



King of Kings Lutheran Church

Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center

Bringing the Light of Christ to our Neighbor!

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Peace, Patience, Power, Proclamation

“Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.”

(Luke 24:45-53 NRSV)

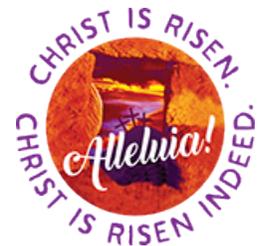
I love the Gospel readings for the Season of Easter! Jesus appears with the awesome and amazing truth of His resurrection only to remind His followers, one more time, about His message and ministry. Each time He shares the Easter news following the four “P” pattern. First, He comforts us with the words “peace be with you.” We live in peace with our Heavenly Father through the life, death, and resurrection of God’s Son, our Savior. Second, Jesus tells us to have patience with ourselves in deciphering and discovering what this Easter victory means in us and for us. Third, Jesus promises the power of the Holy Spirit to guard and guide our discovering personally and as a community of followers. Fourth, Jesus commissions us to proclaim the Good News of God’s victory in Christ to the world beginning in our own backyards.

This is the same model we follow as we (congregational leadership and King of King’s family) continually and prayerfully discuss the effectiveness and efficiency of our many ministries. With our Lord’s peace and patience, we seek the Spirit’s power in proclaiming the Risen Lord effectively and efficiently with the resources He has provided, is providing, and will provide. With His grace and guidance we gather together to go out together with intensity and intentionality following our Savior’s commission and promise to His Church of every generation and every location: “Go make disciples” and “Never forget, I am with you always!”

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan

2 Peter 3:18



Open the storehouse of your praise today. Let your heart rejoice and be glad!

Read Through the Bible in a Year Calendar

Scripture reading suggestions:

- 1) It's important to find yourself a regular time and quiet place to read the Bible; reading Scripture regularly and habitually gradually deepens your relationship with God. Remember, keep it simple. This is only a guide, not a rule. Use this to help hear and study God's Word.
- 2) Begin by praying. One very simple and good prayer to use is Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes, so that I may see the wonderful truths in your Word."
- 3) Take some time to be quiet with God, to think about what you read yesterday, and to think again about what you learned from that reading.
- 4) Read the passage for the day. Think what the passage tells you. Some questions worth asking yourself are: 1. Does this passage tell a story? Or is it a prayer or a poem, or perhaps part of a letter? 2. What is it mainly about? 3. Does it tell me something about what God is like? Does it tell me something about how to live in response to God's love and plan for me?
- 5) Try to summarize what you have learned from the passage.
- 6) Is there something here that I don't understand, that I need to think about a lot more, or talk to someone else about, or perhaps even look for more information?
- 7) Take some more time to be quiet with God-don't just ask these questions once over, but think about them for a while. Think again about yesterday's reading-how do the things you learned yesterday fit with what you learned today?
- 8) Keeping a notebook of what you learn can be very helpful.
- 9) Did you know that....When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache. When he sees you reading it, he faints. Let's read the Bible every day so he keeps on fainting. Maybe one day he'll have a stroke and never wake up.
The following is the next three months readings.



APRIL

1/Joshua 16-18
 2/Joshua 19-21
 3/Joshua 22-24
 4/Judges 1-3
 5/Judges 4-6
 6/Judges 7-9
 7/Judges 10-12
 8/Judges 13-15
 9/ Psalms 41-44
 10/Judges 16-18
 11/Judges 19-21
 12/Ruth 1-4
 13/1 Samuel 1-3
 14/1 Samuel 4-6
 15/1 Samuel 7-9
 16/1 Samuel 10-12
 17/1 Samuel 13-15
 18/ Psalms 45-48
 19/1 Samuel 16-18
 20/1 Samuel 19-21
 21/1 Samuel 22-24
 22/1 Samuel 25-27
 23/1 Samuel 28-31

24/2 Samuel 1-3
 25/2 Samuel 4-6
 26/2/Samuel 7-9
 27/Psalms 49-52
 28/2 Samuel 10-12
 29/2 Samuel 13-15
 30/2 Samuel 16-18

MAY

1/2 Samuel 19-21
 2/2 Samuel 22-24
 3/1 Chronicles 1-3
 4/1 Chronicles 4-6
 5/1 Chronicles 7-9
 6/ Psalms 53-56
 7/1 Chronicles 10-12
 8/1 Chronicles 13-15
 9/1 Chronicles 16-18
 10/1 Chronicles 19-21
 11/1 Chronicles 22-24
 12/1 Chronicles 25-27
 13/1 Chronicles 28-29
 14/1 Kings 1-
 15/ Psalms 57-60
 16/Proverbs 1-3
 17/Proverbs 4-6
 18/Proverbs 7-9

19/Proverbs 10-12
 20/Proverbs 13-15
 21/Proverbs 16-18
 22/Proverbs 19-21
 23/Proverbs 22-24
 24/Psalms 61-64
 25/Proverbs 25-27
 26/Proverbs 28-31
 27/Song of Solomon 1-4
 28/Song of Solomon 5-8
 29/Ecclesiastes 1-3
 30/Ecclesiastes 4-6
 31/Ecclesiastes 7-9

JUNE

1/Ecclesiastes 10-12
 2/Psalms 65-68
 3/1 Kings 5-7
 4/1 Kings 8-10
 5/1 Kings 11-13
 6/1 Kings 14-16
 7/1 Kings 17-19
 8/1 Kings 20-22
 9/2 Kings 1-3
 10/2 Kings 4-6
 11/Psalms 69-72
 12/2 Kings 7-9

13/2 Kings 10-12
 14/2 Chronicles 2-4
 15/2 Chronicles 5-7
 16/2 Chronicles 8-10
 17/2 Chronicles 11-13
 18/2 Chronicles 14-16
 19/2 Chronicles 17-19
 20/Psalms 73-76
 21/2 Chronicles 20-22
 22/Obadiah 1-21
 2 Chronicles 23-24
 23/Joel 1-3
 24/2 Kings 13, 14
 2 Chronicles 25
 25/Jonah 1-4
 26/2 Kings 15
 2 Chronicles 26
 27/Amos 1-5
 28/Amos 6-9
 29/2 Kings 16, 17
 2 Chronicles 27
 30/ Psalms 77-80

LWML Crossroads Spring Rally

HELP LOVE GROW & ENDURE

April 10, 2021

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
13145 S Black Bob Road
Olathe, KS

Registration: 8:30-9:00

Program: 9:00-12:00

Cost: \$3.00

Speaker: Carol Von Soosten with LWML Gifts of Love

Ingathering: *Band-aids for Noah* (colorful children's bandages)

Back Snacks for Kids (prepared soups that do not require diluting, small size boxes of children's cereal (needs to fit in a backpack)

A light breakfast will be provided. There will be no luncheon following the event.

If you wish to carpool to the event, please give Judy Anderson a call 913-856-4693.

We will be having our annual garage sale May 1st so please start collecting your treasures. More information to come as this date approaches. Thank you!

Also we would love to have the youth (those in grades 7 thru high school) in our church get involved with youth group. We have a lot of fun events planned as we look forward to the next national youth gathering in the summer of 2022.

If you would like more information please contact :

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Traeton Melancon- traymelancon@gmail.com , 913-709-0829



OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Baptized	603	603
Confirmed	375	376
Family Units	264	264
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
February (Avg.) Regular + virtual	156.25	167
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$29,139.00	\$59,301.00
Budget	\$24,592.00	\$49,184.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$18,654.00	\$39,667.00
Budget	\$24,559.00	\$49,118.00
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$10,485.00	\$19,634.00
Budget	\$33.00	\$66.00

OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$47,860.00	\$106,277.00
Budget	\$65,894.00	\$131,788.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$54,910.00	\$111,442.00
Budget	\$65,869.00	\$131,738.00
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$7,050.00)	(\$5,165.00)
Budget	\$25.00	\$50.00

**Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL)
KING'S MEN**

The King's Men will meet to share breakfast at
7:00 a.m. Saturday, April 10th

All men of the church are encouraged to come and enjoy the good food, fellowship and God's Word.

For more information call: Pastor Dan 913-375-2479

**King of King's Elected
2021 Officers/Parish Planning Committee**

Pastor: Dan Wehmeier
 President: Tim Van Dellen
 President – Elect: Ed Bruns
 Treasurer: Dale Melancon
 Support/Admin. Leader: Dan Popp
 Worship Ministry Leader: Pam Popp
 Youth Ministry Leader: Ryan Church
 Family Ministry Leader: Tana Melancon
 Elder Chairman: Joel Whitmer
 Open Arms Director: Angela Thrasher

OPEN ARMS TEAM

Team Leader: Erin Schrepel
 Team Members: Sharlot Ahrens, Jody Church,
 Katie Doroh and Lyle Miller

Board of Mission Directors

Pastor: Dan Wehmeier
 President: Tim Van Dellen
 President– Elect: Ed Bruns
 Support/Admin. Leader: Dan Popp
 Elder Chairman: Joel Whitmer
 Open Arms Administrator: Angela Thrasher
 Open Arms Team Leader: Erin Schrepel

2021 Elders:

Joel Whitmer (Head Elder), Richard Ahrens,
 Ryan Church, Greg Gartner, Scott Karr,
 John Klein, Herb Klemp, Kevin Kufeldt, Dale
 Melancon, Mike Pegel, and Rich Webber .





THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

The King's Men meet the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, fellowship and Bible Study. In April we will continue to learn about Luther and the infamous "Here I Stand" statement at the Council of Worms. We also participate in social ministry. This year once again during the season of LENT we will be asking the congregation to walk with us as we collect "fun" band aids for the Noah Project. Noah was a young Johnson County boy who was battling cancer. He noticed that the band aids the kids received while in the hospital were boring and plain. He asked a few family members to bring in "Fun" band aids – Batman, Superman, Spiderman, Hello Kitty, Sponge Bob, etc. It gave the kids something to look forward to after providing many blood samples a day or taking other shots. It also provided the kids with a conversation starter with visitors. Noah lost his battle to cancer, but his desire for kids in the hospital to have "fun" band aids continues. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our kids learn about volunteering and helping other kids in a less fortunate situation. We will have two large boxes in church to collect the donated band aids. The Men's group recently voted to supplement the donations from the congregation with a large donation of band aides as well. With this year being the 35th anniversary of our congregation we are exploring different options of celebrating this milestone amidst COVID 19. We are also offering Easter Lilies. They will need to be ordered by no later than March 28th, and the cost is only \$10. The pre ordered Lilies may be picked up on Easter Sunday. Our next meeting is on April 10th at 7am in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served. We look forward to you joining us then!

CORN HOLE GAMES

Every Wednesday evening starting April 7th 7 - 9 PM

With the HUGE Success of the last two years Corn Hole tournaments at our church picnics, some folks have been clamoring to "toss more bags." This being the case, on WEDNESDAY evenings in April and May we will host a weekly casual fun night of Corn Hole. We will meet on the front lawn of the church from 7 to 9pm. Feel free to bring a lawn chair. If you have a corn hole set please bring it, and if you don't, come anyway as we will have sets available to use. It will be VERY casual, no set schedule, no league fees, no trophies. We will pick teams each evening and play. ALL are invited to come down and have fun.

EASTER LILIES

The Lutheran Laymen's League is offering EASTER LILIES this year. Each plant is only \$10 and may be picked up on Easter Sunday. We will only have pre-orders. Please order your plant by no later than Sunday March 27th. Please put a SEPERATE check or cash in an envelope and place in the offering plate or stop by the church office and give it to Connie. In the memo please put EASTER LILIES.

LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM

We are preparing for storm season! On March 26th Bob Lowe and Mark Trivilino travelled to Messiah Lutheran in Hays, Kansas. There they provided a Basic LERT training for Lutherans in Western Kansas.

On May 8th we will have an in-service chainsaw training locally here in Gardner. If interested in participating, please contact Bob Lowe.

Later in May we plan to take a trip to IOWA to assist with continual clean up from last years Deroncho.

IF you are interested in learning more about LERT, please reach out to any member of our Squad, or specifically Ed Bruns, Pastor Dan or Mark Trivilino.



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANKS SO MUCH!**

“Thank you very much for your gifts of \$301.62 to support the mission of Metro Lutheran Ministry. We are blessed by your generosity and desire to help the people who turn to us when they have nowhere else to go. We thank the generous members of King of Kings Lutheran Church.”

Scott Cooper, Executive Director
Metro Lutheran Ministry (MLM)

“Thank you for your recent gift of \$207.36 given on March 1, 2021. Gifts like yours help Bethesda carry out our mission to enhance the individual lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

Lorene King, Vice President of Philanthropy
Bethesda Lutheran Communities

“Thank you so much for our generous financial gift of \$3,378.04 to Heart to Heart Orphans USA on February 21, 2021. This generous gift will be used for two purposes: sponsor child tuition fees, and a vehicle which will allow school staff to deliver supplies to isolated students and families. Your donation is very valuable to spread the gospel as we strive to provide food, shelter, and a gospel focused education to those who have never heard of their hope for salvation.

What a great encouragement it was to see that God’s people in America care for those who they haven’t ever met! Thank you for having a vision for those all across the world. Your generosity is inspiring and a great testimony to what Christ has done for us.”

John Magill, Treasurer
Heart to Heart Orphans USA

VBS is fast approaching!

Just wanted to let people know about our Vacation Bible School this year. It will be June 14-18 so mark it on your calendars. Volunteers will be needed as we have a lot of new and fun things planned for this year.

Our theme is “Wilderness Escape” and will be talking about Moses and how he led the people on the wilderness journey. The kids will have fun learning and may have some interesting experiences. It looks to be a lot of fun and its not very far away. Please let me know of your availability so we can make this another wonderful VBS experience for all that participate. Thank you for all the time and help and support everyone gives to make VBS a great time for the kids.

To volunteer contact Tana 913-397-0265 or tanazstyle@gmail.com

Thank you Tana Melancon. Family Ministry





LWML

We have enjoyed the Lent services this pass month. The story of walking through Jesus life is always like a renewal in our faith. Hopefully we will soon get back to seeing all our friends in church.

LWML has been collected cleaning supplies and hygiene items and now we will collect baby diapers and wipes at our April in-gathering. Our items are donated to our local Multi Center. It has been truly a blessing that our congregation is so willing to bring these items. I want to let everyone know that we appreciate all that you have done to make our project such a success.

April 10 is the LWML Spring event. It will be at Beautiful Savior in Olathe. For more information check out the bulletins and the LWML board by the kitchen window. I will be driving there so anyone that would like to ride out with me, please call me at 913-856-4693.

Our next meeting is planned for April 11. At the meeting we will discuss days to work on tying mission quilts and days to work on putting together the card placemats. I hope you will join us.

Blessings to our Pastor who is leading us through the Lenten services and Ryan Church and his group for adding their talents with interesting interviews.

Yours in Christ,

Judy Anderson, President

Thank you to the following Thrivent Financial members who directed their Choice Dollars to King of Kings in February:

Sharon Appel	Sandra Harrison
Richard Hughey	Regina Wendte

If you have any questions about Thrivent Financial or Choice Dollars, please contact mail@thrivent.com or Jean Germer at 913-484-7502.



For the month of April we will be collecting baby wipes and diapers of all sizes for the Multi-Service Center in Gardner in addition to our regular food pantry donations.

Non-perishable food items are always needed along with paper and cleaning supplies.

Thank you for your generous support of the needy in our community.

Spring Cleaning?

Save those unused items for our Huge GARAGE SALE!!! Saturday, May 1st

The Youth Group will have their annual garage sale at the Wehmeier's, 18400 S. Hickory Street, in Gardner to raise money for their many activities and the Youth Gathering. There will also be a food stand on that day, so stop by and pick up a delicious lunch or snack!

Donated items will be accepted at the church **through Thursday, April 29th.**

You can help out the youth and yourself by clearing out all your old items and bringing them to the church. Start your spring clean-out early!



Lenten Worship Services at
7:00 PM on Wednesdays

We have two services on
Sundays:
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
9:20 a.m. Bible Class,
Sunday School and
Confirmation

Communion will be celebrated at both
Services on Sunday.

There is a staffed nursery available
9:15a.m.-noon.

Be sure and tell your friends and neighbors
about these services.

They need the light of Christ too!



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