 161 pairs of new socks (largely due to Faith circle), 53 blankets, 33 men's coats, and 16 warm coats for women. We also received a countless number of miscellaneous articles of clothing. The items were picked up by our contact for the veterans last week. The majority were contributed to them. We were also able to provide blankets and socks to two local shelters, Kents permanent residential housing facility, and even an elementary school with a request for two blankets and some children's sweats. Job wonderfully done everyone!

As you will know, the cost of everything has gone up. Food, gas and clothing. we have seen an increase in need at Food Bank recently, as well as an increased request for clothing. So, good news! You're not too late! There's still time to clean out those closets or grab some socks or PJs or off the clearance rack. Excluding the times for rummage sale donations, and while need is still high, this will be an ongoing collection. We are accepting any new and gently used clothing as well as bedding and children's clothing. Please leave your donations next to the cupboard outside of the food bank. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kim Petz.

Questions? Call: Kim Petz

Food Bank Director 206.390.1322

**OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS - OWLS**

Questions: Bob Bliesner: 253-778-5974

**3/3                      Breakfast @ Gators                      9:00 AM**

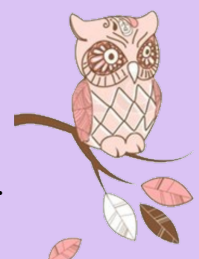
We have a social breakfast at Gator's at 9:00am on the first Friday of the month.  
Everyone is welcome.

**3/13                      Lunch @ Dukes                      11:30 AM**

The address is 757 Southcenter Mall . The cost will be in the \$18-\$20 range.

**3/27                      Lunch @ River Rock                      11:30 AM**

The address is 4050 Maple Valley Highway . The cost will be in the \$14- \$16 range.





## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

A great time was had by all at the welcome event for the LWML from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, on Thursday, February 16, 2023. Thirteen women from Bethlehem, our Zone President, and 9 women from King of Kings. Be sure to give them a warm welcome as they begin attending King of Kings.



### Circles:

- Charity – Thursday, March 2, at 9:30am in the Upper ED
- Faith – Tuesday, March 7, at 10am in the Upper ED
- Hope – Tuesday, March 7, at 7pm in the Upper ED
- Peace – Saturday, March 11, at 10am in the Upper ED

Lake Washington Zone LWML Joyshop – March 25 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, beginning at 9:30am. The theme is "A Walk with Jesus." The speaker, Julia Sinclair, will show pictures and tell of her trip to Israel. A continental breakfast will be served. \$5 registration. If you will not be at circle to sign up or if you would like to be our guest, let Aletha know by March 15.

LWML National Convention: June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI. Still time to register and get in on the early discount. Forms are in the Winter Quarterly, with a copy on the LWML Board.



### March Birthdays

|                 |      |                    |      |
|-----------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Anneke Alex     | 3/4  | Roger Morris       | 3/19 |
| Nyakhat Gach    | 3/4  | Aletha Voges       | 3/19 |
| Elysia Gonzales | 3/5  | Delores Dale       | 3/20 |
| Dan Fink        | 3/5  | John Einarson      | 3/21 |
| Joan Linderman  | 3/5  | Bernadette O'Brien | 3/23 |
| Caryn Munkers   | 3/7  | Doug Fischer       | 3/30 |
| Pal Peter       | 3/9  | Noah Arndt         | 3/31 |
| Faith Knight    | 3/10 |                    |      |
| Zaire Chuol     | 3/11 |                    |      |
| Tom Bennett     | 3/13 |                    |      |
| Gerald Lui-Kwan | 3/15 |                    |      |

### March Anniversaries

|                        |      |         |
|------------------------|------|---------|
| Tim & Bobbea Harlan    | 3/2  | 49 yrs. |
| Thomas & Jennifer Youn | 3/23 | 46 yrs. |
| Tom & Victoria Bennett | 3/26 | 6 yrs.  |
| Dan & Debbie Fink      | 3/26 | 17 yrs. |
| Scott & Karen Hunziker | 3/27 | 41 yrs. |



Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

**MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH**  
**GROUP**

7:00-8:30PM



**Family Space**

6:15PM

March 1st-April 5th



**Join Zoom Meeting:**

[https://  
us02web.zoom.us/j/89029530423?  
pwd=V1F2UmRKQkJNTmxqemgza  
kZIMFpTQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89029530423?pwd=V1F2UmRKQkJNTmxqemgzaKZIMFpTQT09)

Meeting ID: 890 2953 0423  
Passcode: 220929



**Puget Sound Youth Board**

Middle School Youth Gathering

March 11th—12th, 2023

6th-9th Grades



**Bake Sale for Beauty—Sunday March 26th**

It's already time for our landscaping bake sale. It will be on Sunday, March 26th after both services.

The proceeds will pay for plants that need to be replaced. All money not spent will be added to the Landscape Designated Fund.

Thank you in advance for supporting our landscape bake sale.



Remember to Spring Forward!



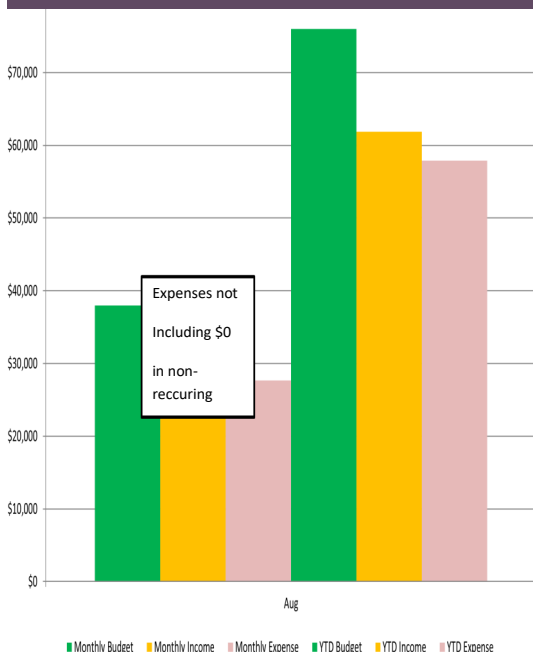
Day light savings begins March 12th

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31



|   | 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   |                 |                              | ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH: Food Bank: Kim Petz  |
| 3. Outreach - Mugs, Greeters, Publicity,  |                 |                              | Greeters and Mugs: Kristi Dyson  |
| 4. Stewardship - Ministry Fair,   |                 |                              | A. Voges, Pat Gorman   |
| 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   | Pat Gorman      | 253-246--9402                |  |
| 7. Congregational Care  | Kristi Dyson    | 425-255-8207                 |  |
| 8. Finance  | Barb Bruce      | 253-852-5807                 | Terri Hahn, Leon Kinunen, Teri Aprill-McGourty, Kevin McCourty, Maggie Heimsoth, Lisa Cameron,                                       |
| 9. Property   | Lisa Stuart     | 253-797-9468<br>253-740-5094 | Facilities Use Superintendant - Kim Petz<br>Fritz Timm, Dave Wenndt, Art Brockschmidt  |
| 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 Eve Prayer: Kristi Dyson Saturday tent: Kristi Dyson Tuesday Morning Prayer: Kristi Dyson Prayer Shawl Ministry: Jackie Kinunen |
| 15. Youth, Family,  |                 |                              | 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                 |  |

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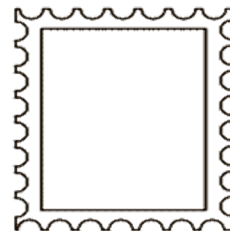


|      |      | Mo. Bud. | Mo. Inc. | Mo. Exp  | YTD Bud  | YTD Inc  | YTD Exp  |
|------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | July | \$37,992 | \$31,027 | \$30,252 | \$37,992 | \$31,027 | \$30,252 |
|      | Aug  | \$37,992 | 30,832   | \$27,656 | \$75,984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





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**YouTube:** Something About A Pie

**Church Office :** [office@king-of-kings.org](mailto:office@king-of-kings.org)

### **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](mailto:pastor@king-of-kings.org)

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Secretary—Karlina Lindeke—[office@king-of-kings.org](mailto:office@king-of-kings.org)

School Director—Rebekka Sollars—[preschool@king-of-kings.org](mailto:preschool@king-of-kings.org)

Facilities Use Superintendent—Kim Petz—[office@king-of-kings.org](mailto: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.