

# KING'S NEWS

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## COMING UP AT CHURCH

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 - LIFE SUNDAY

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday School // Parent Study  
9:30am Adult Bible Study - End of Life  
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion+ livestream  
1:00pm Jr. Youth Above All Trampoline Park

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

6:00pm Handbell Practice  
7:00pm Evangelism 2024 Gathering

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:00pm Confirmation Classes  
6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study - Narthex  
6:00pm Global Missions  
7:00pm Confirmation Retreat - Quake Meeting  
7:15pm Choir Practice

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00am Young Families Snowball Saturday

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00am Worship  
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday School // Parent Study  
9:30am Adult Bible Study - End of Life  
10:30am Worship + livestream  
6:00pm Senior Youth Bible Study

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you could join us today. Please fill out a Fellowship Card found on the back of each pew and place in the offering plate. If you are in need of pastoral care or are interested in membership, please reach out to one of our Pastors or the church office. Find sermons, Bible studies, calendar and more on our website at [KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG](http://KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG).

## TODAY

### END OF LIFE DECISIONS

#### JANUARY 21 IN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our Adult Bible Study will be taking a look at how the Bible guides us in end-of-life decisions and how we handle earthly remains. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.



### RESOURCE HEALTH BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

#### JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 4

Our annual Bottle Drive benefiting Resource Health, formerly Rachel House, begins today. Your donation supports care for those facing unplanned pregnancies through testing, education, support and ultrasounds. To support Resource Health, simply fill a bottle with spare change, bills or a check and return by February 4. Collection bottles and information can be found in the Welcome Center.

## TOMORROW

### EVANGELISM 2024 GATHERING

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 7PM

*"Ask the Lord of the harvest,  
therefore, to send out workers  
into His harvest field"*

— Matthew 9:38



Together with the Holy Spirit, all ages are invited to gather and kick-off Evangelism 2024! Pray together, share ideas on ways King of Kings can bring the powerful message of Jesus' salvation to others and into our community, and enjoy fellowship together. All ideas welcome. Please prayerfully consider attending. Led by Brian Stapleton and Jon Jannings, this kick-off will meet in the Board Room on the lower level. Snacks provided.

**NOMINATIONS DUE NEXT WEEK**  
**ELC TO CALL A COMMISSIONED MINISTER TEACHER**  
**FOR 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR**



The Board of Elders and Board of Directors have approved the forming of a Call Committee in order to call a Commissioned Minister Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. [Find details at KingofKingsELC.org/jobs](https://www.kingofkingselc.org/jobs).

The LCMS classifies a Commissioned Minister Teacher as one who has graduated from a synodical college (and course of study) or a teacher whom has completed a course of study making her/him eligible for a colloquy.

**SERVE ON THE CALL COMMITTEE**

Our by-laws require two members from the congregation at-large to serve on the Call Committee. If interested in serving on the Call Committee, contact Andy Brown by January 28, at 816-510-5500 or [abrown@bipskc.com](mailto:abrown@bipskc.com).

**NOMINATE A TEACHER BY JANUARY 28**

Nominate an eligible LCMS rostered teacher for consideration in our call process. Nominees should be submitted directly to Andy Brown, Head Elder, at 816-510-5500 or [abrown@bipskc.com](mailto:abrown@bipskc.com).

**NEXT SATURDAY**  
**YOUNG FAMILIES SNOWBALL**  
**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 27 @ 9-11AM**

The next event for our Young Families group is Saturday, January 27. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a snowball fight (cotton balls) and to hear how each snowflake is special and uniquely created by God - just like each of us. Coffee served for tired parents. Contact [Aimie Graybill](mailto:Aimie.Graybill) with questions.

**STARTS NEXT WEEK**  
**FOUNDATIONS CLASS**  
**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LUTHERAN FAITH**  
**BEGINS JANUARY 28**

Our next Foundations session will be held on Sundays at 9:30am, beginning January 28 in the Overflow Room at the rear of the Sanctuary. This 8-week class is our introduction/refresher course on the Christian faith and the core teachings of our church. We welcome all those considering membership and adult confirmation, as well as current members seeking to refresh their faith. To sign up, contact a pastor or the [church office](#).

**HELP LOCAL CHILDREN'S PANTRY**  
**CONFIRMATION PROJECT - MIMI'S PANTRY 4 KIDS**  
**DONATE THROUGH FEBRUARY 14**

Did your children or grandchildren receive new outerwear for Christmas? We want your outgrown items! A group of Junior Youth are organizing a coat/hat/mitten drive to support Mimi's Pantry for Kids, a Northland organization that provides FREE clothing for families in need. We are collecting gently used and new outerwear like coats, hats, mittens, gloves for children ages 2 - 12. It's a great time to hit up the winter clearance sales or shop spring jackets. Donation tub in the Narthex. Contributions are being collected until Wednesday, February 14th.

Additionally, Mimi's Pantry 4 Kids provides a small toy "library" for the children to borrow toys and return them when they come for services. An additional tub is in the Narthex for gently-used or new small toys, like Barbies, Transformers, Card Games, etc.

**SUPERBOWL FUNDRAISER**  
**ORDER THROUGH JAN. 28 / PICKUP FEB. 11**

It's time for our annual Super Bowl Fundraiser! Order your game day goodies in the Narthex, through January 28. Payments can be made at pickup on February 11. Proceeds benefit tuition for King of Kings students attending Lutheran schools. Or, order direct through Susan Haerer-Deatherage 816-896-2938.

<b>PEPPERONI BREAD</b>	<b>\$14/LOAF</b>
<b>HOMEMADE BRATS</b>	<b>\$4/ BRAT</b>
<b>SMOKED CHEESES</b>	<b>\$10/BAG (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)</b>

**DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS**

Please consider donating ingredients or volunteering some of your time to make or distribute bread.

**2024 CALENDAR AVAILABLE**

The 2024 King of Kings Calendar was released last week and is a great tool as you plan your year ahead, including all annual church events, major holidays, and community-wide events. Copies are available throughout the year on the Information Counter in the Narthex or available online at [KingofKingsKC.org/Documents](https://www.kingofkingskc.org/Documents).

**TAX STATEMENTS**

Tax donation statements for 2023 are available for pickup in your church mailbox. To have your statement mailed to your home, please contact the [church office](#).

## **GIVING TO OUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH OUR HUNGER RELIEF MINISTRIES**

Thank you to our entire congregation for helping us serve our neighbors! Because of the generosity of our church we are able to provide a basic need—food—to children and families in the surrounding area. Our food pantry assists with two efforts throughout the school year.

### **BACKSNACK PROGRAM: FEEDING LOCAL CHILDREN**

Deena Schneider works with Resource Officers at two local schools to identify children who need food each weekend. Meals are planned, purchased and packed each week. Then, with the help of Curt Henke and Billie Westervelt, packed food is delivered every two weeks, serving 20 children between the two schools.

### **HOLIDAY MEALS**

Thanksgiving and Christmas meals are always an invaluable experience to appreciate our blessings and serve our neighbors. Working with Resource Officers at five local schools, we are able to identify families who need holiday meals. With the help of Junior Youth, we buy, pack and hand out 25 full meals per holiday. These meals are accompanied with prayer from our church family.

A VERY BIG thank you to Deena Schneider for her leadership, time and love that she gives to our hunger relief ministry. She and her family spend hours each week meal planning, shopping, purchasing and packing meal bags.

### **GET INVOLVED**

If you are interested in getting involved and giving of your time to help local food insecure children and families, please contact [Deena Schneider](#) or call/text 816-721-3787. Volunteers are needed in following ways:

1. Pack meal bags every few weeks
2. Shop for meals every 4-6 weeks or rotation

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### **OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE STREAM TEAM VOLUNTEERS & LEADER**

We are looking for a few technology-minded volunteers to join the Stream Team and help run livestream on Sunday mornings. This is a fantastic way to serve at church and brings so much to those who are homebound, out of town or looking for a church. Please contact [Amy Babcock](#) or the church office to learn more.



*Junior Youth helping pack holiday meal boxes.*

### **ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP**

The 2024 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted on the glass windows of the church office. Celebrate a special day or in memory of a loved one – altar flowers are given in glory to God each week by members of our congregation. A gift of \$25 covers costs and flowers may be taken home after the 10:30am service on day of reservation. Sign up on calendar or call the church office to reserve.

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### **REMINDER**

#### **THRIVENT MEMBERS DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31ST**

If you're an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars\* available to direct, please consider directing them toward King of Kings. Your 2023 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2024. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or log in to your account at [thrivent.com](https://thrivent.com).



## SENIOR YOUTH BEAT THE BREAKOUT

Last Sunday, seven high school boys braved the sub-freezing temperatures to join DCE Cindy Twillman in the River Market at BreakOutKC Escape Room. The group successfully beat the clock with time to spare. Great outing and team work, boys!

## ELC EARLY-BIRD ENROLLMENT 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR + KING'S KAMP MEMBER ENROLLMENT OPENS FEBRUARY 1

It is almost time for school enrollment to begin! The Early Learning Center will open registration for 2024/2025 school year on February 1st for members and returning students. Enrollment will open to the public on February 15, 2024.

**Do not delay in enrolling!** God willing, we expect to be at full enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year. The ELC has become known in the Northland for quality, Christian education for children ages 3-5, preparing each child for kindergarten and beyond.

We will also open registration for our summer program, King's Kamp, to members and returning kampers on February 1. This year's theme — **The Great Outdoors** — is sure to be a great adventure! King's Kamp offers all-day weekly camps for children ages 3-11, including summer STEM learning, creativity and fun!

## Personal Safety Tips

The King of Kings Security Committee will be sharing security tips every few weeks to help keep you safe.

- **Leave venues with friends wherever possible.**
- **Try to stay in well-lit areas.**
- **Be confident – even if you don't feel it.**
- **Travel as if you know where you are going.**
- **Take the most direct route and try to stay within areas where other people are around.**

*Source: National Police Chiefs Association*

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Did you receive the notice last week that early church was canceled? Stay up to date with any last minute changes to church or weekday events through these outlets:

- Email: Communication will be sent immediately
- Website: [KingofKingsKC.org](http://KingofKingsKC.org) (top of page)
- Facebook King of Kings page: @KingofKings.kc
- Facebook King of Kings Members group
- Instagram: @kingofkings.kc
- Local News: KCTV5/KSMO-TV, KMBC9/KCWE, KSHB41

Even if church isn't canceled during winter weather, please be safe if you choose to travel to church. Remember, our 10:30am service is livestreamed each week for those who prefer to stay home or are unable to get out when weather or roads are less than ideal.

# YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS ON BAND APP

## JUNIOR YOUTH (6-8)

- JANUARY 21** Above All Trampoline  
Meet at 1pm at Above All
- JANUARY 24** Quake Participant/Parent Meeting  
7pm in Sunday School commons
- FEBRUARY 2-4** Quake Retreat — Wichita, Kansas

## SENIOR YOUTH (9-12)

- JANUARY 28** Bible Study — 6pm