

KING'S NEWS

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COMING UP AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - FIRST DAY OF ADVENT

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship: Gym & Welcome Center
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (PreK—Sr. Youth)
9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion + livestream
2:00pm Advent by Candlelight

NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00pm Handbell Choir

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00am Property Board meeting
12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30am ELC Chapel
5:00pm Jr. Youth Fun and Fellowship
5:45pm Midweek Dinner - Nachos
6:10pm Children's Christmas Choir Practice
6:15pm Confirmation Small Groups
7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship
7:45pm Rice & Beans Service Event

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30am ELC Chapel
7:00pm Global Missions Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
9:30am Breakfast in Bethlehem

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00am Worship
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship: Gym & Welcome Center
9:30am Sunday School for 3yrs-5th grade
Jr. Youth Confirm. Class // Sr. Youth Study
Adult Bible Study // Parent Study
10:30am Children's Christmas Worship + livestream
4:00pm Jr. Youth Christmas Party
6:15pm Confirmation Classes



MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

Join us each Wednesday in Advent for dinner and worship. Our series for midweek this year is based on Isaiah 9:6 — *"...and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* Preaching will be shared with St. Stephen Lutheran Church, offering a rotation of preaching from Pastor Danny, Pastor Frank and Pastor Joe Rodriguez.

Come as you are and share a meal with your church family. Dinner begins at 5:45pm each Wednesday and runs until 7pm. A freewill offering accepted each week, supporting the ministry group hosting that week's meal.

5:45PM DINNER BEGINS

6:10PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

6:15PM CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUPS

7:00PM WORSHIP

DECEMBER 4 Nacho dinner hosted by Senior Youth

DECEMBER 11 Chili and hot dog dinner hosted by Lutheran High Marine Biology Class

DECEMBER 18 Pork loin and brats hosted by Tuition Committee

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHER | GROW | GIVE | GO

LIGHT ADVENT CANDLES

Each season of Advent, we invite individuals and families to participate in Sunday and midweek services. Volunteers light the candle(s) and read scripture at the start of our worship services. There are still a few spots remaining. If you or your family are interested in participating, please contact the [church office](#).

THIS WEEK

ANNUAL BEANS & RICE OUTREACH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 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 4, 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.

FINAL CALL

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

REHEARSAL: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 8:30AM

PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 10:30AM

Children aged 3 years through 5th grade are invited to participate in the annual Christmas program. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School openings and the morning of December 7, prior to *Breakfast in Bethlehem*. Parents, please consider helping—at rehearsal and on program day. Scan QR code or contact the [church office](#) to sign your child up. www.KingofKingsKC.org/signup

SIGNUP



CALL FOR YOUTH MUSICIANS

Music students in 3rd-12th grade with instrumental skills are encouraged to give a holiday instrumental offering in our pre-service music. Signup through QR code above.

FINAL CALL

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT

Our choir director, Emily Rowland, is forming a seasonal Children's Choir for students in 3rd-5th grades. Children will practice on Wednesday evenings during Advent from 6:10-6:50pm, and offer choral offerings in the 10am Christmas Eve service. Scan QR code or contact the [church office](#) to sign your child up.

Note: The Children's Choir is a vocal choir only.

SIGNUP



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Help decorate the chancel this Christmas by ordering a poinsettia. Plants are \$8.50/ea.

1. Complete order form and include it with your payment (cash or check). Checks made payable to King of Kings Lutheran Church.
 2. Place in an envelope marked POINSETTIAS and submit in offering plate or to church office.
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

King of Kings holds services on Christmas Eve at 10am, 3pm and 6:30pm each year. Each service will offer special music offerings, Holy Communion and a candlelit *Silent Night*. Invite a neighbor, friend or family to join you this Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.



2025 MISSION TRIP - SPOTS AVAILABLE

COMMITMENTS DUE DECEMBER 5

JUNE 7 — JUNE 16, 2025

Spend a week next summer on a short-term mission, serving the children and people of Guatemala. Visit Gualán and Los Limones. Trip runs from June 7 through June 16, 2025. There are a few spots left, with deposits (\$300) due December 5. Contact Jenny Crouch, a member of our mission team or the church office for more information.

GUATEMALAN STUDENT TUITION SPONSORSHIPS FULFILLED!

A very special thank you to NINE generous donors in our congregation for stepping up and sponsoring students at the school in Guatemala. Your wonderful sponsorships secure a year of education for these students who would not be able to attend without your assistance. Praise the Lord for His goodness to provide.

THIS SATURDAY

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30AM-11:30AM

Celebrate the birth of Jesus at King of Kings' annual children's Christmas event. A favorite for the whole family with pancakes, crafts and holiday merriment. Wear your PJ's and bring your camera for a Nativity photo. Bring a friend!



FRIENDSGIVING FELLOWSHIP AND FUN WITH YOUNG FAMILIES

Last Sunday, our Young Families small group gathered at Pastor and Erin Clemens's house for Friendsgiving. With more than 30 in attendance, the families shared in some great food and fellowship. Pastor Danny said the meal prayer (including a BIG prayer clap for the kids) and Laura Widman shared her mini sourdough loaves in the shape of turkeys! Young Families is a small group ministry for families with children birth—7years (and older siblings) who share in fellowship, faith and life together. New families are always welcome!



BIG STACKS OF SHOEBOXES

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry*. King of Kings delivered more than 70 shoeboxes that were generously filled by our members and prayed over. Additional thanks to all those who donated postage and to the Calvin family for organizing the service event this year. As Christmas approaches, please continue to pray for the children that receive these gifts of God's love.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR RECAP

The 2024 Holiday Bazaar & German Lunch in October was blessed by another year of turnout and success. King of Kings tuition assistance covers 30% tuition for all King of Kings students attending local Lutheran schools. The Tuition Committee dedicates time and resources to host various fundraisers throughout the year, helping offset more than 50% of this generous gift of tuition assistance to member families.

THANK YOU to each and every person that volunteered, donated or attended the event to make it a success!

2024 BAZAAR BREAKDOWN

725	VOLUNTEER HOURS
217	HANDMADE BRATS BY THE MEN AT KING OF KINGS
248	ADULT MEALS SERVED DINE-IN & CARRYOUT
102	DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS
72	PEPPERONI BREAD LOAVES
\$12,972	TOTAL RAISED TO DATE

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

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

JUNIOR YOUTH (6-8)

DECEMBER 7 Volunteer at Breakfast in Bethlehem (9a-1130a)

DECEMBER 8 Jr. Youth Christmas Party (4-5:30p)
Pizza Shoppe In Platte Woods
****NEW TIME & LOCATION****

SENIOR YOUTH (9-12)

DECEMBER 4 Prepare and serve Advent meal

DECEMBER 7 Volunteer at Breakfast in Bethlehem (9a-1130a)

DECEMBER 15 Sr. Youth Christmas Party (4-5:30p)
Pizza Shoppe In Platte Woods
****NEW TIME & LOCATION****

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

ELC CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

The ELC has been blessed by such wonderful growth in recent years that they will be holding TWO Christmas programs to ensure all families have a seat to see their child. The PreK classes (4-5yo) will perform at 3pm and the Preschool classes (3-4yo) will perform at 4:30pm. Each program will be followed by a cookie reception in the Fellowship Hall.

MLA COOKIE WALK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 9AM-2PM

All are invited to the MLA Cookie Walk and Vendor Fair on Saturday, December 7, from 9 am - 2 pm. To donate cookies for the Cookie Walk, please deliver your homemade cookies to MLA on Friday, December 6, on a tray. To be a vendor at this event, please call Stephanie Parker at 816.590.1518 or email jayhawkfan@att.net.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 4PM

Attend a local German-language Christmas service of lessons and carols, at Kansas City United Church of Christ, in Brookside (205 W 65th Street, KCMO). Lisa Erickson, from Redeemer Lutheran Olathe, is the music coordinator for the KC German-language Christmas service. The bulletin will be in English and German, so you can follow along. While you're there, you can also visit the Kristkindl Markt (German Christmas market).

CHRISTMAS AT HEIT'S POINT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 — 11AM-2PM

Take a drive down to Heit's Point for some time in the great outdoors. Enjoy a day full of Christmas festivities at our favorite Lutheran camp, including:

- Christmas music by Cole Camp's German Men's Choir
 - Feast on a brisket luncheon
 - God's Word, fellowship and photos of the past 45years
 - Help start a time capsule to be planted this summer
- Reserve your spot at 660-668-2363. Freewill donations accepted.