

KING'S NEWS

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COMING UP AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion + livestream

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOR DAY

Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:00pm Confirmation Classes Begin
6:00pm Women's/Men's Bible Studies
7:15pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - RALLY DAY

8:00am Worship
9:30am Adult Bible Study
9:30am Foundations - Intro to Lutheran Faith
9:30am Rally Day festivities - all grades
10:30am Worship + livestream
4:00pm Annual Church Picnic, Happy Rock Park

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPT. 11 - HANDBELL PRACTICE BEGINS

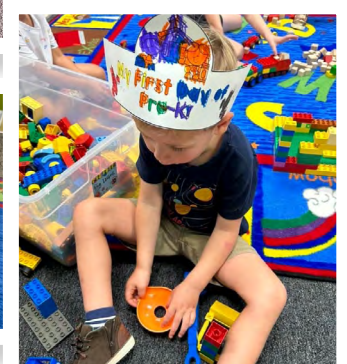
SEPT. 17 - JR. YOUTH ESCAPE ROOM

SEPT. 20 - LUMA GATHERING

SEPT 23/24 - SR. YOUTH FEED THE HOMELESS

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you could join us today. Please fill out a Fellowship Card found on the 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.



ELC FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our Early Learning Center had a great start to the 2023/2024 school year this past week. On Tuesday evening, we welcomed almost 70 students and families to Back-to-School night with a scavenger hunt, supply drop and teacher meet and greets. Thursday was the first day of school and was full of fun and excitement for both teachers and students. There were lots of smiles, new backpacks, songs and games. As mentioned by Mrs. Leigh Greene, "It was great week for all the teachers and students as we started back into our routines, making new friends and seeing old friends."

Along with new preschool friends, the ELC welcomes Mrs. Kendra Lowe as our newest teacher. Mrs. Lowe is teaching in our recently added fourth class—a M/W/F all-day class. She is a retired kindergarten teacher from Nashua Elementary, and brings with her many years of experience and insight to best prepare our young friends for kindergarten. We also welcome 2 new classroom aides, Mrs. Joni Sellers and Mrs. Maureen Pio, who will be helping in Mrs. Haesemeier's classroom. We couldn't be more excited to have all three of these ladies join the incredible staff here at the ELC. Please continue to keep all of the ELC staff, teachers, aides and students in your prayers for a successful year ahead.

You are invited

Annual Church Picnic

POTLUCK, FELLOWSHIP & DESSERT CONTEST

Join us for our congregation-wide potluck picnic to kick off our Fall ministries.
Food, fellowship and games for all. Meet someone new or reconnect with an old friend.
Bring an entrée and side dish - enough to feed your family. Drinks and table service provided.
Invite a friend and bring the folding chairs, too!

Sunday, September 10

4:00PM-6:00PM

HAPPY ROCK PARK, WEST SIDE

7512 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO 64119

NEW



Dessert Competition

Do you have the best apple pie this side of the Mississippi? Or maybe your specialty is a rich chocolate sheet cake? Join in on a little healthy competition at this year's picnic and bring your best dessert. The most scrumdiddlyumptious entry wins a prize. We can't wait to taste your sweet treats!

FALL MINISTRIES

**Get plugged in at church this fall through a Bible study, small group ministry or church events.
Participating in ministry fosters spiritual growth and Christian friendships.**

**NEXT WEEKEND!
RALLY SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 9:30AM

Rally Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY and marks the new school year of Sunday School classes. Please join us in celebrating our new year. All students—preschool to high school—will have a morning treat, meet teachers and participate in a special activity at this fun Back-to-Sunday-School kickoff. Meet in lower level commons at 9:30am

**STARTS NEXT SUNDAY
FOUNDATIONS CLASS**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LUTHERAN FAITH
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10**

Our next Foundations session will be held on Sundays at 9:30am, beginning September 10. This 8-week class is our introduction/refresher course on the Christian faith and core teachings of Lutheran beliefs. We welcome all those considering membership and adult confirmation, as well as current members seeking to refresh their faith. For more information or to sign up, contact Fran Szarejko, a pastor or the church office. Meets in the Overflow Room.

STARTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAYS@NOON

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5

Bring your lunch and a Bible, and meet Pastor Frank in the Board Room (lower level), to finish up the Book of Judges. On September 12, Pastor Danny will take over to begin a new book of the Bible (TBD).

STARTS THIS WEEK

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6

Now is a great time to plug in to our Bible studies and get involved. All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't attended previously. Meet new friends as you study God's word. Come as your schedule allows. No RSVP necessary.

WOMEN: Meets in the Narthex

Take Heart, God's Comfort for Anxious Thoughts
\$14/book - available at meeting

MEN: Meets in the Fellowship Hall

Studying the *Gospel of John*

YOUTH GROUPS

Our youth stay busy and connected through Sunday morning Bible study and monthly events. RSVP to all events on the BAND app. Upcoming events:

JR. YOUTH (6-8th Grades)

September 17	Escape Room
October 21 & 22	Iowa Retreat
November 12	Thanksgiving Feast

SR. YOUTH (9-12th Grades)

September 23 & 24	Serve a meal to the homeless
October 29	Pumpkin Painting & Bible Study
November 17-19	District Gathering

YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY

Young Families ministry is a small group for families with children 0-5years old (and siblings), sharing in parent-hood, faith and fellowship together. Contact Amie Graybill for questions. Join us for our September event:

SEPTEMBER 30 @ 9:30AM NATURE WALK

STARTS THIS WEEK

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Our talented choirs will begin practice after Labor Day.

ADULT CHOIR: BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:15PM

The choir would LOVE to grow and have new voices in the loft. All ages welcome! Practices held Wednesdays in the choir loft. Contact Emily Rowland for questions.

HANDBELLS: BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

MONDAYS @ 6PM

Contact [PAULA MEIER](#) if you are interested in ringing,

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Our young adults ministry allows our twenty- and thirty-somethings to connect in faith and friendship. This group often joins the city-wide group for events. Bring a friend and register for below events online.

TRIVIA NIGHT @ BREW LAB Overland Park

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 @ 6:30PM



1,000 YOUNG LEADERS & ICE CREAM BAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 @ 7:00PM

Join KC Young Adult Lutherans Ministry (KCYALs) to learn about spiritual leadership training, *1,000 Young Leaders*. This event is for individuals, between the ages of 21 and 36, who are hoping to strengthen their leadership skills to impact the local community and surrounding areas for God's glory. Hosted at Trinity Lutheran - Shawnee Mission.



HOMESPUN HOLIDAY BAZAAR & GERMAN LUNCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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... and more!
- **VINTAGE:** glass, cookie jars, ornaments and more

Questions? Contact Barb Ewert or Susan Haerer-Deatherage.

LUMA GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 20 - REGISTRATION BEGINS 9AM
HOSTED @ KING OF KINGS

Our King of Kings ladies will be hosting the September district-wide LUMA meeting. Our very own, Jenny Couch, will speak on Missions in Guatemala: "As Long as It's Today". The Mission of the Month collection is family-sized hygiene products and cleaning supplies. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by Sept 17 to Marjorie Geer 816-436-0102 / mgeer1031@hotmail.com or Chris McElroy 816-820-2556 / cmcelroycni@gmail.com. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and all donations for the Mission of the Month collection are appreciated.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

We are looking for one more teacher and a few additional helpers (or substitutes) for our Sunday School classes. If you feel led to serve children in ministry, this is a great way to get involved. All materials and lessons provided. Contact the church office or [MICHELLE EASTERDAY](#) to offer help.

AVAILABLE IN WELCOME CENTER FREE BIBLE STUDY BOOKS

Need a new book? We have an overage of Bible study devotional books available for FREE for you to read, share with a friend or add to your personal collection. Take home one of these FREE devotional books today! Located on metal shelves in the Welcome Center.

HEIT'S POINT FAMILY & ALUMNI OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

King of Kings members are invited to attend Heit's Point Outdoor Festival and FUNdraiser to celebrate another wonderful year of ministry. RSVP to [heitspoint.com](#) or call 660-668-2363.

10:00 am Outdoor games and Bounce House

11:00 am Church Service

NOON TLC Smokehouse Lunch

1:00 pm End of Summer Presentation and Auction

3:00 pm Lake Time, Fellowship and Fun!

COMMUNITY EVENT

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR LIFE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

4:30-8PM @ PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST

This 5K walk/run is chance for the community and local churches to gather together to celebrate LIFE and all that God is doing through the ministry of Liberty Womens Clinic. Enjoy all the festivities...music, food trucks, games, booths, races and more! Simply come and enjoy, or register for the Fun Walk, Kids Fun Run or 5K Run...strollers and pets are welcome. WWW.LIGHTTHENIGHT4LIFE.COM

URGENT NEED CLASSROOM AIDES FOR ELC (PART-TIME) 2 OPEN POSITIONS

The ELC is still in need of two (2) Classroom Aides willing to work in our after care program, 3pm-5:45pm. This Aide position offers 10-20 hours per week. Primary responsibilities include supervision of children and engaging them with afternoon fun and games. This position is a great opportunity for high school or college students, retired adults or someone looking for an afternoon job. Must be 16 years old. Apply to ELCDIRECTOR@KOKKC.ORG.



MLA NEWS

MLA started the school year on August 16 with 169 students in grades K-8. They welcomed two new teachers: Mrs. Bucholz to teach the second kindergarten class, and Mrs. Ohlde as the new 4th grade teacher.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY / SPECIAL PERSON REQUEST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 @ 8A

MLA will be celebrating Grandparents' Day with students and families next Friday. Some of their students will not have a special guest who is able to attend with them, and the school is looking for volunteers to spend the morning with "adopted" grandchildren. The morning consists of attending chapel, traveling with the children through stations and getting to know your assigned child/ren. If you are interested in celebrating Grandparents Day at MLA, please contact MLA office at 816-734-1060 or email school@mlakc.om