



King of Kings Lutheran Church

Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center

Bringing the Light of Christ to our Neighbor!

Volume 34 Issue 11

November 2021

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Wisdom for Life: Getting, Growing, and Giving According to the Proverbs

November is our traditional month of Stewardship. It fits in so well with our national theme of thanksgiving. Sadly for many these sentiments are about a day, not a lifetime of living thankfully and wisely in the use of God's resources entrusted to us by His grace and for His glory. This year we are focusing on using His Wealth (time, talent, treasure) wisely through insights gained from the writings of the Proverbs.

Wealth. We all have it. The United States of America is the most economically prosperous country in the history of the world. By any historical comparative, or cross-national measure, we enjoy unprecedented wealth. In comparison to the rest of the world we are all rich! If you live in a house you are in the top 3% of the world's population. If you have a car, you're in the top 6%.

How can we use our wealth wisely? The book of Proverbs answers this question like no other book in the Bible. If we only studied Genesis, we might conclude that God always prospers his people. If we only looked at Amos, we might think that all rich people are oppressors. But Proverbs looks at wealth from several angles. And because Proverbs is a book of general maxims, the principles in Proverbs are more easily applied to us today.

Our three-week emphasis on stewardship is titled: **“Wisdom for Life: Getting, Growing, and Giving According to the Proverbs.”** We will be exploring Godly insights on earning, spending and giving money. This is not only insights for our use of our financial blessings, but overflows into the use of all of God's blessings.

After an overview of Proverbs the Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor Emeritus Paul Hoppe will take a practical turn as we will look at what Proverbs says about topics like, saving money and the dangers of consumer debt.

I invite you to join us on our stewardship journey beginning Nov. 7th and culminating on Consecration Sunday, Nov. 21 with our dedication of gifts and family luncheon after the services.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan
2 Peter 3:18

P.S. What a touching Pastor's (and family) Appreciation Day was to us. The thoughts, thanks, planning and gifts truly touches our lives. What a joy it is to have such a loving family of faith. All we do we do for the glory of God and your partnership enhances our partnership beyond words. Thank You

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 months readings.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

NOVEMBER

1/John 4-6
2/John 7-9
3/John 10-12
4/John 13-16
5/John 17-19
6/John 20, 21
 Acts 1
7/Psalms 128-131
8/Acts 2-4
9/Acts 5-7
10/Acts 8-10
11/Acts 11-14
12/James 1-5
13/Galatians 1-3
14/Galatians 4-6
15/Acts 15-17
16/Psalms 132-135
17/1Thessalonians 1-4
18/1 Thessalonians 5
 2 Thessalonians 1-3
19/Acts 18, 19
 1 Corinthians 1

20/1 Corinthians 2-4
21/1 Corinthians 5-7
22/1 Corinthians 8-10
23/1 Corinthians 11-13
24/1 Corinthians 14-16
25/2 Corinthians 1-4
26/2 Corinthians 5-7
27/Psalms 136-139
28/2 Corinthians 8-10
29/2 Corinthians 11-13
30/Romans 1-4

DECEMBER

1/Romans 5-8
2/Romans 9-12
3/Romans 13-16
4/Acts 20-22
5/Acts 23-25
6/Acts 26-28
7/Psalms 140-143
8/Ephesians 1-3
9/Ephesians 4-6
10/Philippians 1-4

11/Colossians 1-4
12/Philemon
13/1 Timothy 4-6
14/Titus 1-3
15/1 Peter 1-4
16/1 Peter 5
 2 Peter 1-3
17/Psalms 144-147
18/2 Timothy 1-4
19/Hebrews 1-4
20/Hebrews 5-7
21/Hebrews 8-19
22/Hebrews 11-13
 Jude
23/1 John 1-3
24/1 John 4-5
 2 & 3 John
25/Revelation 1-4
26/Revelation 5-8
27/Psalms 148-150
28/Revelation 9-12
29/Revelation 13-16
30/Revelation 17-19
31/Revelation 20-22



A new Three Week Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor Emeritus Paul Hoppe starts on Sunday, November 7th

**Wisdom for Life:
Getting, Growing, and Giving According to the Proverbs**

Our three-week emphasis on stewardship is titled, “Wisdom for Life: Getting, Growing, Giving According to the Proverbs.” We will be exploring Godly insights on earning, spending and giving money. This is not only insights for our use of financial blessings, but overflows into the use of all of God’s blessings.

After an overview of Proverbs the Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor Hoppe will take a practical turn as we will look at what Proverbs says about topics like, saving money and the dangers of consumer debt.

Join us on our stewardship journey beginning Nov. 7th and culminating on Consecration Sunday, Nov. 21 with our dedication of gifts and our annual family luncheon after the worship services.



“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
Revelation 7:12, NRSV

In November we help the Gardner Food Pantry provide families a Thanksgiving dinner. Please donate non-perishable dinner fixings: Canned yams, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, stuffing mix, marshmallows, canned gravy, etc.

As always all of your donations are sincerely appreciated. Please put your items in the Donation Box as you enter. Thank you.

We are in full swing in all our classrooms. Teachers completed fall conferences reporting the progress of our students. The Halloween pumpkin activities were fun for all. Since we couldn’t take a trip to the pumpkin patch, we brought the patch to them. Ms. Carrie picked up pumpkins from a patch in Lawrence that gave us a real “steal of a deal”. The start of fall holidays always bring smiles to all our children’s faces. We continue to add to enrollment slow and steady. We have added four new teachers to staff and are excited to have these new faces. We have started planning for our holiday programs and possibly will be doing them via video as COVID has reared it’s ugly head again in our building. Holiday masks will continue to be worn by all!!

Angela Thrasher, Director



Lutheran Early Response Team- LERT

In October a Chain Saw Certification class was held and the Kansas District LERT team now has six new certified sawyers! On the 7th and 8th we have been asked to provide assistance at Our Savior Lutheran Church for traffic/parking assistance for a funeral. If you are interested in learning more about LERT and possibly becoming a member, please see Ed Bruns; Pastor Dan, Dale Melancon or Mark Trivilino.



Lutheran Laymen's League- the Kings Men

In November The Kings Men will NOT meet on the 13th for their regular breakfast meeting. Instead we will participate in the Kansas State LLL Conference on the 6th. Registration is still open! See registration forms below or on the bulletin board near the coffee bar in the fellowship hall. Our Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Mike Ziegler from Lutheran Hour Ministry. The Conference will be held at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor Kansas - the conference is open to both men and women.

In December we will meet at 7am on the 11th at Perkins. For more information on the Lutheran Laymen's League and the Kings Men, please contact Pastor Dan.

REGISTRATION FORM

RETURN REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT VIA MAIL TO: **Fred Gruhn • 12121 S. Rene St. • Olathe, KS 66062**
TO REGISTER AND PAY AT THE DOOR, EMAIL: **Fred Gruhn • fredgruhn@gmail.com**
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: **lhm-ks.org** or contact Fred Gruhn, 2021 KS Convention Chairman at **fredgruhn@gmail.com**

*Make checks payable to the **Kansas LLL***

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

14700 Leavenworth Road • Basehor, Kansas 66007

KANSAS LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The first 50 people will receive a polo shirt with LLL logo (men's sizes). Please indicate your size below.

Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

For Kansas Ambassadors who are first-time convention attendees, the KS LLL District will cover expenses for hotel, mileage, and registration fee.

Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Refurbishing the Pews

For the last few months a dedicated cadre of volunteers have met weekly to put new backs and seats on the frames of our pews. You may have noticed, that as of this writing there are only 4 more rows to finish! Special thanks to the "PEW POSSE" for their continued dedication and hard work; Roger Zimmerman, Dana Snyder; Carol Borgsthal; Paul and Judy Anderson; Richard and Sharlot Ahrens; Bob and Linda Lowe; John Klein, Phil Gehrt; Rick Hughey; Tom Stevens and Joel Whitmer.

If you would like to join the great group of volunteers, we meet each Thursday evening at 6pm (we will **NOT** meet on November 4th or 25th).

Contact Mark if you would like to help with assembling and disassembling the pew chairs.

TMA41@yahoo.com



LWML- I want to thank all my friends and church family for all the prayers during my illness. Our heavenly Father guided my physicians to a solution to my problem and how I can control it, praise the Lord.

Our fall zone meeting at Redeemer was very nice. We provided the breakfast and our host decorated and provided the lunch. The guest speaker gave a informative speech on all the different things MLM does.

Please enjoy the fall season and take care and be safe.

Yours in Christ,

Judy Anderson



Thank you to the following Thrivent Financial member who directed her Choice Dollars to King of Kings.

Sharon Appel

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



I want to thank Debbie Evans for dressing the altar and hanging the banners when the church calendar indicates.

We are looking for someone to take her place for the new year as she is retiring from this position. It involves changing the parameters on the altar and banners in the sanctuary. It isn't a very difficult job but it is a very important one for the church.

If you would like to fill this position, please let me know. Pam Popp 913-314-5470 or e-mail to pampopular@gmail.com.

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

“Thank you very much for your gift of \$233.41 to support the mission of Metro Lutheran Ministry (MLM). We are blessed by your generosity and desire to help the people who turn to us when they have nowhere else to go. It is donors like you who allow MLM to continue to make such a significant impact.”

Scott Cooper, Executive Director Metro Lutheran Ministry

“Thanks to the members of King of Kings for the pastor appreciation event. Thanks, too, for the cards and gifts as well. The Lord's blessings to one and all.”

Pastor Helmer and Charlene

“We would like to thank the members of King of Kings for the wonderful meal last Sunday and for all the nice cards and gifts! We appreciate them all so much. We are blessed to be members with you at King of Kings.”

Paul and Carolyn Hoppe

“Thank you for your faithful gifts during the 3rd quarter of 2021, as we received your gifts in the total amount of \$399.13. All glory to God and all blessings to those we serve, feel the joy! Again, thank you for your support during this unique time in history. No virus can slow down our Lord, or LUMA.”

Rev. Brad Zerkel, Director
Lutheran Urban Mission Agency (LUMA)

Thank you for all the kind words, phone calls, texts and cards we have received this past month. With both of our fathers being called to their eternal home within 20 days of each other, we can not fully express how grateful and thankful we are to our friends at King of Kings.

The Trivilino Family, Thanks!



Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML Annual Holiday Craft Sale

It's time to shop each Sunday morning at our craft tables. All monies raised help to fund our mission projects. We are asking for donations of homemade items to sell. If you sew, crochet, knit, have made homemade jams or jellies, etc. and would like to donate an item or make a gift basket for the silent auction to benefit the ladies missions, just drop it off at the church office.

Monday-Friday from 8 am to 12 noon.

All donations must be received by **Friday, Nov. 5th**

Shop the tables for a special one of a kind Christmas gift starting on Sunday, November 7th and continuing each Sunday until November 21st.

Thank you for your support of LWML and their Holiday Craft Sale.

OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Baptized	602	602
Confirmed	378	384
Family Units	264	265
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
Sept. (Avg.) *in-house & virtual x2	119.75+42.75* 162.5	105
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$17,924.00	\$244,020.00
Budget	\$24,592.00	\$221,325.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$17,301.00	\$185,971.00
Budget	\$24,394.00	\$219,546.00
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$623.00	\$58,049.00
Budget	\$198.00	\$1,779.00

**Numbers are lower as services were web based as of March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$59,686.00	\$446,523.00
Budget	\$65,894.00	\$593,046.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$57,443.00	\$472,776.00
Budget	\$65,869.00	\$592,821.00
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$2,243.00	(\$26,253.00)
Budget	\$25.00	\$225.00



The Youth Group meets the first Sunday in the month after the second service. For more information: Chase 913-748-7840

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, John Klein, Herb Klemp, Kevin Kufeldt, Dale Melancon, Mike Pegel, Allen Snyder and Rich Webber

2021–2022 Youth Group Officers:

President	Chase Van Dellen
Vice President	Austin Sandman
Secretary	Nina Wahl
Treasurer	Alex Marsh



Wednesday evening is the perfect time to thank God and celebrate all our many blessings.

Bring your family and friends to our

**Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**Wednesday, November 24th
7:00 PM**

This is also a perfect time to bring an item to donate to our Gardner Food Pantry.



**We have two services:
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.

**No nursery available at this time.
10:30 a.m.-noon.**

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

**King of Kings Lutheran Church
306 East Madison
P.O. Box 364
Gardner KS 66030-0364
Daniel Wehmeier, Pastor
Paul Helmer, Pastor Emeritus
Paul Hoppe, Pastor Emeritus
William Postel, Pastor Emeritus
Phone: 913-856-2500
Email: info@kingofkingsks.org
Open Arms Lutheran Child Dev. Ctr.
Email: openarmscdc@kingofkingsks.org
Phone: 913-856-4250**