



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

“Bringing the Light of Christ to our Neighbor”

What a joy to hear this phrase in conversations and discussions in the halls of our buildings and in the homes of our family members. We see this vision statement actualized through the many events and ministries taking place each and every day in our personal and congregational life! I see this core value portrayed in so many ways; Open Arms, Sunday School, Worship, and the many other groups and gatherings in our homes and church.

As your pastor I am truly excited to see how this message permeates our daily interactions and decisions. I get excited when making arm crosses, fist bumps, and shaking hands after church with “family” and “friends” and hearing the reason they are here is because they were personally invited. I’m also excited about conversations and plans for new and renewed ways to touch our congregation and community.

Here is where each of us plays a part in this planning. Plans are put on paper. Purpose is carried out by people. God’s promises, “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28 NRSV)”. You and I are called to carry out His purpose of sharing the grace of God in Christ through our ministries of worship, education, stewardship, evangelism and service. Christ is the heart, we are the hands.

I remind us of our calling especially now as our Nominating Committee will soon be actively seeking spiritual leaders to fill elected and appointed areas in our ministries opened by those who wish to serve in other areas and in other ways. There are also various ways you can actively assist in our weekly worship. Please give Connie a call in the office for more details.

Here I recall a verse in the song *We Are the Church*, “The church is not a building, The church is not a steeple, The church is not a resting place, The church is a people!” If you feel led by our Lord to serve on a team or position, let me know. If you are contacted, prayerfully consider our Lord’s and His family call to serve.

As always, I praise God for you and pray with you as we shine our Savior in our personal and congregational witness. I also ask you to continue to pray for our teachers, staff and leaders as we continue to navigate our way through these complex and confusing times.

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 months readings.



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
16/Mark 1-3
17/Mark 4-6
18/Psalms 120-123
19/Mark 7-9
20/Mark 10-12
21/Mark 13-16
22/Luke 1-3
23/Luke 4-6

24/Luke 7-9
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

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
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



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We will celebrate and thank our Pastors with a special luncheon on Reformation Sunday, October 31st immediately following the second service.

When: Sunday, October 30th
Where: Church Fellowship Area
Cost: Free
Time: 11:30 AM immediately following the second service.

If you would like to give a card of appreciation to Pastors Dan Wehmeier, Paul Helmer, Paul Hoppe and Bill Postel, we will have a basket set up for you to leave the cards in.



REFORMATION
Sunday

October 30, 2022



Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML will have their

Annual Holiday Craft Sale

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.

All donations must be received by **Friday, Nov. 4th**

Shop the tables for a special one of a kind Christmas gift starting on
Sunday, November 6th

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



LLL - Lutheran Laymen's League - The King's Men

The men of King of Kings continue to be an active group. We met this past month at McDonalds for breakfast and fellowship. The men recently purchased 24 youth size hoodies with a GE Blazers logo on it. They have been donated to one of the elementary schools in town. The principal and school counselor have identified children with fall clothing insecurities and will present the hoodies to these children who are in need of fall outer clothing. This has become a tradition for the men to do each fall.

Men's Night Out continues to be a popular event. In September over a dozen men met at Toni's Italian Restaurant in Olathe for fun food and fellowship. A good time was had by all. Our next Men's Night Out will be Tuesday, October 22nd. We will be meeting at "Crazy Good Eats" located at 16695A W 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062. Dinner will once again be at 6:30pm.

We will NOT meet on October 8th for our regular meeting, but rather meet for our annual men's retreat to the Kansas District Retreat Center in Harrington on Oct 14th and 15th. Please speak with Pastor Dan for additional information on this fun filled action packed weekend. Our study will be on "Weird Stuff in the Old Testament." Cost is only \$3.75 per person. Carpooling is available.

The men will be smoking the meat for this years Pastor's Appreciation Lunch on Oct 30th. We will be partnering with the LWML who will be providing the dessert. We also thank Thrivent Financial Services for providing funds to purchase the meats. The meat will be smoked by King of Kings Grill Master - Tom "Big Saucey" Stevens and his trusty assistant - Dale "Smokey" Melancon. Rumor has it that Martin Luther Himself will be joining us for lunch! Bring your phones to have photos taken with him!

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

“What an honor it is, as the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) President, to thank God for generous givers like you. Through contributions like yours we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are able to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world.”

In His service, surrounded by His grace,
Debbie Larson, President LWML

“Thank you for your recent donation to Orphan Grain Train-Wichita Branch of layette kits and \$150.00 to be used for shipping. Your gift to the Wichita Branch is sincerely appreciated by the volunteers and will assist in keeping Orphan Grain Train’s wheels rolling towards those who need God’s mercy. “

John Evans, Branch Manager
Orphan Grain Train Inc.-Wichita Branch



LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather like me. We had our annual picnic on Sunday, September 18th. We had 27 souls that attended and with the temperature at 100 degrees that really wasn't too bad. Paul Anderson did the cooking over the grill with assistance from Pat Hymer and Jean Germer. The ladies brought side dishes, which of course, were delicious.

Again, the bean bags were throw many times to crown the first place winners, John Nohava and Abby McGarr with the second place winners Allison and Valerie Weaver. Congratulations to all the winners and the fun that was had for all of the others. I would like to thank Richard and Shalot Ahrens for bringing the boards along with Paul Anderson's set.

We do have a Fall Rally for LWML at Bethany Lutheran at 9101 Lamar, Overland Park, KS on October 22nd. They will provide a light breakfast and lunch. Each society is also asked to bring a side dish. Registration is at 8:30 am with the meeting starting at 9:00am, there is a \$5.00 charge. If you attend, please bring the following items for the ingathering- 1-disposable pan, 1-cake mix, pkg of birthday candles and 1-container of icing. These items will be wrapped up with a can of pop and taken to the local food pantry. I'm sure someone will have a special birthday with one of these kits.

This year is the 80th anniversary for LWML. Our quilters are working on celebrating this milestone by making 80 lap quilts for the nursing homes. We could use your help. If you have some time on Thursday mornings to tie or cut blocks we really would appreciate you coming at 9:00 am, we are working in the new addition. If you have any questions, please call Pat Hymer or Judy Anderson.

This year King of Kings will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 9th. We will serve cake and punch between the first and second services.

In November we will have our annual fundraiser, Holiday Craft Sale. If you can make something or donate an item for the sale we will accept donations at the church up until Friday, November 4th. The sale starts the following Sunday, November 6th. The money raised at this Sale is used to support so many of the our missions. Please think about helping us out by contributing something to the Sale and don't forget to shop for that one of a kind item.

God's blessings to you and yours,

Sincerely,
Judy Anderson
President



NLAS - National Lutheran Association on Scouting

The National Lutheran Association on Scouting (NLAS.org) assist children and teens in various types of scouting organizations, including Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venture Crew Scouts and the American Heritage Girls organization. One of NLAS's main focus is helping youth grow in their faith through the P.R.A.Y program (www.praypub.org). The PRAY program is also open and available to youth who are not in a Scouting program.

Locally, NLAS is partnering with the King of Kings Lutheran Laymen's League and is assisting a young lady in her Eagle Scout project. Emily is volunteering with a local foster care agency and partnering together to help make the transition of moving from one foster home to another an easier process for young children and teens. Initially she was tasked with obtaining duffle bags for the children's possessions when transitioning from one foster home to another. The agency recently received a large donation of duffle bags, so they have asked the young scout to coordinate making "transition bags" for the children and teens. Emily is now collecting items for these transition bags, which will include coloring markers, books, basic hygiene items, ingredients to make brownies/cookies etc. The King's Men have committed over \$100 to assist in this worthy project and one gentleman has applied for a Thrivent Action Team card to further assist in this project.



Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)

On September 10th we once again participated in the 1st Lutheran Craft show in Paola Kansas. The Northeast Team provided hotdogs, hamburgers, HUGE pickles, pop and chips for the fairgoers. Not only was this a great way to raise funds to help offset the costs of helping others in disasters, it also provided a wonderful opportunity to share the LERT Story and discuss with patrons how Lutherans assist in the community after disasters. We are very appreciative of members of King of Kings who partnered with Thrivent Financial Services and were able to obtain two action team grants to help offset our expenses by \$500. After expenses, and donation to 1st Lutheran we were able to earn over \$1,000. The participants included not only volunteers from King of Kings, but also 1st Lutheran of Paola, Trinity of Garnett and Christ Overland Park.

On October 22, we will be hosting a "Basic Academy" for individuals to become LERT members. The class will be held at King of Kings and the door will open at 8:30 am and class will start at 9:00. Lunch will be included and the class should be over by 2:00 pm. There is a spot for everyone age 14-99! Many jobs and skill sets are needed. There is still time to register for the class. One can register online at LCMS.org, click on SERVE and then register for the class. For additional information, feel free to ask Pastor Dan, Dale Melancon or Mark Trivilino.

OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

KING OF KINGS

MEMBERSHIP	AUGUST 2022	AUGUST 2021
Baptized	601	602
Confirmed	380	378
Family Units	264	264
ATTENDANCE		
Aug. (Avg.) *in-house & virtual	131+42* 173	130.2+63.2* 193.4
RECEIPTS		
	AUGUST	YTD
Actual	\$17,766	\$213,057
Budget	\$24,270	\$194,160
EXPENSES		
Actual	\$23,567	\$178,368
Budget	\$24,227	\$193,816
NET		
Actual	(\$5,801)	\$34,689
Budget	\$43	\$344

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

OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$58,383	\$373,175
Budget	\$56,284	\$450,272
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$54,039	\$446,311
Budget	\$56,256	\$450,048
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$4,344	(\$73,136)
Budget	\$28	\$224



The Youth Group meets the first Sunday in the month after the second service. For more information: Austin 913-530-5641.

King of King's Elected 2022 Officers/Parish Planning Committee

Pastor:	Dan Wehmeier
President:	Ed Bruns
President – Elect:	Richard Ahrens
Treasurer:	Dale Melancon
Support/Admin. Leader:	Dan Popp
Worship Ministry Leader:	Ted Marsh
Youth Ministry Leader:	Ali Van Dellen
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
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President– Elect:	Richard Ahrens
Support/Admin. Leader:	Dan Popp
Elder Chairman:	Joel Whitmer
Open Arms Administrator:	Angela Thrasher
Open Arms Team Leader:	Erin Schrepel

2022 Elders:

Joel Whitmer (Head Elder), Richard Ahrens, Ryan Church, Greg Gartner, John Klein, Herb Klemp, Kevin Kufeldt, Dale Melancon, Chadd Schrepel, Allen Snyder and Tim Van Dellen

2022–2023 Youth Group Officers:

President	Austin Sandman
Vice President	Nina Wahl
Secretary	Abby McGarr
Treasurer	Danny Wahl
Fundraiser/Volunteer Coordinator	Natalie Church

Pastor Appreciation & Reformation Sunday Luncheon

When: Sunday, October 30th
Where: Church Fellowship Area
Cost: Free
Time: 11:30 AM immediately
following the second service.



**REFORMATION
Sunday**

All Members of King of
King's are
welcome to participate
in this event.



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 neigh-
bors about these services.

They need the light of Christ too!



We're on the Web: www.kingofkingsks.org

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