

King of Kings Lutheran Church

May 2024

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King of Kings Lutheran Church
2561 Vinewood Lane
Pueblo, Co lorado 81005-2744

Office Hours -

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community
empowered by
the life, death,
and resurrection of
Jesus Christ,
to share with all his love,
peace, hope and joy.

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 5 - 19
8:00 & 10:30 AM

May 26
One Service @ 9:30 am



Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Every year, at Easter, I feel a bit of a shock. On Friday, we're mired in grief, watching Jesus die on the cross, and then just two days later we're singing "Alleluia!" and celebrating his resurrection.

So sudden, from death to life. What happened to the grief? What happened to the pain? If you had watched your loved one suffer and die violently on an instrument of torture, I'm not sure you could get that image out of your head. I'm not sure you'd ever be okay. The shock that came first, followed by the grief of losing them. It's devastating, to say the least.

Recently, I experienced such a tragedy. My brother died both unexpectedly and tragically. His life shouldn't have ended the way it did, but it did. And the shock and grief were evident to me the week we were out in Utah.

But maybe that's why the stories after the resurrection are few and far between. Maybe that's why the disciples seem to act so... weird. Hiding in their homes for fear of strangers. Huddled up next to each other. Shocked. Scared. Angry. Fearful. All of these are natural feelings when dealing with pain. And then the resurrection happens, and the disciples don't know what to think. They move from shock to confusion and, during this time, through grief. You can see this grief in Thomas, who is so shaken by the experience of the cross that he can't even fathom that Jesus could be alive. It takes actually seeing Jesus alive to change Thomas' attitude.

But still, where is the grief in all of this? Do the disciples get whiplash, going from mourning one moment to rejoicing another? Or are we missing something?

Perhaps that grief is in the relative silence we get from the disciples from Easter to Pentecost. The Gospels themselves have few stories of the disciples during this time. A chapter or two is all that covers post-resurrection Jesus. Maybe that is because of grief. Maybe that's because of the disciples' sense of loss.

This changes at Pentecost. Then the Holy Spirit is poured out upon them, and the disciples get the sense that grief isn't how to remember Jesus, but emulation. They go and do what Jesus did. Heal the sick, cast out demons, proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Jesus' life is being lived out now through them.

We who are in grief should remember this pause too. There is and should be a time of pause between the shock of grief and the new life ahead. While "Christ is risen indeed" is true, it's hard to believe it when stuck in that grief. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can we truly begin to celebrate the person's life, knowing that as Christ lives, they shall live, too.

In times of tragedy, may God bless you with a holy-pause time as you, like the disciples, wait for the Holy Spirit and the gift of new life.

In Christ, Pastor Bill

WORSHIP

May 5 - 6th Sunday of Easter Reception of New Members

8:00 am - Holy Communion
9:15 am - Fellowship with Adult Forum:
Guest Speaker - Roger Riekema, Adult
Study, Children's Sunday School
10:30 am - Holy Communion
11:45 am - New Member Potluck Lunch
12:00 noon - Confirmation Trip
1:30 pm - Youth Gathering meeting at Solar
Roast

May 12 - 7th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

8:00 am - Holy Communion
9:15 am - Fellowship with Council Open
Q&A Session, Adult Study, Children's
Sunday School
10:30 am - Holy Communion

May 19 - Pentecost Biannual Congregational Meeting

8:00 am - Holy Communion
9:15 am - Biannual Meeting, Children's
Sunday School
10:30 am - Holy Communion
1:30 pm - Youth Gathering meeting at Solar
Roast
6:00 pm - Family Game Night

May 26 - The Holy Trinity One Service

9:30 am - Holy Communion
10:30 am - Fellowship

Worship videos are available through our church
website: kingofkingspueblo.org

Just click on the "Recorded Services" tab and choose
the worship date you would like to watch.



In the Fellowship Hall!!

Join us for coffee, donuts and
fellowship between services.

CHURCH
POTLUCK &
NEW MEMBER
WELCOME



Sunday, January 14th
@ 12 PM

HONORING OUR NEWEST CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

On Sunday, May 5, following the 10:30 am
worship, we invite everyone to a potluck
luncheon honoring our new members.

Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to
share.

The church will provide the main dish.



**Sunday,
May 19
at 9:15 a.m.**

To discuss church
business and select
candidates for open council
positions.

Copies of the Biannual Report
will be handed out on Sunday, May 12.



On Easter Sunday, I was in Denver with my family. I went to Red Rocks' sunrise service. The morning was crisp and clear, the music was beautiful, and it is something to hear thousands of people in an amphitheater replying in unison **"He is Risen, indeed!"** Then, we visited a Lutheran church for traditional service. It's interesting to visit other congregations to see different ways of doing the same things.

We are coming into that time of the school year when finals are given, awards are decided, and we take stock of what's been learned and accomplished. What would our church's report card look like on the ELCA grading scale?

All you need to do is look at 2 letters, from a former member and a visitor, that are included in this newsletter. This congregation is truly exceptional! In the subjects that count, King of Kings gets **A+**. We welcome everyone, go the extra mile to surround a new family with care and love, provide a peace-filled haven for someone in spiritual need, very generously donate - during Lent and year-round - to social services, give practical help and comfort to a family grieving a death, and love one another.

Logan Lucero was explaining to me that when you are in Honor Society at his school (which he is - way to go!) you are expected to do extra service hours, not just rest on your laurels. King of Kings is the same - we have made the Honor Roll, but we need to keep growing on our successes and reflect the love-filled lessons our Teacher Jesus taught us.

The church service we attended on Easter was lovely. We received a bulletin and a "Happy Easter" from an usher. When peace was passed, the people near us reached across to greet their friends. The minister extended a "warm welcome and sincere invitation to everyone" to come to Fellowship breakfast. Yet not one person - not one - said hello to any of us even as we stood waiting in the foyer. Of course, we walked out then and went home. I missed HERE, and remember Easter breakfast two years ago. When I stood in the Hall, Bea said, "come sit with us." I did, and here I am. Just sayin'.....

10 Rules for a Perfect Day #3

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my business, and my luck as they come and fit myself to them.

KING OF KINGS' MEETINGS & GROUPS



Join us for
Sunday School
this May at
King of Kings

There are lots of exciting things happening this May in Sunday School at King of Kings! This month, we will be learning about the travels of Jesus' disciples as they spread the good news throughout the world.

Our last day of Sunday School will be May 19, and we will be celebrating our special Sunday School graduates as they move into the next phase of their faith formation.

Please join us at 9:15 on May 5, 12, and 19 in the Sunday School room. Children aged 3 through 6th grade are encouraged to attend, and we hope to see you there for learning and fun!

Also, please SAVE THE DATE for Day Camp that will be held the week of June 10th (9-2 each day)! We need lots of participants and volunteers to make this week successful! More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support!

Council Open Q&A Session

9:30am, May 12, 2024

We recognize that because of time constraints, the Bi-Annual Congregation Meetings do not permit time for extended discussions on church business. To remedy this, during Sunday Fellowship time the Council will begin scheduling periodic Open Q&A sessions to provide you with updates on current projects and allow time for you to ask questions about any issues or concerns you may have. We hope to see you there for the 2nd Open Q&A session on May 12, 9:30am.



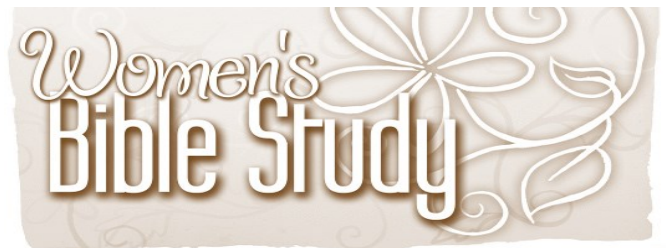
May 5th @ 12:00 noon

Our last field trip!
We will be heading to Colorado Springs to go hiking.

**ADULT FORUM
SUNDAY, MAY 5
AT 9:15 AM**

Guest Speaker: Roger Riekema
Roger will share many of the in's and out's of the work he does for our church.

Please get your coffee and donut to join us for this informative and fun hour together.



Ladies

Unity Circle will meet
at 9:30 a.m. on

May 8th

for this women's Bible Study.

We will meet in the small hall.

All are welcome
Hope to see you there!

KING OF KINGS' MEETINGS & GROUPS

Thimbles and Patches

Our quilting group gathers on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Hall.

No sewing experience is needed.... both **Men & Women** are welcome! If you can tie a knot - you can help!!!!



Centering



Prayer

Our prayer group gathers at the church at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday. You are all welcome to come and join us.



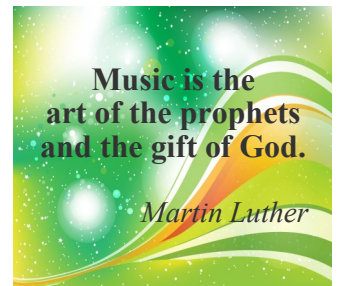
Bards and Rogues, wizards and fighters!
You can JOIN anytime!

We gather to adventure together on the 2nd Thursday of the each month. Our **May 9th** adventure will begin at 6:30 pm.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Our last rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 8.



Bell Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm.



Men's Suds Ministry meets every Thursday at Gus's Place. For information call Roger Stubenrouch - 719-250-5894.

Come join us for
Ladies' Lunch



We meet at 11:30 on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at Southwest Deli & Café in Regency, next to Starbucks.



Children's Migrant Bags

It's time, once more, to collect items for the Migrant Bags.

We will gather these items through the end of May. We hope to fill **50 bags** for the children.

Items Needed:

Large bath towels
Regular size bar of soap
Toothpaste - 4 oz +

Washcloth
Combs
Toothbrush

There is a box in the narthex for your donations.

The bags will be sewn together, then given to the children of the migrant workers in June.

We will fill the bags in June and take them to the Church Women United meeting on June 7th.

Thank you from the WELCA Board for helping with this truly needed ministry.

KING OF KINGS' MEETINGS & GROUPS

Church Council



This month's meeting will be on Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 pm.

Council members - please email your reports, and read all other reports, before the meeting.



On May 15th, our Social Ministry team will be putting together 25 baby layettes for mothers in need in Pueblo. The layettes will be given to Posada's ELKO Center, Los Pobres, Cooperative Care and the Salvation Army. We are asking for your help in filling the layettes. Our needs include diapers, sizes 1-4, baby wipes, and baby clothes, new or gently used, for both girls and boys sizes 3 months through 12 months, and socks/booties.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of your Social Ministry's projects.



Will you Help with Summer Altar Care?

Altar Care volunteers are needed for the summer months!

Setting up Communion and preparing the altar are an important part of our Sunday worship.

Two or three people normally sign up each month. The work is not hard. On each Saturday, the work of setting up for worship only takes about 1/2 hour.

During the summer we have only one service to clean up after. Extra hands always seem to show up to help.

You can volunteer with a friend, work as a family, or even do the job alone if you so choose.

If you find it in your heart to help and want to learn how altar care is done, please talk to our Altar Care Chairwoman, Claudia Stubenrouch, on Sunday or call her at 719.250.4239



The May Request from
Cooperative Care
is for

**Mac & Cheese,
Crackers,
Kids' Fruit Snacks**
- all extra **canned goods
& cereals** are very
appreciated.



Cooperative Care also has an ongoing need for men's sizes medium and large boxer shorts, as are women's size 5 and 6 briefs. Thank you again for your compassion and caring.

KING OF KINGS' MEETINGS & GROUPS



King of Kings Prayer Chain

GOD

HAS GIVEN TO US
AN INCREDIBLE GIFT OF PRAYER.
THERE ARE NO MORE ENCOURAGING WORDS
WE CAN SAY OR HEAR
THAN "I AM PRAYING FOR YOU"

You are welcome to join our email
Prayer Chain by calling the Church Office.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING



Meetings @ Solar Roast

In May we will meet twice:
May 5 & 19, to continue our
talks and journey toward
New Orleans.

On Sunday, May 26, we will
have a special "Send off" at
worship - 9:30 am.

Newsletter News

Only one month of the Klarion left!!!

Want to be "in the know?" Just share your email with the church office to get our weekly Konnetted information, which will include all the exciting upcoming news!

Send your email to:
secretary@kingofkingspueblo.org



Another night of fun together!

Our monthly family game night will
take place Sunday, May 19, at
6:00 p.m., playing



Please contact Cathy Jacobs at the church office if you
would like to host ANY game night. You provide the
snacks.

Don't worry – you won't need to plan or call the
games. Just be the host!





**OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCIAL
HEALTH**

As of March 31, 2024

Income	\$80,250.27
Expenses	\$95,817.11
Net Loss	(\$15,566.84)
Budgeted income	\$78,625.00
Budgeted expenses	\$92,349.50
Budgeted loss	(\$13,724.50)



\$5,731.13

**YOUR GIFT TO
ELCA WORLD HUNGER
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

Once again, your generosity is incredible.
We are called to serve, and you have answered the call.

King of Kings has stepped up to help people in our
community, our nation and around the world
who are undernourished.

KING OF KINGS' MEETINGS & GROUPS

Passing the Candle



Join us June 2nd, as we close the book on one chapter of King of Kings and open to another. This Sunday, we'll be passing the candle from Kenna to Cathy and Roger to Paula, while also installing our council members to their positions.

Then join us at Fellowship time as we hear from both Kenna and Roger about their experiences, share some refreshments, and give time to "roast" both of them with stories you remember too!

Did you Sign Up?

If you signed up for flowers or Easter Lilies, please make sure that you have paid for them.



Please contact Vicki Becker, via phone call or text to 719-252-0432, if you are unsure if they have paid or not.

Interdenominational Women's Bible Study

Ladies, you are invited to join the Interdenominational Women's Bible Study once again. The group begins on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 pm, running for 7 weeks, and the study is entitled "Finding God Faithful; a Study on the Life of Joseph." Interested individuals can call or text Paula Chostner at 719.696.4613.

Let's Celebrate...



Visitors this past Month

Brenna Brady
 Bryce & Ally Biefel,
 Oakley & Viktor
 Neal Figueroa
 Terrye Oliva
 Rex Hopper
 Charleen Hinckley
 Michelle Ramos
 Louis Browne
 Betty Harwood
 Gary Steele
 Emily Seil
 Bob Frantz
 Jan Braunack
 Jeri Morgan
 Terri Dewey
 Amanda & Randy Wise
 Ryan & Christine Symons
 Preslie, Eloise & Henry
 Tayla
 Mike Simmons
 Michael Trujillo
 & Christy
 Mrs. Peterson
 Atticus
 Steve Melcher
 John & Sharon Parga
 Clayton
 Nancy & Sean Bergstrom
 Kathy Gepfert
 Steve Melcher
 Katie (Croschal) & family
 June Robles

Please contact
 the church
 office if your
 birth date or
 anniversary are
 missing or
 wrong.
 Thank you



<i>Dale & Doris Alber</i>	5-2
<i>Merlin & Carol Leking</i>	5-2
<i>Christy & Sean Finnegan</i>	5-5
<i>Jill & Michael Zgainer</i>	5-8
<i>Dennis & Marilyn Moran</i>	5-17
<i>Jerry & Val Ledbetter</i>	5-19
<i>Claire & Matt Pike</i>	5-23
<i>Steve & Susan Uhl</i>	5-23
<i>Colennda & Al Fratterelli</i>	5-25
<i>Ed & Evelyn Golisch</i>	5-25
<i>Barry & Phyllis Richards</i>	5-25
<i>Alan & Susan Shelinbarger</i>	5-29



<i>Cecily Larson</i>	5-1
<i>Linda Gertz</i>	5-2
<i>Becky Dressen</i>	5-4
<i>Merlin Leking</i>	5-4
<i>Tom Burrell</i>	5-8
<i>Evelyn Golisch</i>	5-9
<i>Dave Parry</i>	5-11
<i>Jean VanderKolk</i>	5-11
<i>Jerry Hoisington</i>	5-12
<i>Rose Simpson</i>	5-12
<i>Cody Arellano</i>	5-13
<i>Keegan Finnegan</i>	5-13
<i>Lisa Harder</i>	5-13
<i>Charleen Hinckley</i>	5-14
<i>Melissa Moran-Guillen</i>	5-14
<i>Kay Riggio</i>	5-14
<i>Sue Alberico</i>	5-16
<i>Angela Kleven</i>	5-17
<i>Gavyn Bustillos</i>	5-20
<i>Pat Carson</i>	5-20
<i>Katie Wilson</i>	5-20
<i>Missy Foderaro</i>	5-22
<i>Mary Bonogofsky</i>	5-23
<i>Eric Hefty</i>	5-25
<i>Liz Snyder</i>	5-25
<i>Colin Stewart</i>	5-26
<i>Aaron Harder</i>	5-28
<i>Joe Martellaro</i>	5-28
<i>Jill Zgainer</i>	5-28
<i>Paul Arellano</i>	5-31

To the church,

I wanna thank you for seeing me around your church, and not pushing me away. This place makes me fee ... home. I try my best to keep it clean on the outside the best. I wanna ask to join you all on Sunday for church. I don't wanna assume and just walk in, I'd rather get your blessing to join.

I sit out here after a long day of missing my family, and just thank God for another day to pass, then for another to come. I know I ain't perfect. I just want to be accepted by those who love me. I apologize on my behalf of being on your property.

God bless,
Ray Orratio Serrato Romero



King of Kings -

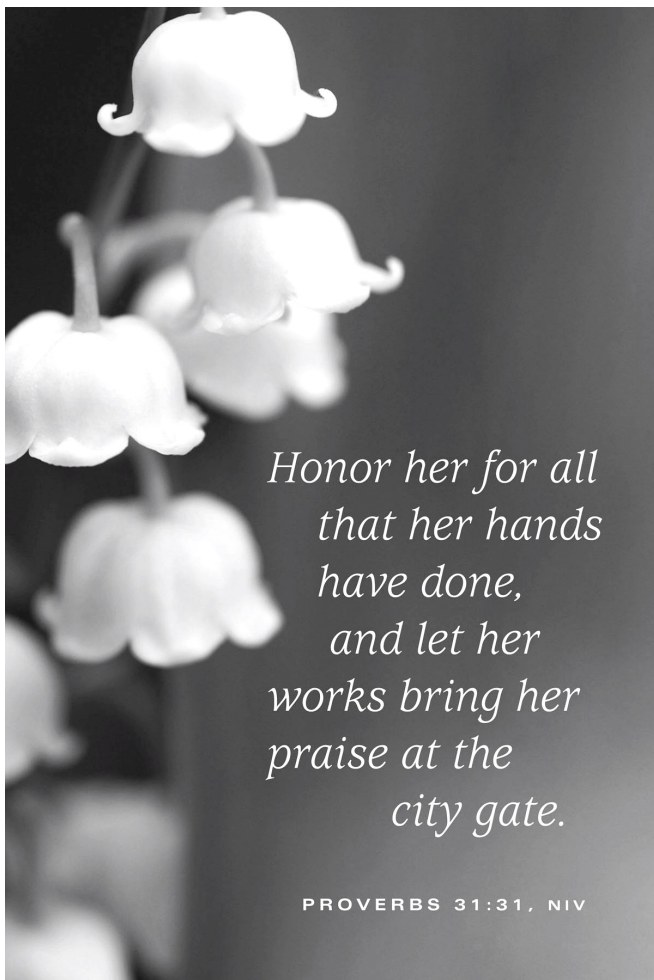
Alex, Romealee, and I can't thank everyone enough for literally EVERYTHING you all have done for us! Who would have known a simple greet/handshake/smile one Sunday while I was looking for a church, would turn into family! We are so blessed to have met everyone at King of Kings!

Thank you times a million for the gas card, money, baby shower, laughs, cry's, prayers and memories.

We will cherish the short time we had at King of Kings, but left with lasting friends, warm hearts, and a deep faith that continues to grow. You are always in my thoughts and prayers!

Love,
Ashley, Alex and Romealee

Check out the big bulletin board to see two pictures of Romealee in her Easter finery.



*Honor her for all
that her hands
have done,
and let her
works bring her
praise at the
city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:31, NIV

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful cards sent and prayers shared. The cards are so very much appreciated.

Pastor Mark has been in rehab for over a month after his stroke. He is slowly recovering.

Pastor Mark & Pegi Crates

WORSHIP MATTERS...

Altar Flowers

May 5: Vicki Becker, Greg & Cathy Hahn
May 12: Vicki Becker, Jill Ramos
May 19: Barbara & Mike Anders
May 26:-----, -----

SOUND TECHNICIANS:

May 5: Gene Johnson
May 12: Gene Johnson
May 19: Gary Buxman
May 26: Gary Buxman

Bulletins

May 5: Vicki Becker
May 12: -----
May 19: -----
May 26: -----

Counters

May 5: Helen, Lorraine
May 12: Cheryl, Kristi
May 19: Glenna, Diane
May 26: Jill, Elva

ALTAR CARE:



Mothers
hold their child's hand
for a moment...
and their heart
for a
Lifetime

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