

KING'S NEWS

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship: Gym & Welcome Center
9:30am Foundations Class: Overflow
9:30am Summer Sunday School for 3yrs-5th grade
Jr. Youth Bible Study // Sr. Youth Bible Study
Adult Bible Study

No Parent Study

10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
11:30am Potluck Lunch & Voters Meeting
4:00pm Sr. Youth Bible Study

Senior Tables on Display

MONDAY, MAY 19

6:00pm Handbell Choir
7:00pm Evangelism Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 20

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon - Potluck Lunch

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

4:30pm Long Range Planning Meeting
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 22

6:00pm Global Missions Prayer Study
6:30pm ELC Graduation

FRIDAY, MAY 23

9:30am ELC Field Day - Last Day of School
6:00pm Private Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MAY 24

3:00pm Private Wedding (Judkins/Alward)

SUNDAY, MAY 25 - ASCENSION + SENDING SUNDAY

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship: Gym & Welcome Center
9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
12:00pm Private Party

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 3years thru High School
NO FOUNDATIONS CLASS

TODAY

QUARTERLY POTLUCK LUNCH & VOTERS MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 18

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

Join your church friends for a potluck lunch, followed by our quarterly meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Information packets available in the Narthex.

11:30AM POTLUCK LUNCH Bring an entrée AND side dish/dessert to share. Enough to feed your family. Drinks and table service provided.

12:30PM VOTERS MEETING

KING OF KINGS CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 — FROM 1PM - 4PM

kingofkingskc.org/carshow

King of Kings Car Show is back! 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. Contact Don Dirkson with questions.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Current high schoolers display the car you drive to school.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTS TODAY

Summer Sunday School begins today, May 18.

All parents of Preschoolers - 5th graders are asked to attend Sunday School with their child(ren). Meet in the Sunday school commons at 9:30am.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY BREAKS

There will be NO Sunday School classes for Preschool through high school NEXT SUNDAY May 25th, July 6th or Aug. 31, due to holiday weekends.

PARENTS BIBLE STUDY will be on summer break May 18 through Rally Day, September 7.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS

JUNE 9-12, DAILY 9AM-11AM

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. Volunteer through QR code or call the church office. See Stephanie Hurt or Kristy Weaver for questions.



BLESSINGS TO THE GRADUATES

Congrats Graduates!

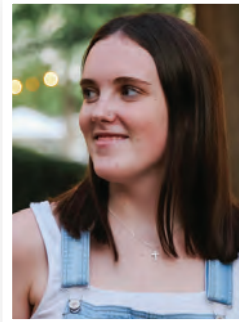
May God's love and your faith continue to guide you in your next chapter. Congratulations also goes out to all of our senior parents for raising bright and faithful young adults.

Additional congratulations to high school seniors:

Robert Boehmer, Noah Diep, Lauryl Nunnekamp and Leah Folkmann.

Senior tables are on display in the Welcome Center.

Take a moment to learn more about each of our seniors.



Haley Calvin

Haley Lane Calvin, daughter of Jennifer and Matt Calvin, graduated from Liberty North High School. Haley was involved in National Honor Society, HOSA, FRESH, Student Ambassadors, and the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. Her favorite King of Kings memory is attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering. Haley plans to attend Missouri Western State University to pursue a degree in nursing.



Keira Carr

Keira Mae Carr, daughter of Jason and Becky Carr, is graduating from Liberty High School, where she was active in volleyball, Blue Crew Crazies, and school events. She played club volleyball for six years, culminating in a National Tournament appearance in Salt Lake City. Keira plans to attend

the University of Central Missouri and is considering a pre-nursing track. Her favorite memory with King of Kings is attending the National Youth Gathering in Texas with the Senior Youth group.



Trenton Dolato

Trenton is the son of Lisa and Todd Dolato. He recently graduated from Liberty High School and Northland Career Center, where he participated in the Industrial Automation & Robotics program. He will be attending Iron Eagle Welding Academy, in Stockton, MO, this fall. His favorite King of Kings memory is attending Quake in Wichita, Kansas during his confirmation instruction.



Kimberly Greene

Kimberly Dawn Greene, daughter of Pastor Frank and Leigh Greene, is graduating from Oak Park High School. She is an A+ Candidate, Gold Medallion Diploma recipient, National Honor Society member, Early College Academy graduate, and recognized in the top 10% with the George Washington Carver Award. Kimberly

will attend Concordia University Irvine, majoring in kinesiology and competing as a collegiate swimmer. Her favorite memory at King of Kings is attending the unforgettable 2022 National Youth Gathering.



Gavin Martens

Gavin Wayne Martens, son of Brett and Lisa Martens, is graduating from The Lutheran High School of Kansas City. He will wear NHS and Eagle Scout cords at graduation and has sung in the National Youth Gathering Choir and the 2025 CUNE National Honor Choir. Gavin will attend Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, majoring in computer science and minoring in graphic design, while playing collegiate tennis. His favorite King of Kings memory is singing on stage at the 2022 National Youth Gathering.



Jacey McGraw

Jacey McGraw is the daughter of Matt McGraw and Melissa McGraw with Clint Austin. She is graduating from Staley High School. A four-year varsity swimmer and state qualifier, she also played violin in the orchestra, was active in yearbook as Editor-in-Chief, and was a National Honor Society

member. She earned the Gold Medallion and AP Capstone diplomas, and completed the A+ program. Jacey will attend the University of Nebraska-Kearney to study wildlife biology and continue swimming. Her favorite King of Kings memory is the 8th grade Quake retreat in Wichita, Kansas.



Ella Pauk

Ella Pauk, daughter of Patty and Fred John Pauk, is a Staley High School graduate, earning a Gold Medallion, AP Capstone diploma, and Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish. In the top 10% of her class, she excelled in the Business, Leadership & Entrepreneurship pathway, competing at state and

national DECA and FBLA events. She was also a four-year varsity member of the Emeralds Dance Team. Her favorite King of Kings memory is chatting before Sunday School. Ella will attend Iowa State University - Ivy College of Business this fall.



Evan Sedlacek

Evan Sedlacek, son of Daniel and Erika Sedlacek, is graduating from Platte County High School. He's a member of NHS, Math Club, and is an Academic Excellence Award recipient. Evan earned third place in the Missouri NW Math Sprint, was a state qualifier, and NW TEAM Engineering & Architecture District

Champion. Evan played baseball, football, golf and men's volleyball during high school, and was also active in youth ministries and community service. Evan will attend Missouri Western State University to study biology and pursue a future in medicine. His favorite King of Kings memory is taking communion at the Youth Gathering in Houston.



Nathan Watts

William Nathan Watts, son of Allen and Sharon Watts, is graduating from Staley High School and has also earned an Associate of Arts degree from Maple Woods Community College. This fall, he will attend Park University to study economics. Nathan is passionate about learning and

excited to continue his academic journey. His favorite memory at King of Kings is taking his first communion, at the conclusion of confirmation—a meaningful milestone in his faith journey.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION



DISTINGUISHED RETIRED LUTHERAN EDUCATOR

King of Kings member, John Maas, a 41-year Lutheran education veteran, is the national recipient of the Lutheran Education Association's 2025 Distinguished Retired Lutheran Educator "EncourAGING" Award. Retired in 2021, John continues to volunteer at Martin Luther Academy through the Scooter Club, where he mentors students in small engine repair, remodeling and model train work. Additionally, he assists with school events and is beloved for his servant's heart. Here at King of Kings, John plays handbells, mentors confirmands, and is faithfully involved in multiple Bible studies. And within our community, he gives of his time to repair bikes and cars for those in need. Faithful and generous, John exemplifies lifelong dedication to Lutheran education, church, and community. Thank you and congratulations, John! Read more about the award here: <https://lea.org/awards/>

NOTES OF THANKS FROM ALICE SOMMERFELD

Thank you to everyone who helped to bring in my new decade with their cards, well wishes and presence at my celebration party. It was a special day for me and warmed my heart. I'm truly honored and blessed by God.

FROM CHUCK & DIANE LAUGHRIDGE

We extend our heartfelt thanks for the cards, visits, meals and most importantly, prayers, following Chuck's recent health scare. We could feel the care and love from our church family. God's richest blessings to each of you.

YOUTH GROUPS

- MAY 30** Jr./Sr. Big Slick and Royals Game
JUNE 1 Sr. Youth Volunteer: Car Show
JUNE 4 Sr. Youth Gathering Bible Study #5
JUNE 9-12 Jr./Sr. Volunteer: VBS
JUNE 29-JULY 2 Jr. Youth Servant Trip, Wichita
JULY 18-24 Sr. Youth National Youth Gathering, NOLA

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Northland
Lutheran
Choral
Festival

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

JUNE 4 | 7P
COMMUNITY WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION

JOIN THE CHOIR



kingofkingskc.org/choirfest



2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

TRUE
NORTH

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 9-12
9AM-11AM DAILY
KIDS 3-12 YEARS OLD
Extended care available through our summer Kings Kamp

REGISTER TODAY

KIDS VOLUNTEER



**KING OF KINGS
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
96th & Maplewoods Parkway
KingOfKingsKC.org

Vacation Bible School is a FREE event and open to the community as a ministry of King of Kings Lutheran Church. Extended care is provided through our Early Learning Center for a fee.

kingofkingskc.org/vbs