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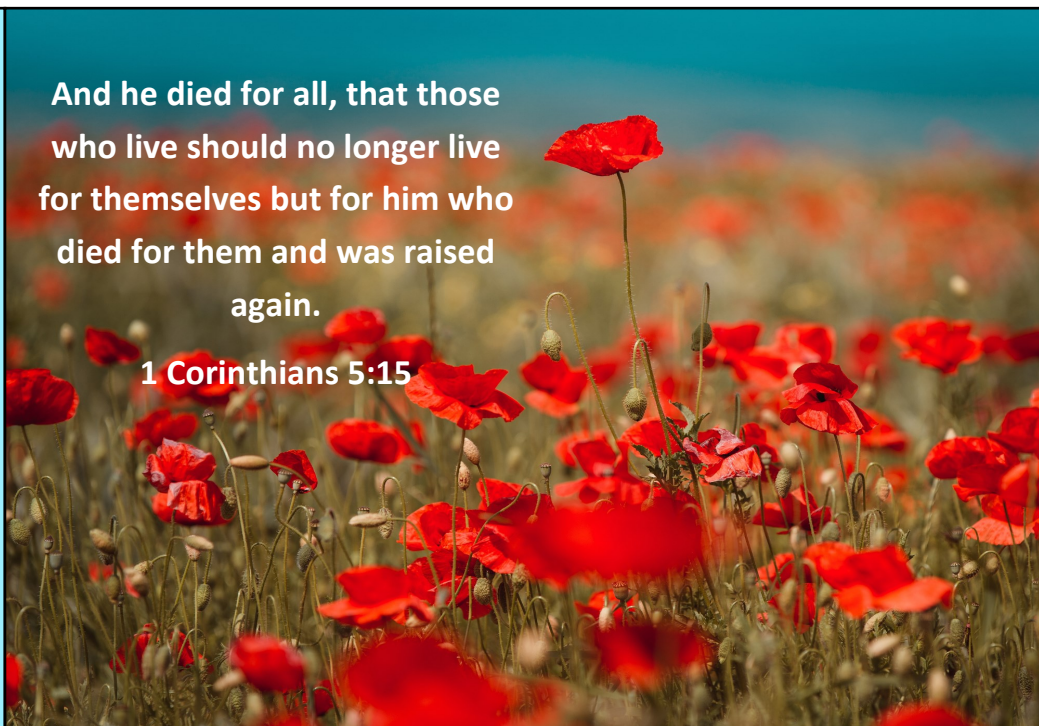
The Official Newsletter of King of Kings Lutheran Church

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And he died for all, that those
 who live should no longer live
 for themselves but for him who
 died for them and was raised
 again.

1 Corinthians 5:15



Dear Friends in Christ,

Statistics are a useful tool. Sometimes they support the truth and sometimes they do not. Statistics alone do not determine what is true and what is not. For instance, the most reliable statistic is the one-to-one correlation between life and death. Everyone who lives, dies. Even Lazarus, only he got to die twice. Think about that for a moment. Jesus skews the statistics.

St. Paul speaks of another important statistic when he writes, "Just as through the disobedience of the one man [Adam] the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man [Jesus] the many will be made righteous." [Rom 5:19] St. John explains it this way, "He [Jesus] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

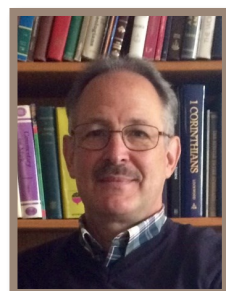
How many sins have you committed? Jesus died for each and every one of them. They have been atoned for. You are forgiven.

Jesus distorts the data even further by His resurrection. He lived. He died. He rose. He ascended and He promises, "He who lives and believes in me will never die." [Jn 11:26]

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, [Jn 14:6] no matter what the statistics might say.

Faithfully,

Pastor Birner



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

May the grace, mercy and peace of our Lord be with us all, Amen. From the book of Revelations 1:4-5, "Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits[a] before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ, I wanted to share the difficult lives the Sudanese have in the United States or the State of Washington. We have lost in the last two days the second son of Pastor Simon and Gatbell's daughter passed away as well as his cousin Chang Kuolt Rut in this same month. It is choking us as a Sudanese people and also the war that is happening in North Sudan. We have many Nuer people who live there. Pray for us please. Many people here in Seattle have called me and I was praying a lot with my people, meaning Sudanese, but they are people of God.

For my future plans I will be going to Anchorage Lutheran Church for commissioning 4 deaconesses' on May 7-23rd. I might miss our church meeting.

I have been continuing to share the words of God, preaching at homes and churches, encouraging the Sudanese those who have lost their families, Worshiping God with the Sudanese around here, Preached about Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection and Jesus causing our hearts to burn from the Gospel of Luke: 24:13-35. 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

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein." Matthew 19:14.

Do you like to read? Our preschool children would love to have you come and read stories to them. Do you like to do crafts? Our children would love to do crafts with you! Do you have a few hours to help Bekka with some administrative details? There are many ways that you can show your support to the preschool and let the children know that we are interested in and supportive of them.

Our preschool is carrying out an important ministry. We've been studying the old testament prophets in BSF and one of the things I learned is that the people of Judah did not carry their faith out to the next generation, and it had dire consequences. Our children need to hear about Jesus, get to know him and see how people who love Jesus love others.

I hope you will pray and consider whether you can give some of your time and resources to support the preschool, both financially, and practically. Pray for a full enrollment next year.

And please pray for the other ministries at King of Kings; for the people of Sudan, and against the violence in our own country.

KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

STAFF APPRECIATION: —The first week of May is Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. We, as King of Kings Lutheran Church, will be celebrating our appreciation of the preschool staff on Sunday, May 21st between services with a small cake reception. Please feel free to bring cards or notes for the staff at that time. If you would like to drop something off in my box for the first week of May instead feel free to do that. As a reminder staff are as follows:

Teachers: Jenny Gorman & Bettina DaCosta
 Assistants: Josephine Chan & (volunteer) Usha Yalangi



UPCOMING EVENTS

All in the congregation are welcome and encouraged to join us at any of the events below. We would love to have you with us!

- Bike Day; May 12 from 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Animal Friends Lesson; May 17 at 9:30am & 10:30am
- Pre-School Fire Safety Program and Fire Engine Tour; May 24 at 10:00am
- Field Days; May 30 (at church field) & 31 (at Philip Arnold Park) from 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Graduation; June 5 at 6:00pm & 7:15pm
- Appreciation Luncheon; June 7 at 12:00pm

BIKE DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023—On Friday, May 12th, the back-parking lot at King of Kings will be transformed into a bicycle course for our preschoolers. There will be no vehicle access to the back-parking lot from 9:00am – 12:45pm on May 12th. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



HELP NEEDED:

- Volunteers for Cleaning and Sanitizing school equipment (Week of June 5-8, Mon & Tues: 9-3, Wed: 9-12, Thurs: 12-3)
- Volunteers for summer playground flooring change (Date TBA)
- Substitutes for 2023-2024 school year
- Volunteers to support willing preschool families for the 2023-2024 school year through prayer and communication

PRESCHOOL ITEMS NEEDED:

- Copy paper
- Colored Copy Paper
- Paper Towels
- 1" Hard White Folders with clear plastic covers (as many as we can get – we need 1 per student to create portfolios at the end of the year)
- Construction Paper – especially white
- A few extra plastic 2 pocket folders (any color) to have for students who cannot afford supplies
- Children's Bibles for the graduating Kindergarteners (The Beginner's Bible – By Zondervan, Hardcover) Target has it online for \$11.34. We need 5.
- Workbooks for graduating Pre-K students (Bible Discovery Devotions by Martha Larchar) Walmart has it online for \$5.42 We need 5 more.

PRESCHOOL PRAYERS NEEDED:

- Housing for (preschool mom) Jannica and her children
- High enrollment for the fall for the preschool
- Blessing during the first week of May for teacher and staff appreciation for our wonderful teachers and staff
- Josephine's (staff member) husband, Ricky, was let go from his job. Prayers for financial provision for the Family and that Josephine will be able to continue with the preschool next year.



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

**"The grass withers and the flowers fall,
But the word of our God endures forever."**

Isaiah 40:8

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOODBANK

Food Bank continues to be extra busy. We are working hard on getting people off the street. Pastor has been more successful in the last few weeks and Food Bank line has gone much quicker. The first week in April we fed 4014 people That includes Saturday as well as schools, homeless and shelters. We've had another school and a community college request help.

I am going to pick up donations almost every day of the week when I can. So far in the month of April, we have fed a little over 11,000 people. Thank you so much for all your support. You and your donations help provide all those things that go to the kits for families of needy kids at the school as well as snacks for those unable to provide one from home. We are also in great need of reusable GROCERY SIZE bags. These are used for people to put things like cereal and dry goods in. We have been getting a lot of new people, young college students and young couples. First timers do not know to bring their own bag so we provide one. We also use the grocery bags to pack meals for families. Please look around your home and see if you can part with any reusable grocery bags. Food Bank would love love to have them.

When you're out shopping and you would like to donate, our greatest need currently is canned chili and hot cereal.

Thank you, as always for all your support. It is appreciated more than you can ever imagine.

Kim Petz.

Questions? Call: Kim Petz Food Bank Director 206.390.1322

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS - OWLS

Questions: Bob Bliesner: 253-778-5974

5/5 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.

5/8 Lunch @ Whistle Stop, Renton

11:30 AM

The address is 809 S 4th St. The lunch cost will be in the \$15-\$18 range.

5/24 Lunch @ Wild Fin, Landing

11:30 AM

The address 727 N 10th St, Renton. The lunch cost will be in the \$14-\$16 range.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Circles:

Charity – Thursday, April 4, at 9:30am in the Upper ED
 Faith – Tuesday, May 2, at 10am in the Upper ED
 Hope – Hope – Tuesday, April 11, 7pm in the Upper Ed
 Peace—New date and location: Saturday, May 20th, 10am at Aletha's home. If you have any questions call Aletha at (253) 740-5992.



Rummage Sale

Thank you to anyone who participated in the success of the rummage sale. Total proceeds were \$2,214.53.

Thanks to: those who prayed for the workers and the guests, everyone who donated items, the men who came to help set-up and take down, the dedicated workers who arranged and priced items, the workers the day of the sale, those who provided food for the workers, those who were there to help bag up and clean up after the sale, and those who came and took all of the leftovers, and there were many.

A special thank you to those women who were there every day giving of their time and energy, sometimes late in the day. May God bless every one of these dedicated workers.



Shane Bunker	5/1
Simon Rambang	5/2
Edna Brochschmidt	5/3
Wutchay Wew	5/4
Joshua Both	5/5
Gene Bruce	5/5
Grae Alex	5/6
Geng Watwech Jr.	5/8
Alina Ablahad	5/11
Scott Hunziker	5/11
Jennifer Chu	5/13
Susan Poinsett	5/14
Jenny O'Farrell	5/21
Shirley Sorensen	5/21
Jennifer Youn	5/21
Dale Skagen	5/24
Biel Yuol	5/28
Nathan Kallish	5/29
Calum Cour	5/30



Wutchay Wew &
Nyakhat Gach
5/5 45 yrs.

Merlin & Ruth Pitts
5/6 62 yrs.

Jordan & Tara Howe
5/17 9 yrs.

Wanjang Chuol &
Valarie Burke
5/18 8 yrs.

Tom & Karen Folkerts
5/20 46 yr.

Michael Shearer &
Bernadette O'Brien
5/22

Marc & Diane Whiteley
5/23 41 yrs.

David & Mo Kutschara
5/27 35 yrs.

Roger & DeeDee Morris
5/30 36 yrs.

Tom & Jackie Steger
5/31 25 yrs.

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH
GROUP

7:00-8:30PM

Family Space

6:15PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

**https://
us02web.zoom.us/j/89029530423?
pwd=V1F2UmRKQkJNTmxqemgza
kZIMFpTQT09**

**Meeting ID: 890 2953 0423
Passcode: 220929**

Let's Explore!

**May 6 we will meet at
the church at 2:30 pm
and head to the Wash-
ington Park Arboretum
for some hiking.**



"Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." Mark 10: 14-15

\$25.00 for 5 week
EARLY CHILDHOOD
PARENTING CLASS



KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL
PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER!

**Save The
Dates**

Tuesdays

April 25 - May 23

**6:00 -
8:00**



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Facilitator: Rebekka Sollars, M.S.

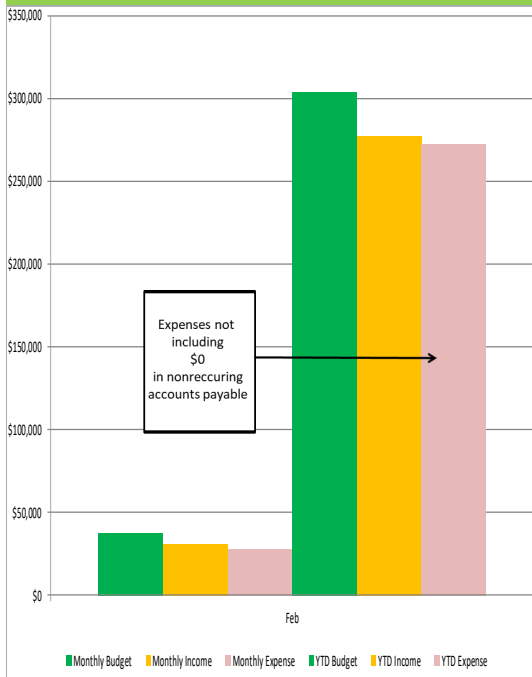
Rebekka completed both her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from California Lutheran University. She earned her License in Marriage and Family Therapy in California. During this process, she worked with mostly children and families and specialized in parenting training and support. Mrs. Sollars is currently the Director of King of Kings Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten .

Sign up online on our church website: <https://kingofkingslutheranchurch.360unite.com/youth>

MINISTRY ACTION TEAMS (MAT)

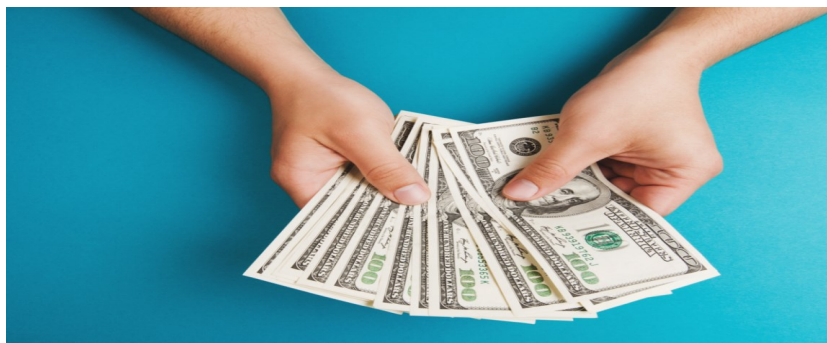
	MAT LEADER	PHONE	AREA TEAM LEADERS
1. Education - Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation,			SS: Jason Hennig, VBS: Suzy Hennig, Confirmation: Pastor Birner, Dennis Dyson, Theresa Lui-Kwan
2. Social Concerns - ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH, Food Bank			ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH: Food Bank: Kim Petz
3. Outreach - Mugs, Greeters, Publicity, Preschool			Greeters and Mugs: Kristi Dyson
4. Stewardship - Ministry Fair, Campaign			Aletha Voges, Pat Gorman
5. Worship- Ushers, Altar Guild, Choirs, Praise Band, Nursery, Organists, Visuals, Flowers, Banners, Decorating			Corinne Young, Terri Hahn, Barbara 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	Barbara Bruce	253-747-9933	Terri Hahn, Leon Kinunen, Teri Aprill-McGourty, Kevin McCourty, Maggie Heimsoth, Lisa Cameron, Gene Bruce, Kevin Kallish
9. Property	Lisa Stuart Roger Hitzeman	253-797-9468 253-740-5094	Facilities Use Superintendant - Kim Petz 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	Kristi Dyson Saturday tent: Kristi Dyson Monday Morning Prayer: Kristi Dyson Prayer Shawl Ministry: Jackie Kinunen
15. Youth, Family, Intergenerational			Suzy Hennig, DCE, Gene Bruce: Lego/Robotics Mentor
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	\$37,992	\$41,709	\$40,048	\$113,975	\$103,569	\$97,989
	Oct	\$37,992	\$36,496	\$32,825	\$151,967	\$140,065	\$131,035
	Nov	\$37,992	\$47,210	\$35,612	\$189,958	\$187,275	\$166,646
	Dec	\$37,992	\$31,054	\$32,914	\$227,950	\$218,329	\$199,561
2023	Jan	\$37,992	\$32,908	\$34,053	\$265,942	\$251,237	\$233,614
	Feb	\$37,992	\$26,025	\$38,676	\$303,933	\$277,261	\$272,289
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	June						

Help Needed



Looking for a way to serve just once a week 3 months a year? Please join the OFFERING COUNTING team. Lisa Cameron needs a new counting partner for March, July, & November.

If interested please contact Barbara Bruce Finance leader at 206-747-9933, or the office. Thank you!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

Property Update

Thank YOU to all who came to help at the church clean-up on April 1st. I would like to extend a special thank you to: Ralph, Joan, Kim H, Grep S, Fritz, Chris C, David W, Dorothy, Delores, & Janelle.

THANK YOU!

As summer approaches, we will need more help with the outdoor maintenance in three primary areas:

Mowing the property

Watering the plants on the property

Weed maintenance

There will be sign-ups for help in the narthex.

Please sign up to help keep our church looking beautiful! If you have questions, please contact Lisa Stuart



Plants need water volunteers



Please help water our outdoor church plants during the dry season this summer. Many plants have shallow roots and need water to survive.

Volunteering just one day a week will make a difference to their wellness and help them survive.

Contact Ralph Linderman 253.631.7142

Celebration & Remembrance



"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue" Proverbs 31: 25-26



"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8

2023 Graduates

By May 15 please send or deliver photos, names and school of 2023 graduating students to Suzy Hennig youth@king-of-kings.org and Karlia office@king-of-kings.org for publishing in the June Royal Mail Newsletter.

This includes all students who graduated in 2023 from high school, junior college, college, grad schools or special school. training such as military schools, technical or trade schools.



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Job Opportunity—Sunbeams Lutheran School in Kent, WA, is seeking a kindergarten teacher for a part-time, job-sharing position of 12-16 hours per week. Sunbeams is a hand's on, project-based Christian school, welcoming a diverse population of students. Work hours to be mutually agreed upon. Salary will be determined based on years of experience and education. If interested, contact: Denise Pacilli, dpacilli@sunbeamslutheralschool.com. 253-854-3240.



Ready to enjoy some awesome ribs?
Available May 14th for \$15. Right in time for Mother's Day! Prepay online on the church website or fill out an order form in the narthex. All preorders must be pre-paid. If you'd like to help contact Pastor Birner: pastor@king-of-kings.org, (425) 226-1480

Stellar Vacation Bible School

August 7-11th



9AM-12PM



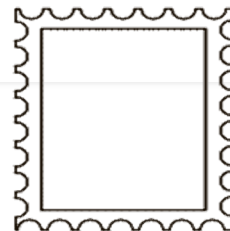
Sign ups for participants &
volunteers at:



[https://vbsspro.events/p/events/
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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.