

The

King's Herald

King of Kings Lutheran Church Newsletter
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LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Lenten Services

March 5 and 12

Worship at 12 noon and 7:00 pm

Soup supper at 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday, March 16

Worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, March 20

Worship at 12 noon and 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 21

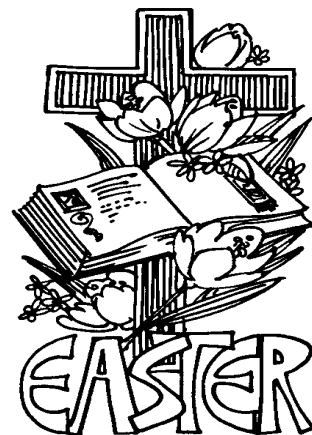
Worship at 12 noon and 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 23

Worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

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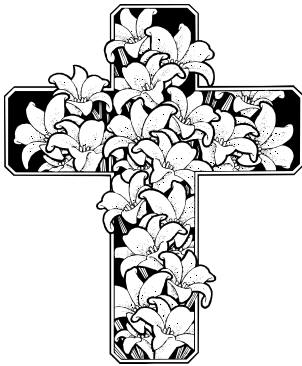
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2008

Discussions were held on the following topics:

- Election of 2008 Executive Council
 - ◆ Elaine Aadland — President
 - ◆ Curt Spiller — Vice President
 - ◆ Linda Thraikill — Secretary
- Council Liaisons for 2008
- Budget discussion
- Update on AT&T cell site construction
- Nursery addition & Parish Hall replacement update including open house March 2nd 11:45AM, and April 7th 7PM public meeting with planning commission at Oceanside city hall.
- Guidelines for the use of facilities by community groups including King's Kampus
- Ordering of new Hymnals
- Draft of ELCA social statement on human sexuality will be released on March 14th
- Thrivent update on matching funds
- Discussion about council retreat and NCD



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, March 22
9:00 am

We really need volunteers to help set up the flowered cross. Be a part of creating the cross for the joyous celebration of our risen Christ!

Please contact Virginia Cunha for more information.

A WORD FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

At our regular February meeting, the Church Council honored me (I think) by naming me Council President for 2008.

While I feel excited and energized by the prospect of serving our church in this capacity, I also admit to feeling a bit anxious. This is a new role for me, and there is much I have to learn.

But I do know two things. First, I love this church and the people in it, and I want very much to help it grow and thrive.

Second, I can't do it alone. I will need help and commitment from everyone in the congregation.

What specifically can you do? Pray for me and the rest of your Council members, for one thing. Volunteer. Get involved. Attend as many church functions as you can. Support other groups. Offer suggestions. Share ideas. Take ownership. This is, after all, *our* church—it will be what we make it together.

I would like to hear from you. Please feel free to email me at eadland@gmail.com. Or call me, 720-1713.

In anticipation,
Elaine Aadland

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Our Easter proclamations are the finale and crescendo of our Holy Week worship. I invite you all to join us for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Nobody would leave a movie or play after the introduction, and then stand out in the lobby only to return for the credits or curtain call.

Holy Week is THE central truth about Jesus.

Palm Sunday sets the stage as the crowds proclaim Jesus their King.

Maundy (Latin for commandment) Thursday is where Jesus presents us with the gift of His Body and His Blood in the Bread and the Cup. He also commands us to love one another as he washes the disciple's feet.

Good Friday is the most somber service of the year as we recall Jesus' torture and execution. Some traditions use this day for Jesus funeral as we recall that He died "for You" — just as he gave himself the night before "for You" in the Lord's Supper.

On Easter morning, the women found that the tomb was empty. The angel's words to the 2 Mary's still ring true: *"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."*

On that morning God's gift of new life in Jesus was given to us and all those who follow Jesus.

The words of the Angel will ring true this Easter also. There will be people here visiting us who are looking for the Jesus — looking for God in their life.

I know it might be tempting to quip "Good to see you again. I haven't see you since Christmas!" but refrain and instead welcome these weary pilgrims. Some have traveled difficult roads to be with us — suffering emotional pain, loneliness, grief and despair along the way. They are looking for the Joy and New Life of Easter — they are here to ask the question John the Baptist asked at the beginning of Lent, "Is Jesus the one true messiah who can bring me new and eternal life? Or shall I look in another place?"

As we greet these visitors (or better said — Brothers and Sisters in Christ we do not yet know) may they find our answer on Easter and every Sunday is YES. This is the place where you can find rest for the soul, answers to life's nagging questions and solace in the new life offered by Jesus.

Welcome them with the greatest news of all time:

"CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

KING OF KING'S SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

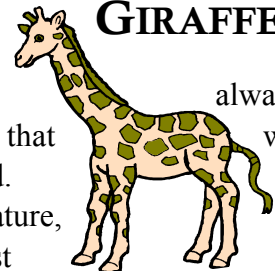
Sunday, March 23
10:00 am

*No Sunday School Classes
Easter Morning*



THE CHURCH GIRAFFE

The Church Giraffe is the look out for things that normally go unnoticed. long neck and quiet nature, sees things that the rest of us miss.



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The March Giraffe goes to Bill Monroe who has replaced light bulbs and fixtures in both the Sanctuary and the Parish Hall. Often they are fixed before anyone even knows they are broken. He is also a faithful usher — and known to step in quickly to help there also. Thanks Bill.

Congregational Life



The Congregational Life Committee is a group of church members dedicated to nurturing the Body of Christ at King of Kings through intergenerational fellowship, promoting the sharing of faith across generations.

Committee Chair: Marti Hause email: Marti3543@aol.com

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 7th, 2008

6:15 pm, Church Lounge

MARCH ACTIVITIES



Bowling

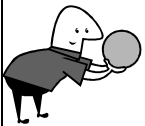
Sunday, March 2nd

3 pm - 5 pm

Vista Entertainment Center (between Melrose & Vista Village on West Vista Way)

\$9/person for two games including shoes.

Signup* after worship services as a bowler or a booster



Join in the fun for all ages



Contact: Mary Ellen Jones 757-2429

* Bowlers must sign up to get the group rate.

**Coming Soon --
"B" Games for building!**

**Irvine Concordia College
Bell Choir**



**Sunday, March 9, 2008
at King of Kings**

Mark your calendar for this inspiring and joyful Bell Choir Performance.

Congregational Life will sponsor a Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm prior to the performance.

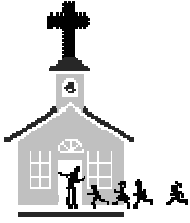
The performance begins at 7:00 pm

The 12-ringer ensemble will perform original and arranged sacred, secular, and Christmas pieces for all ages and tastes by Peter Tchaikovsky, Catherine McMichael, Cathy Moglebust, Fred Gramann and others, concluding with Concordia's own hands-on, audience-participation finale.

A free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

March — 2008

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School Superintendent: Lisa Haavig
Home phone: 760-757-7441, Email: LHaavig@cox.net
(All volunteers working with children/youth at King of Kings must submit to fingerprinting and a background check.)



All Sunday School Classes 9:15 am - 10:15 am

ALL are welcome, ages 3.5 through adult.

Parents please escort your children to class at Kings Kampus.

Ages 3.5 - 11 years: Kings Campus, main rooms - Sunday school staff

Mustard Seed Rotational lessons for mixed age children focusing on bible stories in Drama, Art, Games, & Video. March Lessons: Jesus' Miracles & Jesus Dies

6th - 8th Grades: Kings Kampus, map room - Sunday school staff

Kings Kampus, 3rd door on the right - Confirmation preparation on a 3 year cycle (Old Testament, **New Testament**, Catechism). Regular attendance is required to be confirmed in 8th grade.

9th - 12th Grades & Adults: Old Sanctuary, Youth Room - Curt Spiller

Topical bible study with music and video relevant to living as a Christian in the modern world.

Adult Class (confirmed youth welcome): Church Lounge - Pastor James

The ELCA and our struggle with sexuality issues. One Sunday of each month will include congregational information update.

Adv. Confirmation: 8th grade & up Confirmation preparation.

Please contact Lisa Haavig to enroll.

HEIFER PROJECT



Offerings for the Heifer Project should be brought to the Sunday School building (Kings Kampus) 9 - 9:10 am each Sunday.

\$1/duck or \$20/flock and 30¢/ bee or \$30/hive. Go to www.heifer.org/myregistry/koksundayschool to check our progress.



***How can I get my kids "ready" for
Easter? It's easy. Bring the whole family
to lenten soup supper & worship service!
Every Wednesday during lent.***



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



- Piecemakers:** Every Thursday from 9 - 12
- Board Meeting:** March 6th
- Coffee Hour:** Ruth Circle, March 16th
- Brunch Bunch:** March 19th 9:30 am at Mimi's
- Bookies:** March 16th 1 pm, Church Lounge, the selection is Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History by Erik Larson
- Circles Meet:**
- Lydia-** March 10th 1 pm
Circle Leader, Virginia Cunha, 760- 757-5789
- Ruth-** March 10th 7 pm
Circle Leader, Anna Durbin, 760-433-0284
- Naomi-** March 11th 9:30 am
Circle Leader, Gayle Mekelburg, 760-721-9344

EVENTS

We wish to remind you that this month we are going to deliver to the Lutheran Border Concerns that which we have gathered from our abundance. I am talking about new soap bars and new or used candles. We take these things for granted without realizing that some our sisters in Christ living below the border have neither light nor cleansing items. So, let's drop off these life giving items for distribution. There are containers in the Narthex.

You have the opportunity to volunteer for the "Thrivent Builds" program. It is connected to Habitat for Humanity. They need our help one day in June and one day in September. Sign up now with Mary Ellen Jones.



Bake Sale

Get ready for a bake sale to be held in April. No, that isn't too far away. We will have more in our April newsletter.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study this month is the beatitude, "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart, for They Shall See God". What does it mean to have a clean heart, one with pure motives? Each Circle will be studying this, so join one to find out.



WOMEN OF NOTE

News magazines, newspapers and world news can always be counted on to show the worst of the worlds happenings. I am stricken when I see women in the Middle East, Rwanda and even inner cities of the U.S., keening, and crying over the dead bodies of their children. Not much has changed since the ancient days of the Old Testament. The fighting still continues. The women and the children are the victims as in the days of David, as vengeance, blood for blood was then and still is. One of those hapless victims was Rizpah.

As the story goes, it all started with a broken promise and treaty made by Joshua with the Gibeonites. He had promised to live in peace with them. But 400 years later, Saul, who was now King, was bent on annihilating them, thus breaking the treaty. Much bloody water went under the bridge in many battles until one battle with the Philistines. It was here that Saul was mortally wounded and to avoid capture, fell on his own sword.

His death precipitated a political battle between Abner and Saul's son. Rizpah was one of Saul's concubines. Women were nothing but property and Rizpah, upon Saul's death, had been appropriated by Abner, one of Saul's generals and the regent to his son. (2 Sam. Ch. 3) According to the law of that time Rizpah would have been inherited by the son. There was a great uproar about this, not because of the unseemliness of her situation, but because it implied that Abner planned to usurp the throne. This action resulted in David taking over that kingdom thus ending the Saul Dynasty and beginning the Davidic Dynasty.

Meanwhile, a very bad famine came upon the land. When David sought the answer from God, he was told it was punishment for Saul's attempts to exterminate the Gibeonites. So

David approached them and asked what they wanted in reparations. They wanted no gold, they wanted blood for blood. They asked to execute 7 of Saul's sons. Two of these sons were Rizpah's.

So, here we have Rizpah faced with the loss of sons and benefactor. This meant she had no support at all. No safety net in those days for widows, not that there is a lot today. But, she was in a very precarious position with no means of support. But her grief was not for herself, it was for her sons. The culture of those days also felt strongly about a decent burial which meant ritual and being buried within 24 hours. And being impaled and left at the disposal of vultures and wild dogs was not decent.

Rizpah exchanged her queenly concubine garments for sackcloth and set about a vigil that lasted for 5 months. She would grieve until her sons were buried. She spread sackcloth over the rocks and remained there only moving about to keep the birds and beasts from resting on those slain. (See 2 Sam. 21:10)

Her dedication eventually got the attention of King David. It apparently touched his heart because he ordered the remains of those executed along with Saul and his son Jonathan's bones to be given a decent burial. The famine then ended; the Kingdom of the Israelites was united under David's leadership and of course, Rizpah was mentioned no more. All was right with God because after all these bones were buried, the Bible says "_____ God heeded supplications for the land." (v15)

What are we to think of Rizpah's actions? She grieved in a positive way and God answered her in a scriptural promise; "The Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanliness in His sight." (2 Sam. 22:25)



Max Jason Schuler
born January 31st
grandson of Mary and John Schuler

Collin Michael Douglas
February 4th
grandson of Pastor Linda and Sheldon Olson

Alyssa Norden
February 10th
granddaughter of Bonnie Jeffers

**Dramatic readings from Max Lucado's
HE CHOSE THE NAILS fill our Lenten
services with meaning and inspiration.**

"Linger on the hill of Calvary. Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow. Touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of God. Allow the tools of torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart."

That's the invitation this Lenten season as each week, talented members of our congregation read a chapter from the profoundly beautiful book by Max Lucado. Adapted by Elaine Aadland for dramatic presentation, *He Chose the Nails* explores the physical details of the crucifixion and finds in them God's amazing gifts of grace for all of us.

The dramatic readings continue through Good Friday. If you have missed the first few, you can still make this a meaningful part of your journey toward Easter. *He Chose the Nails* will be performed at both the 12 noon and 7 pm during Wednesday Lenten services, as well as on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Don't miss them.

Our thanks to those who read the first three chapters in February: Dave Kupka, Elaine Aadland, Kiley Sanders and Sol LaGrange. We look forward to the following performances:

March 5—Chapter IV: *"I Will Give You My Robe"*; *God's Promise in the Garment*. Presented by Kim Wakefield.

March 12—Chapter V: *"I Invite You into My Presence"*; *God's Promise through the Torn Flesh*. Presented by Anna Durbin.

Maundy Thursday—Chapter VI: *"I Understand Your Pain"*; *God's Promise in the Wine-Soaked Sponge*. Presented by Michael Mistrial.

Good Friday—Epilogue: *What Will You Leave at the Cross?* Presented by Elaine Aadland.

**FINANCIAL FIGURES FOR
JANUARY 2008**

INCOME	Budget	Actual
	22,771	18,897
EXPENSES	Budget	Actual
	27,103	23,116

**Thank you for your generous
gifts which make King of Kings'
mission and ministry possible!**

**Average Sunday Worship Attendance
January**

<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
162	208	174

YOUTH NEWS

I recently attended ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Anaheim. The Extravaganza's theme was "Fresh", and there was ample evidence that many attendees didn't need much encouragement to give in to the theme. I talked to people from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, among other states who were refreshed by the change in weather that they were experiencing (and didn't mind calling back home to let their friends and neighbors know that they were "eating dinner on the beach!").

I don't want to give the impression that the weekend was one big party. These events are staged to help ministry, and they do. As people renew acquaintances, they draw strength that someone they know is still on the battlefield. Workshops allow a vigorous exchange of ideas to fight common problems. There is great joy in making new friends. And the worship is powerful. I heartily recommend that everyone experience an occasional change in their usual style of worship and praise. When our youth attend events like these, I think the new perspective gives a tremendous boost to their faith development.

I thank the congregation for their tremendous support of our spaghetti dinner. Terry Mayer put the meal together, and she did an outstanding job. I truly believe that if everyone could see the video for the Western States Youth Gathering that I saw @ the Extravaganza, we would have adults competing to go.

Please support our Easter breakfast on March 23. Watch your bulletin for details.

Happy birthday, Kristen Taylor, Brienne Taylor, and Callie Hillman!

- Curt Spiller

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Southern California Jr. High Quake

March 28-30 in Costa Mesa

A Middle School Quake is a Christian weekend retreat for youth groups and their adult leaders. At these Quakes, God builds caring Christian community among youth and adults, personal faith in Jesus Christ, and positive relationships among peers through great music, motivational speakers, small group activities, lessons on life and exciting interaction between youth groups.

Western States Youth Gathering

July 29-August 1 in Anaheim

Geared for High School Youth grades 9-12.
Theme: WIRED: Live Connected

Dynamic Speakers, Inspiring Music, Engaging Workshops, Servant Projects, Live "wired" concerts, Battle of the Bands, DJ dances, Karaoke, Indoor Beach Volleyball, Improv Comedy Show...and MUCH more.

Contact Curt Spiller, cybersan@earthlink.net to register to attend either event with our youth group.

Reflections

Matthew 24:31

And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call,
and they will gather his elect from the four winds,
from one end of the heavens to the other.

Angels In The Air

Can it be when there's an angel near...
We feel something in the air...
A scent of heaven lingering on...
As we bow our heads in prayer...
An angel is a special friend...
Full of kindness, warmth, and love...
They flutter all around us...
Like a free and graceful dove...
Though some think they are imaginary...
We think they are real...
It's clear to us just what they are...
For their presence we can feel...
Keep a prayer within your heart...
And you'll have another friend...
He will walk along with you...
And always hold your hand...
If you will put your faith in him...
God will see you through...
And so between the two of them...
They will take care of you...
And when God decides to call us home...
His angels he will send...
And we will sit before him...
With our families and our friends...

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THOUGHTS OF A CHURCH MOUSE

I've been thinking about Jesus. All sorts of
images flood my mind. Easter images –Jesus coming
to me. My Lord and Savior -- restored –
RESURRECTED! -- and full of Easter joy!

Have you seen Him? Oh, I don't mean at
the mall or strolling on the beach. But wait –on
the other hand, maybe I do! After Easter He
linked up with His followers when they least
expected it. On the beach, cooking breakfast;
on the road from Jerusalem; and at gatherings in
an upper room. But funny thing, sometimes they
didn't recognize Him! That is until he did some-
thing familiar – an ordinary, every day sort of thing
- like breaking bread!

Jesus, our Lord and Savior makes His presence
known in our lives as well. Certainly at His
supper, but also when we celebrate the ordinary.
In the smile of a child; in the beauty of music;
In the touch of a loved one; in the comfort of being
heard; in the sharing of joy and sadness; in the
ordinary events of our daily lives!

I've been thinking about Jesus. All sorts of
images flood my mind. Have you seen Him? The
Risen one?! Watch for Him. He is with you always!
You simply have to recognize Him. Thanks be to
God!

A. Mouse



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Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Adult Class and Sunday School at 9:15 am**

PARISH STAFF

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Visitation Pastor: Rev. Dave Kupka

President: Elaine Aadland

Vice-President: Curt Spiller

Secretary: Linda Thrailkill

Treasurer: Steve Hovel

Financial Secretary: Donna Miller

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Curt Spiller

Sexton: Nancy Whitlock

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Administrative Assistant: Suzi Mastin

Nursery Care: Melody Grasz

MILITARY MINISTRY

Please keep all of our military & their families in
your prayers. Addresses of deployed military:

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FOB Bremelle
APO AE 09354

Capt. David Cochran (Kimberly Davis' brother)
Q-West
116th En Co
APT AE 09351



CWO3 Jeffery Grasz, USMC
3d MLG, CLR-35, 3d OMC
Unit: 38428
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HMC Chris Thorne
413th Civil Affairs Battalion
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PFC Justin Kent has returned home safely!