



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

“Man Up!”

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)

Since this is the month to celebrate fathers, I thought I would write a note especially to my brothers. Man Up! It’s a popular phrase that began several years ago and popularized in the men’s revival movement, Promise Keepers. Roughly defined it means to take hold of your gifts, work past your fears, and live up to your responsibilities.

I believe this call to “Man Up!” goes back a little farther, a little over 2,000 years farther back in history. I hear this same call to “Man Up!” as our Lord leaves this world and His followers at His Ascension. I hear the power to “Man Up!” in the whirling wind and tongues of fire on Pentecost. I see the call to “Man Up!” as those first followers put the faith and lives on the line beginning in Jerusalem and marching to the ends of the earth.

I was reminded of this during our Pentecost celebration last month. During the Scripture readings I could almost envision the disciples huddled together. I could almost hear them arguing about who is going out the door first with the newly awarded tongues of fire. I could almost feel their amazement of Spirit-given gifts to boldly proclaim a message not fully understood. With excitement, yet trepidation they take the awkward steps from Jesus’ disciples to Spirit-empowered apostles.

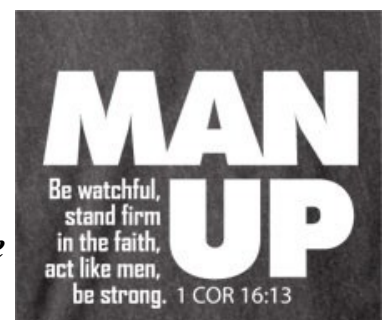
I am excited for not only our new confirmands, but for each of God confirmands. Each of us are confirmed in the faith by the “Man Up!” of God’s Son, our Savior. Each of us have the power to “Man Up!” through the confirming power of the Holy Spirit. And each of us have been given the opportunities to “Man Up!” in our every day walk and witness.

With each step and each day, may we continue to hear personally and congregationally our Lord’s promise and our purpose, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

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.



JUNE

1/Ecclesiastes 10-12
2/Psalms 65-68
3/1 Kings 5-7
4/1 Kings 8-10
5/1 Kings 11-13
6/1 Kings 14-16
7/1 Kings 17-19
8/1 Kings 20-22
9/2 Kings 1-3
10/2 Kings 4-6
11/Psalms 69-72
12/2 Kings 7-9
13/2 Kings 10-12
14/2 Chronicles 2-4
15/2 Chronicles 5-7
16/2 Chronicles 8-10
17/2 Chronicles 11-13
18/2 Chronicles 14-16
19/2 Chronicles 17-19
20/Psalms 73-76
21/2 Chronicles 20-22

22/Obadiah 1-21
2 Chronicles 23-24
23/Joel 1-3
24/2 Kings 13, 14
2 Chronicles 25
25/Jonah 1-4
26/2 Kings 15
2 Chronicles 26
27/Amos 1-5
28/Amos 6-9
29/2 Kings 16, 17
2 Chronicles 27
30/Psalms 77-80

JULY

1/2 Chronicles 28
Hosea 1-3
2/Hosea 4-7
3/Hosea 8-10
4/Hosea 11-14
5/2 Kings 18-20
6/2 Chronicles 29-30
7/2 Chronicles 31-32

8/Isaiah 1-3
9/Isaiah 4-7
10/Psalms 81-84
11/Isaiah 8-10
12/Isaiah 11-14
13/Isaiah 15-17
14/Isaiah 18-21
15/Isaiah 22-24
16/Isaiah 25-28
17/Isaiah 29-31
18/Isaiah 32-35
19/Isaiah 36-38
20/Psalms 85-88
21/Isaiah 29-42
22/Isaiah 43-45
23/Isaiah 46-49
24/Isaiah 50-52
25/Isaiah 53-56
26/Isaiah 57-59
27/Isaiah 60-63
28/Isaiah 64-66
29/Psalms 89-92
30/Micah 1-4
31/Micah 5-7



Exploring the Nature of God!

Save the Date!!

Mark your calendar!!

Volunteer to be part of the fun!!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11

6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Preschool (potty trained) through 4th grade

Reach out to Rachel Wehmeier if you would like to help or have any questions. Ph: 913-375-2480

Email: rachelwehmeier@gmail.com



Ladies Community Luncheon

All women are invited to lunch at
Divine Mercy Parish's CFC Hall
Saturday, June 13th at 11:30 AM

Let go of Past Pains &
 Embrace Future Goals
 Philippians 3:13-14

Ladies Lunch

Please let the church office know if you will be attending, so we can RSVP to them. Thank you!



**Congratulations to our
 2026 Confirmation Class:**

L to R: Pastor Dan Wehmeier,
 Amelia Hayes, Gabrielle Doroh,
 Sophia Wahl, Richard Ahrens

Sunday, May 17, 2026

THANK YOU!

Thrivent is excited to share that a deposit of \$56.00 is coming in the next few days to King of Kings. We hope this gift on behalf of Thrivent Choice® helps to further support your important work. Thrivent clients directing Thrivent Choice Dollars® are:

SueAnn Kuehl

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

Join Us For a Fun Evening of Dance!
(PARTNER AND LINE)
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDRAISER FOR
StarFish

★ FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH; 7 PM TO 10 PM. ★

COST: \$5 MINIMUM DONATION. 😊

LOCATION: Earl M Collier
American Legion
Post 153,
410 East Dennis Ave.,
Olathe KS 66061

**PARKING AVAILABLE ONLY
IN THE WESTSIDE PARKING LOT.
(CLASSIC CAR SHOW IN THE EAST SIDE PARKING LOT.)**



Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML)

Our meeting on May 9th was attended by nine ladies. Our breakfast was bagels, fruit, yogurt and sweets.

We reviewed the June 27 date for a BBQ for the 1st responders and their family on the lawn here at King of Kings. I plan to have a short meeting to talk about this project and will let you know in the next two weeks the date.

Also, we ladies would like to have dinner out together, and Kathy is looking into places for us to go.

We are happy to say that the quilting group sent 65 items to our friends at Our Savior to give away to Happy Bottoms, the homeless, and students that are international to train at KU Med. This included throws, lap robes and large quilts.

LWML will have a table with baked goods for the Craft sale May 30th. I will report on this next month as the day is tomorrow. We want to thank everyone for their goodies and time spent on manning the table.

We have been doing really well on our mites this year. Please give any mite money to the box provided on the entry table or to Erin at the church office.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer with their family.

God's Blessings,
Judy Anderson



Lutheran Laymen's League- KINGS MEN

The group had breakfast and held bible study on 5/9. Thank you John Klein for the wonderful breakfast. We voted on and approved donations to The Hope Market backpack supply drive and VBS craft materials. The Olathe Starfish Project move was discussed and determined no current needs to help with. Our May Craft show is May 30th, still looking for a few chaperone volunteers in the afternoon. The volunteer list has been posted on our bulletin board. The group will continue to work with Chadd over the summer to close out the list of repairs, improvements and cleaning needed for the church and Open Arms.

Please remember no meeting in June or July

Next meeting is 7:30am, August 8th, and we always appreciate and welcome new faces.

There is no Men's Night Out in June and July.

Please reference the LLL bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the latest events and information.

God Bless,
Brian Blank



We had a fundraiser at the church on Saturday during the craft fair. We served up hotdogs and hamburgers with chips and a drink. We did raise about \$340 for the LERT fund. This is a good thing as we are about 2/3rds of the way of getting the mini skid loader and trailer for the team. There will be more expenses with having equipment like this for the team to use. Once we know for sure we will be notifying our team. If you are not part of the LERT team and are interested in joining, please talk to Brian Mead or Dale Melancon.



Saturday, June 27th

More Info to Come

OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Baptized	601	598
Confirmed	381	379
Family Units	266	262
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
Apr. (Avg) *in-house & virtual	192	195
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$23,779	\$125,819
Budget	\$28,500	\$0
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$25,377	\$97,882
Budget	\$28,097	\$0
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$1,598)	\$27,937
Budget	\$403	\$0

OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$73,400	\$294,223
Budget	\$84,200	\$0
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$84,415	\$343,274
Budget	\$83,961	\$0
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$11,015)	(\$49,051)
Budget	\$239	\$0

Lower enrollment and higher expenses these first few months. Focusing on enrolling more children and lowering our expenses.

King of King's Elected 2026 Officers/Parish Planning Committee

Pastor:	Dan Wehmeier
President:	Phil Gehrt
President – Elect:	Rick Hughey
Treasurer:	Dale Melancon
Support/Admin. Leader:	Sharlot Ahrens
Worship Ministry Leader:	Pam Gartner
Youth Ministry Leader:	Penni Blank
Family Ministry Leader:	Tana Melancon
Head Elder:	Allen Snyder
Open Arms Director:	Shonda Williams

Open Arms Team

Team Leader: Erin Schrepel
 Team Members: Melissa Berens, Pam Enserro,
 Heather Petit, and Cary Prothe

Board of Mission Directors

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President:	Phil Gehrt
President– Elect:	Rick Hughey
Support/Admin. Leader:	Sharlot Ahrens
Head Elder:	Allen Snyder
Open Arms Administrator:	Shonda Williams
Open Arms Team Leader:	Erin Schrepel

2026 Elders:

Allen Snyder (Head Elder), Richard Ahrens,
 Ryan Berens, Ryan Church, Greg Enserro,
 Greg Gartner, John Klein, Kevin Kufeldt, Dale
 Melancon, Chadd Schrepel, and Dan Wahl

From Mother's Day, May 11th to Father's Day, June 15th we will have our annual **"Fill the Baby Bottle Campaign"** in support of Lutherans for Life. On Mother's Day, May 11th we handed out baby bottles for you to fill with your loose change.

Bring the bottles back when full or on Father's Day, June 15th.

The money collected will go towards the educational efforts of Lutherans For Life which is working to re-establish a Sanctity of Life ethic in our country.





KoK Youth are looking forward to a fun summer ahead. We will have our monthly bible study on June 2nd at 6:30pm and our monthly meeting will be on Sunday, June 14th at 10:30am, immediately following summer service. We are planning our June fun event to Chicken N Pickle. Stay tuned to the Band App for the confirmed date. If you or your youth are not on the Band App and would like to be, please contact Penni Blank. The Youth Group will be hosting Music Bingo on Sunday, July 19th at 4pm. Please mark it on your calendars for summer themed fun. Thanks for supporting the Youth of KoK!

Grace and peace,

Penni Blank

Got Sneakers? Open Arms wants them!

Open Arms is collecting old *Sneakers/Tennis Shoes* that will be sent off for recycling

- Grab your old sneakers that you no longer use
 - Place sneakers in box in the front entrance at Open Arms or King of Kings
- Sneakers will be sent to GotSneakers who will pay Open Arms based on the shoe's condition and size. GotSneakers recycles these shoes to keep the toxic rubber out of landfills
 - Proceeds earned will be used for a new playground



Open Arms has been busy learning, growing, and sharing God's love each day! Our Pre-K graduation went so well. It was a great celebration for students, teachers and their families. As we transition into our summer activities, our children are looking forward to fun themed days, outdoor play, water activities, fieldtrips, and hands-on learning experiences that make summer exciting and memorable.

We continue to provide a nurturing, Christ-centered environment where children can learn, explore, and build friendships. We also invite our church family to check out and follow our new Open Arms Facebook page to stay connected, see classroom highlights, and celebrate all the wonderful things happening at Open Arms. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our ministry!



June Calendar of Events

June 1 6:30 PM Parish Planning Meeting
June 2 6:30 PM Youth Group Bible Study
June 3 6:30 PM VBS Meeting
6:30 PM Elders Meeting
June 4 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
June 8-11 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
June 14 10:30 AM Youth Group Meeting
June 18 5:30 PM Open Arms Team Meeting
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
June 22 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study @ Perkins
June 25 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
June 27 TBD First Responder BBQ

Every Tuesday 1:30 PM Bridge

(NO Bridge 6/9)

Every Wednesday 9:30 AM Chapel for Open Arms

Every Thursday 9:00 AM Quilters

(NO Quilting 6/4 & 6/11)

Summer Worship Schedule

June 7th to July 26th



8:30am Adult Bible Class

9:00am Fellowship Time

**9:30am Worship Service
with Communion**



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

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