



# ***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***

### **Love is in the Details**

*“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. (John15:11-12 The Message).*

The month of February is the month for love and lovers. For the world it is a month of romantic love. For the Church it is a month of divine love. This year we find these two thoughts on love and loving intertwine as Valentine’s Day collides with Ash Wednesday.

Pondering the joining of these thoughts my mind wondered back to the familiar folk song, “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”. The song shares the wonderful phrase: “We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand” before going to the refrain: “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

The world of marketing wants us to believe love, if genuine, has to be expressed in big ways: flowers, chocolates, cards, jewelry. Maybe they have a point. Jesus commands that love be expressed in the ultimate way: “love as I loved you.” And to display His love, He spreads His arms out for us on the cross.

I hope you notice the difference in these expressions of love. One is giving of something. The other is giving of self. Ask any older parent and they will tell you a visit means more than a card. Ask any child and they will tell you a hug and a hand to play with means more than candy hearts. Ask any lover and they will tell you a romantic kiss beats any chocolate kisses. Ask any spouse and they will tell you a helping hand beats flowers. Ask any young parent and they will tell you a handmade card beats the best of Hallmark.

During this month of love let us not simply ponder love (God’s and ours), but put it into action beginning within ourselves and stretching to the world around us.

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 two plus months readings:



## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

### FEBRUARY

1/Genesis 46-48  
2/Genesis 49-50  
3/Exodus 1-4  
4/Exodus 5-7  
5/Exodus 8-10  
6/Psalms 13-16  
7/Exodus 11-13  
8/Exodus 14-16  
9/Exodus 17-19  
10/Exodus 20-22  
11/Exodus 23-25  
12/Exodus 26-28  
13/Exodus 29/31  
14/Psalms 17-20  
15/Exodus 32-34  
16/Exodus 35-37  
17/Exodus 38-40  
18/Leviticus 1-3  
19/Leviticus 4-6  
20/Leviticus 7-9  
21/Leviticus 10/12  
22/Leviticus 13-15  
23/Psalms 21-24  
24/Leviticus 16-18  
25/Leviticus 19-21  
26/Leviticus 22-24  
27/Leviticus 25-27  
28/Numbers 1-3

### MARCH

1/Numbers 4-6  
2/Numbers 7-9  
3/Psalms 25-28  
4/Numbers 10-12  
5/Numbers 13-15  
6/Numbers 16-18  
7/Numbers 19-21  
8/Numbers 22-24  
9/Numbers 25-27  
10/Numbers 28-30  
11/Numbers 31-33  
12/Numbers 34-36  
13/Psalms 29-32  
14/Deuteronomy 1-3  
15/Deuteronomy 4-6  
16/Deuteronomy 7-9  
17/Deuteronomy 10-12  
18/Deuteronomy 13-15  
19/Deuteronomy 16-18  
20/Deuteronomy 19-21  
21/Deuteronomy 22-24  
22/Psalms 33-36  
23/Deuteronomy 25-27  
24/Deuteronomy 22-24  
25/Deuteronomy 31-34  
26/Joshua 1-3  
27/Joshua 4-6  
28/Joshua 7-9

29/Joshua 10-12  
30/Joshua 13-15  
31/Psalms 37-40

### 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

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

“Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve with your faithful gifts during 2023, as we received your gifts in the total amount of \$3,283.35. Without your continue support, we could not do what we do, as we seek to respond to the new things that God is doing all around us.”

Pastor Phil Cool, Chairman of the Board  
Lutheran Urban Mission Agency (LUMA)

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“Thank you for your generous food donations. With increasing gas, food and housing, we have been receiving fewer donations. This will help with our community and helping out our neighbors.”

Jeremy, Kara & Heather  
Johnson County, KS Aging & Human Services (Gardner Multi Service Center)



Bible Study table talks generally meets the 2nd and 4th Monday, at 6 pm; every month with dinner before the discussions begin. The 2nd Monday, is at Fronteras and the 4th Monday, is at Perkins.

Our first meeting in February is on the 12th at Fronteras 6 pm. Connie emails the scripture that we discuss, the week prior to Bible Study. Please notify Connie, [secretary@kingofkingsks.org](mailto:secretary@kingofkingsks.org), if you would like to be added to this email.

We praise and thank the Holy Spirit; for working through our generous, awesome leader, Chris Lehl. She always makes us think, with much added insight. We are blessed to have her as our teacher.

All are welcome. Please join us

Jean Germer  
[jeangermer@gmail.com](mailto:jeangermer@gmail.com)



Music practice is **Wednesday evenings:**

**Handbells - 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

No practice on Ash Wednesday, February 14th  
Starting again on February 21st and continuing through Lent, at 6:00 PM.  
Questions? Contact Deb Evans [timevans0527@comcast.net](mailto:timevans0527@comcast.net)



## Lutheran Laymen's League - the King's Men

While our monthly breakfast was cancelled due to extreme weather, the men continue to be a busy crew. Leading the workforce, Bob Lowe and company continue to work diligently on preparing the remaining pew seats for the sanctuary.

Our monthly Men's Night Out continues to be a huge success. This month we met at Crazy Good Eats in Olathe. Over 15 men joined us for a wonderful meal and even better fellowship. In 2024 we meet on the last Thursday of the month. In February we will dine at Toni's Italian Restaurant in Olathe on 135th Street just west of I-35. We meet at 6:30pm.

Continuing in our Valentines Day tradition, we are asking members of the congregation to bring in a photo from their wedding. We will display the photos in the Fellowship Hall in February. We ask that you drop off your photo on Sunday the 28th and pick up at the end of February. It is always fun seeing our friend's photos from yesteryear.

Commencing on Ash Wednesday and running until Easter Sunday, the men will once again be coordinating a Band Aide Drive for Noah's Bandage project. We will be collecting "fun band aides" (with logos of super hero's, brightly colored, etc.) to donate to Children's Mercy Hospital. The kiddos enjoy having fun bandages they can show off to family and friends after having their shots. There will be a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall. It is a wonderful way to bring joy to the children who are ill, and at the same time teach our kiddos volunteering by helping them pick out the band aides that we purchase.

In February we will have our monthly meeting on the 9th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 0730hrs for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study. For additional information on Lutheran Laymen's League - The KING'S MEN, please contact either Pastor Dan or Mark Trivilino



### Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT).

If you are interested in becoming a LERT member, please contact Pastor Dan, Bob Lowe, Dale Melancon.



Lent begins this month:

**Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**Lenten Supper 5:30-6:30 PM**

Hosts for our Wednesday evenings:

Wed. Feb. 14th	LWML Women
Wed. Feb. 21st	Sunday School Teachers
Wed. Feb. 28th	LLL/King's Men
Wed. March 6th	Elders
Wed. March 13th	Church Musicians
Wed. March 20th	Bible Study Group

Thank you to all who volunteered to provide our meals.



## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) Lutheran Women in Mission

The Kansas District Lutheran Women in Mission Convention will be April 12-14th in Wichita. The District Committees have been hard at work preparing for this event. If you are interested, you can check out the Kansas District LWML website. There will be an off-site servant event at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse. There will be Bible samplers, a choir, mission speakers, a banquet with entertainment and a business meeting with election of officers.

As the chairman of the Special Focus Ministries committee, I've been busy too. I was not told nor did I ask what the duties of the chairman would entail. My major job is to organize and implement the Young Women Representatives program. This program includes their activities throughout the convention. A big task considering I haven't experienced this program myself. I must add that I was a National Young Women representative in 2003 held in Oklahoma City. This was an experience I will never forget. Have you heard of a "mountain top experience"? Well, I know that feeling! The drive home seemed to take only a few hours as I reviewed the convention in my head. The logo of the convention was very unique as it had such meaning. Every part of the logo revolved around the convention's theme and it symbolized the mission statement for the convention. The cross in the center represented Christ who died for all. A heart went around the cross showing our love for Jesus and the earth was the background and it's meaning meant we should share our love and our duty to spread His word throughout the world. It has become my mission to follow this theme as I grow in my work through LWML and this includes my 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class.

I would like you to join me at the convention. This will be an experience you will never forget. It is a great opportunity to learn about our mission and to "serve the Lord with gladness".

### **Upcoming Events:**

Our next meeting: February 4th immediately after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service

Zone quilt work day: February 24<sup>th</sup> at Our Saviour in KCK

If needed, Zone quilt work day (Snow Date): March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Our Saviour in KCK

Spring Zone Event: March 9<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer in Olathe, registration at 8:30am and the meeting starts at 9.

More information to follow at a further date

Our March Meeting: March 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service

Our April Meeting: April 7th immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service

District Convention: April 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Wichita Doubletree Airport Hotel. Registration forms can be found on the LWML Kansas District website.

Pam Popp, President  
King of Kings LWML

## OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

### KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Baptized	606	603
Confirmed	383	381
Family Units	263	265
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>		
Dec. (Avg.) *in-house & virtual	165.4*	162.6*
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$38,475	\$308,550
Budget	\$27,146	\$325,752
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Actual	\$29,355	\$276,321
Budget	\$27,095	\$325,140
<b><u>NET</u></b>		
Actual	\$9,120	\$32,229
Budget	\$51	\$612

### OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$59,678	\$805,284
Budget	\$63,324	\$759,888
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Actual	\$60,785	\$858,106
Budget	\$63,265	\$759,180
<b><u>NET</u></b>		
Actual	(\$1,107)	(\$52,822)
Budget	\$59	\$708



The Youth Group meets the first Sunday in the month after the first service.

### King of King's Elected 2024 Officers/Parish Planning Committee

Pastor:	Dan Wehmeier
President:	Phil Gehrt
President – Elect:	Neal Brockschmidt
Treasurer:	Dale Melancon
Support/Admin. Leader:	Dan Popp
Worship Ministry Leader:	Ted Marsh
Youth Ministry Leader:	Kim Hayes
Family Ministry Leader:	Tana Melancon
Head Elder:	Allen Snyder
Open Arms Director:	Shonda Williams

#### Open Arms Team

Team Leader: Erin Schrepel  
 Team Members: Sharlot Ahrens, Jody Church,  
 Heather Petit and Lyle Miller

#### Board of Mission Directors

Pastor:	Dan Wehmeier
President:	Phil Gehrt
President– Elect:	Neal Brockschmidt
Support/Admin. Leader:	Dan Popp
Head Elder:	Allen Snyder
Open Arms Administrator:	Shonda Williams
Open Arms Team Leader:	Erin Schrepel

#### 2024 Elders:

Allen Snyder (Head Elder), Richard Ahrens, Ryan Berens, Ryan Church, Greg Enserro, Greg Gartner, John Klein, Herb Klemp, Kevin Kufeldt, Dale Melancon, Chadd Schrepel, and Roger Zimmerman.



Your attendance is needed:

**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 11th**  
**9:20 AM**





## *February Calendar of Events*

- Feb. 4 9:00 am Youth Group  
Feb. 4 11:30 am LWML Meeting  
Feb. 5 6:30 pm Parish Planning  
Feb. 7 6:30 pm Elder Meeting  
Feb. 8 6:30 pm Scouts  
Feb. 10 7:30 am Kings Men Breakfast  
Feb. 11 9:20 am Congregation Meeting  
Feb. 12 6:00 pm Bible Study @ Fronteras  
Feb. 14 5:30 pm Lenten Supper  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday  
Worship w/Holy Communion  
Feb. 15 6:30 pm Open Arms Team Meeting  
Feb. 22 6:30 pm Men's Nite Out @ Toni's  
Italian in Olathe on 135th St.  
Feb. 26 6:00 pm Bible Study @ Perkins

Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm Bridge

**Every Wednesday starting on Feb. 14th a light supper will be served between 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Lenten Worship Service at 7:00 pm.**

Every Wednesday except on February 14th and continuing thru out Lent, Bell practice will be starting at 6:00 pm.

Every Thursday at 9:00 am, Quilters will meet.



### Altar Flowers

The new **2024 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board across from the restrooms. Sign-up to bring flowers to decorate the sanctuary in remembrance of a loved one or to celebrate a special event.

Thank you to all who signed up to bring **Treats**. A few spaces are still open. To sign-up, please go to [info@signupgenius.com](mailto:info@signupgenius.com).

**"God's VALENTINE"**

"For God so lo **V**ed the world,  
That He g **A**ve  
His on **L**y  
Begott **E**n  
So **N**  
**T**hat whosever  
Believeth **I**n Him  
Should **N**ot perish,  
But have **E**verlasting life"

**John 3:16**

**HAPPY "VALENTINE'S DAY" FROM GOD!!**



**We have two services:**

**8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

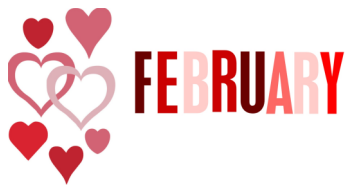
**Communion will be  
celebrated at both services.**

**9:20 a.m. Bible Class,  
Sunday School for all  
ages and Confirmation**

**No nursery available at this time.**

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

**They need the light of Christ too!**



**We're on the Web: [www.kingofkingsks.org](http://www.kingofkingsks.org)**

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