KING'S NEWS

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Go and Make Disciples

Our Lord Jesus, as His final directive to the church, commanded His disciples to go and make disciples out of all nations. And they did just that. Beginning in Jerusalem, then in Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.

And, well, here we are. Separated from those disciples on that Galilean hilltop by distance and time and culture and language. The littlest details of our everyday lives would have been unimaginable to the followers of Jesus. And their hard and difficult lives, where praying for daily bread was done in earnest, are unimaginable to us.

But Jesus is the same. Yesterday, today, and forever. We are linked forever to those ancient people in a way that goes beyond what we can see. We are one people with them, redeemed by the blood of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. Our language, our food, our music, our customs are different, but we all share one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. Every prophecy of scripture that speaks of the coming Kingdom of Heaven describes it as a gathering of all nations, from every tribe and language.

And if we are one with those who are so far distant in the past, how much more are we united to the Christians in Guatemala who live so close to us today? It is a great blessing for King of Kings, that we should be led by God to labor alongside the people of God in another country, worship with them, and get a foretaste of that feast to come.

Next summer, we will send a group of volunteers to serve as short-term missionaries in Guatemala. I encourage you to consider how you may take part in this new effort. Certainly, we would like to "fill up" our contingent to 12 people. And, if you are able, you can offer financial support for the journey and the work. We can all can offer prayers that the Lord would send Holy Spirit to grant faith to new believers, and His holy angels to watch out over us.



THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:00am Worship

9:30am Adult Bible Study / Sunday School

10:30am Worship + livestream 6:00pm Sr. Youth Bible Study

*Heit's Point Campership Applications Due

MONDAY, MARCH 27

6:00pm Men's Basketball 6:00pm Handbell Choir

7:00pm Long Range Planning Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

12:00pm Tuesdays @ Noon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

5:45pm Lenten Dinner - Pulled Pork Nachos

6:15pm Confirmation Small Groups 7:00pm Lent Worship + livestream

8:15pm Choir Practice

HOLY WEEK

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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2 | 8:00AM | 10:30AM*

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 6 | 7:00PM*

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7 | 7:00PM*

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

APRIL 8 | 8:30AM-11AM

EASTER

APRIL 9

7:00AM | 8:30AM* | 10:30AM* Breakfast served 7:30am-10:30am

GLOBAL MISSION COMMITTEE

Our recently formed Global Mission committee has started making plans for this new ministry at King of Kings. The committee falls under the Board of Elders. It is clear that the Holy Spirit has brought together many talents and connections to lead this ministry here at King of Kings.

JENNY CROUCH, CHAIR

Jenny has had experience on multiple mission trips through previous churches and Compassion International. In addition, she and her husband Matt (and family) have sponsored many children in several countries. "Sponsorship is such a simple way to bring profound hope to a child, family, and community. Their life and yours will forever be changed!"

KELLY RASH

Kelly and husband, David, have traveled extensively overseas and plan to attend the first mission trip. Kelly has been instrumental in the initial planning of the ministry.

LEE MEYER, Board of Elders representative PASTOR FRANK GREENE, Ex-officio

If you are interested in joining this committee or getting involved in any of the Global Mission activities, please contact Jenny Crouch or the church office.

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LENT AT KING OF KINGS

Join us for our last midweek Lenten dinner and worship this Wednesday. Dinner begins at 5:45pm, followed by worship at 7pm. Our sermon series *The Lord's Prayer: Teach Us to Pray* continues with the fifth petition, *Forgive Us Our Trespasses*. We welcome back Vicar Alex from St. Stephen as our guest preacher. For dinner, our Global Missions Committee is serving pulled pork nachos. A child's meal of hot dogs & tots also available. A freewill offering will benefit the upcoming mission trips to Guatemala.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

TUESDAYS AT 12PM

Tuesday@Noon just wrapped up their latest study on the Book of Revelation. All 19 "episodes" are available at KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG/TUESDAYS. The group is starting their next study with Pastor Frank, beginning this Tuesday, March 28, to study the Book of Judges. This is a great opportunity to jump into this Bible study group. Bring your lunch and meet at 12pm each Tuesday in the Board Room on the lower level. New faces and visitors welcome.

ALL YOUTH ICE SKATE

SATURDAY, APRIL I - FROM 3:45-4:45

Junior and Senior Youth are headed to Line Creek Ice Arena on April 1 for a private skate party, including the annual Broom Ball face-off and general skate time. Thanks to a generous donation from a member of our congregation, the arena rental has been covered. Bring a friend to join us! Please RSVP on BAND.

SING IN THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

EASTER CHORAL OFFERING

This Easter, the choir invites <u>you</u> to join in the Hallelujah chorus. Anyone interested in singing in this one-day chorus is welcome – ages 5 to 105! The more voices, the more glorious the offering. Practices run approximately 20 min. *Participate in one or both of the services*.

Practice: March 29, directly after worship

April 5 at 6:30pm

Sing: Easter Morning, April 9

End of 8:30am service (arrive by 9am) End of 10:30am service (arrive by 11am)



Over the last few years, God has been laying plans and framework for King of Kings to connect and serve the people of Guatemala. Our Global Missions Committee is focused on sending volunteers on short-term mission trips, and building support for foreign missions in the church. Through work with ministry partner CALMS (Central American Lutheran Missions Society), King of Kings has developed relationships with two sister parishes in Guatemala. It is in these areas, that we plan to send groups annually for short-term mission trips. In addition, we are partnering with Compassion International to sponsor needy children in Guatemala. We invite you to join in our efforts to bring God's word around the world.

SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYER

Please join us in praying for..

- Churches in Guatemala to be grounded in truth and bold to proclaim Christ
- Local pastors, teachers, and social workers of Guatemala that give of themselves everyday to bring hope to the children, families, and whole communities
- Parents of sponsored children to understand the value of education
- Sponsored children to grow in faith, strength, and wisdom
- Spirit-led relationships between King of Kings and our sister congregations in Guatemala

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

- Fall 2023 Exploratory Trip (Pastor Frank & Jenny Crouch)
- June 2024 Inaugural Mission Trip (12 members)
- Summer 2025 & Beyond Annual Mission Trips

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Resurrection Lutheran Church & School, Gualån, Guatemala Rev. Luis A. Jasinto Sr.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Los Limones, Guatemala Rev. Luis Jasinto Jr. (Seminarian)

SUPPORT THROUGH SPONSORSHIP

Our ministry partner Compassion International, is a 70-year old church-based ministry that brings hope to children in extreme poverty by meeting practical needs and sharing the good news about Jesus. Children receive medical care, education assistance and nutritional support. Through 1:1 child sponsorship, Compassion has connected more than 2.2 million children in 27 countries with sponsors from around the world. Sponsors help connect the children to their local church, write and receive letters, pray for and encourage them, and may even visit their children.

JOIN IN THE GLOBAL MISSION EFFORTS BY CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE.
FINANCIAL GIFTS FOR THIS MINISTRY CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE CHURCH WEBSITE.



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EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

This year marks our 15th Annual Easter Egg-stravaganza and kicks off a wonderful weekend of Easter celebration. Bring the kids, friends, neighbors, and family for egg hunts, pancakes, crafts and fellowship. Open to the community.

NEXT SUNDAY DONATIONS DUE, APRIL 2

Please consider donating candy or small toys to stuff Easter eggs. Donations can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Questions? Contact **LEIGH GREENE**.

NEXT SUNDAY JR. YOUTH EGG STUFFING, APRIL 2

Junior Youth meet after second service on Palm Sunday to stuff eggs. A few pieces of candy will be yours for your service. :) Meet in the Fellowship Hall after church.

EASTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Join us for breakfast on Easter morning in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30am-10:30am. Come hungry for biscuits and gravy, pastries, fruit, cereal bar and hot coffee. Thank you to our Martin Luther Academy friends for leading this fellowship meal. A freewill offering will be collected benefiting the National Junior Honor Society service project.

EASTER SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - 7AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Easter is just around the corner and we hope you are making plans to attend. Holy Week services are a great opportunity to invite family members, friends, neighbors or those looking to reconnect to God and their faith. Visitors are always welcome and encouraged.



A FREE WILL DONATION WILL BE COLLECTED BENEFITING THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER PLAYGROUND