

THE ROYAL MAIL

The Official Newsletter of King of Kings Lutheran Church

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“But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.” Micah 7:7



Dear Friends in Christ,

Longer days. More light. New life.
 Epiphany, Lent and Easter.

Epiphany: Have you ever had an Epiphany? Have you ever been enlightened? Jesus, the True Light has come into the world. We have seen His glory. His light still shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out. [Jn 1:5, 9, 14]

Lent: The forty days of penitential preparation for the celebration of the resurrection. We remember the cost of our salvation—the lifeblood of the Son of God. Dark days; but temporary.



Easter: The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate witness that Jesus is who He said He is. Among the many things He is, He is also, as both St. Paul and St. John tell us, “The Firstborn of the Dead.” [Col 1:18. Rev 1:5] “As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” [1 Cor 15:22] Jesus promises new and eternal life. He is first. We shall follow.

We live our days, as many as God gives us, in the joyful expectation of the Day of Christ’s return, the dawning of the eternal and glorious, heavenly day. May God preserve us in the one true faith. Amen.



Faithfully,

Pastor Birner



FROM PASTOR BOTH (ASSOCIATE PASTOR AND MISSIONARY AT LARGE)

Grace, mercy, and peace to us all Amen. Brothers and sisters in Christ. I, Pastor Matthew, would like to share with you about the good things that came about during the birthday of Jesus Christ. I helped lead the Christmas services for King of Kings congregation with the elders when Pastor Birner had COVID.



Dec 24th we had 125 people at the King of Kings Sudanese service and Dec 25th we had 150 people. Some of the Sudanese want to become members. Thank God for that. The adults and children who are learning the Nuer language sang a song in Nuer for us.



I also wanted to tell you all about my scheduled Africa mission and other visits. Jan 26th I and Pat Gorman will be going to be in Kennewick if the weather is good for the family of Chuol Guich who died and for William Deng who lost his daughter. It is difficult for the Sudanese Community because there were some loss of lives during Christmas. I encourage them a lot for the birth of our Lord, His death. I preached Old Testament Isaiah, and New Testament Gospels Matthew and Luke. The Both family will leave this month. We will be back on March 25th.

All this year has a mission year. I and Pat will go June 6th for student's graduation in Ethiopia, in Midwest Des Moines Iowa, Minnesota, and Michigan. May God bless our sharing the gospel among the United States and around the World. Peace. 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 - GENE BRUCE

Greetings fellow King of King church-goers.

I'd like to thank you for putting your faith in me as your new Mission Leadership Group (MLG) Chair. Initially there may be some "learning while doing". Feel free to let me know what's on your mind. I certainly can't do this job in a vacuum. Coming in I have no immediate agenda. Although after my first MLG meeting, I think we may need to revisit how we handle Mission Action Teams (MATs). MATs are intended to be temporary teams to accomplish a goal. Some of our MATs have a more permanent nature to them.

One example of a permanent MAT is Property. We will always have to take care of the property. Property projects seem to happen organically. Currently, the Property MAT is without a leader. Even though each property project seems independent it would be nice to have someone keeping tabs and coordinating. Do you have what it takes to be the Property MAT Leader?



Again, thank you for your trust. I'm sure working together we can continue fulfilling Christ's mission in new and exciting ways. ~ Gene Bruce

KING OF KINGS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN



2024-2025 REGISTRATION

We opened our registration for current preschool and church members on January 16th. Our registration for all other community members begins February 5th. 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 currently have a two-day-a-week or three-day-a-week session for our three-year-olds. We also offer a three-day-a-week or five-day-a-week session for our four-year-olds. Also, we provide a Junior Kindergarten class for children who turn five between September 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, 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 us at 425-255-8520 or send an email to preschool@kingofkings.school for more information.

MID-WINTER BREAK

The preschool will be closed Monday, February 19 – Friday, February 23.



VALENTINE'S/FRIENDSHIP DAY

Our preschool children will be celebrating friendship and giving for Valentine's Day. All classes will have parties on Wednesday, February 14th.

OTHER EVENTS

The children will be learning about "Ten Men with Leprosy" in chapel this month from Mr. Pat Gorman (thank you so much!). Feel free to join us on Wednesday, February 7th at 9:30am for our chapel service. The students will also be sharing special items with their fellow classmates at Show-n-Tell on Friday, February 2nd. This is one of the events that students look forward to just about every month.



PRAYERS NEEDED:

Wisdom for reaching out to families in the community to draw them to the preschool.

Wisdom, patience, grace, and excitement for our staff to share God's love and light with the children and families.

Josephine's (staff member) husband, Wicky is continuing to search for a job. Prayers for financial provision for the family and a job for Wicky.

HELP NEEDED:

Volunteers for reading to children (anytime – just let me know when you would like to come in)
Substitutes for 2023-2024 school year *** VERY BADLY NEEDED ***

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all your continued support in so many ways. You are all such a blessing to each and every student, family, and staff member. You go above and beyond, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do for this ministry, mission, school. You are making a difference in these family's lives.



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

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

**Lenten Worship Schedule**

Feb 14th—Ash Wednesday 12PM & 7PM

Midweek Services—12PM—live stream/recorded

Feb 21st Feb 28th

Mar 6th Mar 13th

Mar 20th

**Holy Week Schedule**

Maundy Thursday—Mar 28th, 12PM & 7PM

Good Friday—Mar 29th, 12PM & 7PM

Easter Services Mar 31st

Sunrise Service 8:00 AM

Festival Service 10:15 AM

**Message from the Food Bank**

Foodbank continues even though funding has pretty much gone away. We try every resource we can to get food. Including food for schools. People sometimes ask why we give food to schools when they have free and reduced lunch. Well, one of the high schools told me that kids are asking to get out of class early to get in line for free and reduce because if they run out, they get two slices of white bread and a piece of American cheese as their main source for lunch. This has been confirmed by a couple of the teachers as well. By us providing snacks, at least kids are getting something during the day.

While I was at one of the elementary schools a while ago, doing a delivery, a little boy came up to me and was pulling on my coat. He wanted to say thank you. He said now when Billy gets a snack, I get one too. It broke my heart. It let me know that all this time when we weren't providing snacks to the school other kids were getting snacks and some kids were left with nothing. This is one of the reasons we continue to provide snacks for schools.

Thank you so much for your support. It means a lot. Your monetary donations help to provide milk and eggs for the drive-through every week. If anybody would like to donate eggs, we can add them to what we purchase, because we never have enough for everyone who comes through our drive-through on Saturday. We are also in need of instant hot cereal and small bags of rice. Those items help to provide food for families with kids who cannot make it to the Food Bank to pick those up, and some we deliver to. Again, thank you so so much for all your support of Food Bank, and helping us to provide nourishment to those in our community and families with children. With food prices still going up, we have more and more requests for help. Any questions, let me know. Kim Petz Food Bank, Director (206) 390-1322

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Questions, contact Bob Bliesner: 253-778-5974

2/2 Breakfast @ IHOP 9:00 AM

We have a social breakfast at IHOP, Kent at 9:00 AM on the first Friday of the month . Everyone is welcome.

2/12 Lunch @ Jimmy Macs 11:30 AM

Address: 225 SW 7th St. Renton. Cost: \$14-\$16 range. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30AM

2/26 Lunch @ Wild Wheat 11:30 AM

Address: 202 1st Ave S., Kent. Cost: \$14-\$16 range. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30AM



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 – Thursday, February 1st at 10:00am in the Upper ED.
- Faith – Tuesday, February 6th, at 9:30am in the Upper ED.
- Hope—Tuesday February 6th, at 7pm at Kim Harkins home: 20633 147th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98042.
- Peace—Saturday February 10th, Aletha's house at 10am.
- Esther—Friday February 16th, in the Library.



Rummage Sale Committee Mtg: Wednesday January 31st, at 9:30AM. Come help us prepare for the rummage sale which will be April 26-27th. Drop off and set up is scheduled April 22-25th. More details as the dates get closer.

Valentines for Care Centers: If you have any valentines that you could share with the care centers please bring them to the church by Sunday, February 11th.



Small Banners Volunteer Needed

Shirley Sorensen is going to be retiring from hanging the small banners in the sanctuary. We are looking for a new volunteer to take over and she is happy to meet with anyone who is interested to walk them through what is involved.



February BIRTHDAYS

Nyachang Chuol	2/1	Sandy Wilkinson	2/9
Alizay Khan	2/1	Jacob Lul	2/10
Kaiden Mecham	2/1	Terri Hahn	2/11
Simon Bol	2/2	Ruth Pitts	2/13
Rebecca Bol	2/3	Mike Skagen	2/13
Cale Cour	2/5	Alex Sheets	2/14
Rex Meyer	2/6	Karen Hunziker	2/15
Tom Steger	2/6	Nyebol Pal	2/15
Ralph Linderman Jr	2/7	Brooke Larson	2/16
Dean Taylor	2/8	Brittany Harkins	2/18
Bobbea Harlan	2/9	Kelly Bunich	2/19
		Diana Antrim	2/21
		Brodie Baird	2/21
		Corin Bunker	2/21
		Kristi Dyson	2/23
		Valerie Dumas	2/27

February anniversaries

John & Kim Einarson
2/22 39 yrs.

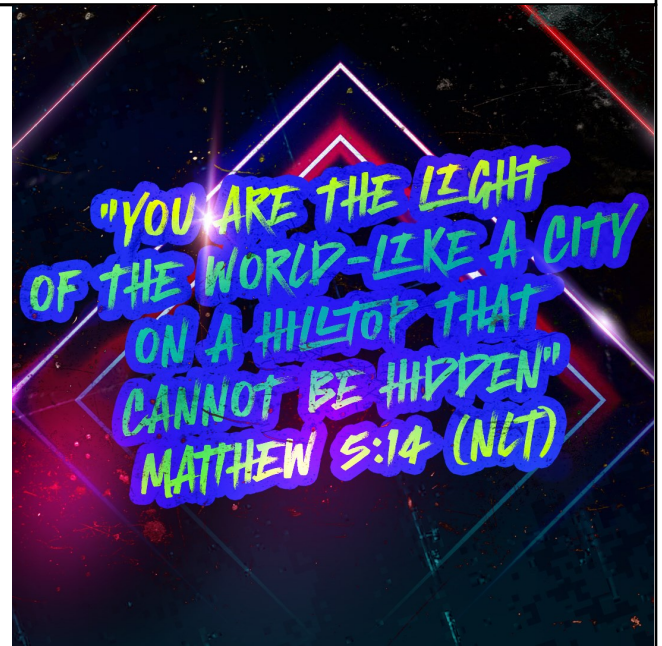
Sean & Karah Rondestvedt
2/24 17 yrs.



"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
Romans 12:10

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**7:00-8:30PM****Family Space****6:15PM****No meeting Feb 14th
Ash Wednesday****Join Zoom Meeting:****[https://
us02web.zoom.us/j/890295304
23?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89029530423?pwd=V1F2UmRKQkJNTmxqemgzakZIMFpTQT09)****pwd=V1F2UmRKQkJNTmxqem
gzakZIMFpTQT09****Meeting ID: 890 2953 0423****Passcode: 220929****Neon Night**

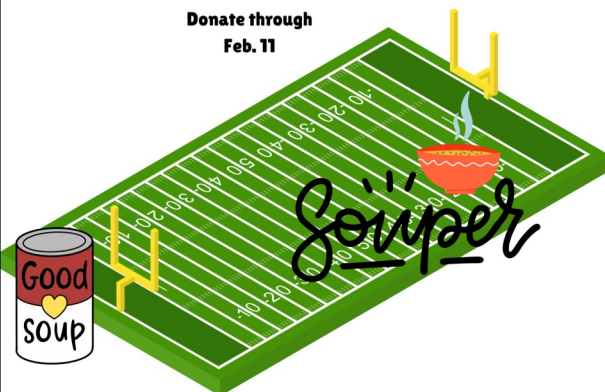
Join us for an evening of neon and blacklights, food and games, and a message based on Matthew 5:14
Monday, February 26, 7-8:30 pm.



Help us score against
hunger!

**"SOUPER" BOWL
OF HUNGER**

Donate through
Feb. 11

**Matthew 25:35**

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,..."

**Children's Ministry and Youth
Ministry Volunteer Leader Training**

Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10:30 am in the youth room.

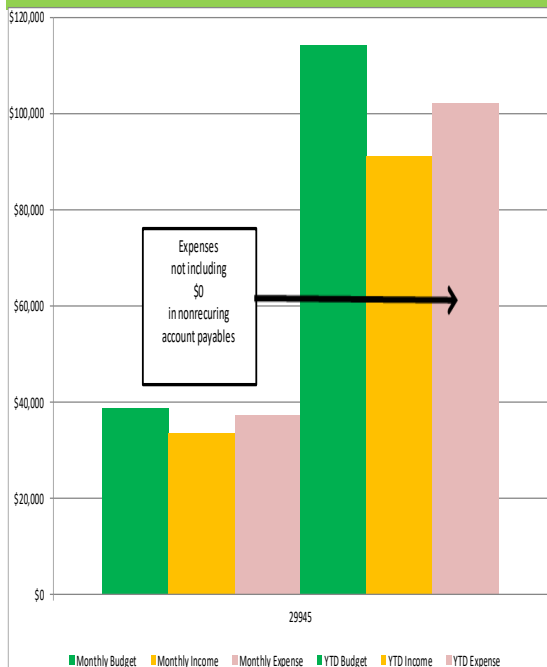
Come learn some strategies to positively impact the students in our ministries, share some highlights, and discuss some challenges.

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MINISTRY ACTION TEAMS (MAT)

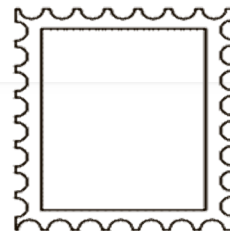
	MAT LEADER	PHONE	AREA TEAM LEADERS
1. Education - Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation,			SS: Jason Hennig, VBS: Suzy Hennig, Confirmation: Pastor Birner, Dennis Dyson, Theresa Lui-Kwan
2. Social Concerns - ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH, Food Bank			ARISE, Habitat for Humanity, REACH: Food Bank: Kim 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		253-797-9468 253-740-5094	Facilities Use Superintendent - Kim Petz Fritz Timm, Dave Wenndt, Art Brockschmidt, Roger Hitzeman
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	Theresa Lui-Kwan
17. Missions	Pat Gorman	253-246-9402	
18. Parsonage Study			TBD

FINANCIAL REPORT





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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: 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

Associate Pastor—Matthew Both—pastormatthew@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.