
FALL WITH KING OF KINGS

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

— Deuteronomy 31:8

Plans for the fall at King of Kings look different. But take heart—the one thing that never changes is God’s promise to us! Our decisions have not been made out of fear, but out of compassion and love for our members and for the wider community. We want to continue our mission to feed physical and spiritual hunger, and the hunger we all have to be in community. In addition, we also want to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our congregation while serving you well. With these things at the forefront of our minds, we are developing new ways to fulfill our mission.

Worship

Thank you to all who volunteered to help make our in-person worship services safe, and to those of you who attended. It was such a joy to gather again. With the hesitation of most people to attend in-person services and the uncertainties of this fall, we understand that the online worship opportunity will remain a crucial part of how we move forward. We feel that pre-recording our worship allows for a larger impact and provides an experience that can reach hearts beyond our walls.

While we have chosen to pause weekly in-person worship, we will offer an in-person worship opportunity once a month for those who prefer to worship in church.

Holy Communion will be a part of each of our weekly worship services. We will continue to offer communion kits for pick up at the church office. Each kit contains a wafer and grape juice so that you can participate in this holy sacrament from home. If you are not able to make it to church to pick up a kit, please contact Sue at sue.oberg@kingofkingswoodbury.org.

The following worship plan will be in effect September 1 through the end of December:

Weekly Online Broadcast

“Traditional” Worship (Organ-led) – Sundays at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m.

“Contemporary” Worship (Band-led) – Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

These services will be available for viewing on Facebook and our website at these times, and throughout the week on our website.

Monthly In-Person Worship

This service will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have services on September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th. You can expect a devotional-type message, Holy Communion, prayer, and a time of music. Social distancing will be practiced and use of masks will be required. We will continue preparing our worship space with our existing cleaning protocols prior to these services so that you can come and worship knowing it will be clean and safe.

Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals

We will offer private baptism services for individual families on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month at a special time. We will offer wedding and funeral services as needed. Please contact Patty at patty.bishop@kingofkingswoodbury.org for additional information.

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

— Luke 1:37

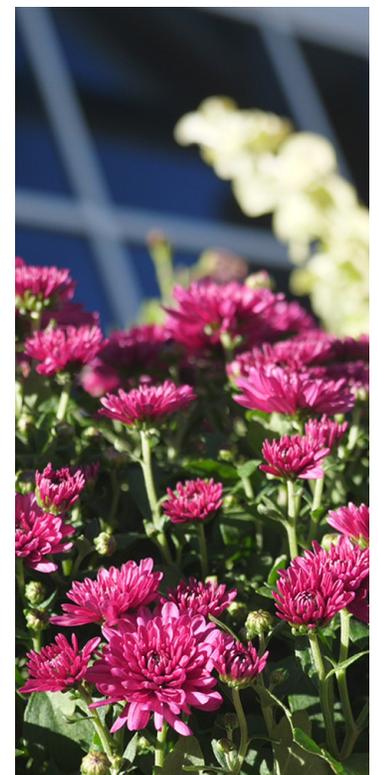
FINANCIAL UPDATE

YTD Actual	\$ 1,161,371
YTD Budget	\$ 1,175,162

Thank you so much for your continued financial support to King of King through these difficult times. Christ’s love shines through your heart of generosity, enabling us to live out our mission and be His hands and feet in the world.

COUNCIL UPDATE

During the August Church Council meeting, Tami Olson was unanimously appointed to fulfill the remainder of Jodi Iliff’s term as Church Council Secretary. The Church Council thanks Jodi for her amazing service and welcomes Tami in her leadership role serving King of Kings in September.



WORSHIP ARTS

A Note From Chris

As we continue to manage life in the midst of this pandemic, our need for worship has not changed. More than ever, we turn to a loving God for hope and comfort while we navigate through more valleys than mountains. Worship gives us an opportunity to give thanks for each new day, and to grow in our faith and trust in Him. While our need for worship hasn't changed, the way in which we can do it most certainly has! But fear not...the God of the valley is with us no matter what we face and no matter where or how we worship. Whether you choose to come to an in-person service or if you worship from your couch with our online services, we are committed to making worship a constant in whatever the coming days and weeks bring. We know that this God of the valley is also the God of the mountains. Find a way to see those mountaintop moments in your life! May your worship give thanks for those moments of blessing and provide comfort when your fears feel like that may overtake. We pray that our worship together, whether at church or at home, meets you where you are and prepares you to take on each new week with optimism and hope!

Notes Regarding Groups

All **traditional ensembles** (choirs, brass, handbells) and the Jesus Jammers are on hold, and we'll re-evaluate after December. We're always happy to take names of anyone interested in participating once we resume again. If interested, please email Chris at chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org.

The Worship Band leads our 4:30 and 10:45 services. We rehearse and record for online services on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

All concerts that were scheduled in October and November have been canceled with the intent to reschedule them to a later date. This includes the MN State Band, Encore Wind Ensemble, and Jerry Nelson in worship.

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and
your staff—they comfort me.*

— Psalm 23:4

MISSIONS

Come Along On A Virtual Mission Trip To Visit Our Partners In Honduras!

Pre-Trip Session: September 29

Virtual Mission Trip: October 6, 7 & 8

Post-Trip Reflection: October 13

7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom

We can't visit Honduras in-person, but that won't stop us from connecting with our partners and building relationships with our friends around the world. Come along on a 5-part Zoom Virtual Mission Trip, where we'll explore Global Mission experiences, connect with our partners in Honduras, and discover the ministries of Linaje Escogido Church.

If you've ever been interested to know more about Global Mission and our partners in Honduras, but traveling hasn't worked for you, this opportunity is a great way to experience missions, without the need for a passport or vaccinations!

If you have questions, email Global Mission Coordinator, Elizabeth Hendrickson, at elizabeth.hendrickson@kingofkingswoodbury.org.

Registration will open at the end of August.

Cost per screen: \$25 – includes 1 Mission & Devotion book + donation to our global partner (1 registration = 1 screen login. You may have multiple people per screen). Additional books available for \$5. Scholarships are available—email Elizabeth.



Thank You For the Backpacks!

The 193 backpacks that were delivered on August 12 to ISD 833 will be divided and distributed to 24 schools in the district. Dayna Pottratz, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, says, "Every year, staff from the schools ask when the backpacks will be arriving as they work to get those out to the families before the start of school. Even with a different start to school this year, students will still need supplies to help them complete homework assignments. The generosity of the King of Kings community is overwhelming every year and we can't thank you enough for everything you do to support students!"



Panera Deliveries

Amid closures and distancing, King of Kings volunteers who pick up unsold Panera bread once every week are continuing this mission. They arrive at the Woodbury Panera Café at closing time and load small or large "doughnations" into their cars to deliver the next morning to locations where they can best be used. Volunteers from church have participated for over ten years.

Since the baked products have no preservatives, they have a short shelf life. Through Panera's nationwide policy, all unsold items are packed up at the end of every day and made available to charitable organizations. If not picked up, everything is put into the garbage. King of Kings receives an annual statement of the retail value of the "doughnations," and the total is over \$20,000. "God's work; our hands" is going on here, too.



MOPS / MOMSnext

**First Thursday of each month
7:00-8:30 p.m. starting in October**

Each year, MOPS International releases a new theme for the year. This year, our theme is, fittingly, "Decide to rise." As we enter a new school year full of uncertainty and unknowns, we have the opportunity to come together as moms; to fellowship together (in a socially distant way!), learn together, and grow in our faith together. MOPS/MOMSnext at King of Kings is open to moms of young kids, from those expecting their first to those with school-aged children. We will be offering other opportunities, such as online bible studies and mom's night outs, as conditions allow. To register, join MOPS International at mops.org/join. Use code OVXX (first character is a zero). An additional \$13 payment will be collected at the first meeting to cover local dues for the year. We are excited to experience motherhood with you!

Small Groups

Adult small groups will be offered in person, online or a combination of both this fall. Registrations will clearly state your options. As many of our small groups establish their schedules and means of meeting, we will promote in the blast, on our website, and in upcoming newsletters! Be sure to watch your communications from church.

If you have questions about a group, please contact Sue Oberg at sue.oberg@kingofkingswoodbury.org.

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

— Hebrews 10:24-25

CHILDREN, STUDENT & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Kids of the Kingdom

As we look to fall and the start of Kids of the Kingdom, our children will have a different learning experience than they are accustomed to. What will stay the same is our dedication to providing the best faith learning experience for our kids.

Our decision to be remote learning with live Zoom meetings was two-fold. First, in order to be in compliance with CDC, MN State and King of Kings guidelines, the majority of our classroom spaces would have a current capacity of only 4 people in the room learning at a time. Our classes typically have 6–10 children and 1–4 teachers/assistants. Second, it is vital to get our children back into full-time learning at their schools. Our classes pull children from many schools thus increasing community contact.

Kids of the Kingdom will have remote classes that will use Zoom meetings for live age/grade level classes. Families will be able to choose each week to join either a Sunday morning Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m. or a Wednesday night Zoom meeting at 6:00 p.m. In addition, families will have the lesson schedule with Bible stories to read at home during the week and will continue to receive the weekly family pages to reinforce the lesson.

PreK-2nd grade will gather as a large group which will feature some of our favorite VBS music, story time with a guest reader reading the lesson, and a short activity to reinforce the weekly lesson.

Our 3rd and 4th graders will have grade level group sessions and will continue to use the Spark curriculum to explore the weekly Bible story in a discussion-led format. They will not use leaflets at this time.

I am really excited for our 5th grade classes as we make the switch to our new curriculum **Be Bold. Be Bold** gives our preteen learners the opportunity to explore faith questions and to connect with each other as they explore those questions together. Each week, they will meet and have a new faith question to explore what Scripture has to say, really dig into the topic in discussion and turn those questions into action.

Once we can have more people in our classrooms and schools have returned to in-person learning, we will offer both Zoom and in-person classes. Families will be able choose to continue learning through Zoom for health and safety concerns, or join us for in-person classes in the building as is our typical Kids of the Kingdom experience.

In order to make that transition smooth during the year, families are asked to register each child attending Kids of the Kingdom for the hour they will be participating in for in-person learning at King of Kings. We are still collecting fees as we will need to be prepared to return to our "regular" format with curriculum supplies. Once we are back in person, each child will be asked to bring commonly used supplies such as crayons, pencils, glue and scissors to avoid the use of community supplies.

Kids of the Kingdom Volunteers

Kids of the Kingdom will need volunteers for online Zoom classes in addition to in-person classes at the 4:30, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 and Wednesday night 4th/5th class at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers will be provided materials to teach from, weekly emails and additional support as needed. They would create a schedule with their teaching team for flexibility and with the understanding that it is about a 2-times

a month commitment. I am looking for a team of large group leaders to lead the PreK–2nd large group Zoom Breakout session. The team would determine who is leading which part and a schedule. This is ideal for college students and high school student leaders who may not be able to be physically in the building, but are interested in teaching. Please contact Paula Arland about how to volunteer.

FAITH MILESTONES

Faith Milestone Ministry is an integral part of our Kids of the Kingdom. Each age/grade level has a special faith concept that they will explore with their grown-up through workshops and worship experiences. Every live workshop, whether in-person or on Zoom, will be recorded for families that are not able to be present at the scheduled time.

PreK Faith Milestone: Welcome to Kids of the Kingdom

We are excited to welcome our newest and youngest learners to Kids of the Kingdom. PreK children will receive a special video the week of September 14 welcoming them and sharing important information for families to help everyone transition to a “classroom” experience. All new preschoolers will also receive a Spark Story Bible. Once we can meet in-person, we will you come in to the building and try out a class with grown-ups. Their first Zoom live class will be Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.

2nd Grade Faith Milestone: Kids and Money

On demand information and materials will be available starting September 27.

3rd Grade: Bible Blessings and Workshop

Sunday, October 4

First Workshop Session 1:00 p.m.

Second Workshop Session 3:00 p.m.

On Demand Workshop Option

Third graders will receive their Spark Bible that they will use for the Kids of the Kingdom classes, Confirmation classes and special Faith Milestones. During the workshop, third graders and a grown-up will learn how to use their new Bible and receive a special blessing which will be recorded for worship. All third grade families are expected to register for one of the workshop options. A registration link will be sent out in a separate email.

Middle School Confirmation

Two things that we really try to focus on in confirmation are relationships and community, and these two really play a large part in how and why we do what we do. Because of the current guidelines and health safety practices that are in place, we have had to change the way we would prefer to do things. Please understand that the current situation is VERY fluid and we will make changes as needed.

6th Grade

Because our 6th graders are just entering into the program and they are beginning new small groups, with new people and faces, it is important that we work to spend some time establishing some community and relationships. Our 6th grade students will begin programming meeting together in person, in the building. Students will gather in large group and move into a small group using all of our large spaces to allow for social distancing. If you or your student does not feel comfortable with meeting in person, email Michael at michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org to arrange an alternative option.

7th & 8th Grade

Our 7th and 8th grade programming is going to get started with learning at home! While it is not my favorite way to do ministry, we will at least be able to gather—even if it is on a computer screen! We will continue to meet on Zoom or other video platforms. The hope is to eventually begin to add in a monthly programming event meant for our 7th/8th graders so that we can continue to build our community and developing our relationships.

Again, these choices and decisions are for now—we will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as we need to in order to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

9th Grade Confirmation

9th grade groups will meet virtually this fall for at-home learning. Each group’s leader will work with Kelsey to arrange for a couple of opportunities to meet safely in-person with social distancing, if desired. Registration is open on our website.

In lieu of a large in-person welcome gathering, a video orientation to the program will be sent to families in September to watch on demand, along with full details of what to expect this fall. Please contact Kelsey Battleson if you have any questions or concerns!

10th-12th Grade Connection Group

Tuesdays beginning October 13, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Get together with other high school students interested in deeper conversations to connect scripture to what’s happening in your lives. Registered participants will decide as a group whether to gather in-person or online, and at our first meeting the group will pick a book of the bible to start the year off with! This is a low-key opportunity to get to know your peers and grow your faith in high school and beyond.

Questions? Contact Kelsey at

kelsey.battleson@kingofkingswoodbury.org for more details.

NEW! High School Hangouts

Sundays beginning September 20

10:45 a.m. (Optional) Watch Worship Together

11:45 a.m. Hangout for Conversation and Activities

Dig in to your faith this fall as we take the message, music, and homework from worship each weekend and help connect it to daily life through conversation, application, and activities. Feel free to bring a friend, jump in and join us to get to know other high school students, and even watch worship together beforehand if you’d like! Join us each week at: meet.google.com/wuz-cjfy-qli

This is a drop-in group (no pre-registration required) that will meet at-home this fall via video chat. We will re-evaluate whether to return to in-person gatherings in mid-December (or before if worship returns to in-person) and notify families of any changes for the remainder of the year.