KING'S NEWS

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LOST AND FOUND

Last Saturday, I took our dog, Rory, out for her morning walk at about 6:00. As we came to the front of our apartment complex, I saw an old SUV slowly pull in, pause for a few moments, and then park near the leasing office. The SUV was unfamiliar and in disrepair, so I decided to wait and see who got out. It was a middle-aged couple, looking kind of unkempt, whom I had never seen before. They began walking around somewhat aimlessly, their eyes scanning the address numbers of the buildings. I thought this was slightly suspicious, so I waited even longer. Suddenly their pace increased, and they made a beeline for the central commons. I followed nonchalantly from a distance. Finally, they made a sharp right turn and approached the patio of a first-floor apartment. At this point I couldn't see what they were doing. About a minute later, they came back around the corner with a young man who was very obviously under the influence of some substance—he was their son. The father was supporting him, helping him walk, and the mother had her left arm wrapped tightly around his waist and her right hand on his chest. The three slowly made their way back to the SUV. The parents carefully lifted their son into the back seat and drove away.

We are children of our heavenly Father. Even so, we are prone to wander from his kingdom. We do harm to ourselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually in the name of pleasure and personal autonomy. We fall into danger and become too desensitized to realize it.

But God has sent his Son to seek and save the lost. Jesus pursues us wherever we have strayed. He rescues us from the dangers we have foolishly entertained. He finds us, binds up our wounds, and carries us home. I am grateful that Jesus continues to do this even for me.

The posture of those parents carrying their son home reminded me of this stanza from the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is":

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me; And on His shoulders gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.



PASTOR DANIEL CLEMENS

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 HOLY TRINITY

8:00am Worship with Communion

9:30am Shakespeare's Pickup

9:30am Education Hour - Summer Sunday School 10:30am Worship with Communion + live-stream

12pm Jr. Youth Servant Trip Departs

MONDAY, JUNE 13

6:00pm Human Resources Meeting

6:30pm Men's Basketball

7:00pm LWML Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

4:00pm Small Group Communion

4:00pm Jr. Youth Servant Trip Returns

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

6:00pm Long Range Planning Mtg

6:00pm Daniel Lenz Visitation

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

11:30am Daniel Lenz Funeral

5:00pm Howerton/Russell Rehearsal (Private)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

4:30pm Howerton/Russell Wedding (Private)

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE 26 YOUNG FAMILIES: RED, WHITE &

SPRINKLES ICE CREAM SOCIAL

JUNE 26 JR/SR PICKLE BALL PARTY

JUNE 26 SR YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

JULY 6-8 FAMILY VBS

JULY 12 YOUNG FAMILIES: KALEIDOSCOPE

Men's and Women's Bible Studies, Choir and Handbell Choir, and Tuesdays@Noon are currently on summer break. These ministries will resume in Fall.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We love new faces and are so glad you could join us today. Please fill out a Fellowship Card found on each pew and place in the plate during offering. If you are in need of pastoral care or have questions about the Lutheran faith, please reach out to the church office. Join us each Sunday at 8am or 10:30am for worship. Additionally, find sermons, Bible studies, the church calendar and much more at KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG.

NEW

COLLEGE PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY

The College Student Prayer Partner Ministry keeps students connected and supported by their home church at King of Kings. Each student – whether living at home and going to school or living on campus – is paired with a member of our congregation who will pray for the student and send cards of encouragement and support throughout the school year.

>> COLLEGE STUDENTS (& PARENTS)

Submit your 2022/2023 address, birth date and year in school to: BKLUVC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

>> OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Beth Lovesee is looking for a helper who will partner with her for the 2022/2023 school year to organize and implement the College Student Prayer Partner Ministry. It is her hope that this wonderful person can take over the coordination of this ministry by fall 2023. If you are interested or have questions, please email her at: BKLUVC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

Young Families is a small group with children 0-5 years connecting in faith, fellowship and support as they navigate this season of parenting. Regular playgroups and all-family events are planned each month. Join our Facebook Group for updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 26 4-6PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

> Red, White and Sprinkle Church - Upper Parking Lot

JULY 12 9:30AM PLAYGROUP

Kaleidoscope at Crown Center

RSVP to Amie Graybill 816-519-0591

IR/SR YOUTH PICKLE BALL PARTY

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 @ IPM - 3PM

Middle and high school students are headed to Chicken 'n Pickle for summer fun with their church friends playing pickle ball and yard games. Meet at Chicken 'n Pickle in North Kansas City. RSVP on BAND by June 19. Bring your own money for snacks and sodas.

FAMILY VBS

EVENINGS JULY 6-8

Make plans to attend Family VBS at King of Kings: The Tree of Life - God's Promise of Salvation. Each evening will include Bible studies, games and crafts. Our final night will be a congregation-wide celebration with food trucks, bounce house and Game Kart.





RSVPTODAY!

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

PART-TIME AIDES NEEDED

Looking for part-time aides who are 16+ for the summer. Flexible hours and days. Aides can be hired for part-time work, or for A+ hours. Contact Joan Skare at 816-436-3864.

SPACES STILL OPEN FOR FALL 2022/2023

Our fall roster is filling quickly, but space is still available. Call for a tour or find more info online. KINGOFKINGSELC.ORG

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BASKETBALL CAMP - July 26-28. Open to 1st –8th boys/girls **VOLLEYBALL CAMP** - August 9-11. For 4th – 8th grade girls Register online

OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS

Positions include: 3rd Grade, 6th Grade and Middle School Reading. Contact Mr. Dixon at SDIXON@MLAKC.COM.

ENROLLING FOR FALL 2022/2023

Please contact Mrs. Martens at 816.217.6199 to schedule a tour.