

KING'S NEWS

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — Advent Begins FEAST OF ST. ANDREW

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am Adult Class: Fellowship Hall
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00pm Handbell Choir

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00am Property Board
12:00pm Let the Reader Understand
(Tuesdays@Noon)
6:00pm Confirmation Classes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00pm Jr. Youth Fun & Fellowship
5:45pm Advent Dinner Begins - Nachos
6:10pm Confirmation Small Groups
6:10pm Children's Christmas Choir Practice
7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship
8:15pm Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00am Friends Visiting Friends
6:00pm Global Missions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 — LOYALTY SUNDAY GRACIOUS GIVING CELEBRATION

8:00am Worship
8:45am-10:45am Ministry Fair & Breakfast for all
9:30am Children's Sunday School
(No Adult Bible Study, Jr./Sr. Bible Studies)
10:30am Worship
11:45am Elders Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

DEC. 10 Advent Midweek Dinner & Worship
DEC. 13 Breakfast in Bethlehem
DEC. 14 Children's Christmas Program
DEC. 17 Advent Midweek Dinner & Worship



ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

We learn from John's gospel that Andrew meets Jesus through the ministry of John the Baptizer. Then, Andrew actually introduces his brother Simon to Jesus (John 1:40-42). Andrew sought to make Jesus known from the very beginning.

After this initial meeting, Jesus would officially make Andrew and his brother Simon (also called Peter) his disciples. These two were fishermen by trade, and the Lord called them and promised them: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," (Matthew 4:18-19).

In John 12, at the beginning of Holy Week, there are some Greeks in Jerusalem for the Passover who wish to see Jesus. They find Philip, who then finds Andrew, who at last goes and informs Jesus that these Greeks are seeking the Lord. Even at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, Andrew is bringing people to Jesus.

According to church tradition, St. Andrew died a martyr's death in Achaea. His life as a disciple began and ended with evangelistic fervor. May we, too, endeavor both to know Jesus and to make him known!

FUN FACT: St. Andrew's feast day determines the beginning of Advent. The first Sunday in Advent always falls on the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day. This year, they are the same day.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

EVERY HEART PREPARE

Join us each Wednesday in Advent for dinner and worship. Our series for midweek this year takes a look at all that we do to prepare for Christmas and reflect on how these practices help us see Christ and prepare for His coming. As is our Advent tradition, preaching will be shared with St. Stephen Lutheran Church, with a rotation of pastors.

5:45PM DINNER BEGINS

6:10PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

6:15PM CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUPS

7:00PM WORSHIP

DECEMBER 3 Nacho dinner hosted by Senior Youth

DECEMBER 10 Chili and hot dog dinner hosted by Lutheran High Marine Biology Class

DECEMBER 17 Taco crunch hosted by the ELC

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT

Our seasonal Children's Choir is open for students in 3rd-5th grades. Practice on Wednesday evenings during Advent from 6:10pm-7pm, and sing in the 10am Christmas Eve service. Signup through the Church Center app or call the office. Questions? Contact Emily Rowland.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

REHEARSAL: SATURDAY, DEC. 13 @ 9AM

PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DEC. 14 @ 10:30AM

Our Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 14 at the 10:30 service. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Students with instrumental skills are also encouraged to participate in pre-service music, by playing a favorite Christmas piece. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School openings and the morning of December 13. Parents, please consider helping with this event—at rehearsal and on program day. Contact Michelle Easterday or signup in the church office.

ANNUAL BEANS & RICE OUTREACH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:45PM

For more than forty years, King of Kings has provided beans and rice to inner city Lutheran ministries for those in need at Christmastime. On December 10, our church family will come together, once again, to repackage 1000 pounds of beans and rice into family-size portions, helping serve the needs of those less fortunate in our community. This ministry project takes only about an hour to complete and is possible thanks to a Thrivent Action Team. To participate, meet in the Fellowship Hall after midweek worship.

FRIENDS VISITING FRIENDS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 10AM

Our Friends Visiting Friends ministry will meet on Thursday in the Board Room on the lower level. New members interested in visiting shut-ins or supporting this ministry are welcome to attend. Please bring 3 dozen cookies to pack in tins for friends and a sack lunch. RSVP to Diane Laughridge.

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 9:30AM

Join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord! This annual children's event is a Christmas favorite with pancakes, children's crafts and holiday merriment. Wear your PJ's! Free will donation will benefit the Early Learning Center.

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Angel Tree donations are being collected in the Narthex for area elementary schools. Simply select a tag off the tree and return your unwrapped donation to the tree during December. Items are handed out by school counselors to students in need, throughout the year. *Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks can be made to King of Kings with "Angel Tree" in memo.*

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

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

JUNIOR YOUTH (6-8)

DEC 12 Christmas Party - Hot Rocks Pizza Kitchen

DEC 13 Breakfast in Bethlehem

SENIOR YOUTH (9-12)

DEC 3 Serve Advent meal

DEC 13 Breakfast in Bethlehem



Loyalty Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Our **Gracious Giving** initiative wraps up on NEXT WEEK. We will take time to celebrate all that the Lord has given to us and rededicate ourselves to His work.

SUBMIT PLEDGE FORMS

Extra pledge forms are available in the Narthex. Please return the pledge form during services.

MINISTRY FAIR & BREAKFAST 8:45AM-10:45AM

Held in the Fellowship Hall. Open house style.

GRACIOUS GIVING COMMITMENT

What gifts and talents has He given you to advance His kingdom? Consider how you can be involved. Each confirmed member in our congregation is asked to fill one out. Commitment form available through Sunday email link or by paper in the Narthex.

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

— 1 PETER 4:10

Gracious Giving Ministry Fair & Breakfast

A wonderful group of *Gracious Giving* volunteers is preparing and serving breakfast on next Sunday for ALL to enjoy. Along with breakfast, plan time to attend the Ministry Fair to learn about the various ministries of the church and opportunities to plug in to your church family. This event is being held during our education hour 8:45am-10:45am and is open house style. Breakfast includes burritos, egg & sausage sliders, fruit, sweet breads & muffins and drinks. Gluten free options available. *A special thanks to Belfonte for donating milk and juice.*



Gracious Living Seminar & Dinner

On November 20, King of Kings hosted our Gracious Living dinner and seminar with Rev. Eric Kennaugh from LCEF. More than 100 people enjoyed a catered dinner and interactive seminar exploring and discussing Biblical stewardship in five key areas. We learned "stewardship"

means faithfully managing God's gifts—life, abilities, time, resources, and relationships—for His purposes. Stewardship calls for intentional generosity, daily devotion, active service, and nurturing core relationships, using passions and possessions to bless others and advance God's Kingdom.

A special thanks to our Gracious Living planning team for coordinating and volunteering for this meaningful evening.

ELEMENTARY FAMILIES COOKIE DECORATING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 @ 1:00PM

Have kids in kindergarten to 5th grade? Join the NEW Elementary Families group for monthly fellowship. This month, the group will meet for holiday cookie decorating and fun. Please bring one jar of sprinkles or writing icing to share, the rest will be provided. RSVP to Alyssa Liesveld or Sarah Connelly. Or, join "Elementary Families" group on Church Center app to RSVP and see upcoming group events and more.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

PRAY FOR: **PARK PLAZA**

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

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE CHURCH CENTER APP?

Church Center will be your go-to spot for all church information including livestream, church calendar and events, registrations, connection with ministry groups and the NEW Church Directory. Don't delay - download today! Log in using your mobile number.



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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Please join us for Martin Luther Academy's annual
HOLIDAY COOKIE WALK
& **VENDOR FAIR**
DECEMBER 6th, 2025
9 AM - 2 PM
7112 N Overland Dr. * Kansas City, MO 64151 * 816-734-1060

SUPPORT LUTHERAN EDUCATION

Taxpayers to the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The tax credit program, MOScholars, allows the Missouri District to convert tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state. Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more about MOScholars and get the process started. Questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org. Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District!

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**6TH ANNUAL
GERMAN CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

Enjoy traditional treats, festive music, vendors with handmade wares, children's activities, a glühwein garden and carriage rides on Friday.

**December
12-13**

**Friday 4-8 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

205 S. Main Street
Concordia, MO 64020

Learn more about the event at
<https://splhs.org/support/christkindlesmarkt/>
or scan the QR code.