

KING'S NEWS

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 28 † PENTECOST †

8:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:30am Adult Bible Study / **NO Sunday School**
10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion + livestream
Sending Ceremony

MONDAY, MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 31

4:00pm Small Group Communion

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:15pm Choir Practice - Final practice before break

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 † HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY †

8:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:30am Foundations Class - Overflow Room
9:30am Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion + livestream
1:00pm King of Kings Car Show

JUNE 5-8 MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00am Vacation Bible School

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE 11 GLOBAL MISSION INTEREST MEETING

JR/SR YOUTH CHICKEN N PICKLE

JUNE 25-28 JR. YOUTH SERVANT TRIP - KS

JULY 16-22 SR. YOUTH SERVANT TRIP - MN

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you could join us today. Please fill out a Fellowship Card found on 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 archived sermons, Bible studies, calendar and more on our website at KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG.

SENDING CEREMONY

Today, at the end of worship, there will be a short ceremony of prayer and blessing for Ethan Hartkemeyer and Ryan Philpot - two King of Kings men who are beginning their formation to become pastors in the LCMS. Read more on the following pages. God's richest blessings to these men and their families.

VOTERS MEETING RECAP

Our quarterly Voters Meeting was held last week. All motions passed. Key votes included approval of the 2022 surplus recommendations, bylaws revision and approval to begin development on a King of Kings Memorial Garden. Additionally, four new Board of Directors members were elected to each serve a 2-year term:

- President Matt Crouch
- Secretary Dennis Sommerfeld
- Stewardship Roger Fangmann
- Social Ministry Marcia Bolton

THANK YOU

Thank you to our outgoing directors for your years of service, wisdom, direction and dedication to this church and congregation: Fran Szarejko, Rodney Butts, Jim Ehlers, John Maas and Roxie Popa. King of Kings has been blessed by your leadership.

CONSIDER SERVING

The current Board of Directors is still missing one crucial church leader - Evangelism Director. This lay leader believes that the best days of the church are ahead of us and has a passion for talking with new people. Lead volunteers in making our church visitors feel welcome, answer questions and present the Gospel in a natural and empathetic way. Time needed: Approximately 4-6 hours per month. Interested? Contact Pastor Frank Greene.

MINISTRIES START SUMMER BREAKS

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Adult Choir will host their final practice on May 31. Handbell Choir concluded their season this last week. Practices for both ministries will begin again this fall.

BIBLE STUDIES

Our Men's and Women's Bible study groups AND Tuesdays@Noon have all concluded for the spring session. Meetings will resume after Labor Day.

Seminarian Spotlight:

ETHAN HARTKEMEYER

Ethan Hartkemeyer is a dedicated family man and lifelong LCMS Lutheran who has been called by Christ to become a pastor. After becoming a father, Ethan felt a profound calling to deepen his devotion and explore his faith more extensively, leading him to question his chosen vocation. He was inspired by *Luther's Evening Prayer*, "commend myself, my body and soul, and all I have." After many sleepless nights reflecting on what that petition of prayer meant to him, Ethan knew he needed to devote his life to God more fully — he needed to attend seminary and become a pastor.

Motivated by his deepening faith and the desire to serve others, Ethan eagerly anticipates the academic education offered by the seminary, where he will learn from esteemed theologians and develop skills for a lifelong journey of learning and theological research. Once he becomes a pastor, Ethan plans to dedicate his life to serving the church and God's people. Sharing the faith and Gospel with others and delving into Lutheran confessions and personal catechesis are areas of particular interest to him.

Ethan, wife Emily, and sons, Edmund and Ezra, will be leaving for Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort



The Hartkemeyer family: Ethan, Emily, Edmund (2years) and Ezra (10mo.)

Wayne, Indiana, in early June. Ethan will begin a "summer Greek" course on June 12, marking the beginning of a transformative journey to follow his passion and answer the calling to serve God as a pastor.



KING OF KINGS 5th ANNUAL CAR SHOW SUNDAY, JUNE 4 @ 1-4PM ENTRY CLOSES AT 2PM

King of Kings Car Show is certain to be a great 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!

Seminarian Spotlight:

RYAN PHILPOT

Ryan Philpot is embarking on two significant journeys this summer. First, he will marry his fiancée, Ally Barnes, in just two short weeks. Shortly after, the newlyweds will leave for Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, where Ryan will begin seminary classes and Ally will work as a phlebotomist and attend school to become a medical assistant.

As a lifelong Lutheran, Ryan grew up in Chula Vista, California, and attended Lutheran school at Victory Church and Christian Academy. The desire to become a pastor has been deeply ingrained in Ryan since the third grade. He views it as a calling, a path he believes he was destined to follow. God has carried him through a failing aorta and many heart surgeries, continuously granting him life. Ryan wants to live in grateful response to His mercy and grace.

Ryan has been influenced by many individuals who have encouraged him to become a church worker. Ryan's father engaged in deep and meaningful conversations about faith and his mother modeled unwavering trust in God – both relationships having a deeply profound impact on Ryan's future as a pastor. Other influential figures include his former pastor, deacon, teachers, and principal. Additionally, after moving to Kansas City, Ryan found his way to King of Kings where he met Pastor Danny. Pastor Danny has



Ryan with fiancé, Ally Barnes. The couple will be married June 10, 2023.

become a crucial figure in Ryan's journey, helping to prepare him for seminary through mentorship and guidance.

Ryan is eager to grow in his faith, be molded by God, and serve the congregation to which he is called. In addition to preaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments, he aims to strengthen the faith lives of his congregation, guiding others toward the eternal hope found in Christ.

VBS 2023



LAUNCHING: JUNE 5-8

3... 2... 1... *Stellar* VBS is ready for takeoff! Kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade will learn how to shine Jesus' light as they have an out-of-this world time. VBS returns to our morning format that we know and love. Flying daily June 5-8 from 9am-11am. This is a **FREE** event open to the community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Help lead a group, decorate, check in or assist in one of our stations (crafts/music/games). Looking for volunteers from 6th graders through retirement.

REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER SIGNUP



MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - 9:30AM

Anyone interested in attending a mission trip to Guatemala, especially the upcoming 2024 trip, is encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, June 11. Held in the Sanctuary, beginning at 9:30am.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE FROM SHELLY DORREL & FAMILY

Words seem so inadequate to express the gratitude our hearts feel at your expressions of sympathy at the loss of our mother, Beverly Miller. Your love, prayers, support, cards and presence will be remembered forever. While our hearts are still healing, we are so appreciative of each and every one of you.

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 @ 6:30PM

Crafters, makers and creative gurus: your ideas are needed to help with this year's annual bazaar. Please attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30pm. Bring your ideas, suggestions, examples of crafts and thoughts on items to make. We can also assist with supplies needed to make your items. Meets in the Board Room on lower level. This is a great way to get involved! Questions? Contact Susan Haerer-Deatherage or Barb Ewert.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER WWW.KINGOFKINGSEL.C.ORG

KINGS KAMP - WORLD OF WONDERS

Spots still open for this summer's Kings Kamp. Summer camp is for ages 3-10 years old, runs 9am-3pm, and offers extended care. Select one week or the whole summer.

ENROLLMENT CONTINUES FOR FALL 2022/2023

Help the Early Learning Center continue to grow by recommending to friends and neighbors. Contact Mrs. Skare at 816-436-3864 to schedule a tour or for more information.

NOW HIRING

The ELC is hiring for summer and fall part-time positions, offering 10-20 hours per week. Send resumé and availability to Director, Joan Skare: ELCDIRECTOR@KOKKC.ORG.

ST. STEPHENS GOLF TOURNEY BENEFITING LIBERTY WOMEN'S CLINIC AUGUST 26, 2023



St. Stephen Lutheran Church invites you to participate in their 5th Annual Golf Tournament, benefiting Liberty Women's Clinic. Held at Excelsior Springs Golf Course, the event has morning and afternoon sessions with lunch and prizes. Host a 4-person team, become a sponsor, volunteer or donate a raffle or silent auction item. Please invite and share with family members, friends, or co-workers. Registration and sign-up information at QR code above. Questions? Call/text Robert Brisner at 816-830-0965, or email him at R.BRINSER@SPECIALTYROLLEDMETALS.COM.

HOST A LUTHERAN HIGH STUDENT FOR 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

There are many international students that would like to enroll at The Lutheran High School of Kansas City. In order for international students to enroll at LHSKC, the student must have a "host" family to live with during the school year. If you or someone you know would be interested in "hosting" an international student, please contact Tamara Smith (TSMITH@LHSKC.COM). This is a great opportunity for international students to receive a Christ-centered education in the United States.



MLA NEWS

WWW.MARTINLUTHERACADEMY.ORG

MLA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 @ PAINTED HILLS GOLF COURSE

Register on MLA website.

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 25 - 27 @ MLA

MLA is hosting a basketball camp that is open to all 1st through 8th grade boys and girls. Cost is \$40 and includes a t-shirt. Deadline to sign-up and pay (to receive a camp shirt) is Tuesday, July 11th, 2023. Enrollment/attendance at MLA is not required.

1ST - 4TH GRADE SESSION - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

5TH - 8TH GRADE SESSION - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ENROLLMENT FOR FALL

Enrollment is open for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Mrs. Martens at 816-217-6199 to schedule a tour or for more information. Or, visit website.