



# ***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***

“Thanks Mom”

The month of May contains several church Festivals: St. Philip and St. James (May 1) - The Ascension of our Lord (May 14) - the birth of Easter Apostles, Pentecost (May 24) - the birth of the Church, Holy Trinity (May 31) - AND Mother's Day (May 10). OK, Mother's Day is not a true festival day in the Church, but without their special place in our lives and the life of the Church our understanding and appreciation of God's love would be far less nurturing.

Pondering this thought as we welcome our Jr. confirmands and new families into our communicant family, I could not help but think about and mentally thank the many “mothers” who have helped nurture the faith in so many of our younger members. Thank's mom and the many “mothers” who help King of Kings shine and share God's love as we “Bring the Light of Christ to our Neighbor.”

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.



### 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 1-4  
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

### 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



**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

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SUMMER  
CRAFT &  
VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, May 30th

9am - 2pm

Join us for a fun and welcoming Craft & Vendor Fair at King of Kings Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM!

Enjoy a wide variety of talented crafters and vendors offering unique handmade items, thoughtful gifts, and great finds for summer celebrations, graduations, Father's Day, and everything in between. It's a perfect opportunity to support local makers and discover something special.

Be sure to stop by for baked goods and lunch available for purchase, lovingly prepared and hosted by the church's men's group—a great way to enjoy a treat while supporting their ministry.

Bring your friends and family for a relaxed day of shopping, food, and community. We can't wait to see you there!

# 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](mailto:mail@thrivent.com) or Jean Germer 913-484-7502.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve with your faithful gifts. Thank you for your continued support to share God's love.

Pastor Phil Cook

Executive Director, LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency)

*"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among the peoples." 1Chronicles 16:24 (NASB).*



Please join us for a **PRAYER SERVICE** on

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7 pm at

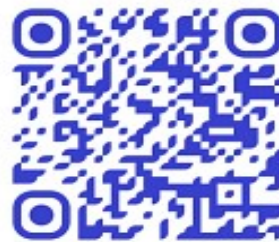
**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

920 South Alta Lane | Olathe, KS

Lifting our hearts, hands and voices in prayer, Rev. David Kahle will lead the prayer service, together with guest preacher, Rev. Mark Frith, director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty's (LCRL) Champions for Liberty Network.

Following the prayer service, Kansas State Representative Timothy H. Johnson will be our guest speaker. Tim represents the 38th Kansas House District in southern Leavenworth County and parts of Wyandotte County. He is completing his third term in the legislature.

You are invited to join a multi-church choir singing the "First Song of Isaiah" by Jack Noble White. One rehearsal on Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Warm-up on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 pm. Scan the QR code to register.



**CHAMPIONS  
LIBERTY  
NETWORK**

*Speaking the truth in love  
with humility and grace.*





## Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML)

On April 12th, we met for breakfast with the LLL guys. Then we put together 39 Hygiene Kits for the Orphan Grain Train. You were missed as we only had five members to put them together. Pat and I attended the 41st Biennial convention in Manhattan and took our kits to a lady that our former LWML lady, Joyce Webber, found for us in Wichita. She is a volunteer for OGT.

The convention was one both Pat and I really enjoyed. The hotel was nice, the staff was very helpful, all the speakers and pastors were so uplifting. Really ladies, do try to attend one of these conventions; truly you will leave very dedicated to our Lord. Our theme at convention was John 15:16, Bear Fruit That Will Last.

We will have our next meeting on Saturday, May 9th at 7:30am. At that meeting we need to decide what we are doing about the casserole fundraiser, the Craft show on Saturday, May 30 and also the 1st responders picnic on Saturday, June 27th. At our meeting, we will be considering a get together for dinner some day in May.

Ladies, I really need help to keep our LWML going strong and faithful. We need a secretary to keep minutes at our meetings. Please pray and think about doing this, I will be available for any questions concerning this position. Hope you all have a wonderful Mothers Day! Many blessings to you and your family.

Yours in Christ,  
Judy Anderson—President



## Lutheran Laymen's League- KINGS MEN

The group had breakfast and held bible study on 4/11, Thank you Paul & Judy for the wonderful breakfast. The men's group closed out the review of our survey results with some actionable items that we are following up on.

We voted on and agreed to renew flags for the holidays and appreciate Paul obtaining those through the Kiwanis club.

The Olathe Starfish Project is moving later in May with members following up to determine if they have needs our group can help with.

Our May Craft show planning is underway, and the volunteer list has been posted on our bulletin board, Volunteers are needed in the morning and afternoon.

We closed out with reviewing the list of repairs, improvements and cleaning needed for the church and Open Arms. Tasks were assigned and really appreciate those that volunteered and helped out for the day.

Next meeting is 7:30am, May 9<sup>th</sup> (John Klein is our Chef), and we always appreciate and welcome new faces. Please remember this will be our last meeting before the summer (no meeting in June or July).

Men's night out is Thursday 4/23 at J's BBQ on Old 56 in south Olathe.

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

God Bless,  
Brian Blank



## PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:30 am to 6:30 pm

30-minute time slots



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
13145 Blackbob Road  
Olathe, KS

## OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

### KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Baptized	600	597
Confirmed	380	379
Family Units	264	262
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
Mar. (Avg) *in-house & virtual	181	168
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$52,202	\$102,401
Budget	\$28,500	\$85,500
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$26,387	\$72,866
Budget	\$28,097	\$84,291
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$25,815	\$29,535
Budget	\$403	\$1,209

### OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$84,588	\$220,823
Budget	\$84,200	\$252,600
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$86,478	\$257,579
Budget	\$83,961	\$251,883
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$1,890)	(\$36,756)
Budget	\$239	\$717

Lower enrollment and higher expenses these first few months. Added 5 kids in April so should be able to get back to in the black next month and work on the YTD deficit.

### 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

Pastor:	Dan Wehmeier
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.





A BIG thank you to everyone that helped make our Youth Group garage sale a success! We could not have done it without the contributions from our church family! The Youth Group will be making plans for more fellowship and fun soon. We plan to get another Music Bingo on the calendar and more. Please keep an eye on the church calendar for Youth activities to come. As always, 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



He is Risen! God continues to fill our school this past Easter season with fun parties, treats, and visits from the Easter Bunny. Thank you to all the families that helped out and came to participate in our annual school Carnival. It was a success that goes towards our new playground equipment.

We had visitors this past month inspecting our school and education program. We are happy to report we passed our National Lutheran Schools Accreditation and are excited to keep spreading God's word.

May is going to be busy and fun as well around here. We are celebrating teacher appreciation week this month. There is a sign up on our message board if you are interested! Our theme this year is "Beachy Keen."

Graduation is in a couple of weeks for our Pre K students. The graduation ceremony will be May 14th at 7pm with treats in the gym to follow.

Congratulations to one of our two's teachers, Ms. Cami! She got married this past month! We also say goodbye to some teachers this month as well, Ms. Mindy & Ms. Hannah. We will miss you ladies, and wish you all blessings.

Don't forget we are closed for Memorial Day! Have a safe and fun holiday. Summer camp will begin May 26th!



## May Calendar of Events

May 1 7:00 AM Youth Group Garage Sale  
May 2 7:00 AM Youth Group Garage Sale  
May 3 9:30 AM Congregational Meeting  
May 4 6:30 PM Parish Planning Meeting  
May 5 6:30 PM Youth Group Bible Study  
May 7 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study  
May 9 7:30 AM LLL Men's Breakfast  
LWML Breakfast/Meeting  
May 11 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study @ Church  
May 13 6:30 PM Elder Meeting  
May 14 7:00 PM Open Arms Pre-K Graduation  
May 17 10:30 AM Confirmation Sunday  
11:30 AM Youth Group Meeting  
May 21 6:00 PM Open Arms Team Meeting  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study  
May 28 6:00 PM Men's Night Out @ Red Crow  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study  
May 30 9:00 AM Craft Fair

Every Tuesday 1:30 PM Bridge  
Every Wednesday 9:30 AM Chapel for Open Arms  
Every Thursday 9:00 AM Quilters



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.

Be sure and tell your friends and  
neighbors about these services.

They need the light of Christ too!

## 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](http://www.kingofkingsks.org)

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