"Yes, I am coming soon.‘
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."
(Revelation 22:20)

These are the last recorded words in Holy Scripture by our Lord Jesus. It is His promise to return and take us home. I don't know about you, but I am longing for His return. When Christ returns, He will set all things right and there will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain, for the old order of things will be no more. Our enemy the devil will be confined for all eternity to the Lake of Fire, and sin, death and the devil will be gone for good. We will see Jesus' face, and all will be well forever! Praise God that, by His mercy in the blood of Christ, we get to go with Jesus when He comes!

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Waiting for our Lord Jesus together with you,
Pastor Russ

**July Worship - 10 AM online**

King of Kings Congregation:

King of Kings Lutheran Church is bringing VBS to each family’s home!! Packages will be delivered locally to homes at the beginning of July. The package will include 6 weekly devotionals with activities, crafts, and snacks for the whole family to enjoy.

If you are able to help deliver these packages within your local area, please let the VBS team know what area(s) you can deliver to. If you would like a package your family please let us know.

So far we have 26 families registered for a total of 67 kids.

Your VBS team
Karen McKenzie, Elaine Kure and Lona Fawcett
A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Isaiah 42:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.”

In these times of uncertainty and speculation, we need to always remember that our Heavenly Father is in control, when we are feeling down, He will pick us up. I want to do give you a brief update on your council’s activities. We have met throughout the COVID-19 season either via conference call, emails, or “zoom”. The decisions made over the past seven weeks and the ones in the future are not taken lightly by your council. We have prayed, gotten direction from experts, and discussed. Your council has prepared a document that we use to help guide our decisions. This document is titled “King of Kings Lutheran Church (Spruce View District) COVID19 Response Plan”. This document looks at all the areas of responsibility we have as a church and how we might respond in what was the immediate disruption of COVID19, sustained interruption, and long-term interruption, meaning past August 1, 2020. If you wish to see a copy of this document, please email me and I will send you a copy. As well your council has developed a COVID19 Prevention Protocol document. These are put in place to protect you and Pastor Russ if you need to meet with him. Please follow them.

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COVID-19 PREVENTION PROTOCOLS

These protocols are in place for entry into King of Kings Lutheran facilities:

1. If you are feeling unwell, have a fever, or other symptoms of COVID-19 please do not enter King of Kings facilities.
2. Once entering the building immediately go to sink by coat room and wash your hands for 20 seconds and sanitize your hands.
3. Refrain from touching handrails and other fixtures in the church.
4. Meet with Pastor in room beside his office and remain a minimum of 2 meters away from individuals.
5. Meetings with Pastor are made by appointment only to prevent overlap of people at the church.
6. If you must use a washroom, use the one by coat closet.
7. These protocols are in effect at all King of Kings facilities.
8. Common contact areas will be sanitized after each visit with Pastor at his office.

As you are aware at this time our church facilities are closed to all functions no matter what the size. Your council continues to review and assess the COVID19 situation and will make changes as they become necessary. We want to thank you for your understanding. These are not easy times. Remember that there are still many, many ways that we can show Jesus’ love to our community and each other.

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Bible Reading Plan from the Board of Church Life

The BCL, in its continuing effort to encourage us all to read our Bible daily, has come up with a new idea for our Scripture reading plan. There will be six readings each week; the first two readings will take us through a book of the Bible, the next four readings are the lessons for the following Sunday. The readings will be in the bulletin, the newsletter, and the weekly email.

**Bible Readings for the Week of July 6—11**
- Monday: Exodus 23-24
- Tuesday: Exodus 25-26
- Wednesday: Isaiah 55:10-13
- Thursday: Psalm 65
- Friday: Romans 8:12-17
- Saturday: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Bible Readings for the Week of July 20—25**
- Monday: Exodus 31-32
- Tuesday: Exodus 33-34
- Wednesday: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
- Thursday: Psalm 125
- Friday: Romans 8:28-39
- Saturday: Matthew 13:44-52

**Bible Readings for the Week of July 13—18**
- Monday: Exodus 27-28
- Tuesday: Exodus 29-30
- Wednesday: Isaiah 44:6-8
- Thursday: Psalm 119:57-64
- Friday: Romans 8:18-27
- Saturday: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Bible Readings for the Week of July 27—August 1**
- Monday: Exodus 35-36
- Tuesday: Exodus 37-38
- Wednesday: Isaiah 55:1-5
- Thursday: Psalm 136:1-5, 23-26
- Friday: Romans 9:1-13
- Saturday: Matthew 14:13-21

“You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak.” James 1:19a

Often many of us find ourselves in situations where we speak first and listen later. Unfortunately, this approach often results in regretting what we may say or do.

So how do we remind ourselves to listen first? Maybe think of this the next time you are in a conversation:

**SIT** slightly forward...maintain an **OPEN** relaxed posture...**LOOK** into the other person’s eyes...Pay such strict **ATTENTION** to what the other person is saying that you are able to...**REFLECT** what the other person says.

The skills and tools that your Stephen Ministers use through their own training are valuable to us all in our everyday life as we care and interact with family and friends. How many books or courses have you read in your life for the purpose of improving or learning how to communicate with others? Listen to others? Help others? Pray for others?

We continually learn from reading, questioning, listening, praying and living life.

There is an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to participate in a course to gain more knowledge in the area of mental health issues.

This 40 hour course through **Light University** in partnership with an organization called **Dare 2 Care Churches**: **Mental Health Coach Training**

40-hour, Biblically-based, Clinically-excellent Training Program

Featuring some of the world's leading mental health and ministry expert On-Demand video lecture

Available 24/7/365

Study anywhere, anytime, at your own pace, on any of your favourite devices!

If you are interested in taking this online course please contact Linda or d’Arcy for further information.

Serving you through Christ,

Stephen Ministry Team
Beloved in the Lord at King of Kings,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Earlier this year, King of Kings sent $3500 to LBTC to purchase a grain mill for the Nizaa literacy work in Galim, Cameroon. I told you about the project when we spoke about our work last September, but now that you have funded the project, I would like to remind you what the project is about and how your donation will help the Nizaa project.

We have worked hard in Galim to get literacy up and running again without dedicating a regular budget line to it. Research shows that locally initiated and funded projects are more viable - long term - than subsidized projects. That said, the Nizaa language community is finding it difficult to pay for the literacy work. That’s where this micro-financing idea comes in!

The Nizaa mill is a great idea for a few reasons. First, it will employ someone in a Nizaa village near Galim. Second, it will serve Nizaa women who have to grind their maize every day. Right now, they have to walk to a neighbouring village to get their maize ground, but this mill will serve them in their village. Finally, and most importantly, a percentage of the revenue from the mill will go to the Nizaa literacy project so that we can train teachers, follow up with new classes, print new materials, and pay the bills in other needful ways.

So, one more time, THANK YOU for your generosity toward the Nizaa people!

Peace in Christ,

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Millions of people don’t have the Bible in their own language.
Many speak a language that is not written down.
Lutheran Bible Translators puts God’s Word in their hands.
LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And the ruler replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (Luke 18:18–22)

As we listen to this, one question is raised in our minds: Is Jesus speaking to us also or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer: No! But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor?

The simplest explanation is this: If we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t mean it isn’t to be used for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth.

- We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from either our birth into the church or the birth of others by Baptism into it.

- We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from either our birth into that family or the birth of others into our family.

Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are is to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and our duties toward them would falter.

So consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family. You save for college for your But the one station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits – the best from off the top – even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought and intent. It means that you sit down and make a plan for what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems there are other more immediate and pressing things.

This is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time while giving is low due to high unemployment or restrictions on meeting in church to give. If we love God, his gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace we receive at church and only at church, then we will support the church just as we love our country and our family.

For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious and giving God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son into death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What is more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of the church, the family, and society, are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three by birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be ignored or even an afterthought. The church is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation by Word and Sacrament for eternal life.
UPDATE FROM RUSSELL AND ANITA

We want to start by saying how we miss all of you and look forward to seeing our church family in person. But in the meantime, we thank you for all your prayers as we continue to progress in our preparations for ministry with SIM Canada. It has been truly been an exciting time for us as we continue to be shown through our training how awesome our God is as we gain a deeper knowledge for His word. In the middle of May, we officially became workers with SIM Canada.

Check us out at; https://www.sim.ca/russell-and-anita-wolf/.

Through the month of June our role with the SIM South Sudan Team has become more defined. We will be the deputy directors of the operations in South Sudan, working with a team of about 25. Thanks to technology we have been able to meet with the director of SIM South Sudan, and have had a number of meetings with members of the team, learning about the work that has been done in the past and the direction that we are going. We have heard some incredible stories of how God’s gracious love is being shared with the people of South Sudan, and how they are coming to know Christ.

We ask that you remember us in our prayers as we will spend much of July looking at our computer screen as we continue to learn.

One of the biggest uncertainties for us and all workers is international travel. We think of Pastor Mike and Kara Kuhn and others that were to have been back in the field by this time but are not because of COVID-19. We ask that you remember all foreign workers that are navigating around this dilemma.

Please if you have any questions about our journey please do not hesitate to give us a call we would love to chat. Anita – 403.588.2535, Russell 403.588.2472.

2 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

In Christ’s Service
Russell and Anita Wolf