

KING'S NEWS

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:00pm Handbell Choir
7:00pm LWML

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:00pm Tuesdays@Noon
6:00pm Confirmation Classes
6:30pm Dart Ball Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:00pm Middle School Fun & Fellowship
5:45pm Advent Dinner Begins - Chili
6:10pm Confirmation Small Groups
6:10pm Children's Christmas Choir Practice
7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship
8:00pm Beans & Rice Outreach
8:15pm Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30pm ELC Kid's Night Out
5:00pm Middle School Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00am Worship
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Children's Christmas Program
4:00pm ELC Christmas Program - Preschool
5:30pm ELC Christmas Program - PreK
4:00pm High School Christmas Party - offsite

Loyalty Sunday

Our **Gracious Giving** initiative wraps up TODAY as we celebrate all that the Lord has given to us and rededicate ourselves to His work in stewardship of those gifts.

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

— 1 PETER 4:10

FINANCIAL 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. Learn about the various ministries of the church and opportunities to gather, grow, give and go. Breakfast includes burritos, egg & sausage sliders, fruit, pastries and drinks. Gluten free available.

All adults, Jr. Youth and Sr. Youth are encouraged to attend the ministry fair in lieu of Bible study class.

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 complete the survey. Commitment survey available through QR, Church Center app or paper in the Narthex.

COMMITMENT SURVEY



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all those who served in leadership or on a committee for our **Gracious Giving** initiative. Together, all gifts were used for His glory to strengthen and grow His Kingdom.

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. .

5:45PM DINNER BEGINS

6:10PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

6:15PM CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUPS

7:00PM WORSHIP

DECEMBER 10 Chili and hot dog dinner hosted by Lutheran High Marine Biology Class
**A special door offering will be taken*

DECEMBER 17 Taco crunch hosted by the ELC

THIS WEDNESDAY

ANNUAL BEANS & RICE OUTREACH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:45PM

This Wednesday evening, after Advent midweek worship, our church family will come together to repackage 1,000 pounds of beans and rice into family-size portions. This ministry project serves the needs of those less fortunate in our community and takes only about an hour to complete. King of Kings has provided beans and rice to inner city Lutheran ministries for those in need at Christmastime, for more than FORTY YEARS, thanks to Thrivent Action Team. Come be part of the tradition to serve the community. Meet in the Fellowship Hall after service.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT

It's not too late! 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. Contact Emily Rowland.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

10AM, 3PM AND 6:30PM

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.

FINAL DAY TO ORDER

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

ORDERS DUE DECEMBER 7

Help decorate the chancel this Christmas by ordering a poinsettia. Plants are \$8.50/ea. Order through form in bulletin. OR, order through the new Church Center app, under SIGNUPS (on bottom menu).

99TH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

FOR ESTHER ANDERSON

Our wonderful Ms. Esther Anderson is turning 99 years young on December 13. While she is unable to make it to church in person, she always watches church online and keeps up with all the church events. She loves hearing from our church members on her birthday. Please take a moment and send her a greeting and well wishes on this momentous birthday.

ESTHER ANDERSON

9000 N. CONGRESS #203

KANSAS CITY, MO 64153

Happy Birthday Esther!

50TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE SCHLIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 FROM 1:30-3:30PM

The congregation is invited to celebrate Steve and Penny Schlie at their 50th Anniversary Open House on December 20th. Come share a greeting and some laughter. King of Kings Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations Steve and Penny!

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

DEC 17 Confirmation Fellowship Hour

SENIOR YOUTH (9-12)

DEC 13 Breakfast in Bethlehem

DEC 14 Christmas Party - Hot Rocks Pizza Kitchen

JAN 4 Take down Christmas at church

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM PAJAMA PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 9:30AM-11:30AM

GAMES
CRAFTS
FOOD

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT OUR
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

COMMUNITY WELCOME

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH
1701 NE 96TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, MO 64155

COMPASSION FOR OUR COMMUNITY AT CHRISTMASTIME

King of Kings has several outreach opportunities to help local children and families during the Christmas season:

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Simply take a "wish" ornament from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and return your unwrapped gift during December. These items are handed out by school counselors to students in need, throughout the year.

ANGEL TREE GIFT CARDS FOR LUMAA

Help those in need in Kansas City's urban core. Pick up a "wish" ornament for a gift card and return to the Angel Tree donation box located in the church office. These gift cards will be distributed through the LUMA food pantry.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY SHOPPING BRIGADE

Help shop and wrap for gifts for two families that King of Kings is adopting this year. A group of members will be shopping and wrapping THIS WEEK! Contact Roxie Popa or Marcia Bolton if you are interested in helping. Or, visit them during the ministry fair on December 7.

COMMUNITY COMPASSION DONATIONS

Monetary donations are also being accepted to help all of the community efforts. Place your donation in the Angel Tree donation box found in the church office. Checks can be made to King of Kings with "Angel Tree" in memo.

NEXT WEEK

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

REHEARSAL: SATURDAY, DEC. 13 @ 8:30AM

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

Our Children's Christmas Program will be held NEXT Sunday, December 14 at the 10:30 service. Rehearsal will take place next Saturday, December 13, beginning at 8:30am. (Note time change!) Parents, please consider helping with this event—at rehearsal and on program day.

Elementary and middle school students with instrumental skills are also encouraged to participate in pre-service music, by playing a favorite Christmas piece. Contact Cindy Twillman or sign up in the church office.

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 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

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!



Join us for an authentic
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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.

