



Bringing the Light of Christ to our neighbor!



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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

The Four "M's" of Lent

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise" (Psalm 51:1-15).

We begin each Lenten Season meditating on these words of Scripture. A few years ago, I was privileged to begin this time of reflection at a Pastors Leadership Institute event on Prayer and Spirituality. Although not expressly stated, the theme centered around the thoughts of Psalm 51. The event allowed time to prayerfully reflect on God's power and purpose for my life personally and our life together as we worship and witness our Savior. Within this time of renewal the following four "M's" kept surfacing: Melt, Mend, Mold, Move.

Lent **melts** our pride and plans as we reflect on our sin and the judgement our sin deserves.

Lent **mends** our hearts as we experience Jesus' washing us and cleansing us through His life, death, and resurrection.

Lent **molds** our lives around God's plan and purpose as we hear Jesus' loving call to let go of the past, pick up our cross, and follow Him.

Lent **moves** our hearts and hands in joyful praise and service in response to God's love displayed in Jesus willing sacrifice for His people including you and me!

The Season of Lent melts, mends, molds, and moves us as we walk, with the disciples of every generation, through the garden of Gethsemane. Then, we quickly follow into the courtyards of the Temple and down the winding streets of Jerusalem. Slowly we follow the dusty road to Golgatha. Anxiously we await the sorrow-filled turned celebration moment at the tomb. But that's next month and next Season.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan

2 Peter 3:18

P.S. Don't miss the Mid-Week food, fellowship and family worship during Lent. This is a great opportunity to "Bring the Light of Christ to our Neighbor."

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.



MARCH

1/Numbers 4-6
 2/Numbers 7-9
 3/Numbers 10-12
 4/Psalms 25-28
 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 28-30
 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
 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



**GUIDE OTHERS TO BE WISE WITH MONEY
AND LIVE GENEROUSLY!**

Thrivent is a membership organization of nearly 2.4 million Christians that offers a unique blend of faith, finances and generosity to help strengthen families and communities. We're looking for men and women representatives who have a passion for building long-term relationships and helping others make the most of their time, talent and treasures, knowing their financial strategies are solid and on track.

Our ideal candidates are caring, self-motivated, trustworthy and have a passion for helping others. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our financial representative opportunities, please contact Rich Heishman at 913-451-3344 ext. 358 or at richard.heishman@thrivent.com.

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

Richard L. Hughey and Rev. Daniel L. Wehmeier

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


Thank you to the many Thrivent members who donated their Thrivent gift cards for the many worthy causes throughout this past year.



**Lutheran Laymen's League
KING'S MEN**

The King's Men will meet to share breakfast at
7:00 AM Saturday, March 11th
for their regularly scheduled fellowship
and Bible Study.

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 913-856-2500



Youth Group
meets the first Sunday
of the month
at 12 noon.

If you are in 7th grade through 12th grade, please
plan on attending these fun filled meetings.

**Sunday, March 5th
12 noon
Pizza will be served!!**

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

“We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with you and for your support and generosity in 2016 as we received your gifts of \$2,824.96.”

Blessed Advent and Christmas to each of you,

Rev. Dr. Jorge Groh Executive Director
Lutheran Urban Mission Agency (LUMA)

“Thank you for your generous gift of \$217.67 given to Bethesda and received on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Your gift was given in support of Faith Village, KS.”

Thank you and God’s blessings!

Mike Thirtle, PHD
President and CEO
Bethesda Lutheran Communities



Ash Wednesday

Worship with Holy Communion will be
Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM.
Supper will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 PM

To commemorate the Lenten season every Wednesday from March 1st through April 5th, we will have a special worship service at 7:00 PM. The congregation is invited to the light supper served before these worship services. The suppers will start at 5:30 PM. Thank you to the various groups who have volunteered to prepare & serve these suppers:

Ash Wednesday March 1st	LWML
Wednesday, March 8th	Sunday School Teachers & Helpers
Wednesday, March 15th	Klemp TLC
Wednesday, March 22nd	Kings Ringers & Singers
Wednesday, March 29th	Faith Builders TLC
Wednesday, April 5th	Germer Bible Study Group

Thank you to the Youth Group for their help in setting up and taking down tables and chairs each week. Please plan on joining us every Wednesday evening during the Lenten Season for supper and spiritual growth.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th worship service with Holy Communion.

Good Friday Services, April 14th at 7:00 PM.

Easter is on Sunday, April 16th. Don’t miss our Easter breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Ash Wednesday Offering

In the past, all congregations have been invited to support Kansas District missions and ministry through the annual Ash Wednesday offering. The Kansas District Board of Directors designated the 2017 Ash Wednesday offering to be divided equally between the Scholarship and Education Loan Repayment Funds.

Please make checks payable to King of Kings. We will then forward the entire Ash Wednesday offering to the Kansas District for the Scholarship and Education Loan Repayment Funds.

Ephesians 4:11-12 “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”

OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Baptized	566	535
Confirmed	353	380
Family Units	255	199
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
January (Avg.)	144.2	194.8
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$30,366.57	\$30,366.57
Budget	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$18,853.07	\$18,853.07
Budget	\$26,451.24	\$26,451.24
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$11,513.50	\$11,513.50
Budget	\$48.76	\$48.76

OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$115,688.78	\$115,688.78
Budget	\$88,895.83	\$88,895.83
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$82,122.27	\$82,122.27
Budget	\$88,807.92	\$88,807.92
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$33,566.51	\$33,566.51
Budget	\$87.91	\$87.91

**King of King's Elected
2017 Officers/Parish Planning Committee**

Pastor: Dan Wehmeier
 President: Rick Hughey
 President– Elect: Dale Melancon
 Treasurer: Ron Borgstahl
 Support/Admin. Leader: Pam Gartner
 Worship Ministry Leader: Deb Evans
 Youth Ministry Leader: Bill Roelfs
 Family Ministry Leader: Tana Melancon
 Elder Chairman: Herb Klemp
 Open Arms Administrator: Angela Thrasher

OPEN ARMS TEAM

Team Leader: Dan Popp
 Team Members: Jody Church, Lyle Miller, Katie Doroh and Steve Sandman

Board of Mission Directors

Pastor: Dan Wehmeier
 President: Rick Hughey
 President– Elect: Dale Melancon
 Support/Admin. Leader: Pam Gartner
 Elder Chairman: Herb Klemp
 Open Arms Administrator: Angela Thrasher
 Open Arms Team Leader: Dan Popp

2017 Elders:

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

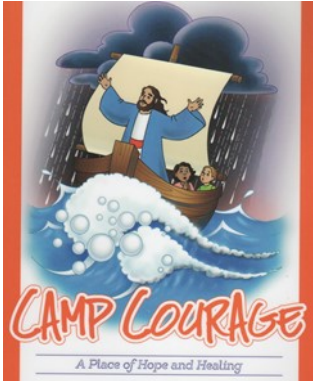
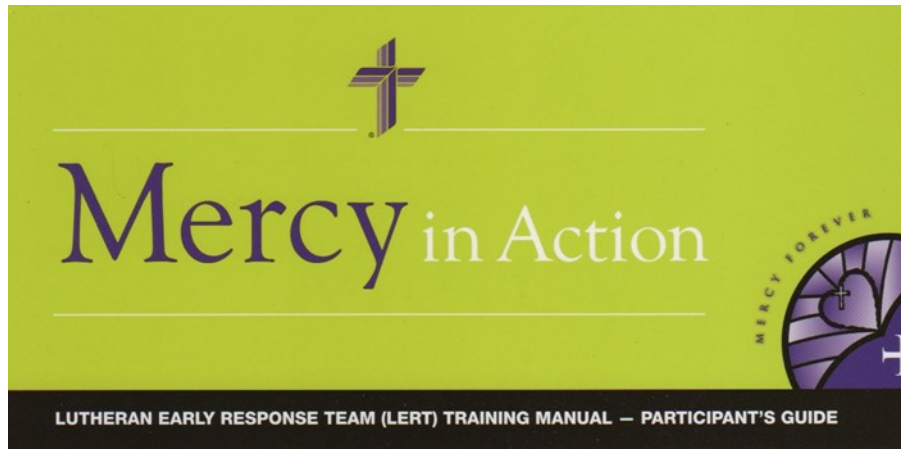
OUR MEMBERS



IN COLLEGE/MILITARY

We don't want to lose touch with our members who have gone off to college or in the military. If you have a son or daughter away at college or in the military, please send us their mailing and e-mail address so we can stay in touch with them.

Send your info to secretary@kingofkingsks.org. Thank you.



March 4, 9:30-11:30 am
King of Kings Lutheran
306 W. Madison Gardner, KS
(913) 856-2500

***LERT Ministry Team “person care”
Information Meeting***

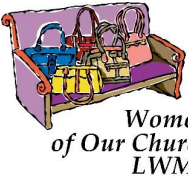
Can't swing a hammer, climb on roofs or operate a chain saw!! Many on our LERT team can do this. But...

Perhaps you can be a part of our children's "Camp Courage" program to care for children during a cleanup... or be a good listener and caregiver to those who just need a listening ear...or help with prayer support...or serve food.

WANTED - Elders, Stephen Ministers, SS teachers, VBS workers, Prayer Team members, music leaders, recreation leaders, crafters, story tellers. Come and hear more. Perhaps this is just right for you!



On Saturday night, **March 11th** before going to bed remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.



Our ladies are busy planning and fixing the Lenten dinner for Ash Wednesday. We have a wonderful group that commits to this task every year either by preparing food, setup, serving, making a dessert or cleanup.

We have dates for some of the activities that LWML will sponsor this year. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Family Bingo is **Friday, March 31st at 6:30 pm**. Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies. We will furnish popcorn, drinks and prizes.

Ladies Night Out is scheduled for **Thursday, September 28 at 6:30pm**. Everyone enjoyed the evening together with our church friends so we decided to have this event again.

Please note there is a Quilt Box on the table as you enter the fellowship area with kits to sew together for our mission quilts. Many hands make the task faster so please consider picking up one or more of these kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Our ladies decided to give the LERT group a donation for tools for the LERT trailer. It is a blessing to have some of our congregation be the helping hands to those that have suffered a great loss. When they see this trailer show up with caring people there to help, I'm sure it gives them a great sense of relief.

There are times when we are asked to help with special needs here at church and at Open Arms. Pat Hymer just made about 20 baby bibs for Open Arms. Joyce Webber is working on a request for weighted blankets for Open Arms. Open Arms in return has processed four of us that are working in the LERT team to be certified with background checks to work with children when we are on location. Kipp asked if we could make chair covers for the choir so I sewed these up. We have other ladies that embroidery baptismal towels, Helen Klemp often does these. Allison Weaver has been faithful in making baptismal banners. These we do for the many blessings we each receive.

If you have a special talent, please let me know.

Blessings for a faithful Easter season,

Judy Anderson, LWML President

Family Night Bingo

Friday, March 31, 20176

6:30 PM

King of King's LWML will host a Family Bingo Night.

Prizes! Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Cost to play: 1 dozen cookies per family

A Fun Night for the whole Family!





Please continue to remember the Gardner Food Pantry with your donations this Lenten season.

Non-perishable food items are always needed:

Canned soups, vegetables, cereal, basics like flour, sugar, shortening, dried beans, coffee, tea, hot chocolate mix, packaged dinners, etc.

They can also use personal care items: toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, laundry soap, hand soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving cream, etc.

Thank you for helping the needy in our community.



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.

There is a staffed nursery available
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

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