



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

The biblical teaching of “stewardship” is often misunderstood in the life of the Christian and misapplied in the life of the church. When we hear the pastor, or other congregational leadership utter the dreaded “S-word,” we may have a variety of unwanted reactions.

Some hear the term with glassy-eyed confusion, not certain what it really means. Who uses the word “stewardship” these days? Others hear the term and think, “Oh no! It’s that time of year again. Others hear the word and, almost instinctively, clutch their pockets to protect them from prying hands. After all, “It’s *my* money,” they think. “It’s nobody else’s business what I do with *my* money; that’s between me and God.” Still others—including pastors—dread the annual stewardship campaign for fear of being perceived and labeled as “moneygrubbers.” Believe it or not, most pastors do not even want to preach the dreaded “money sermon”!

The term “stewardship” often translates the Greek word *oikonomia*, which literally means “the management of a household or family.” A “steward,” then, is an *oikonomos*, or “one who manages a household.” Perhaps “management” and “manager” would be more familiar—and more useful—terms. Lord then urges us to be faithful in what belongs to someone else with the result that we may be entrusted with “the true riches” (Luke 16:11) of eternal life (see Luke 16:10–13).

In *Managing God’s Gifts*, we will explore how “stewardship” embraces all of life. First, we will ponder good management of God’s created order, because “the earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof” (Psalm 24:1). Next, we will explore how we can be “good stewards” (managers) in our relations with other people, serving them in our vocations and bearing their burdens (Galatians 6:2). Third, we will consider time as God’s gift to be faithfully managed so that we may “be joyful and . . . do good as long as [we] live” (Ecclesiastes 3:12).

On November 9, we will begin an intentional three week reflection titled “*Managing God’s Gifts*”. A special Bible study will be guided by Ryan Berens during the Sunday School hour. Our reflection and stewardship invitation will culminate on Commitment Sunday as part of our worship on November 23 followed by a celebration Thanksgiving dinner after the 10:30am service. I hope you will be intentional about responding to this important invitation to join our family of faith as we build generous lives transforming Thanksgiving into Thanksliving.

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. 16



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

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

12/Philemon
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 8-19
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



The congregation is invited to a

Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 23rd

Immediately following the

10:30 worship service.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this feast!



You're Invited to

Zoe Cooper's 90th birthday

Open House

November 29th 2pm—4pm

At Church

No gifts please

Please join us in decorating the church **Saturday, November 29th at 9:00am.** The finishing touches will be added the next day during the annual Hanging of the Greens. It shouldn't take more than two hours of your time.

Any questions, please contact Pastor Dan or Tana Melancon.

Decorate the Church



Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML will have their

Annual Holiday Craft Sale from Nov. 2nd to Nov. 23rd 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. Items can still be donated. Please reach out to Judy Anderson if you have any questions.

New this Year—Frozen Casseroles made by Rachel Wehmeier

One Pan Meatball

French Onion Ground Beef & Rice

Wild Rice Chicken Supreme

Creamy Chicken Noodle



We are offering two different sizes, a **9 x 13 for \$20**, and an **8 x 8 for \$10**. You will receive cooking instructions and a recipe so you can make it again. Cash is appreciated.



Make a Joyful Noise!

We are still looking for some more Ringers and Singers. If you would like to participate in either choir, we would welcome new musicians. Bells practice at 5:30pm and Choir at 6:30pm on Wednesdays but are not every week. See the calendar at the end of the newsletter for the next rehearsal dates. Come as you are, when you can. All musical levels are welcome! For more info please reach out to Kody@Willnauermusicworks.com or the church office. Thank you for sharing your talents!



Lutheran Early Response Team- LERT

Well for the month of October, we had a Basic LERT Training held at Bethany Lutheran Church on October 18th. We had seven new volunteers for LERT. We had a couple from Winfield, KS in our training also. If you are interested in joining LERT, let us know. We are working on adding more trainings to the schedule. The next Basic LERT training is December 6th, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Atchison, KS. If you are interested, please go to www.LCMS-LERT.org and you can create an account and sign up for that training.

Dale Melancon



The quilting group is looking for good condition used sheets, fitted or regular, to use for backing of the quilts. They can be any color or size. They can be dropped off at the church office, or you can reach out to Pat Hymer. Also, there was a lady who had called Pat regarding fabric and batting, and she is needing you to reach back out.

THANK YOU!

Dear Church family,

My heart is full of gratitude to each and everyone of you who prayed for my dear hubby, Paul! He is now at rest and peace in Jesus' arms! Thank you to Pastor Dan and Rachel for all their love, care, concern, and generosity in helping to feed our family at the time of Paul's death. To everyone who came to the visitation and funeral and sent cards and memorials, each one meant so much to me! The funeral and meal afterwards were each so helpful to our family. I thank you for your continued prayers as I go through the days and weeks ahead. God's love has shown through you brightly.

In Christian love,

Carolyn Hoppe,

Jennifer & Terrie Gustafson and family,

Pastor Philip & Jaimee Hoppe and family

“Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve with your faithful gifts during the 3rd quarter of 2025. It was great to be with you last month, and to have faces to put with the place. Thank you for your continued support!”

Pastor Phil Cook, Executive Director of LUMA

Thrivent is excited to share that a deposit of \$97.00 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:

Sharon Appel

Jean Germer

Richard Hughey

Michael Wallen

If you have any questions about Thrivent Financial or Choice Dollars, please contact

mail@thrivent.com or Jean Germer 913-484-7502.



Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML)-

It is hard to believe that we are starting November already. If the drizzle would stop we might be able to see how pretty the trees are. November means the ladies of LWML will start their annual Craft sale. This is our biggest fundraiser sale of the year for missions. Our missions include local, national and international needs. We have a variety of items for sale, quilts, snacks, baked goods, casseroles, Christmas items, kitchen towels and many more. The ladies of King of Kings help by donating the items they have made. There is a large bulletin board in the fellowship hall that shows all the different casseroles. Please take time to stop at our tables and select something for yourself or a gift for someone. We could use help taking money and bagging let me know if you are interested.

Quilting -Pat Hymer is in charge of our quilting, and we have sent out 223 quilts this year. This could not be done without our faithful ladies that sew and tie. Quilts go to Orphan Grain Train and our lady at Our Savior who distributes them to LUMA, the homeless, Happy Bottoms and 50 to KU Med students from different countries.

Please put the following dates on your calendar:

Sunday, November 9th at 11:30a for discussion on our annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 23. Our steadfast meal planners, Tom and Kathy will be gone on November 23rd to be with family. Please let me know if you can help us out. We could use some people to prepare things, set up and clean up.

Wednesday, November 12th at 9:00a-11:00a or at 6:00p to 8:00p to work on Christmas mats for our local nursing home. We are furnishing drinks and snacks.

Yours in Christ,
Judy Anderson-President



Lutheran Laymen's League- KINGS MEN

Reminder the next meeting is November 8th @ 7:30. Chef Greg Gartner will be serving.

The Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch has processed our honey order, and deliveries have been confirmed by a few members. If you have not received your order by the end of the month, please contact Brian Blank, and he will follow up with the ranch on your order.

The group had breakfast and bible study on October the 11th. Various charities and needs discussed along with donations voted on and approved after a review of the budget. Further discussion was held around having an emergency response plan and action taken to work with the local police department and others to schedule training for various groups. More to come.

The November Men's night out dinner has been moved up a week (3rd Thursday (20th) at 6:00pm). No December night out. Please reference the LLL bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the latest events and information

God Bless,
Brian Blank

OUR SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

KING OF KINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Baptized	605	599
Confirmed	387	381
Family Units	266	263
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
Sept. (Avg) *in-house & virtual	146	145
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$19,675	\$236,598
Budget	\$26,854	\$241,686
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$27,599	\$229,260
Budget	\$26,827	\$241,443
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$7,923)	\$7,338
Budget	\$27	\$243

OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$82,818	\$736,151
Budget	\$85,249	\$767,241
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$67,165	\$727,155
Budget	\$81,912	\$737,208
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	\$15,653	\$8,996
Budget	\$3,337	\$30,033

King of King's Elected 2025 Officers/Parish Planning Committee

Pastor:	Dan Wehmeier
President:	Neal Brockschmidt
President – Elect:	Phil Gehrt
Treasurer:	Dale Melancon
Support/Admin. Leader:	Dan Popp
Worship Ministry Leader:	Pam Gartner
Youth Ministry Leader:	Kim Hayes
Family Ministry Leader:	Tana Melancon
Head Elder:	Allen Snyder
Open Arms Director:	Shonda Williams

Open Arms Team

Team Leader: Erin Schrepel

Team Members: Sharlot Ahrens, Penni Blank,
Heather Petit and Lyle Miller

Board of Mission Directors

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Open Arms Administrator:	Shonda Williams
Open Arms Team Leader:	Erin Schrepel

2025 Elders:

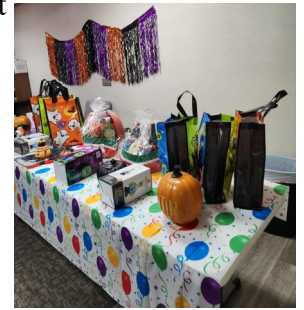
Allen Snyder (Head Elder), Richard Ahrens, Ryan Berens, Ryan Church, Greg Enserro, Greg Gartner, John Klein, Herb Klemp, Kevin Kufeldt, Dale Melancon, Chadd Schrepel, and Roger Zimmerman



Don't forget the less fortunate. Donate nonperishable food, paper products and cleaning supplies to The Hope Market. Items they are currently needing: Spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, Scalloped/Cheesy box potatoes, Flavored soup, SpaghettiOs, Baking mixes such as pancake, muffin, brownie, and cake. The donation box is in the hall across from the church office. Thank you to Kim Hayes for dropping our donations off to them.

YOUTH GROUP News

We had a great turn out at Music Bingo in October and a lot of fun was had by all. The youth want a shirt to wear at all their events, so Mackenzie S. is going to work on a design. There were a few volunteers for officer positions. We will finalize that in November. We are planning an Escape Room and dinner for our Christmas party in December, and also going to do a gift exchange for those interested.



What a full month of blessings October has been for our school. Families and teachers got to come together and discuss the growth and development of their children. We held an Open Arms Pumpkin Patch, where each child got to pick out a pumpkin! Our teachers competed in a friendly Halloween door decoration contest (check out picture page for all entries). Congratulations to our winner, Ms. Mindy (room 206) and second place winner, Ms. Sam (room 205). Fire Marshal Sanderson and his gang (which included an Open Arms Alum) came to visit us. The kids got a safety presentation before touring the fire truck. They even showed us the siren and flashing lights! Picture day was a success. Thank you everyone who came and handed out treats to the kids at trunk or treat! It was a wonderful day with parties and lots of sweets. Next month we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with our classrooms. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour November 2nd! Time change can be difficult on the kiddos (and adults) so be prepared for a possible transition period. Lastly, big congratulations to Ms. Lily, one of our two's teachers. She got hitched this October!



November Calendar of Events

November 5 5:30 PM Kings Ringers
6:30 PM Kings Singers
November 8 7:30 AM LLL Men's Breakfast
November 9 11:30 AM LWML Meeting
November 10 6:00 PM Bible Study at Church
6:30 PM Parish Planning Meeting
November 12 9:00 AM LWML Placemat Activity
6:00 PM LWML Placemat Activity
6:30 PM Elder Meeting
November 18 6:00 PM Open Arms Team Meeting
November 19 5:30 PM Kings Ringers
6:30 PM Kings Singers
November 20 6:00 PM Men's Night Out @ Joe's
KC BBQ in Olathe
November 23 11:30 AM Thanksgiving Meal
November 24 6:00 PM Bible Study @ Perkins
November 26 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 29 9:00 AM Decorate the Church
2:00 PM Zoe's Birthday Party

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!



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