

THE ROYAL MAIL

The Official Newsletter of King of Kings Lutheran Church

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**“She will give birth to
 a son, and you are to
 give him the name
 Jesus, because he will
 save his people from
 their sins.”
 Matthew 1:21**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Promising and Delivering

The manager of a “Rent-a-Santa” business gave his employees strict advice. “When children sit on your lap, DON’T EVER PROMISE THEM ANYTHING! You can’t guarantee and children will be disappointed.” Christmas with God is totally the opposite. His promises are always fulfilled. Guaranteed. God always delivers. Through His prophets, God gave many promises of Christ’s birth and the first Christmas (Num. 24:17; Micah 5:2; Is. 7:14).

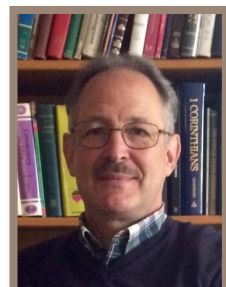
Then, at the right time (Gal. 4:4) God delivered. “The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you Good News of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord’” (Luke 2:10-11). Promises kept. Delivery accomplished!

Santa’s gifts are only for the moment. God’s gift of salvation through Jesus is eternal. God is not a “Rent-a-Santa” who does not make promises. God promises. He always delivers! Christ is born. He will save you from your sins. God bless you and yours this Advent and Christmas season.



Faithfully,

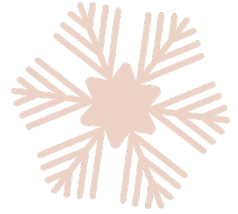
Pastor Birner



FROM PASTOR BOTH (ASSOCIATE PASTOR AND MISSIONARY AT LARGE)

Dear brothers and sisters, Grace, mercy, and peace to us all, amen and amen.

I just wanted to let you know that all Sudanese will be having a celebration at church for Christmas and New Years together at night here at King of Kings Lutheran Church. We have good connection with Sudanese peoples around the state here, and I continue to preach the gospel for the birth of Jesus Christ.



I also would like to let you know that on behalf of Missionary at large I continue to minister to the Sudanese of Kennewick, WA and even Sudanese in Anchorage with Pastor Albino Mokong at Anchorage Lutheran Church. I will also do mission outreach and a family reunion with my family next year, 2024, by the grace of God. I will be going on January 15th to Africa. Please pray for that day next year.

Thanks be to God my friends in Christ. This is Pastor Matthew both. 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. Bev West,
David Willett, Gretchen Engum,

**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!

Wasn't it wonderful to hear Dennis share at church on Sunday that a stranger he met at Costco recognized King of Kings as "the church that prays"!!! I look back so many years ago when we started the prayer team, meeting on Saturday mornings in the library, after hearing loudly from the Lord that our church needed to be a house of prayer! And all praise and thanks to God for the blessings we have received for being obedient to that message!!

God has been faithful and He continues to be faithful and moving in our church. As you all begin a new calendar year, I ask that you would be in constant prayer for our church. Be praying for our new MLG leadership team, for our elders and for our staff. Pray that God will direct the work of the new mission leadership team that will be putting together long-term strategies for our church property. I know that some churches have had to close their doors, but I am convinced that God intends to keep our doors open. We are faithful in preaching the truth, we are faithful in our giving, and we are an important part of our community! As we have seen time and time again in history, nothing can stop God's plan and timetable. We just need to be sure we are part of His plan and on His timetable!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as the President of the congregation for the last four years! It was a challenging and learning experience for me (and probably for you, too!) From 1 Thess. 1:11-12: to this end we (I) always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" and I would add – so that we are always MAKING JESUS KNOWN!!!

~ Jackie Kinunen



KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Preschool and Kindergarten students will be coming to church to sing a special Christmas concert for the congregation as well as their families on Sunday, December 17th at the 11:00 service. Please join us to celebrate the birth of Christ, a joyous season, and a warm welcome to the preschool families! We will have cookies and hot cocoa to celebrate after the service. If you feel led to provide cookies or help with the set-up, please reach out to me at Rebekka@kingofkings.school.



HOLIDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE – December 25 to January 5

Our Christmas break will start Monday, December 25 and go through Friday, January 5, 2023. We will be closed during this time. Classes will start again on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Bettina, Katie, Josephine, and I wish everyone in the congregation a joyous Christmas season and a very blessed New Year!



JANUARY NEWS

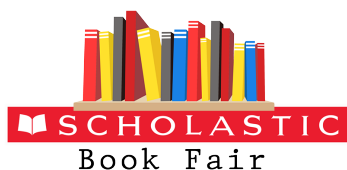
2024-2025 registration will begin on Monday, February 5, 2024, and will be handled on a first come, first serve basis after current students. Current students will be automatically re-enrolled for the following year unless they age out or request not to re-enroll. Church members may register beginning on January 16, 2024.

If you, or someone you know who may be interested in our school please contact the preschool office at 425-255-8520 for more information. We are glad to give tours of our facility and answer any and all questions.



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, and 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, 2024, and December 31, 2024, and who show a readiness for an advanced preschool class. This class meets every morning, Monday through Friday.

Brochures for the 2024-2025 school year will be available mid-January and will be located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Preschool will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair Monday, January 22, 2024 – Friday, January 26, 2024, from 8:30am to 12:30pm and after each service in the Narthex on Sunday, January 28, 2024. We will have many selections for children and 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

"For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

Advent ScheduleSundays:

12/3, 12/10, 12/17

Wednesdays: 12/6 Noon & 7pm,

12/13, 12/20 Noon

Blue Christmas: 7pm - Thur. 12/21Christmas Eve: 7:30 & 10pmChristmas Day: 10amNew Year's Eve Day: 8:30 & 11am

No SS

**Message from the Food Bank**

Food Bank has been crazy as some of you will know. By the grace of God, we've been able to provide food for the community even without the funding. It's been difficult but we've been able to do it. We did have to close for the very first time in a really, really, long time on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The donation place was closed. Therefore, we would've had no fresh food. It also gave volunteers a little rest, which they will deserve after continuing to be there every week. I appreciate them much more than they even know. We also continue to do schools as well as families in the area that cannot come to Food Bank. The addition of the small room outside of the Food Bank has been extremely helpful. Thank you to all of those who helped put that together. I'm still looking for a few volunteers to come and help unload the truck. It would be an on-call situation since I never know if I'm getting anything or not that day. Mondays are especially needed. Please contact me if you are able to help. Needed most are monetary donations to buy milk and eggs. Also needed is soup. Preferably with a pop top so it's easier for kids to open at home. We are also in need of things like laundry soap, bar soap, baby wipes, diapers, and dish soap. Thank you as always for your support of the Food Bank. With your help and God's blessings, we will be able to continue our mission without the funding in King County.

Kim Petz, Food Bank Director (206) 390-1322

**OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS - OWLS**

Questions, contact Bob Bliesner: 253-778-5974

12/1 Breakfast @ Sunflower Cafe 9:00 AM

We have a social breakfast at 9:00 AM on the first Friday of the month. We are changing the breakfast restaurant and may be different for a few months. For December 2023 we are going to the Sunflower Café in Fairwood. The address is 14020 Petrovsky Rd, Renton. Everyone is welcome.

12/11 Lunch @ Amante, Kent 11:30 AM

Address: 21020 84th Ave. S, Kent Cost: \$14-\$16 range.

1/5 Breakfast @ IHOP, Kent 9:00 AM

Address: 24060 104th Ave Se, Kent Cost: \$14-\$16 range. First Friday in Jan. - Everyone welcome.

1/8 Lunch @ Toreros 11:30 AM

Address: 920 N 10th Street Suit R on the corner of 10th and Park. Cost: \$14-\$16 range.

1/24 Lunch @ Apogee 11:30 AM

Address: 14125 SE 171st Way in Fairwood . Cost: \$14-\$16 range.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Lutheran Women in Mission

Every woman who attends church at King of Kings is invited to become a participant in the circle of your choice. We meet once a month for fellowship, servant events, and Bible study. Come and check us out.



Circles:

- Charity – no meeting in December
- Faith – Tuesday, December 5th, at 9:30am in the Upper ED.
- Hope—Tuesday December 5th, Potluck Dinner @ Aletha's 7pm.
- Peace—Aletha's house—Potluck Brunch. Saturday December 9 at 10am.
- Esther—Friday December 15, Potluck Dinner @ Aletha's 7:00pm.

Aletha's address: 22317 126th Place SE, Kent, 98031

January: All circles meeting as usual.

Plan ahead: The rummage sale will be April 26-27th. Drop off and set up: April 22-25th. More details as the dates get closer.

Happy Birthday!

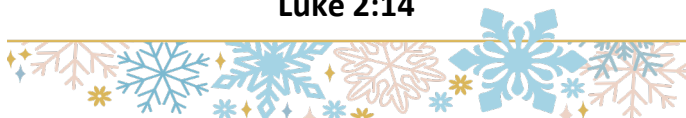


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| Christine Moran | 12/19 | Dennis Perry | 1/12 |
| Nyamal Both | 12/21 | Nyamal Deng | 1/16 |
| Floyd Skagen | 12/21 | Rodger Duncan | 1/18 |
| Ed Nitsche | 12/22 | Damaar Dedoch | 1/19 |
| Cajen Deng | 12/23 | Luna Wrenn | 1/20 |
| Barbara Linkous | 12/24 | Thomas Youn | 1/21 |
| Ananyah Khan | 12/25 | Greta Alex | 1/22 |
| Karah Rondestvedt | 12/25 | Nei Geng Kuoth | 1/22 |
| Cole Grothen | 12/27 | Vinay Samudre | 1/22 |
| Mary Donge | 1/1 | Elizabeth Bunker | 1/24 |
| Nyamuon Luak | 1/1 | Walter Hood | 1/24 |
| Nyatemanian Luak | 1/1 | Dorar Delual | 1/26 |
| Nyamal Chuol | 1/3 | Ethan Rondestvedt | 1/28 |
| Nyeruon Biel | 1/8 | Andraus Ablahad | 1/29 |
| Pam Bunker | 1/8 | Janelle Heuslein | 1/29 |
| Tom Folkerts | 1/8 | Catherine McGourty | 1/30 |
| Karen Sorensen | 1/9 | | |
| Leah Both | 1/11 | | |
| Aviyahna Chuol | 1/11 | | |
| Brooke Morris | 1/11 | | |
| Keaton Cour | 12/2 | | |
| Victoria Bennett | 12/4 | | |
| Dennis Dyson | 12/6 | | |
| Kennedy Hogan | 12/7 | | |
| 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 | | |



"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:14



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| Amos & Marla Trent | 12/4 | 52 yrs. |
| Ralph & Joan Linderman | 12/7 | 49 yrs. |
| Dwayne & Liz Dehlbom | 12/14 | 14 yrs. |
| Dean & Ardy Taylor | 1/5 | 61 yrs. |
| Fritz & Deb Timm | 1/18 | 38 yrs. |

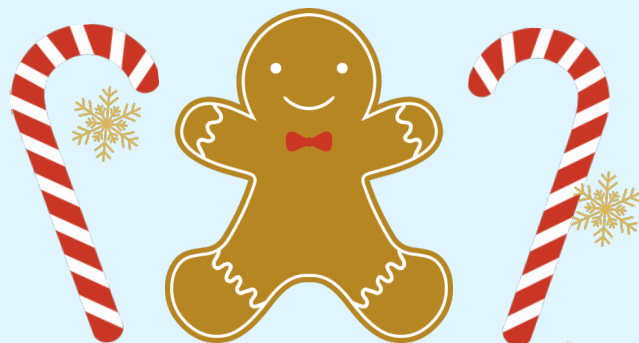


MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**7:00-8:30PM****Family Space****6:15PM****Break starts Dec 20th****Winter session begins
Jan 10-Feb 07****Join Zoom Meeting:**

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Meeting ID: 890 2953 0423
Passcode: 220929

**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. 17th
Questions contact Aletha Voges.



Youth Group
Winter Retreat
Flake or Snowflake
Ephesians 2:10
Jan. 19-21
middle school and
high school students
cost \$10---

TAPROOT THEATRE
TOURING

**ALWAYS WINTER,
AN IMPROVISED ADVENTURE**

by Audrey Herold



December 16th @ King of Kings Lutheran Church, 7PM

Embark on an enchanting, improvised journey with Lucy, Peter, Edmund, and Susan during a whimsical retelling of a beloved classic. With audience suggestions, watch as the siblings uncover their extraordinary gifts, embracing the true meaning of giving.



**Be looking for your 2024
offering envelopes in the
Narthex early December.**

**Christmas
Poinsettias**

- Buy 1 or more @ \$25 each.
- Take home after Christmas services or gift to others.
- "In Memory of" or "In Thanks for".
- Sign-up in the Narthex or email the church office.
- Payment in-person or on our website Online Giving page.



MINISTRY ACTION TEAMS (MAT)

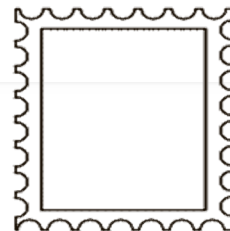
| | MAT LEADER | PHONE | AREA TEAM LEADERS |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Education - Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation, | | | SS: Jason Hennig, VBS: Suzy Hennig, Confirmation: Pastor Birner, Dennis Dyson, Theresa Lui-Kwan |
| 2. Social Concerns - ARISE, 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, Lisa Stuart, Barbara Bruce, Mo Kutschara, Donna Wenndt, Theresa Lui-Kwan, Kristi Dyson, Shirley Sorenson |
| 6. Elders | Pat Gorman | 253-246--9402 | active |
| 7. Congregational Care | Kristi Dyson | 425-255-8207 | active |
| 8. Finance | Barbara Bruce | 206-747-9933 | Jackie Kinunen, Leon Kinunen, Teri Aprill-McGourty, Kevin McGourty, Lisa Cameron, Gene Bruce, Barbara Bruce, Maggie Heimsoth, Anita Kallish, Kevin Kallish |
| 9. Property | Lisa Stuart Roger Hitzeman | 253-797-9468 253-740-5094 | Facilities Use Superintendent - 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 | 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. Parsonage Study | | | TBD |

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| 2023 | July | \$38679 | \$33,528 | \$32,943 | \$38,679 | \$33,528 | \$32,943 |
| | Aug | \$38,679 | \$27,187 | \$33,033 | \$77,358 | \$60,715 | \$65,976 |
| | Sept | \$38,679 | \$29,945 | \$37,291 | \$113,975 | \$91,113 | \$102,085 |
| | Oct | \$38,679 | \$33,710 | \$37,992 | \$154,716 | \$124,823 | \$140,077 |
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| 2024 | Jan | | | | | | |
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YouTube: Something About A Pie

Church Office : 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: Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 9:00 AM - 2:05 PM, Wed 9:00 AM-1:40 PM

Staff

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

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Secretary—Karlina Lindeke—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.