

# KING'S NEWS

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## COMING UP AT CHURCH

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - ADVENT BEGINS

8:00am Worship + Holy Communion  
9:30am Sunday School // Adult Bible Study  
10:30am Worship + Holy Communion + livestream  
2:00pm Advent by Candlelight

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00pm Handbell Practice

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:45pm Dinner begins - Chili  
6:15pm Confirmation Small Groups Meet  
7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship  
7:45pm Beans & Rice Service Project

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30am Christmas Program Practice  
9:30am Breakfast in Bethlehem

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am Worship  
9:30am Sunday School // Adult Bible Study  
10:30am Children's Christmas Program + livestream  
4:15pm All-Youth Christmas Light Maze  
6:00pm ELC Christmas Program & Cookies

## LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 13 Poinsettia Orders Due  
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services — 10a, 3p, 6:30p  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day — No services

## 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](http://KINGOFKINGSKC.ORG).



**SATURDAY, 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 NEW ELC playground equipment coming this spring.

### THIS WEDNESDAY

## BEANS & RICE FOR OUR FRIENDS IN THE INNER CITY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 7:45PM**

For more than forty years, King of Kings has provided beans and rice to inner city Lutheran missions at Christmastime. Started as an outreach ministry, the beans and rice project has been funded by door offerings, AAL Branch funds, and most recently, as a Thrivent Action Team project.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our first Advent service THIS Wednesday, to repackage 500 pounds of beans, and 500 pounds of rice, into 2 pound bags. With many hands helping, this service opportunity only takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. The family-size bags of beans and rice will be delivered to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kansas City, KS, and Jesus El Buen Pastor in Kansas City, MO the following day. All ages invited to help.

## BEGINS WEDNESDAY

### MID-WEEK ADVENT SCHEDULE

#### SYMBOLS OF SALVATION: FORETELLING CHRIST'S BIRTH

Join us each Wednesday in Advent for dinner and worship. Our midweek Advent sermon series is a focus on **Symbols of Salvation**, three Old Testament narratives that serve as symbols of Jesus' coming: the burning bush, the cloud in the tabernacle, and the call of Gideon.

**5:45PM DINNER BEGINS**

**6:15PM CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUPS**

**7:00PM WORSHIP**

**DECEMBER 6** Chili dinner hosted by Lutheran High Marine Biology Class

**DECEMBER 13** Enchilada Casserole, hosted by Global Missions

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 10:30AM**

The congregation is invited to our annual Children's Christmas service NEXT SUNDAY during our 10:30am service. Hear the telling of the Christmas scripture by the children of our parish, listen to musical offerings and be filled with the joy of Christmas.

**REHEARSAL: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 8:30AM**

Participants should arrive on Saturday morning by 8:30am for rehearsal. Parents, please consider helping—at rehearsal and on program day.

### 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 welcome.

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

**ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Help decorate the chancel this Christmas by ordering a poinsettia. Plants are \$8.50/ea and available to be taken home after 10:30am worship on Sunday, December 31.

Here's how to order:

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, by mail, or to church office.

### ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

**FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Angel Tree donations are being collected in the Narthex for area elementary schools. Our members are always so gracious and these items are very much appreciated. Items are handed out by school counselors to students in need, throughout the year. Place unwrapped donations under the Angel Tree throughout December.

**DONATIONS REQUESTED:**

- Winter Coats: Adult size L, XL
- Sweatpants (unisex/neutral colors) Kids S, M, L and Adult size M, L, XL
- Backpacks: Simple style and color
- Shoes: Adult Size 7-12
- Underwear: Kids 5T-10; Adult M, L, XL
- Socks: Kids and Adults
- Leggings: Kids S, M, L
- Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks made to King of Kings with "Angel Tree" in memo.

### CARD SHOWER

Esther Anderson, a King of Kings charter member, will be celebrating her 97th birthday on December 13. Help us celebrate her by sending a birthday card. The entire congregation is invited to send cards to:

Mrs. Esther Anderson  
9000 N. Congress Avenue, Apt. #203  
Kansas City, MO 64153

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS ON BAND APP

### ALL YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVENT!

**ENCHANT CHRISTMAS LIGHT MAZE**

**DECEMBER 10**

We are excited to have 62 youth, parents and siblings attending this first-time Christmas outing. All those attending, please meet in the Narthex at 4:15pm. Reservations are closed.