



**King of Kings Lutheran Church &  
Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center  
Bringing the Light of Christ to our Neighbor!**

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*Some Things Never Change - Jesus' Love and Promises!*

We need that reminder every once in a while. From Wall Street to Main Street it's hard to know what to say or what to wear. From hurricanes to fire storms it's hard to know where to go or what to do. From black lives to blue lives, donkeys or elephants it's hard to know how to witness or how to vote. Now, more than ever, is a time of taking a deep breath and reminding ourselves who we are and Who is watching over us. Now is the time to hear anew our loving Lord's words of promise and protection as recorded in the last verse of Matthew, "And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

While recalling and reflecting on God's Word during my morning devotions, I was able to "look out" over our family and "see" God's gifts and grace and goodness and guidance among His children gathered together at King of Kings. Just reflecting on this past month, I was able to "see" Jesus' Love and Promises in many ways. Here are just a few:

Joining together in Word and Sacrament friends old and new to celebrate God's forgiveness and strengthening each week as we experience His presence in worship and the study of His Word in our Bible classes.

Standing in our new space and classrooms as we began our Fall Sunday School program with Rally Day celebrating new and returning students and staff.

Sharing the hope and peace we have through Jesus' life, death and resurrection in the midst of mourning the loss of several of our family members and friends.

Listening to the new ideas and energy of our various ministries as they regroup for service and witness.

Celebrating the joy and partnership of marriage with couples young and old as they renew their life together in the love and forgiveness and blessing of Jesus and His bride, the Church.

These are only a few of the many ways each of us join together in helping our community "see" Jesus' Love and Promises! I invite and encourage each of you to continue, individually and corporately, in using the gifts and blessings God has given you in response to His love for you. Through all the changes and fears we face I pray and celebrate with you the joy we have knowing some things never change.

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.



25/Luke 10-12  
26/Luke 13-15  
27/Luke 16-18  
28/Psalms 124-127  
29/Luke 19-21  
30/Luke 22-24  
31/John 1-3

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

12/Philemon  
1 Timothy 1-3  
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 8-10  
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

## OCTOBER

1/Nehemiah 1-4  
2/Nehemiah 5-7  
3/Nehemiah 8-10  
4/Nehemiah 11-13  
5/Malachi 1-4  
6/Matthew 1-4  
7/Matthew 5-7  
8/Psalms 119  
9/Matthew 8-10  
10/Matthew 11-13  
11/Matthew 14-16  
12/Matthew 17-19  
13/Matthew 20-22  
14/Matthew 23-25  
15/Matthew 26-28  
21/Mark 13-16  
22/Luke 1-3  
23/Luke 4-6  
24/Luke 7-9

## 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  
17/1 Thessalonians 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

## Celebrate LWML Sunday with us on Sunday, October 4th

### Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit



#### *Kingdom people produce Kingdom Fruit*

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ...

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits. As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth.*

Between the church services we will hold a drawing for the lovely Autumn Quilt the ladies have made to raise funds for our mission projects. You can still buy tickets., \$1 for one or \$5 for 6.

Ladies, please join us at the LWML meeting at 1:30 PM on Sunday, Oct. 11th to learn more about our King of Kings chapter of LWML.



It is truly the BEST feeling to be back in Sunday School. It fills my heart to see our kids back in Sunday School, learning, sharing, and talking about God's unwavering love for us. Sunday School started back in full swing with our Rally Sunday kick off in August. We would love for you to join us on Sunday's at 9:20am. Adult classes are meeting in the Sanctuary, high schoolers are meeting in the youth room, and Pre-K through 6th grade are meeting in the 3 classrooms in the new space.

We are also ALWAYS looking for more help in Sunday School. If you are interested in teaching or helping with a Sunday School class, please let me know. We would love to have you! No experience needed...just a heart full of love and willingness to share God's love with our youth. Please talk to me!

And as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time by phone, email or text.

In His service,

Ali VanDellen

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## Lutherans Laymen's League: The King's Men



We have a busy month ahead in October. We are partnering once again with our LWML group. Together we will be providing numerous elementary students in USD 231 with Hoodies emblazoned with the BLAZER logo. These Hoodies will be given to students who are experiencing fall warm clothing insecurities.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! After the second service on the 4th we will be providing a meal of grilled hot dogs and burgers. We invite all members and friends of King of Kings to join us in honoring Pastors Dan, Paul Helmer, Paul Hoppe and Bill Postel. We will have baskets available to place cards of appreciation in if so desired. Thrivent Financial Services will be our partners and provide a portion of the food. Blue Ribbon Grill Master Dale Melancon will be manning the grill with his trusty sidekick Mark assisting as needed.

We continue to meet the second Saturday of the month at 7am at church. In October we will meet on the 10th. Tom Stevens will be our guest Chef. All men of the congregation are welcome to join us for a wonderful meal, great fellowship and inspiring Bible study. For more information on Lutheran Laymen's League– the King's Men please contact either Pastor Dan or Mark Trivilino.



### Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)

With many natural disasters this fall the national LERT squads have been deployed in Iowa, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. Members of the Northeast Kansas Squad have deployed to both Iowa and Louisiana.

Last month our local team held a fundraiser in Paola KS. We served hot dogs and hamburgers at a craft fair on the village square-partnering with 1st Lutheran of Paola who organized the fair. The goal of the fundraiser was to raise money to help offset expenses of deployments to disaster areas. We had over ten members participate in this fundraiser and we earned over \$450.

Our LERT team continues to be appreciative of the prayers and support of our congregation in the Disaster Response Mission.

### LERT Training with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

On October 3rd we (LERT) will be partnering with CERT and be hosting a joint training at King of Kings. Our local leadership of LERT has obtained a grant from a national training organization to obtain this training at no cost. The training will be on Hazardous Materials and how communities can and should respond to a Haz Mat disaster. The training will also include identifying potential hazards. With the KC Logistics Park in our backyard and the trains travelling through our town, this training will be very informative. Any member of the congregation is invited to attend. The class will start at 0850hrs and should be completed by 1130hrs. After this training we will have a short presentation by the Kansas LCMS/LERT Comfort Dog Ministry. We are requiring all in attendance to wear a facemask.

So we can make best accommodations and plan accordingly, if you would like to attend, please text Mark Trivilino at 913-209-9324.

## OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

### KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Baptized	602	603
Confirmed	375	379
Family Units	268	267
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	*Covid-19*	
August (Avg.)	113.8	177.25
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$29,188.81	\$212,103.27
Budget	\$25,175.00	\$201,400.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$23,636.19	\$181,617.26
Budget	\$25,099.00	\$200,792.00
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$5,552.62	\$30,486.01
Budget	\$76.00	\$608.00

### OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$54,698.49	\$506,862.30
Budget	\$86,354.16	\$690,833.28
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$62,832.69	\$510,539.92
Budget	\$86,072.92	\$688,583.36
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$8,134.20)	(\$3,677.62)
Budget	\$281.24	\$2,249.92

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

If you have any questions about Thrivent Financial or Choice Dollars, please contact [mail@thrivent.com](mailto:mail@thrivent.com) or Tana Melancon 913-522-2648.



### King of King's Elected 2020 Officers/Parish Planning Committee

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

#### OPEN ARMS TEAM

Team Leader: Rich Webber  
 Team Members: Jody Church, Katie Doroh,  
 Lyle Miller and Erin Schrepel

#### Board of Mission Directors

Pastor:	Dan Wehmeier
President:	Joel Whitmer
President– Elect:	Tim Van Dellen
Support/Admin. Leader:	Dan Popp
Elder Chairman:	Herb Klemp
Open Arms Administrator:	Angela Thrasher
Open Arms Team Leader:	Rich Webber

#### 2020 Elders:

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



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

“Thank you very much for your gift of \$177.64 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. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of MLM and the clients we serve, thank you for your support and please pray for all of us.”

Scott Cooper, Executive Director  
Metro Lutheran Ministry (MLM)

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“Thank you for your recent gift of \$177.64 to Bethesda received on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Thanks again for investing in the lives of the people we serve. We couldn’t do this without your support.”

Lorene King  
Vice President of Philanthropy  
Bethesda Lutheran Communities

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“Thank you for your church’s participation in the Baby Bottle Campaign. We have received your gift totaling \$891.67. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!”

Cheryl Clark”  
Kansans for Life Church Coordinator

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“Thank you so much for the 29 years by allowing me to lead music. So many, may people from Teddy Parry to Dana Snyder gave their time and talents thru worship. The love, friendship and encouragement will always be a great memory of K of K. Thank you also for the gift of \$\$ and caring.”

Blessings, Kipp



The school year is flying by! We have 10 students we are supporting for on line learning. Thanks to Dale and Joel we have a strong Guest Wifi in the big room! Our infant, toddler and two year old rooms continue to fill. We have a few spots in each room open. Our preschool and preK are at about 80% capacity and we get calls every day for spots. Our before and after school care room is at 9 children and we could move our 10 On line learners into the open spots if they go back to in-person learning.

We are staying very busy and we are thankful each day that we have not had an COVID-19 exposures. We are desperately looking for teaching help. I have a preK lead teacher opening asap and I also need subs. Contact me at 913-856-4250 or [openarmsdirector@kingofkingsks.org](mailto:openarmsdirector@kingofkingsks.org) if you are interested in applying. Our teaching staff and our great custodian, Darryld, are doing a great job keeping everything clean!

Angela Thrasher, Director



## Arts & Crafts Sale

LWML will have their **Annual Holiday Craft Sale** in the upcoming weeks to raise funds for their 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.

Special Saturday Sale open to the public on Nov. 7th 9 - 12 noon.

All donations must be received by **Friday, Oct. 30th.**

Shop the table for a special one of a kind Christmas gift starting on **Sunday, November 1st.**

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



*Women  
of Our Church  
LWML*

## Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML)

Our annual picnic was attended by a little over 40 people. We had a beautiful day, the food was delicious. Dale Melancon was the hot dog cooker, thank you Dale for helping us out again this year.

Our big event was the popular corn hole (bean bag toss). Several teams participated and fun was had by all. Our first place winners were Richard and Aaron Ahrens and second place winners were Randy and Jeremy Petit. We want to thank Richard and Sharlot for bringing out their game boards to share with us.

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the LWML anniversary. Our members help with mission projects done locally, nationally and internationally. The quilting group led by Joyce Webber makes our mission quilts, baby blankets and hats. This year, like last year, we purchased hoodies for the local schools. We purchased three water units for areas in Africa. These are just a few things we are involved with. It has always been our great pleasure to serve at the funerals here at our church. We will draw a name for the fall quilt at our Pastors Appreciation Luncheon, hope you will stay for the meal.

On October 17 this year LWML will have their fall event at Risen Savior out in Basehor. Our theme is "Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus". Hebrews 12:2. We are in charge of registration and it is from 8:30am to 9:00am. I am going to this event and will leave from King of Kings at 7:45am that morning. If you are interested in going, please let me know and I will pick you up at the church. There is a \$5.00 registration fee. Our guest speaker is from Metro Lutheran Ministries. The in-gathering is for personal hygiene items. I want to thank everyone that has already brought items for it. St. Paul's is furnishing the breakfast and Risen Savior will serve a light lunch. Since this is not a potluck like we usually do they may set out a donation box.

May God Bless you and yours,

Your friend in Christ,

Judy Anderson, President

## Pastor Appreciation Dinner



**When:** Sunday, October 4th  
**Where:** Church Front Lawn  
**Catered by:** Kings Men  
**Cost:** Free  
**Time:** 11:30 AM immediately following the second service.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The King's Men of the Lutheran Laymen's League will be hosting a grilled lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and soft drinks. We will be dining outdoors! If you would like to give a card to Pastors Dan Wehmeier, Paul Helmer, Paul Hoppe and Bill Postel, we will have a baskets set up to leave the cards in.

**ALL** members and friends of King of King's Lutheran Church are welcome to participate in this event!!



## King of Kings Lutheran Church LCMS

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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.

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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