

KING'S NEWS

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COMING UP AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - LOYALTY SUNDAY

8:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:30am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion + livestream
11:30am Catered Lunch
11:30pm Jr. Youth Thanksgiving Box Distribution
12:30pm Voters Meeting
4:00pm Young Families Friendsgiving

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00pm Handbell Practice

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
***No confirmation classes or Bible studies*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

OFFICES CLOSED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00am Worship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship + livestream

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30am Welcome Center Christmas Tree
10:00am Sr. Youth Church Decorating

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.



Loyalty Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Loyalty Sunday is a time to be thankful for what the Lord has given to us and to rededicate ourselves to His work.

SUBMIT PLEDGE FORMS

Pledge forms and offering envelopes in the Welcome Center. Please return the pledge sheet in envelope during services.

11:30AM CATERED LUNCH

12:30PM VOTERS MEETING

The Voters Meeting will be held following lunch in the Sanctuary and will focus on approval of the 2024 Work Plan (budget). Information packets available in Narthex.

TODAY!

YOUNG FAMILIES FRIENDSGIVING

NOVEMBER 19 @ 4PM

Bring your favorite dish and meet our Young Families group for Friendsgiving in the lower level commons. Young Families ministry brings together families with children birth to 5years for faith, fun and fellowship. [RSVP TO AMIE GRAYBILL](#).

THIS WEDNESDAY

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 @ 7PM

As you make plans for the upcoming holiday, don't forget to join us for worship this Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve. While this service historically has fewer in attendance, it is truly a favorite for many. The altar is set with a cornucopia of breads and produce and we give thanks to God for all the goodness and generosity He provides. Let this service set the tone for your Thanksgiving holiday.

NEW TIME!

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 2-4PM**

All ladies—young and old—are invited to prepare your hearts for Christmas by joining us on Sunday, December 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for the Advent by Candlelight program “Unwrapping the Greatest Gift”. This annual event is a wonderful time to gather and focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Doors open at 2 p.m. to view the beautifully decorated tables prior to the program start at 2:30 pm.

SIGN-UP Sign-up in the Narthex to host a table and/or attend this special event. ALL women are invited.

HOSTESSES Consider hosting a table. Hostess sheets will be available on the sign up board if you want to learn more or [CONTACT RENEE LUTZEN](#) directly.

LIGHT ADVENT CANDLES

Each season of Advent, we invite individuals and families to participate in Sunday and mid-week services. Volunteers light the candle(s) and read scripture at the start of our services. If you or your family are interested in participating, please contact the [CHURCH OFFICE](#).

MID-WEEK ADVENT SCHEDULE

SYMBOLS OF SALVATION

FORETELLING CHRIST'S BIRTH

Join us each Wednesday in Advent for dinner and worship.

5:45PM DINNER BEGINS

6:15PM CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP

7:00PM WORSHIP

DECEMBER 6 Chili dinner hosted by Lutheran High Marine Bio Class

DECEMBER 13 Enchilada Casserole, hosted by Global Missions

DECEMBER 20 Chicken Noodle Soup & Salad, hosted by Sr. Youth Groups

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

WORSHIP: 10AM, 3PM, 6:30PM

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, but we will follow our traditional Christmas Eve service times. Each service will offer candlelight, special music offerings and Holy Communion. Guests and family always invited, too.

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

DECEMBER 9 • 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord! This annual children's event is a Christmas favorite and will have crafts, food and fellowship. Wear your PJ's and bring your camera for a Nativity photo. Free will donation will benefit the Early Learning Center playground.

SIGNUPS NEEDED ASAP

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

REHEARSAL: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 8:30AM

PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 10:30AM

Children aged 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Students with instrumental skills are also encouraged to give a music offering in our pre-service music, by playing a favorite Christmas piece. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School openings and the morning of December 9. Parents, please consider helping - at rehearsal and on program day. Sign-up by contacting [MICHELLE EASTERDAY](#) or the [CHURCH OFFICE](#).

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Sunday School teachers are looking for donations of treats or trinkets for the gift bags, given to children who participate in the Christmas program.

BIG STACKS OF SHOEBOXES

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry*. King of Kings delivered nearly 70 shoeboxes that were generously filled by our members and prayed over. Another 10 boxes were filled online with a member Thrivent donation, for a total of almost 80 boxes! Additional thanks to all those who donated postage. As Christmas approaches, please continue to pray for the children that receive these gifts of God's love.

NOTES OF THANKS

FROM RUTH BREININGER

It is with Thanksgiving and a humble heart that I praise our dear Lord, I am a part of such a caring and loving congregation. I want to express my deepest gratitude for all your prayers, get well cards, calls and well wishes during my hospital stay and recovery. You are a blessing and I am blessed.

GUATEMALA EXPLORATORY TRIP RECAP BY JENNY CROUCH

Last week Pastor Frank and I traveled to Gualán, Guatemala to meet our sister congregation leaders at Iglesia Luterana La Resurrección, including Pastor Luis Alberto Jasinto, and newly ordained Pastor José Luis Jasinto, whom King of Kings supported through seminary in the Dominican Republic. We presented their new chalice & ciborium, and the pastors excitedly showed us the hymnals that King of Kings gifted them earlier this year, discussing the great impact on their congregation for learning liturgy and songs. We attended the parochial high school's graduation ceremony. The school has a total of 235 students, starting at kindergarten. We had good meetings with the pastors to understand the strengths, challenges, and needs of the church and school, and how King of Kings can partner with them going forward.

Pastor José Luis is also using the hymnal songs in the nearby church plant, in Los Limones. He is teaching the children in that community, and developing relationships through music, Bible stories and activities. The church building in this rural agriculture community was built in 2017. They are currently adding bathrooms, and will build a simple parsonage for Pastor José Luis. He looks forward to being present and available to the villagers and will progress to deeper instruction and Sunday services as the congregation forms.

Additionally, Pastor Frank and I met the children we sponsor through the Gualán Compassion International center and brought gifts from a few other King of Kings sponsors. We saw the program in action, and played, sang and ate with the children, their mothers, the center staff and pastor. We were most impacted in Guatemala by the people's humble love for God and those they serve on every level from the Compassion International and Lutheran Church members. Join us in praying for and serving alongside our joyful brothers and sisters in Guatemala - "all praise to God"



Gualán Compassion center staff and King of Kings sponsored children



Pastors receiving new communionware



Pastor Luis Alberto (left), Pastor Frank Greene and Pastor José Luis (right)

"Everything we saw and heard in Guatemala reinforced my belief that God has guided us to this partnership. I am looking forward to many years of ministry together with our new friends."

— Pastor Frank Greene



Making kites at the Los Limones church plant

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS ON BAND APP

JUNIOR YOUTH (6-8)

NOVEMBER 19 Distribute Thanksgiving Boxes—11:30am

DECEMBER 10 Enchant Christmas Light Maze—4:30pm
RSVP due Nov. 26

SENIOR YOUTH (9-12)

DEC. 2 @ 10AM Decorate Church for Christmas—10am

DECEMBER 10 Enchant Christmas Light Maze—4:30pm
RSVP due Nov. 26

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

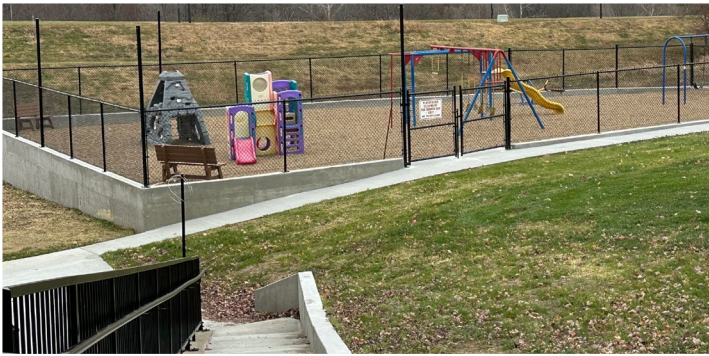
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

(816) 436-3864 | KINGOFKINGSEL.CORG

PLAYGROUND COMING TOGETHER

Thank you to our entire Properties Committee for all of their hard work to give the ELC a new, expanded playground, steps and drive to serve our students and families better.

NEXT UP: Equipment fundraising through freewill donations at Breakfast in Bethlehem, Easter Eggstravaganza and private donations.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20 & 21: Thankful Feasts begin at 10am
December 10: Christmas Program & Cookies - 5:00pm
December 18 & 19: Christmas Parties begin at 10am

MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY

(816) 734-1060 | MARTINLUTHERACADEMY.ORG



MLA COOKIE WALK & VENDOR FAIR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND — 9AM-2PM

Do your holiday cookie shopping and visit the vendor booths for your Christmas gifts. More than 300 dozen cookies will be available for purchase. To be a vendor, please contact Stephanie Parker at 816-590-1518.

SAVE THE DATES

December 2: MLA Cookie Walk & Fair - 9am-2pm
December 6: Family Christmas Breakfast - 7:00am
December 14: MLA Christmas Program - 6:30pm
December 17: MLA Christmas Program - 4:00pm

LUTHERAN HIGH OF KANSAS CITY

(816) 241-5478 | WWW.LHSKC.COM

DISNEY'S ALADDIN JR. DECEMBER 1 & 2 AT 7PM

Enjoy a night of theater as you watch the Lutheran High cast perform Disney's Aladdin Jr. This spectacular, 60-minute musical is based on the 1992 Disney film and the 2014 Broadway adaptation. Tickets are \$5.00/students and \$12/adults. Concessions available both nights.

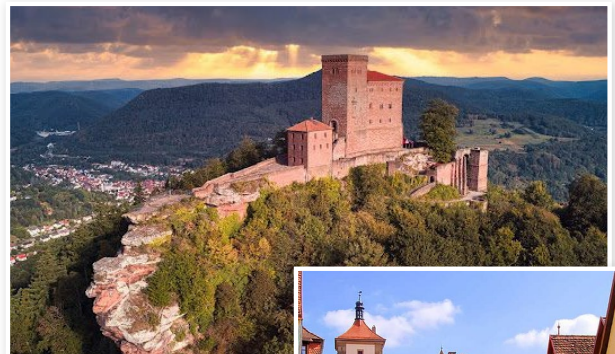
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

TRAVEL REFORMATION ROAD GERMANY & AUSTRIA

JUNE 3, 2024 — JUNE 16, 2024

LCMS-Mo District President, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan and wife Jill, invite you to join them on an authentic Christian trip through Germany and Austria to explore the history of Martin Luther and the Reformation. Behold the majesty of the German Alps and sights and sounds of the region. Visit Wittenberg for the annual festival commemorating Martin and Katie Luther's wedding. Group events include Rhine River cruise, beer-tastings, historical sites and museums. Be a part of the journey of faith, history, music and beauty as you travel Reformation Road.

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