

KING'S NEWS

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship
9:00am Prayer team - *Gracious Giving*
9:30am Education Hour: *Gracious Giving*
PreK-5th Grade: lower level
Jr./Sr. Classes: lower level
Adult Class: Fellowship Hall
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00pm Handbell Choir

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon
6:00pm Confirmation Classes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:00pm Confirmation Fellowship & Fun
6:00pm Confirmation Classes
6:00pm Men's Bible Study
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Adult Choir

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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9:00am Prayer team - *Gracious Giving*
9:30am Education Hour: *Gracious Giving*
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10:30am Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

OCT. 11	Holiday Homespun Bazaar
OCT. 18	Global Missions Gala
OCT. 26	Trunk-or-Treat
NOV. 9	<i>Gracious Giving</i> Sermons Begin
NOV. 20	<i>Gracious Giving</i> Seminar & Dinner
NOV. 30	Advent Begins
DEC. 7	<i>Gracious Giving</i> Celebration

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST BY PASTOR DANIEL CLEMENS

Matthew (whom Luke calls by his Hebrew name Levi) is one of the Twelve Apostles and the author of the gospel which bears his name.

We first meet Matthew in chapter nine of his gospel. There he is, working his government job as a tax collector. These workers had a bad reputation of collecting more than what was owed by the citizens (Zacchaeus, another tax man, admits to this very practice in Luke's gospel). So Matthew, in his lucrative job, was lumped together into the category of sinners by pious folk such as the Pharisees. Certainly he is unfit company for table fellowship and especially unfit to be the student of a rabbi...at least by worldly standards.

But the kingdom of heaven is not of this world. So Jesus strolls by the tax booth and says: "Follow me." Matthew drops his books and follows Jesus. Then, when Matthew hosts a banquet for his new rabbi, the Pharisees question Jesus' choice of company: Why does he eat with tax collectors? Jesus' answer? "I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Although church tradition is not in complete agreement about where Matthew's apostolic ministry took him, nearly all early church writers agree that he died a martyr's death—thus obeying Jesus' call to follow him and be his witness.

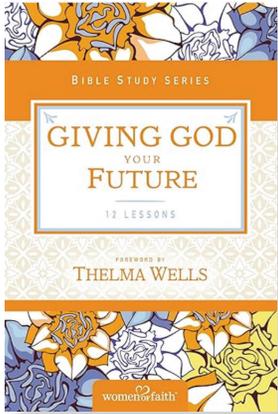
Jesus also calls us away from whatever we would treasure more than his kingdom and, by this call, gives us the riches of his grace. Thanks be to God that Jesus continues to call sinners to repentance!

THIS WEEK THEOLOGY ON TAP SEPTEMBER 25 @ 6:30PM CINDER BLOCK BREWERY

North KC Circuit takes Lutheran theology to the tavern again. Join the full-bodied, froth-expelling discussion at The Cinderblock Brewery in NKC. This month, Pastor Kranz from Mt. Calvary leads on "The Body in Worship."

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY PRAYING FOR: PLATTE BROOK NORTH

Pray for neighbors in this community to hear the Good News of Jesus and for the LORD's blessings in their lives.



STARTS THIS WEEK
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - NEW SERIES
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24

Looking to add a Bible study to your faith life? Join the Women's Bible Study group for a NEW Bible Study entitled, ***Giving God Your Future***, that will explore what Scripture has to say about giving everything to God and surrendering to Him. The Lord

already knows our future—He has it all planned out. Books available at the start of Bible study for \$7.50 each. This is a great time to join this engaging and caring group of Lutheran women. All are welcome.

GRACIOUS GIVING CONTINUES

Our new program ***Gracious Giving***, continues in all of our Bible studies from children through adults, as we take a deeper look at what the Bible calls us to do to GROW and GIVE to God's Kingdom through our time, talent and resources.

- September 14-Nov. 9** Bible Studies (all ages)
November 9 Special sermons begin
November 20 Dinner & seminar with LCEF Pastor
December 7 Commitment Celebration

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."

— 1 PETER 4:10

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 sermons, Bible studies, calendar and more on our website at KingofKingsKC.org.

YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY

Our Young Families Ministry kicked off their fall schedule last Sunday with sensory bins in the gym—they got messy, watched the chiefs play and had fun meeting new families.

Next Gathering: October 12, 3-5pm. Watch *Kings News* and the Young Families Facebook group for details.

Young Families ministry is for all families who have children 0-7years old who are interested in sharing in parenthood, faith and a Christ-centered community. Join the Facebook Young Families group or contact Erin Clemens for questions.

TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELPING HANDS

Our Helping Hands teams share God's love by preparing and delivering meals when our church members are recovering from an illness, injury or difficult situation. Helping Hands would love to welcome YOU to one of our meal teams to help make a portion or a full meal every few weeks, depending on your ability and availability.

****This group is in need of TWO volunteers.**

CHANGES TO ANNUAL CALENDAR

Due to the new ***Gracious Giving*** 3-month program, the following shifts have been made to our annual calendar:

- Nov. 16** Loyalty Sunday moved to Dec. 7
Nov. 16 Potluck & Voters Meeting (lunch is potluck)
Dec. 7 Advent by Candlelight - **CANCELED**
Dec. 7 *Gracious Giving* Commitment event

OPPORTUNITY

54th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STORE

METRO LUTHERAN MINISTRY

Each year, over 1,000 families flock to the Metro Lutheran Ministry Christmas Store where parents and family members can "shop" free of charge for new coats, clothing, household items and toys. This ministry helps restore dignity, lifting stress and creating joyful memories for families who otherwise may go without.

Donate time, money or new gifts from their MLM wish list. MLM has a lofty goal to raise \$50,000 this year. Find more information here: <https://mlmkc.org/event/christmas-store/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

GLOBAL MISSIONS GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 — 4P-7P

You are invited to the Global Missions Gala:

Around the World, an elegant evening supporting the 2026 mission trip to Guatemala. Enjoy ballroom dance lessons, international appetizers, program with LCMS missionaries and meaningful fellowship. Pull out your fancy clothes and be part of something truly impactful! **Tickets now available.** Visit KingofKingsKC.org/gala for details.



TUITION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Eleven children in Guatemala are in need of tuition sponsorships for 2026. Tuition, including uniforms, is approximately \$700/year— due in January. Prayerfully consider changing the life of a child through the gift of education. Contact Betty Archuletta or Michelle Dominiak for more information or to sponsor.

HOMESPUN HOLIDAY BAZAAR & GERMAN LUNCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

The Home Spun Holiday Bazaar is only 3 weeks away and many volunteers are needed to make the day a success. If you have questions please call Barb Ewert, Susan Deatherage or Judy Wistuba.

- **APPLE MAKING:** October 1 and 2, from 9 am to 1 pm. No special talents are needed—we will train you.
- **SETUP:** Help setup, price, and prepare the Bazaar each day October 6-10. Sign-up in the Narthex.
- **CRAFTS & GOODS:** Donations of custom crafts and homemade dry goods/foods are appreciated. Drop-off October 6-10.
- **BAKE SALE:** Donations of your favorite baked goods are needed. To ensure freshness, drop-off baked goods on Friday, October 10, or early on October 11.

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

GLOBAL MISSIONS
GALA
AROUND
THE WORLD

FORMAL ATTIRE

OCTOBER 18
4PM-7PM

WALTZ LESSONS | INTERNATIONAL HORS D'OEUVRES | GUEST SPEAKERS
PROCEEDS BENEFIT
KING OF KINGS 2026 GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH
96th & Maplewoods Parkway
KingOfKingsKC.org/gala

TICKETS

King of Kings Lutheran
Bazaar
&
GERMAN
DINNER

OCTOBER 11
10AM-3PM

Join us to shop for handcrafted items including: jams, canned goods, soaps, decor and more. Enjoy an authentic German meal dine-in or carry out!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR KING OF KINGS ELC, MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY AND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Shop | 10:00-3:00 Dine | 11:00-2:00

EARLY LEARNING CENTER KICKS OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR

KingofKingsELC.org

Our Early Learning Center school year is off to a fantastic start across our four busy classrooms! Our preschool and preK students have been diving into core learning—exploring letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. They've enjoyed meeting new friends, reading a variety of books and developing fine motor skills through writing, drawing, and cutting exercises. Our weekly specials—Library, Music, Chapel, and P.E.—add variety and faith teaching each week.

The ELC also celebrated "Special Person Day," as students and their guests attended morning chapel and a special assembly with a local magician who had the kids rolling with laughter. It's been a joyful and enriching start to the year, and we look forward to all that's ahead!

NOW HIRING

The ELC is still looking for a few more part-time aides. Contact Joan Skare for details at elcdirector@kokkc.org.



Left: Our ELC staff has grown in the last few years. ELC Joan Skare leads the staff of teachers, classroom aides, extended care aides and support staff. Top right: Students explore letter of the week; Bottom right: Visiting magician engages the audience with a student volunteer.

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

All details and registration information are located on the GroupMe App. Contact Cindy Twillman to be added.

JUNIOR YOUTH (6-8)

- SEPT 26** Escape Room
- OCT 5** Usher for 10:30am service
- OCT 10** Faith & Fellowship Friday
- OCT 12** Usher for 10:30am service
- OCT 26** Trunk-or-Treat

SENIOR YOUTH (9-12)

- SEPT 28** Sr. Youth Bible Study
- OCT 5** Usher for 10:30am service
- OCT 12** Usher for 10:30am service
- OCT 12** BRKthough
- OCT 26** Trunk-or-Treat