

# KING'S NEWS

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## COMING UP AT CHURCH

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:30am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study  
9:30am Foundations - Intro to Lutheran Faith  
10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion + livestream  
12:00pm Jr. Youth Escape Room

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:00pm Handbell Practice  
6:30pm Men's Basketball

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00am LUMA Gathering & Luncheon  
6:00pm Confirmation Classes  
6:00pm Women's/Men's Bible Studies  
6:00pm Global Missions Committee - Overflow  
7:15pm Choir Practice - Choir Loft

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:00pm Sr. Youth Meal Prep

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00am Worship  
9:30am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study  
9:30am Foundations - Intro to Lutheran Faith  
10:30am Worship + livestream  
1:15pm Sr. Youth Serve 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](http://KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG).

### TODAY

## JR. YOUTH - ESCAPE ROOM

### SEPTEMBER 17 @ NOON

Attention all 6-8th graders! Do you have what it takes to "escape" with your friends? Meet in the Welcome Center after church TODAY for lunch and then travel to an escape room. Drivers needed.

### THIS WEEK

## LUMA GATHERING

### SEPTEMBER 20

### REGISTRATION BEGINS 9AM

### HOSTED @ KING OF KINGS

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the district-wide, monthly Lutheran Urban Mission Agency (LUMA) gathering held this week and hosted by King of Kings. Our very own, Jenny Crouch, will speak on Missions in Guatemala and lunch will be served. The Mission of the Month collection is family-sized hygiene products and cleaning supplies. All donations are appreciated.

### RSVP by TODAY

Marjorie Geer 816-436-0102 / [MGEER1031@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:MGEER1031@HOTMAIL.COM)

### WHAT IS LUMA?

Lutheran Urban Mission Agency (LUMA) walks with local churches and communities, helping them to meet spiritual, social and physical needs of those in our local community. With the help of Lutheran churches and volunteers in Kansas City, LUMA offers a weekly food pantry, community closet, medicine cabinet, social services, health and mental health counseling and much more. Get involved alongside other King of Kings members, by contacting Chris McElroy at 816-820-2556 or email at [CMCELROYCRNI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CMCELROYCRNI@GMAIL.COM). Or, learn more at [WWW.LUMAKC.ORG](http://WWW.LUMAKC.ORG).



### NEXT WEEKEND

## SR. YOUTH - FEED THE HOMELESS

Serve those facing homelessness in our community by providing a hot meal at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. RSVP on BAND app.

### SEPTEMBER 23 @ 1:00PM - MEAL PREP

### SEPTEMBER 24 @ 1:15PM - CARPOOL & SERVE

## RALLY DAY ROUNDUP

### GREAT AFTERNOON FOR ALL

Almost 80 kids from preschool through high school participated in Rally Day activities, marking the start to a new Sunday School year. Children met their teachers, enjoyed snacks and crafts, and played outside with bubbles and sidewalk chalk.

*"I was so excited to see so many families and children return to Sunday School. I can't wait to see what this Sunday School year will bring."*

—Michelle Easterday, Education Director

### THANK YOU TO OUR ORGANIZERS & VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our Education Director, Michelle Easterday for organizing; to our Sunday School teachers Leigh Greene, Libby Fort, Art Lambart, Darren Easterday, Kristy and Ryan Weaver, Amanda Reichers and Cindy Twillman for your dedication to the Sunday School program; to Junior and Senior Youth for helping with the younger students; and to all the parents and grandparents that helped make Rally Day a success.



## YOUNG FAMILIES NATURE WALK

**SEPTEMBER 30 @ 9:30AM**

This month we are soaking up some nature with a family walk and playtime at Hobby Hill Park, located at 76th and N. Antioch. Young Families ministry is a small group for families with children 0-5 years old (and siblings), sharing in parenthood, faith and fellowship together. New families welcome! Contact Amie Graybill for questions.

**COMING SOON!**

## HOMESPUN HOLIDAY BAZAAR & GERMAN LUNCH

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**SHOP: 10AM-3PM**

**LUNCH: 11AM-2PM**

Help us make this year's Bazaar a huge success by continuing to craft your homemade items. All proceeds benefit students attending Early Learning Center, Martin Luther Academy and/or Lutheran High School.

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

Have a questions? Or want to help? Contact [BARB EWERT](#) or [SUSAN HAERER-DEATHERAGE](#).

## YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS

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**  
**TUESDAY, 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 - Mission Campus.

## NOTE OF THANKS

### FROM GLORIA BORCHERDING

I would like to thank Pastor Danny, Pastor Frank and the entire King of Kings family for their prayers, cards and calls during my last hospitalization. Also thank you to Carla Brown and her crew for the wonderful meals. You are all wonderful blessings.

## FULL HEARTS & BELLIES AT THIS YEAR'S CHURCH PICNIC A FUN AFTERNOON FOR ALL

What a great turnout and fun evening of food and fellowship at King of Kings Annual Church Picnic, held last Sunday at Happy Rock Park. With over 100 attendees, we enjoyed a mild sunny afternoon with a wonderful dinner, conversation and games. A Lutheran potluck guarantees there will be an abundance of food—and this picnic did not disappoint—with 4 fully packed tables of dishes hosting fried chicken and burnt ends to lasagna, watermelon to pasta salad, and everything in between.

The first ever dessert competition was a resounding success with 25 entries—of which 75 percent received votes for best dessert. And with quite the buzz about all the sweets, we heard several say, “Next year, I already know what I am planning to make for the competition.” Sounds like we should do it again!

### AND THE WINNER IS...

Renee Lutzen received the “Winners Whisk” for her Strawberry Rhubarb Pie. The special ingredient came from generations of homegrown rhubarb. Originally started by her German-Lutheran immigrant great-grandparents, starter plants were passed to her parents and then down to each generation. Renee has a small rhubarb patch here in KC



that continues to flourish and has been used to make the strawberry rhubarb jam for the Homespun Bazaar. “The little patch of rhubarb I have in my yard parallels the generational faith I have been blessed with—passed down from those who have gone before me and passed on to those who will carry it forward for generations to come.” Renee, thank you for sharing your pie—and your story!

### THANK YOU TO OUR ORGANIZERS & VOLUNTEERS

A very big thank you goes to Marcia Bolton for leading the picnic plans; to Mark Marquis, Jayne Stairs, Travis Bolton and Julia Bolton for set up and clean up; Jodi Edwards for purchasing water and paper goods; and Michelle Easterday, Leigh Greene and Amanda Riechers for planning games. Church events cannot happen without giving hearts and hands like yours.



From the kitchen of...

Renee Lutzen

## Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

(from vintage *Better Homes & Garden* cookbook)

Combine sugar mix:

1 ½ cups sugar

3 Tbsp quick cooking tapioca

¼ tsp salt

¼ tsp ground nutmeg

Combine fruit:

3 cups rhubarb - diced

1 cup strawberries - sliced

Mix fruit with sugar mixture

Let stand for 20 minutes

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Make pie crusts, enough for two crusts

Line pie plate with crust

Add fruit mixture and dot top of mix with 1 Tbsp butter

Add top crust, pinch edges, cut to vent

Brush with milk and sprinkle with sugar

Bake for 35 - 40 minutes.

## SAVE THE DATE

### PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP

OCTOBER, 26 @ 7PM

Learn how to protect yourself online from hackers, phishers, identity thieves, and scammers through a community workshop right here at King of Kings. Taught by cybersecurity experts from the Department of Homeland Security and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Kansas City, attendees will gain knowledge on “best practices” and recommendations to better protect and safeguard your valuable information, accounts, and identity from security risks that are so prevalent in today’s world. This is a community-wide event and is open to all.

### GIFTS FOR GUATEMALA FOR YOUR SPONSORED CHILD DUE NOVEMBER 1

When Pastor Frank and Jenny Crouch visit Guatemala in November for the Global Missions Exploratory trip, they will visit one of the Compassion centers that we are sponsoring children through and meet the children they each sponsor! If you also sponsor a child from Nueva Jerusalem in Gualan and would like to send a small gift to your child, please get it to Jenny by November 1. It must fit inside a gallon Ziploc or 9”x12” style envelope and be labeled with your name and sponsor number and child’s name and number.

### CHURCH SECURITY UPDATE

The Security Oversight Committee has just finalized the most recent update to our Safety & Security Manual. In your mailbox, you will find a summary of this plan and highlights of measures in place to help keep you and your family safe. Also, find simple ways you can help in our safety efforts.

### SEMINARIAN UPDATE

#### RYAN & ALLY PHILPOT

Ryan and Ally Philpot were married and moved to St. Louis this past June. Their honeymoon was spent setting up their new home and unpacking boxes, as Ryan started Biblical Greek the following Monday (and passed with flying colors!). He is now in his first semester at Concordia Seminary and is excited for the next two years of study. Glendale Lutheran Church in Glendale, MO, is where he will conduct fieldwork as he is shepherded by Pastor Scott Jonas. Ryan and Ally want to express “sincerest thanks for your continued support of our future in God’s Kingdom. We march forward fearlessly, going where the Lord wills.”



### MLA DELEGATE REPORT

The school year at MLA is off to a fantastic start with a notable increase in enrollment, reaching 169 students compared to last year’s 142. The Board has been proactive, attending leadership training through the Herzog Foundation, and they have plans to introduce an assistant principal position while designating “lead teachers” akin to department chairs for various grade levels. Principal evaluations are being reinstated, and job descriptions for board and delegate positions have been refined. Additionally, MLA is focused on accreditation and their capital campaign. Progress is already being seen through a new playground, expanded parking lot, and plans for a turf field. Donations are still needed for building expansion through the capital campaign. Finally, you can help student scholarships through participation in the MO Scholars Tax Credit Program.

### 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](mailto:ELCDIRECTOR@KOKKC.ORG).

### COMMUNITY EVENT

#### LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR LIFE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

4:30-8PM @ PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST

This 5K walk/run is a 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](http://WWW.LIGHTTHENIGHT4LIFE.COM)

### SUBMIT TO KINGS NEWS

Need to submit a thank you to the congregation, upcoming event or ministry information? Please send submissions to [communications@kokkc.org](mailto:communications@kokkc.org) or contact Amy Babcock by phone at 816-885-7777. Submissions are due each Wednesday by noon.