

# KING'S NEWS

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## A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT

Last week was our annual “Blessing of the Backpacks.” And it was so encouraging to see all those young, eager faces, ready to tackle a new year of education. Ready to reconnect with friends who have been absent from their lives during the summer, and ready to engage in the traditions of the school year. And whether the traditions for this year are first-day photos in front of the school, participating in a school sport, graduation, or even move-in at college, these activities serve to bind the school communities together, under their common goal of giving and receiving knowledge.

In some ways, the traditions of our congregation function in the same way. To be sure, we are bound together by Christ and His salvation for us. But the traditions of our church bind us together under His mission. Blessing of the Backpacks is just one of these traditions. But many more are on the calendar: Rally Day and the church picnic are coming soon. Tuesday Noon Bible Lunch is also right around the corner. Women’s and men’s midweek Bible studies, Monday night basketball, midweek Advent and Lent worship, Advent by Candlelight, Breakfast in Bethlehem, Easter Eggstravaganza, Confirmation Sunday, etc., pull us together.

I believed this as a theory before COVID. But when the pandemic interrupted all of these traditions, I came to know it as a fact. We are more than a “voluntary association of like-minded individuals;” we are more than a community; we are a communion of saints. Fellowship with other Christians is one of the great gifts that Jesus has given to us. And it is one of the greatest things we can provide for each other.

So, I ask you, I encourage you,  
I recommend to you, that you recognize  
the importance of these things.  
Make every effort to participate in them.

After all this “social distance,” let us draw closer to one another.



*Pastor Frank*

PASTOR FRANK GREENE

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We love new faces and are so glad you could join us today. Please fill out a Fellowship Card found on back of 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](http://KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG).

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### SUNDAY, AUG 21

8:00am Worship with Communion  
9:30am Youth Gathering Presentation - Fellowship Hall  
9:30am Summer Sunday School  
10:30am Worship with Communion + live-stream\*  
11:30am Potluck lunch  
1:00pm Voters Meeting - in-person and online  
*\*Installation & re-dedication of ELC Staff*

### MONDAY, AUGUST 22

6:00pm Men’s Basketball

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00pm Confirmation Orientation  
7:00pm Choir

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

6:00pm Long Range Planning

### SUNDAY, AUG 28

8:00am Worship  
9:30am Bible Study/Summer Sunday School  
10:30am Worship + live-stream\*  
*\*Blessing of confirmands & teachers*

## LOOKING AHEAD

AUG 29 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT ELC  
AUG 31 CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

**TODAY**

## VOTERS MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH

Later today, we have a potluck lunch followed by our quarterly meeting. Information packets are available for pickup on the communications counter or through QR code below. Hear from:

- ELC Update from Joan Skare & Lisa Dolato
- Ministry Expansion Update from Lee Meyer & Pastor Frank

### 11:30AM POTLUCK LUNCH

Please bring an entrée AND side dish/dessert to share

Drinks and table service provided.

### 1:00PM VOTERS MEETING

Attend in-person or online

ATTEND  
ONLINE



VOTERS  
PACKET



## CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

**AUGUST 24 & 31 @ 7PM**

Confirmation Orientation sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 24 and August 31 at 7:00pm each evening. Each confirmation student and at least one parent are expected to be in attendance at one of these two orientation sessions.

### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

We are looking for teachers and assistants for a few of our Sunday School classes. This is a great way to serve on Sunday mornings. All materials and lessons provided. If interested, contact [MICHELLE EASTERDAY](mailto:MICHELLE.EASTERDAY) call/text 816-729-2381.

## PRAYER PARTNERS

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

### >> COLLEGE STUDENTS (& PARENTS)

Submit your 2022/2023 address, birth date and year in school to Beth Lovesee at [BKLUVCSBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:BKLUVCSBCGLOBAL.NET)

### NEW >> PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Would you like to “adopt” a college student for the year? Pray for them, send them cards and words of encouragement throughout their year of study. Cards and postage provided. Signup with Beth Lovesee at [BKLUVCSBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:BKLUVCSBCGLOBAL.NET)

## CARD SHOWER FOR AL WILSON

**URNS 95 ON AUGUST 30**

Long-time member, Al Wilson, turns 95 on August 30. Help us celebrate this special occasion by sending him a birthday card.

Al Wilson

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Kansas City, MO 64154

## NOTES OF GRATITUDE

**FROM AMY BABCOCK & FAMILY**

A sincere thank you to our King of Kings family for all of the prayers, cards and support we have received this summer during my Dad, Wayne Jobe’s, final weeks and after he passed. We are truly blessed to be lifted up in prayer by this church family.

### FINAL OFFER

## SCRIP CARD SELLOFF - 25% OFF

Only a few SCRIP cards remain. Each card is being sold for 25% off their listed value. Contact the church office to reserve your cards and coordinate pickup. Cards remaining:

3 Build a Bear \$25	3 GNC \$25
2 Burlington Coat \$25	4 Houlihan’s \$25
2 The Children’s Place \$25	1 Ruby Tuesday \$25
2 Circle K \$25	1 Walgreen’s \$25
3 Domino’s \$25	1 Zaxby’s \$25

## SEAMSTRESSES, QUILTERS & DESIGNERS

Each year we fill shoeboxes for the Samaritan’s Purse international ministry which distributes boxes throughout the world. In preparation of this project, some of our very talented members (and youth) may be interested in crafting a few things from fabric they may have available. Ideas include: pillowcase dresses, shorts or skirts (toddlers and girls up to size 14), shorts for boys (toddler to size 14), drawstring backpacks and purses, hair scrunchies, fabric jump ropes made from t-shirts and small sewn dolls or stuffed animals. Feel free to explore other ideas. Remember that all items must fit into a standard size shoebox.

>> **QUICK TIP:** Back-to-school sales are a good time to pick up things for your shoeboxes.

# FALL EVENTS

## RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Our annual Rally Day marks the start of a new Sunday School Year. All students can have a morning treat, meet your teachers and participate in a special activity at this fun Back-to-Sunday-School kickoff. Meet in lower level Commons.

Parents, join in our parent class during the Sunday School hour to study the stories your child is learning and how to encourage learning throughout the week. Meets in ELC Commons.

## CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 4PM

OAK GROVE PARK

King of Kings is headed to the park for a big ol' potluck picnic with fellowship and games. Members are asked to bring an entrée and side/dessert to share. Drinks and table service provided. Bring a friend to join you, and the folding chairs, too! *Thank you to Gladstone Hy-Vee for supplying water and juice.*

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM - BEGINS SEPT. 7

All Lutheran students in grades 6-8 begin their year of confirmation study on September 7. Please keep these middle schoolers, and their teachers, in your prayers.

## TUESDAYS@NOON

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Bring your lunch and a Bible, and meet Pastor Danny in the Board Room (lower level), as we begin a new Bible study.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Our fall Women's Bible Study will read *Measured By Grace, How God Defines Success*, written by Sharla Fritz, CPH - 2021. Cost is \$14.00 per book (payable to King of Kings).

>> RESERVE BOOK through [KATHY CUNNINGHAM](#).

*NOTE: A Congregational-wide dinner was previously listed for Sept. 25 on the annual calendar published at the beginning of the year. This dinner will be rescheduled into the winter, to allow for our picnic on Rally Day.*

## HANDBELL CHOIR

MONDAYS @ 7PM - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

Our ringers will be back in practice each Monday, beginning September 12. This is a fantastic music ministry to get involved – no experience needed. Contact [PAULA MEIER](#) with questions.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

All men are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 6pm. This Fall, our study will begin with I&II Corinthians. Contact [ANDY BROWN](#) with questions.

## YOUNG FAMILIES STORYTIME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Bring the kids up to church on Sunday afternoon, September 18 to enjoy snacks, games and a special story about creation from storyteller Carla Brown. Young Families is for families with children 0-5years old (plus older siblings), sharing in faith and fellowship together. Contact [AMIE GRAYBILL](#) for questions.

## YOUTH GROUPS TAKE ON OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Join your friends for an outdoor challenge at KC Timber Challenge. We will meet at church at 1:45p. Drivers needed.

>> RSVP: by September 10 on BAND

## HOMESPUN HOLIDAY BAZAAR & GERMAN LUNCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Help us make this year's Bazaar a huge success by starting to make your homemade items. All proceeds benefit students attending local Lutheran schools.

- **FOODS:** salsas, marinara, pear honey, jellies, jams and pickles, soup mix, smoked cheese and baked goods
- **CRAFTS:** floral arrangements, wreaths, wood pieces, crochet/knit goods, holiday decor, jewelry, custom art, soaps
- **VINTAGE:** glass, cookie jars, ornaments and more

## HOLY CROSS MISSION EFFORTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 5:30PM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church invites King of Kings members to join them in learning more about LCMS missionary efforts in Asia. Rev. Dr. Daniel & Dr. Joan Jastram will be presenting on Wednesday, August 24th at Holy Cross. A light meal will be served starting at 5:30 pm, with presentation to follow.

>> **RSVP** 816-452-9113 by Sunday, August 21st

## HEIT'S POINT 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Heit's Point invites you to their annual Outdoor Festival next Saturday. Rev. Marty Hasz, PLPC, will be this year's speaker. He is the Assistant to the District President for Church Worker & Congregational Health. Begins at 9am with tours, followed by worship and a BBQ lunch, games and auction.

>> **RSVP** 660-668-2363

## BE A HOST FAMILY

Lutheran High School of Kansas City has a few more international students looking for host families. If you are interested in becoming a host family for one of these students, please contact Breeana at [BREEANA@ASSE.COM](mailto:BREEANA@ASSE.COM) or 949-494-4100 ext. 207.

## TIMOTHY LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Timothy Lutheran offers specialty ministries for those going through divorce or grief. These ministry support groups are free to attend and open to the community. Workbooks are \$20. Meetings held at Timothy Lutheran in Blue Springs.

>> **REGISTER** 816-228-5300.

## DIVORCECARE

Providing support during this time of change with true concern for those going through separation and divorce. Meets Mondays from 6:30-8pm, beginning Sept. 12 for 14 sessions.

## GRIEFSHARE

When a loved one dies, the grief that follows can be confusing and overwhelming. This program features Biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Meets Thursdays from 6:30-8pm, beginning Sept. 15 for 14 sessions.

## LCMS CONVENTION NOMINATIONS

LCMS has put out a call for nominations for the 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The nomination process is open to every member of every Synod congregation for the sixty-nine officer, board and commission positions. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather up the great diversity of human gifts in our pews to see how they may be put to the common good in Synod leadership. Read more about the convention at [WWW.LCMS.ORG/CONVENTION](http://WWW.LCMS.ORG/CONVENTION)



[NOMINATION FORM](#)

## EARLY LEARNING CENTER

### PART-TIME AIDES NEEDED FOR FALL

The ELC is looking for part-time aides for Fall. Our Aide position is a great fit for stay-at-home parents, students interested in teaching or retired persons. Flexible scheduling and great people to work with. Contact Joan Skare at 816-436-3864.

## MLA NEWS [MARTINLUTHERACADEMY.ORG](http://MARTINLUTHERACADEMY.ORG)

### CLASSROOM ASSISTANT NEEDED

MLA is seeking a classroom assistant to serve in kindergarten. Times are flexible. Please contact Mr. Dixon if you are interested or know someone who is interested. 816-734-1060.

### ENROLLMENT STILL OPEN

Limited seats still available, including kindergarten. Contact Mrs. Martens at 816.217.6199 to schedule a tour.

## SUBMIT TO KINGS NEWS

Need to submit a thank you to the congregation, upcoming event or ministry information? Email [AMY BABCOCK](mailto:AMY.BABCOCK) or contact by phone at 816-885-7777. Submissions are due weekly by Wednesdays at noon.