

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARSON

What's nice about an automatic transmission is that you're able to simply sit back and not have to worry about which gear you're in. It's especially nice in bumper-to-bumper traffic or on super steep hills where you could easily roll backwards into the car behind you.

However, I still fondly remember learning how to drive using a manual transmission. It's a skill everyone should know just in case someone needed you to drive their luxury sports car. Sadly, no sports cars yet... but a couple John Deere tractors.

But there's something magical about listening to the tone of the engine and shifting through the gears as you accelerate and decelerate. It also makes those long distance drives a bit more tolerable.

Over these past few months we have been doing a lot of shifting in response to restrictions that resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic. While it has come with its own challenges, it has been wonderful to see the staff shifting gears in order to provide meaningful experiences in terms of online worship, connection groups and even our summer camps.

The newsletter you're holding is another way we have had to shift gears in order to better communicate with the congregation about upcoming ministries as well as celebrations. I pray that you see this installment of the Kings Messenger as a celebration of our partnership together in the work of the church and as an extension of your gifts and offerings.

Thank you for shifting gears with us and we are excited about the road ahead.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon

CURRENT PHASE: 2

Reopening Plan

Please look for the orange "Reopening Plan and In-Person Worship" button on our website home page to download a copy of our Reopening Plan. This multi-phased plan will gradually get us up to full operations at our facility, while allowing us to accommodate needed changes as restrictions or recommendations are identified.

In-Person Worship

In-person worship will begin on Sunday, July 19, at 9:00 (Trad) and 11:00 (Cont). Registrations required; see our website. Online services will continue.

Office Hours

M-F 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
We encourage scheduled appointments.

EVENTS

AUGUST 1-9

Backpack/School Supply Collection

Shop now! You can help a child start the school year right! All backpacks will go to children in our local School District 833. You can drop off a new backpack filled with the supplies listed below in a gaylord outside of the main church doors from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. from August 1-9.

Here's what is needed: (listed items only please)

- 1 new backpack
- 4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Markers (washable)
- Colored pencils
- #2 pencils
- Fiskar scissors (blunt tip)
- Pink Eraser
- Ruler (with metric and standard)
- 2 spiral notebooks wide-lined (solid colors)



AUGUST 7 & 8

CCEFS Produce Fair

August 7: 2:00-4:00 p.m. &

August 8: 8:30 a.m.-Noon

On August 7 & 8, King of Kings will once again have the opportunity to help the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf with their Produce Fair. 6 people will be needed on Friday, August 7 to assemble bags of produce. On Saturday, August 8, 15 volunteers will be needed to assemble boxes of bagged produce to distribute to customers at a drive-through service outdoors. Masks will be available to those who don't have their own. Distancing from one another and frequent hand sanitizing during the event will be required. This is a service that provides a fun way to serve others and be in community with each other. CCEFS is counting on our help, so please consider signing up on our website.



**Volunteer
at the
PRODUCE FAIR**

MISSIONS



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 20 (Time TBD)

American Red Cross

King of Kings will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on August 20. Donating blood takes about one hour, and includes a mini-physical and health interview. Actual donation time is typically only 8-10 minutes—and within about 10 days, your blood will have helped save lives in our community!

CHILDREN, STUDENT & FAMILY MINISTRIES

High School Virtual Camp

Monday, July 27–Thursday, July 30

While we are sad Ox Lake Camp has been canceled, the campers will have an opportunity to come together to take part in daily virtual bible studies that follow Wapo's "HopeFull" curriculum. They will have meaningful and caring conversations and discussions with their peers to fuel and build their friendships. We will also have a virtual art party for a night of fun! Finally, camp isn't the same without a campfire, so we are holding social distance campfires to open and close our week together.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is under way and we are having a blast! This week marks week four of "Crocodile Dock," where fearless kids shine God's light. Each week, almost 250 campers and 25 crew leaders tune in virtually to watch Bible, Snack, and Imagination Station (science). VBS will resume on July 22 for the last four weeks with "Sky."



American Girls Camp

American Girls Camp will run the entire week of July 13-17. Over 70 girls and eight crew leaders will virtually explore five different American Girl characters to help develop characteristics such as resourcefulness, courage, and standing up for what you believe in. Participants can pick up their materials on Friday and Sunday of this week.



Virtual Mission Trip To Honduras

Come along on a virtual mission trip to visit our partners in Honduras! Although international travel is restricted right now, our global mission partnerships continue. In October, we will join with our partners in Honduras for a virtual mission trip. Watch for more information and registration later this summer.

Middle School Meals from the Heart!

Wednesday, August 12

Due to the social distancing guidelines we were forced to cancel our annual "Serve Camp," but we still wanted to offer a way for students to come and serve their neighbors together! On August 12, we will gather—with all necessary precautions in place—to pack meals with *Meals from the Heart*, an organization similar to *Feed My Starving Children* in that they pack hearty, nutritious meals to help feed kids and family's. Their meals are distributed to local food shelves to be given to family's in need near us. Watch for more details to come!

Registrations Open for Education

Online registration is open for the 2020-21 Kids of the Kingdom (Preschool–5th grade), Middle School/Confirmation (6th–8th grade), and 9th Grade Confirmation. Classes begin in September. For specific grade level information visit our website at www.kingofkingswoodbury.org. We are monitoring the Covid-19 pandemic and are prepared to offer classes online if needed. We are also exploring other options. We want all of our children to be safe and healthy. If you would like to teach or volunteer, please contact the age appropriate coordinators for each grade level.

PreK-5th Grade: Paula Arland at paula.arland@kingofkingswoodbury.org

Middle School – 6th-8th Grade:

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9th Grade: Kelsey Battleson at kelsey.battleson@kingofkingswoodbury.org

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

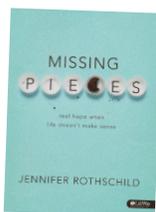
God's GALs: Missing Pieces

Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense

God's GALs invites you to join us this fall for a 7-week study called *Missing Pieces; Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense* by Jennifer Rothschild. This study seeks to answer the questions we all face at times:

God do you care? God are you fair? God are you there? God are you aware? God do you hear prayer? And God do you err? Because of all the uncertainties in our world today, the one thing we want to be certain of is God's love, presence, justice, sovereignty, grace and perfection. This study will provide a safe place to answer those questions and deepen our trust in a God who is faithful.

More information and the formal schedule will be available on July 15 when registrations open on the King of Kings website. Contact Sue with questions at sue.oberg@kingofkingswoodbury.org.



Sunday Forum

Beginning July 12 9:30 a.m.

We will begin a new series via Zoom entitled **40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith: Surprising Insights from Unexpected Passages** by Laurie Polich Short. Many of us have our "go to" verses. The ones we memorize, post on social media, and hang on our walls. But sometimes we need a fresh word or promise for the season we find ourselves in—something that ignites our faith in the face of fear, doubt, loneliness, insecurity, or overwhelming circumstances. To enhance this learning opportunity, consider purchasing the companion book, which consists of 40 devotionals that are based on verses we can easily miss when we read scripture. The Kindle download is free to Amazon Prime users. For questions, please contact Trudy Cowman at tlcowman@aol.com.

