



# ***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 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 opening by those who wish to serve in other areas and in other ways. Another area to serve this coming year is being a part of our Open Arms re-accreditation process. There are also various ways you can actively assist in our weekly worship. Please give Erin 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. 16



### 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





Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with Touch a Truck! Special thanks to Rachel Wehmeier for organizing it all.



# Touch-A-Truck!



## 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](mailto:Kody@Willnauermusicworks.com) or the church office. Thank you for sharing your talents!

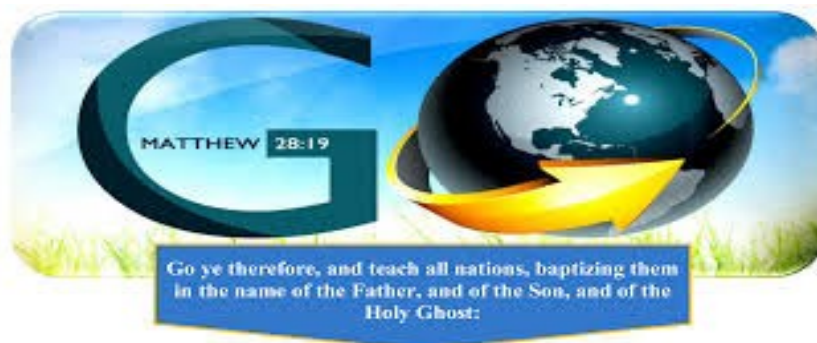


## Lutheran Early Response Team- LERT

Fall and October has arrived and LERT has a Basic Training class at Bethany on October 18th. Please register at our website: <https://www.lcms-lert.org/> if you are interested in joining to volunteer with LERT.

In September, LERT was at the Paola Fall Bazaar & Craft Fair cooking food for everyone. We raised over \$1,200 with all of the hard work from all of the volunteers that came out to make this a successful event. We did participate in the Touch-a-Truck on the 7th, and it's always a fun time to see the community come out. We would love to have you become part of LERT. We do more than just cook food and run chainsaws.

Dale Melancon



### LWML Kansas City CrossRoads Zone

#### Fall Event

**October 18, 2025,**

**First Lutheran Church**

**401 East Piankshaw, Paola, KS**

**Registration 8:30 a.m. Registration Fee \$5.00**

Free Will Offering for the speaker and for mites.

A light breakfast and a soup, bread, and vegetable lunch will be served.

Your group is welcome to bring a dessert.

**Speaker:** Pastor Mueller, from Hope Lutheran,  
speaking about his mission work with the seminary in Uganda, Africa.

**Gifts From the Heart:** Donated to **My Father's House:**

Shelf Stable Food Suggestions: ramen noodles, soups, mac and cheese, oatmeal, cans of soups or meats with pop up lids, spam, tuna, cereal, powdered milk, cups of fruit, breakfast bars.



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.

Last day to donate is Friday, Oct. 31st. Sale begins on Sunday, Nov. 2nd.





### **Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML)-**

We had a nice group of ten ladies at the Perkins meeting on September 15th. Carol Pritchett resigned from being our Treasurer for several years, and Rachel Wehmeier will be our new Treasurer. Also, Sandy Gould has taken over Pat Hymer's position as our Secretary. We want to thank both retiring ladies and blessings to the new ladies that stepped up into those positions .

Our family picnic was successful and we had 71 members of our congregation that attended. We want to thank everyone that helped make our day a wonderful family outing. At our picnic we had the youth work on Christmas mats for the nursing homes. They did a wonderful job and they look so nice, we want to thank them. We did set a date to work on the mats and it is November 12 at 9:00am in the morning or 6:00pm in the evening. Drinks and snacks are provided.

Quilting: We still meet on Thursdays at 9:00am. If that schedule changes we will be sure to let you know. So far we have delivered quilts to Orphan Grain Train and to our contact at Our Savior. At last count, we took 162 quilts to these two and now have about 20 quilts done since that delivery. Our Savior took 50 of their quilts and gave them to some KU International students; they only bring a bag of clothes with them when they come here to study.

We discussed some projects for the craft sale we do as a fundraiser. Rachel gave us a report on making casseroles to sell. Laura's youth group does them at her church and it is a big hit there. If you have something we could put on our table we would really appreciate your support. The first day of our sale is November 2nd thru November 23rd.

God has truly blessed our ladies and families at King of Kings.

Yours in Christ,  
Judy Anderson-President



### **Lutheran Laymen's League- KINGS MEN**

Reminder the next meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30. Chef Tom Stevens will be serving. The men did not meet in September due to the Saturday Paola craft fair.

We greatly appreciate all who donated and ordered honey! 40 bottles of honey were ordered with an additional 30% in donations to The Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch. Expect orders to take three weeks; therefore you should have your honey no later than the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Men's night out dinner resumed in September (Fourth Thursday (25<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00pm). Next dinner is October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pizza Shoppe in Olathe.

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	600
Confirmed	386	382
Family Units	265	263
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
August (Avg) *in-house & virtual	163	163
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$21,973	\$217,032
Budget	\$26,854	\$214,832
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$31,717	\$201,549
Budget	\$26,827	\$214,616
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$9,744)	\$15,483
Budget	\$27	\$216

The main reason for the losses for both KOK and OA for the month is because August was a three-payroll period month. For KOK, there was also a \$2,800 charge for snow removal as OA had paid for all of the snow removal for this year instead of the usual 50/50 split, so half was charged back to KOK.

### OPEN ARMS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$71,614	\$656,021
Budget	\$85,249	\$681,992
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Actual	\$106,191	\$661,231
Budget	\$81,912	\$655,296
<u>NET</u>		
Actual	(\$34,577)	(\$5,210)
Budget	\$3,337	\$26,696

### 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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Head Elder:	Allen Snyder
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



**Join us for a Pastor Appreciation Breakfast**  
**Sunday, October 19th @ 9:00am**

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.



The youth helped out with Touch a Truck and the Paola craft fair and raised some funds for the next Youth Gathering in 2028. We'll have our meeting on October 5th, where we will elect new officers. Also this month we'll host Halloween Music Bingo on Sunday, October 19th at 4pm. We will have soup and chili, so please join us for a fun time. Looking ahead we will help decorate the church the 29th of November, and then host a Christmas Music Bingo in December.



**October 11th, 2025**  
**10 am—12 pm**  
**Gardner Justice Center**



We will be collecting new or gently used coats to be distributed out to K through 12 kids within the USD231 district. You can bring your donation to church, or out to the event that day.

National Faith & Blue Weekend facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations.



**Halloween Music Bingo**  
**Sunday, October 19th 4-6pm**  
**Soup/Chili Dinner**  
**Fundraiser for the Youth Group**



This past month we've made great memories. We had a wonderful turn out for Touch a Truck and Grandparents Tea, with a special visit from Pastor Postel for "See You at the Pole." Thank you to all the church volunteers and grandparents who were able to come. We loved showing off our school.

It's officially Fall! We have lots to look forward to this month as a school. Parent teacher conferences, fire safety, fall picture day, Halloween parties, and Trunk or Treat!



Please let the church office know if you want to participate in the Trunk or Treat for Open Arms on Friday, October 31st from 10am to 12pm. We had a garage sale in September where we were able to get rid of some of our bigger and outdated furniture, and we are gradually going to be replacing those with new and smaller things such as play kitchens and sensory tables. We are currently working on several repair/upgrade projects on our playground as well as inside our center. Again, please reach out to the church office if you have the time or the skills to help. We are continuing to work on our NLSA reaccreditation, and hope to have that completed by the middle of November, so Shonda can write up the final report.



### ***October Calendar of Events***

October 6 6:30 PM Parish Planning Meeting  
October 8 5:30 PM Kings Ringers  
6:30 PM Kings Singers  
6:30 PM Elder Meeting  
October 11 7:30 AM LLL Men's Breakfast  
10:00 AM Faith and Blue  
October 13 6:00 PM Bible Study at Fronteras  
October 18 8:00 AM LERT Training @ Bethany  
October 19 9:00 AM Pastor Appreciation Breakfast  
4:00 PM Halloween Music Bingo  
October 21 6:00 PM Open Arms Team Meeting  
October 22 5:30 PM Kings Ringers  
6:30 PM Kings Singers  
October 23 6:00 PM Men's Night Out at Pizza  
Shope in Olathe  
October 27 6:00 PM Bible Study @ Perkins  
October 31 10:00 AM Trunk or Treat- Open Arms

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!**



**We're on the Web: [www.kingofkingsks.org](http://www.kingofkingsks.org)**

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