

KING'S NEWS

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17 - ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee and Fellowship
9:30am Adult/Parent Bible Study Classes
Children's Sunday School
Youth Bible Study
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion + Livestream
11:30am Quarterly Potluck Lunch
12:30pm Quarterly Voters Meeting
4:00pm Sr. Youth Bible Study
**Senior Tables on Display in Fellowship Hall*

TUESDAY, MAY 19

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon
7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

6:00pm Men/Women Bible Study
7:00pm Youth Ministry Meeting
7:00pm Connections Ministry Meeting
7:15pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 21

6:30pm ELC Graduation

SUNDAY, MAY 24 - PENTECOST

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee and Fellowship
9:30am Adult/Parent Bible Study Classes
Children's Sunday School
Youth Bible Study
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion + Livestream

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you could join us today. Please fill out a Fellowship Card found on the back of the pew and place in the offering plate. After service, we invite you to stay a while and meet some of our members and Pastors. 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. We hope you will join us again soon!

Congrats Graduates!

Read all about our graduating seniors inside this issue of King's News. And take a peek at the Senior tables on display in the Fellowship Hall today.

TODAY

Quarterly Potluck Lunch & Voters Meeting

11:30AM LUNCH // 12:30PM MEETING

Join us for our quarterly potluck lunch, followed by a voters meeting. Bring an entrée AND side dish/dessert to share. Enough to feed your family. All King of Kings members are encouraged to attend. Info packets available in the Narthex.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SLATE OF NOMINEES

The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Board of Directors. Voting will take place on May 17, with terms beginning June 1, 2026.

Vice President — Michael Popp
Head Elder — Gary Roepke
Education — Kristen Murray
ELC Oversight — Leanne Hilligas
Youth — Julie Galutia
Long Range Planning — Lee Tieman

Tuition Committee Craft Days

Come join in on the fellowship while crafting for our annual bazaar fundraiser held each October. Proceeds help offset tuition assistance for member students attending local Lutheran schools. All supplies provided. Beginners welcome. Please sign up at the bazaar table at the top of the south stairs. Questions? Please see Karla King or Susan Deatherage.

May 30 Knitting & Crochet 9am-2pm

Making fingerless gloves, hot pads & jar openers. Bring your stash of cotton & other yarn. Meets in the Board Room on the lower level. A light lunch will be provided.

Prayers for Our Community

PRAY FOR: HAWTHORNE AND PICTURE HILLS

Pray for neighbors to hear the Good News of Jesus, for safety and protection, for health and the LORD's blessings.

BLESSINGS TO THE GRADUATES

May God's love and your faith continue to guide you in your next chapter.

Congratulations also goes out to all of our senior parents for raising bright and faithful young adults.



Kailee Anders

Kailee Anders is the daughter of Paul and Brianne Anders and will graduate from Oak Park High School. She earned the A+ Scholarship and Gold Medallion Honors during her high school career. Kailee plans to attend Metropolitan Community College, where she will pursue an Associate

of Arts degree in Interior Design. Her favorite King of Kings memory is traveling to Minnesota for the Servant Event Trip.



Joey Droptiny

Joey (Joseph Isaac) Droptiny is the son of Kevin and Marci Droptiny and will graduate from Oak Park High School. Following graduation, Joey plans to attend college. At King of Kings, his favorite memory is one he will never forget—getting stuck in an elevator at the LCMS Youth

Gathering in New Orleans and needing firefighters to come pull them out.



Nathan Fort

Nathan Jonas Fort is the son of Rob and Libby Fort and will graduate from Liberty North High School. After high school, Nathan plans to apprentice with Bart's Electric as he works toward becoming an electrician. His favorite King of Kings memory is hanging out with friends at church during Trivia Night back in his elementary school years.



Kohen Gibbs

Kohen Gibbs is the son of Mark and Sarah Gibbs and will graduate from Liberty North High School. He earned an academic letter each year of high school, participated in the Early College Academy his senior year, and earned a varsity letter in track. Kohen will attend Kansas State

University to study kinesiology. His favorite King of Kings memory is attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Kyle Hurt

Kyle Hurt is the son of John and Stephanie Hurt and will graduate from Oak Park High School. His academic achievements include being a National Merit Finalist, Missouri 100 Scholar, AP Capstone recipient, and completing coursework through Maple Woods Community College. Kyle will attend

the University of Missouri to study Clinical Psychology. His favorite King of Kings memory is going on the service trip to Wichita after 8th grade.



Katie Jelinek

Katie Jelinek is the daughter of Aaron and Becky Jelinek and will graduate from Staley High School, ranked 3rd in a class of 515. She earned the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, Bright Flight Scholarship, Gold Medallion honors, an AP Capstone diploma, and the George Washington Carver Award.

Katie will attend the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville to study communication sciences and disorders. Her favorite King of Kings memory is attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans and meeting so many other Christian teens from around the country.

BLESSINGS TO THE GRADUATES

Senior tables are on display in the Welcome Center.

We invite our entire congregation to take a moment to learn more about each of our seniors.



Brennan Judkins

Brennan Taylor ReAnne Judkins is the daughter of Lynn and Patrick Judkins and will graduate from Kearney High School. Her high school involvement included Drum Major, varsity golf, state trap-shooting, and leadership roles such as Vice President of National Honor Society and Missouri Girls State

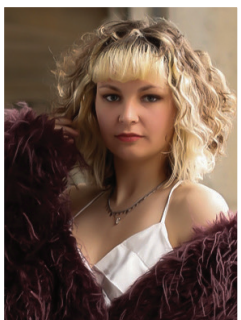
Senator. Brennan will attend the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Health Sciences to study pre-med, with plans to become a pediatrician. As a King of Kings youth, she loved serving at the Easter Eggstravaganza.



Lizzie Landuyt

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Landuyt is the daughter of Kurtis and Deborah Landuyt and will graduate from Park Hill South High School with a 4.0 GPA. She earned All-State honors in swimming and received awards in art. Lizzie will attend the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, where she will

swim and major in Aerospace Engineering. Her favorite King of Kings memory is attending the youth group retreat to Wichita.



Quinn Nielsen

Quinn Nielsen is the daughter of Mark and Tanya Nielsen and will graduate from Staley High School. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska, where she will major in Art History with a minor in Art. Quinn’s favorite King of Kings memory—though a painful one—is breaking her arm while ice skating with the youth group.



Addie Schneider

Addie Schneider is the daughter of Jim and Deena Schneider and will graduate from Liberty North High School, finishing in the top 15% of her class. She is an AP Scholar and a member of National Honor Society. Addie will attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha to study Elementary Education

while playing softball. Her favorite King of Kings memory is attending the National Youth Gathering last summer—and getting stuck in the elevator.



Isabella Stairs

Isabella Ann Stairs is the daughter of Craig and Jayne Stairs and will graduate from Staley High School alongside her twin sister, Sophia. Isabella participated in the A+ Program, National Honor Society, earned a Gold Medallion, and played seven years of club volleyball. She will attend the University of Missouri

with her sister to study Radiography. Her favorite King of Kings memory is attending the National Youth Conference in New Orleans in 2025.



Sophia Stairs

Sophia Kay Stairs is the daughter of Craig and Jayne Stairs and will graduate from Staley High School alongside her twin sister, Isabella. Her achievements include the A+ Program, National Honor Society, earning a Gold Medallion, and seven years of club volleyball. Sophia will attend the University

of Missouri with Isabella to study Radiography. Her favorite King of Kings memory is winning first place in the scavenger hunt at the Kansas District Youth Gathering in 2025.

Additional congratulations to high school seniors: Avery Lewis, Lincoln McKinnis and Jackson Peterson

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The poster features a classical painting of an angel playing a lute. Below the painting is a golden cross on a dark background with a starburst pattern. Text on the right side of the poster reads: "NORTHLAND LUTHERAN ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL Friday, June 5 Doors Open 6pm / Concert 7pm". At the bottom, it says: "Hosted by King of Kings Lutheran Church 1701 NE 96th Street | Kansas City, MO Free Event. Open to community."

NORTHLAND
LUTHERAN
**ARTS &
MUSIC**
FESTIVAL
Friday, June 5
Doors Open 6pm / Concert 7pm

Hosted by King of Kings Lutheran Church 1701 NE 96th Street | Kansas City, MO
Free Event. Open to community.



The poster has a tropical theme with a parrot, a pig, a crab, and a turtle. The text reads: "TROPICAL TREK Jesus Comes to Seek and Save JUNE 8-11 9AM-11:30AM DAILY KIDS 3-11 YEARS OLD Extended care available through our summer Kings Kamp REGISTER TODAY". At the bottom, it lists: "KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH 96th & Maplewoods Parkway KingOfKingsKC.org" and includes a QR code.

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Northland Lutheran Arts & Music Fest FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Celebrate faith through sacred music and the arts. Enjoy a concert featuring area choirs, musicians, and a combined All-Circuit Choir, plus an art exhibition before and after the performance. This free event is open to the community—invite your friends and neighbors!

CALL FOR ARTISTS - SUBMISSIONS DUE MAY 17

Submit original artwork inspired by “Holy, Holy, Holy!” Scholarships available for high school and college artists. Details in the Church Center app.

CALL FOR SINGERS & MUSICIANS

Join the All-Circuit Choir or apply as a soloist or ensemble. Sign up in the Church Center app.

Tropical Trek VBS 2026

JUNE 8-11

Get ready for Tropical Trek VBS 2026! Kids will enjoy a 4-day island Bible adventure learning how Jesus seeks and saves the lost through stories from Moses, Zacchaeus, Paul, and more. This FREE community event is for children ages 3-11. Invite friends and sign up in the Church Center app.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help make VBS possible! Serve on days you’re available. Sign up in the Church Center app (same link as child registration).

Car Show Canceled

Please note that our annual car show, tentatively scheduled for June 7 has been canceled.

YOUTH GROUPS

Find all the details and RSVP in the Church Center app

MIDDLE SCHOOL / CONFIRMATION

June 8-11 VBS Volunteer

HIGH SCHOOL

June 8-11 VBS Volunteer

STAY CONNECTED



church center



Connect to King of Kings activities, ministries, livestream, member directory, event signups and giving through the Church Center app.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

ELC Graduation is Quickly Approaching MAY 21, 2026

King of Kings Early Learning Center will graduate 35 pre-K students on Thursday, May 21. This incredible class of 5-year olds have mastered their pre-K curriculum and are well prepared to start their elementary education journey in schools across the Northland. Congrats to all of our students!

Summer Camps at the ELC REGISTER FOR ONE WEEK OR THE WHOLE SUMMER

kingofkingsELC.org/summer

Adventure Academy at the ELC hosts weekly summer camps for kids 3-10years old where curiosity, creativity, and fun come together. Each week offers a new themed adventure—from science experiments and sports challenges to storytelling, cooking, and imagination fun. Summer classes are grouped by age, with lessons and activities geared toward each age level. Find details on each week and registration details online.

Fall Enrollment at the ELC 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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Enrollment for the Early Learning Center's 2026-2027 school year continues for children 3-5 years old. Families with preschool-aged children or grandchildren are invited to schedule a tour and enroll soon. Our ELC offers a quality Christian education that prepares kids for kindergarten and beyond. Find more information at our website.

KING'S KAMP
ADVENTURE ACADEMY
SUMMER CAMPS AGES 3-10

WEEK 1 June 1-5	Up, Down & All Around	
WEEK 2 June 8-12	VBS + Jungle Jamboree	
WEEK 3 June 15-19	Storybook Summer	
WEEK 4 June 22-26	Magic Kingdoms	
WEEK 5 July 6-10	S.T.E.A.M. Superstars	
WEEK 6 July 13-17	Sports Mania	
WEEK 7 July 20-24	Mighty Builders	
WEEK 8 July 27-31	Culinary Kids Club	
WEEK 9 August 3-7	Quest for Treasure	

A \$25 deposit 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 \$240/week		Extended Day 7am-5:45pm \$340/week <small>Before and After Camp Care</small>
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