

KING'S NEWS

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Holy Week

AT KING OF KINGS

EASTER DAY

7A | 8:30A | 10:30A

Each service will offer special choral offerings, hymns, readings and Holy Communion along with a brass quintet.

A WORD FROM PASTOR FRANK

Remember, how He told you?

My father went to heaven last year. It was late autumn, and I visited twice. Once, to see him while he was sick. Once to mourn him when he had died. And like I did when I was a teenager, I borrowed his keys. I took his truck up and down the country roads and highways where I grew up. I passed by the old schoolhouses, and the homes of old friends. I saw new things that weren't there 30 years ago, and remembered things that I had long forgotten.

In the Gospel reading for Easter, angels appear to Mary Magdalene and the others. These servants of God seem surprised that the women were even there. "Don't you remember?" they asked. "He told you that He would rise on the third day." The women were frightened and confused; so, I guess you can't blame them for being a little forgetful. After all, Jesus had told them so many things over the years. And they had come to this place to see Him in his tomb, to say their goodbyes.

But then, they did remember. They remembered that Jesus had predicted this, but they didn't understand it at the time. They remembered that He said this was necessary, but they didn't want to believe it. And now, it was coming true. And the memory of His death on the cross, the cruel fate delivered by the soldiers, was giving way to the joy and hope of a blessed reunion with their Lord. The eager anticipation that they would look Him in the eyes once again, and rejoice that He lives!

The blessed hope of Easter is that our Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia! And because He lives, we will live with Him forever. We look forward to the day that we see Him face to face, just like the disciples found Him later in Galilee. And not just Him, but all those who have departed before us in the faith. And on that day, we will remember. We will remember that our Lord Jesus promised all this to us. At times we didn't understand it, and sometimes we could hardly believe it. But it will become true. The truest thing we have ever experienced. The fear and confusion of death in this world will give way to joy and peace in the life to come.

Easter blessings to each of you,

Pastor Frank

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.

HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week, we walk with Jesus through the final moments of His life, His death on the cross, and His resurrection from the grave. Join us in this journey to the cross in remembrance of His sacrifice for each of us.

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.**

HOLY THURSDAY **APRIL 17** 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY **APRIL 18** Noon & 7:00pm

EASTER **APRIL 20** 7am, 8:30am & 10:30am

EASTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, AVAILABLE 7:30AM-10:30AM

Join us for breakfast on Easter morning in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30am-10:30am. Come hungry for pancakes, biscuits and gravy, pastries, eggs, fruit, cereal bars and milk, juice, and hot coffee. Thank you to our Lutheran High friends for leading this fellowship meal. A freewill offering will be collected benefiting their marine biology program.

SING IN THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS EASTER MORNING

This Easter, the choir invites you 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 approx. 20 min. Participate in one or both services.

PRACTICE: Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00pm

SING: Easter morning, April 20
End of 8:30am service (arrive by 9am)
End of 10:30am service (arrive by 11am)



KING OF KINGS 17TH ANNUAL

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

EGG HUNTS. PANCAKES. CRAFTS.

APRIL 19
8:30A-11A

3 AND UNDER 9:00A EGG HUNT
AGES 4-7 9:30A EGG HUNT
AGES 8-11 10:00A EGG HUNT

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship: Gym & Welcome Center
9:30am Sunday School for 3yrs-12th grade
Adult Bible Study // Parent Study
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
11:30am Jr./Sr. Youth - Easter Egg Stuffing + lunch
6:00pm Gathering Steering Committee
6:15pm Confirmation Classes

MONDAY, APRIL 14

9:30am Visitation - Larry Lillge
10:30am Funeral - Larry Lillge
12:00pm Bereavement Lunch
6:00pm Handbell practice
7:00pm LWML

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

No Tuesdays@Noon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

9:30am ELC Chapel
7:00pm Hallelujah Chorus Practice
7:15pm Adult Choir Practice
No Bible Studies or Confirmation Classes

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm Holy Thursday worship + livestream

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

No School
12:00pm Good Friday worship + livestream
7:00pm Good Friday worship + livestream

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:30am Easter Eggstravaganza

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - EASTER

7:00am Worship with Holy Communion
7:30am Easter breakfast offered through 10:30am
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion + livestream
***No Sunday morning or confirmation classes*

"SEW-DAY" FOR CHILDREN'S DRESSES

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 FROM 9A-4P

SEWING LOUNGE IN PARKVILLE, MO

Join in a "Sew Day" to create children's dresses and shorts to send with the Guatemalan Mission Team. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing notions. If you have pillowcases (used to make a dress) or extra fabric, bring those too. Questions? Contact Diane Laughridge.

ALICE SOMMERFELD TURNS 90

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 FROM 2A-4P

On April 26th Alice Sommerfeld will be celebrating 90 years of life. In honor of the occasion her family will be hosting an open house here at King of Kings in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 26th from 2-4 pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card, her address is: 10300 N Harrison Ct. Kansas City, MO 64155.

STARTS AFTER EASTER

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP OR ADULT CONFIRMATION?

FOUNDATIONS: AN INTRO TO THE LUTHERAN FAITH

Are you or someone you know interested in adult baptism and/or adult confirmation? Consider attending our next Foundations Class to gain a deeper understanding of the Lutheran faith and meet other new members.

Our Spring session begins Sunday, April 27 (No class Memorial Day weekend). The class meets Sunday mornings during the education hour, beginning at 9:30am.

The 8-week class is a simple introduction to the Lutheran faith: what we believe and why we believe it. You will gain insight to how members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod live out the Gospel and an understanding to the central doctrines we believe.

Week 1: Why Jesus? Saved by Grace Through Faith

Week 2: Who Is the One True God?

Week 3: God's Word: Law and Gospel

Week 4: Baptism

Week 5: Confession, Absolution and the Lord's Supper

Week 6: Prayer and Worship

Week 7: Living and Growing in Faith

Week 8: Church Governance

BIBLE STUDIES RETURN

Our Men and Women's Bible studies will return to their Wednesday evening meetings following Easter. Classes resume on April 23 at 6:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE

KING OF KINGS CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

ENTRY CLOSES AT 2PM

King of Kings Car Show is back for our annual community event. All makes and models are welcome, with no entry fee. People's Choice awards given to top 3 entries. Food available – come for lunch and enjoy all the cars – from antiques and vintage to fun and funky. Many from our own congregation! Contact Don Dirkson with questions.

CONFIRMATION COUNTDOWN

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - MAY 4 @ 10:30AM

Our eighth grade confirmands are in the final weeks of their 3-year ministry and requirements for confirmation. Students will complete faith project presentations on April 23, and all projects will be on display in the Fellowship Hall on Confirmation Sunday. This year, 16 students will confess their faith through Lutheran Confirmation on May 4, during the 10:30am service.

Gavin Galutia

Jude Guy

Rebekah Hayles

Brooklyn Hofmann

Katherine Hofstetter

Kianna Hurt

Madilynn Jelinek

Arthur Lambart, III (Trip)

Matthew Melling

Aurora Messer

Leonard Ohlde

Damian Rogers

Lucy Swanson

Grace Weaver

Benjamin Wilson

Benjamin Wollberg

>>REHEARSAL: Wednesday, April 30 at 5:15pm

NORTHLAND LUTHERAN CHORAL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 AT 7PM

Our Northland Lutheran Choral Festival will be back again this year, under the direction of Emily Rowland. All singers in the Northland are welcome to join in. Classical hymns will be sung and a small coffee reception will follow event. This year's theme is, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come". Free and open to the community to enjoy.

PARTICIPATE IN THE ALL-CIRCUIT CHOIR

This exciting musical event is open to ALL Lutheran singers in the Northland. To participate, simply register through QR code at right. Music will be available after signup. There will be two, all-choir rehearsals the week leading up to event. Times TBD. Attend as many practices as you are able. Event and practices held at King of Kings.

JOIN THE CHOIR



QUESTION? Contact Music Director, Emily Rowland at 816-550-5286 or emily.adelle.rowland@gmail.com.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

JUNE 4 | 7P
COMMUNITY WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH
1701 NE 96th Street | KCMO
KingofKingsKC.org/choirfest

YOUTH AT KING OF KINGS

JR. YOUTH SUMMER SERVANT TRIP JUNE 29-JULY 2 IN WICHITA, KS

All youth completing 6th to 8th grade are invited to join our summer servant trip to Wichita, Kansas. Serve others as Christ has called us to do. Your week includes yardwork for local residents, serving homeless veterans, working a fireworks stand, serving at a thrift store that benefits mentally and physically challenged adults, and wrapping up each day with fun and fellowship at the hotel pool. Registration is due May 4 with \$150 deposit. Forms available in the Board Room or from Ms. Cindy.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

RSVP ON GROUPME

All Junior Youth and parents will celebrate this year's confirmands on April 25, in the Fellowship Hall with games, pizza and fellowship.

Our entire Senior Youth and parents are invited to celebrate our graduating seniors on April 27 in the Fellowship Hall with games, sweets and fellowship.

ROYALS BASEBALL GAME

GAME ON MAY 30, **RSVP DUE APRIL 13**

Jr. & Sr. Youth will be attending the KC ROYALS game & Big Slick softball game on May 30. RSVP by April 13 on GroupMe. Chaperones needed. If you are not a youth family, but would like to join in the fun, reach out to Julie (Galutia4@gmail.com or text 816-349-4983) for availability, cost and details to join the group at the game.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT

A group of sixth grade boys in our confirmation program recently completed their first service project. Sam Stapleton, Harrison Wegner, Blake Fangmann, Drew Hayles, and Magnus Nielsen chose to plan and pack kids snack bags for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in downtown Kansas City. The group learned how RMC offers free housing and meals to families with a child suffering from critical illness and is hospitalized at Children's Mercy. The snack bags the group provided represents a small gesture of Christ's love to families who need to be close to their child without worry about food or lodging. Great job, boys!

COMING UP FOR YOUTH

All details and registration information are located on the GroupMe App. Contact Cindy Twillman to be added.

JUNIOR YOUTH (6-8)

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| APRIL 13 | Easter Egg Stuffing 11:30a-12:30pm |
| APRIL 19 | Volunteer: Easter Eggstravaganza |
| APRIL 25 | Confirmation Party 5-7pm |
| APRIL 30 | Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos |
| MAY 4 | Confirmation Sunday |

SENIOR YOUTH (9-12)

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| APRIL 13 | Easter Egg Stuffing 11:30a-12:30pm |
| APRIL 19 | Volunteer: Easter Eggstravaganza |
| APRIL 27 | High School Graduation Party 4-6pm |
| MAY 18 | Sr. High Bible Study |
| MAY 30 | KC Royals Game (all youth) |

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 9-12

9AM-11AM DAILY
KIDS 3-12 YEARS OLD

REGISTER TODAY

KIDS



ADULTS



VBS: TRUE NORTH **JUNE 9-12, 9AM-11AM DAILY**

This summer, kids will take the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. They'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! VBS welcomes kids three years old through fifth grade. Afternoon care available through our ELC Kings Kamp.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our VBS can only run with faithful volunteers who can help guide our young friends during VBS program. Please consider volunteering as a small group guide or share your talents as our crafts or story time section leader. Volunteer through Adult Volunteer QR code and tell us how and what days you can help. See Stephanie Hurt or Kristy Weaver for questions.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

ELC WINDING DOWN THEIR SCHOOL YEAR

GRADUATION 2025

As we look toward the end of the school year, the ELC will graduate 30-35 children this year who are ready to take their next big step to kindergarten. Graduation will be held May 22 at 6:30pm, with a cookie and punch reception to follow.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER ENROLLMENT CONTINUES 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

King of Kings ELC is currently 60% full for fall, adding new students to the roster weekly. Accepting children 3-5years old—with before and after care options—the ELC is truly an academic focused program that includes music, faith and science enrichment each day. Tell your friends and neighbors about our little school with big heart. We always appreciate referrals!

ENROLL



KINGS KAMP - AROUND THE WORLD SUMMER CAMPS FOR AGES 3-12

King's Kamp, our popular summer program, is filling quickly. If you or someone you know is looking for summer fun and/or summer care for their child ages 3-12, please refer them to King of Kings Kamp. Extended care available making this a great option for working parents.

JOIN US THIS SUMMER

AGES 3-12

AROUND THE WORLD KING'S KAMP

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| WEEK 1 June 2-6 | Meet Our Travelers |
| WEEK 2 June 9-13 | VBS + Canada |
| WEEK 3 June 16-20 | Salut From France |
| WEEK 4 June 23-27 | Hola Spain! |
| WEEK 5 July 7-11 | Ciao! Italy |
| WEEK 6 July 14-18 | Kon'nichiwa Japan |
| WEEK 7 July 21-25 | Hop to China |
| WEEK 8 July 28-Aug. 1 | Explore Brazil |
| WEEK 9 Aug. 4-8 | G'Day Australia |

A \$20 per week, per child is due at time of registration.
All children MUST be potty-trained.

Register today for one week or the full summer!

Full Day

9am-3pm
\$220/week

Extended Day

7am-5:45pm
\$300/week
Before and After Camp Care

King of Kings
Early Learning Center

816-436-3864 | KingOfKingsELC.org/summer

MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY

MLA BIKE & TRIKE RODEO SUNDAY, APRIL 27 FROM 2-4PM

Bring your bike or trike AND helmet for a fun event with stations, races and snacks. Helmet is required. Parents are asked to stay the duration of the event. RSVP through the QR code at right or by calling the school office.

REGISTER



CAN RECYCLING

EASY WAY TO SUPPORT MLA BUILDING FUND

Recycle your aluminum beverage cans to help MLA's Building Campaign. Simply drop your cans in our outdoor recycling, located near the properties shed at the south end of the upper parking lot. Martin Oldehoeft turns in the cans every few months and donates the proceeds to the MLA Building Campaign. This is an easy way to help build up MLA.