



# THE KING'S MESSENGER

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH • WOODBURY, MN • WINTER 2021-22 • NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY





*In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.*

— Ephesians 2.21-22

## From the Desk of Pastor Jon

So confession time: I still enjoy playing with Lego's.

While the new Lego sets are pretty cool and you can create some unbelievably elaborate stuff, I still appreciate the original square and rectangular blocks of my childhood. Often times as I'm sitting in the basement watching a movie, I'll find myself taking out my old Lego sets and just start building.

While I'm not at the level of the Lego Masters that you may have seen competing against other teams for ultimate bragging rights, I simply enjoy the creativity of it all. In fact, my favorite things to create are hideouts—decked out with trap doors, fake walls and secret entrances.

Yet each of the structures start in a similar way.

I begin by forming a firm foundation; similar to the pattern of a brick wall as each brick is interlocked with the next. Without that firm foundation the structure can easily collapse.

Psalms 127:1 provides a wonderful guide and reminder,

*“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”*

Over these past few months, the Executive Team along with Church Council, have been hard at work seeking to build a firm foundation that will best support the ministries of King of Kings. By leveraging the recommendations highlighted by our congregational consultant, our goal is to provide additional breathing room and support for staff and establish a framework that will better position us to respond to the current and future

ministry needs of the congregation. Throughout this process we have sought God's spirit and direction. Yet Psalm 127:1 not only applies to the church but all aspects of life.

Maybe there have been things that have gotten a little bit off kilter in terms of our relationships, our work or in our home or faith life. Maybe we haven't been as intentional about establishing or relying on that firm foundation that God provides as our priorities have shifted due to the demands, challenges, changes and interests of life. What would it mean for us to fix our eyes once again on Christ and to seek God's heart and will in all things?

In this installment of the Kings messenger you'll find ways to do just that; to build on that firm foundation. Ask God to direct and lead you; to open your eyes to those things He wants for you and listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 32:8 shares this reminder,

*“I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”*

As congregational leadership, we believe that God has and will continue to bless the work of this family of faith. We pray for continued guidance and wisdom as we seek to develop strategies that speak to the challenges, changes and opportunities that await us. We pray for discernment as we seek to establish a strong foundation upon which to build and we pray that we would listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as we carry out the work of God's Kingdom.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jon

MISSION

**Centered on God, our mission is to feed physical hunger, spiritual hunger and our hunger to be in community.**





## From the Desk of Pastor Scott

This time of year is so full of key moments: the change of seasons along with the big upcoming trifold holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a New Year's Celebration. Are we ready for this!?! In the midst of these approaching special days, I'm so glad to be serving here as associate interim pastor at King of Kings. It's a great place to be!!

**What's it been like since I've arrived?** I've experienced such a warm welcome from the members of this church. It's amazing!! People are so glad that I'm here to "chip in" and to support the leaders (especially coming alongside Pastor Jon to serve with him). I've also been learning a ton about life at King of Kings. It's perfect that at the time of me writing this article we're working our way through our sermon series where we focus on our 40th anniversary of "being church"!

One of the ways I'm getting to know folks is through the congregational care calls we make as a staff (along with volunteers) to reach out and connect with members and friends of the church. It's so great to be able to pray with people and to hear their stories over the phone or when visiting in their home. Lots of emails along with some cards and letters are also being leveraged to make connections with people. Praise God!

**What have I been up to?** Aside from getting to know people, the history of this church, and ministering to others through these connection points, I've thoroughly enjoyed preaching and leading worship. In this regard, we're really learning how to both celebrate our in-person community of worshipers as well as to virtually "embrace" our on-line community. We've seen God

really stretch us (technologically) and expand our reach. What a joy it is to connect with people from all over the place as we share our worship services in this virtual way!!

As a staff, we're studying a resource called *The Art of Better Reaching*. We're learning a ton about how to adapt and adjust our mindset and our methods of ministry. What a joy it is to learn as a team. I'm thrilled to get to lead these conversations with our excellent staff members. In addition to working on team-building and celebrating our work together, I'm spending specific time in supervisory relationships with Sue, Michael, Paula, and Andrea. (We're sad to see Sue leave us!) It's been really an honor to work with them and to have these conversations with them about how to enhance their ministry and to keep our focus on the mission and vision of the church.

**What does the future hold for us?** Some people wonder how long I'll serve on staff. The main answer we give is "I'm here for the foreseeable future." That means I'm not staying permanently, yet we don't know how long the call process to get an associate pastor will take.

It's been so helpful to be part of conversations with key leaders on the church council about what kind of staff structure (organizational chart) will be most helpful to help accomplish this congregation's purpose. I know that those discussions will be crucial as we enter into a call process for a new associate pastor. We'll just trust the Spirit on the timing—and enjoy the ride!!

In Christ,  
Pastor Scott



## Advent Devotionals!

Advent is a great time to prepare your heart and mind for the birth of Jesus. Jesus' coming stirs up all sort of emotions, just as the anticipation of Christmas can stir up all kinds of emotions in us. Although we like to talk about joy, peace and love, we also can have fear, anxiety and grief. Each week of the Advent season, our daily devotional will explore those different feelings. It will be available on November 21 in the Narthex and online. We pray it will help you grow in faith during this wonderful and yet busy time of year.

## NOVEMBER 29

Service of Lessons  
and Carols

Join us on Monday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. as we begin the Advent season with a service of lessons and carols. Sing your favorite Christmas hymns and enjoy musical offerings from our talented musicians as we listen to Scripture that prepares our hearts for the celebration of the arrival of our newborn King at Christmas.

## NOV / DEC

Christmas Memorial/  
Honorarium Gifts

Every year at Christmas we offer an opportunity to honor a friend or family member, or give a gift in memory of a loved one. These special people are then recognized on a designated page on our website. You may donate through Pushpay on our app or website, or use the blue envelopes at church to make a donation to support the ministries of King of Kings. You can drop the envelope off at church, or mail your donation. Please return by Thursday, December 23.

## DECEMBER 24



COME LET US  
*Adore Him*

**This Christmas, our worship theme is  
“Come Let Us Adore Him.”**

**This commonly sung phrase reminds us that  
we can let go of the things that hold us down,  
and instead find life in the warmth and  
love of the Light of the World.**

**Christmas Eve Worship Services  
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 p.m.**

Our 1:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. services feature Christmas hymns led by organ and highlight a variety of music by our ensembles and talented musicians.

Our 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. services include your favorite Christmas songs led by our worship band and are filled with a variety of music.

*We look forward to sharing an inspirational  
and hope-filled message with you!*

## DECEMBER 29

American Red Cross  
Blood Drive

King of Kings will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, December 29 from 1:00–6:00 p.m. 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!

**To volunteer:** contact Susan Klosterman-Finke at [meditrete@gmail.com](mailto:meditrete@gmail.com)

**To donate blood:** register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search by zip code, or call 1-800-733-2767.



**American  
Red Cross**



JANUARY 9

## Summer Program Kick-Off Weekend

Learn about the amazing ways that our children and students can grow in their faith throughout the summer of 2022.

### VBS

June 20–24, 2022

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m.–Noon

Afternoon Session: 1:00–4:00 p.m.

### American Girls Camp

July 11–15, 2022

9:00 a.m.–Noon

### Camp Wapo Registration Opens on January 15

King of Kings is partnering with Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (Wapo, Ox Lake and Wilderness Canoe Base) for a sleep-away camp experience that includes Seeds Weekend and 4th–8th grade Youth Camp at Wapo.

#### Seeds Weekend

Friday, July 22–Sunday, July 24, 2022

Completed 1st–3rd Grade

#### Youth Camp

Sunday, July 24–Friday, July 29, 2022

Completed 4th–8th Grade

#### Ox Roots Camp

Sunday, July 2–Friday, July 29, 2022

Completed 7th–12th grade

### Registration Information

VBS and American Girls registration for King of Kings, Kids of the Kingdom and RSG families will open at Noon on Monday, January 24. Registration will open for the community on Monday, January 31.

Registration for any Camp Wapo camp (Seeds, Youth Camp at Wapo and at Ox Lake) will open January 15. All Camp Wapo registration is through Camp Wapo's online registration system at [www.campwapo.org](http://www.campwapo.org). King of Kings has a **limited** number of spots reserved for our King of Kings students. We usually fill all of our slots. Families are encouraged to limit friend invitations to just one friend.

## Financial Update

As we head into this last quarter of 2021, the financial report of King of Kings through the third quarter remains healthy.

Our budgeted goal through September was \$1,389,004 and our actual revenue is \$1,404,452.

If we hope to meet our 2021 annual goal of \$1,960,000, we need to bring in a remaining \$555,548 by the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued generous financial support and all that has been accomplished for God's continued glory through King of Kings—even during this continued struggle with the COVID virus.

Please give us a call if you need to know your pledge balance. We trust in God's faithfulness always.



## Spirit of Giving

Together with our mission partners, we've identified needs within our community to ensure that everyone can have a merry and meaningful Christmas. In November, we'll be collecting clothing items for Community Thread and baking supplies for Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf. ***From November 7 to 21, you can bring your donation to the church to share with our mission partners this holiday season.*** See below for details. Your gifts make the difference for thousands of families during the holidays!



### *Holiday Hope at Community Thread*

Community Thread has been supporting low-income families, older adults and

adults with disabilities for nearly 50 years. During the holiday season, they collect donations of clothing, gifts, and gift cards to share with their clients.

In 2020, *Holiday Hope* supported more than 700 households, including 2,369 individuals, 1,470 children, and 188 seniors and adults with disabilities. 62% of participants were new to the program in 2020, and most people are located right here in our communities—Woodbury, Oakdale, Landfall, and more.

See the list below for items to donate (please donate NEW items only). Together we can ensure that everyone has warm clothes and a gift under the tree this Christmas!

#### **Clothing Needs (Adults & Children—all sizes youth & XS-2X)**

*\*Please provide gift receipts for clothing*

winter coats	winter slippers	sweatpants
snow pants	heavy socks	leggings
winter boots	robes	shirts
hats/scarves	hoodie	fleece pajama
mitten/gloves	sweatshirts	bottoms

#### **Gift Cards \*\$25 Increments**

Aldi	Holiday Stations	Target
Amazon	KwikTrip	Walmart
Cub Foods	Speedway	Five Below

#### **Gifts for Kids \*No stuffed animals please**

games	science kits	headphones or
Legos	books	ear buds
crafts	sports equipment	



### **Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf**

Holiday baking is a meaningful tradition to all of us. Share the gift of

baking supplies to help families make special treats for their holiday celebrations. We will be collecting the following items:

- Flour – 5 lb bag, white, all-purpose
- White Sugar – 4 lb bag, granulated
- Brown Sugar – 2 lb bag
- Cooking Oil – any liquid variety, standard sizes
- Vanilla Extract – any brand, any size

*Financial offerings will be used to purchase spice packs.*



## Loaves and Fishes

Third Wednesday Every Month

Food prep 3:30 p.m./Serve 5:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, 490 Hall Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55107

*PLEASE NOTE: The Loaves and Fishes team has adapted well to changes that were made in 2020 to keep the guests safe, but due to covid, we have had to limit our volunteers to a core team.*

***We will announce when we can once again open this volunteer opportunity up to everyone.***

Loaves and Fishes is a Minnesota based nonprofit that King of Kings has partnered with for many years. Their mission is to serve free, healthy meals at locations where the need is the greatest. The organization is guided by their vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural, or ethnic background deserve to have their basic needs for food met. Once a month, King of Kings' members volunteer with Loaves and Fishes at St. Matthew's Church in the West St. Paul neighborhood to assist in making and serving a meal. If you have questions, please contact Jonathan Jordan at [jpjordan@cbburnet.com](mailto:jpjordan@cbburnet.com).

*Our team served over 150 meals each month this summer—we had great weather for serving outdoors. Loaves and Fishes is working to provide indoor serving and seating again in the next few months, but of course, it is dependent on the health and safety for the guests and volunteers. The sloppy joes with fresh carrots, broccoli and watermelon are a big hit with the guests. In September, we did a breakfast meal for supper, and will try it again in October. It was fun and the guests seemed to liked it.*

## Quilters

First & Third Wednesday of Every Month, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

West Adult Ed

A very talented group of women from the congregation meet twice a month to work together to create beautiful and useful quilts which are subsequently donated to our global mission partners in Honduras and Tanzania, as well as to Lutheran World Relief and Life Haven. Anyone who has some sewing experience and would like to learn the art of quilting as well as participate in service work, is invited to join the group. If you have questions, please contact Judy Carlson at [isucarlson@msn.com](mailto:isucarlson@msn.com).

## EVENTS

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

December 29

See page 4 for full details.



## Volunteer Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Volunteers over age 18 from King of Kings register and train to assist the Woodbury Public Safety Department with emergency response. This could include evacuations, shelter operations, sandbagging, debris cleanup, missing persons, and other local emergencies. If you have questions, please contact Chris Gandhi at [christinagandhi@gmail.com](mailto:christinagandhi@gmail.com).





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## *Access all of our media from one place!*



Our King of Kings app is available to download! The App is the best way to stay connected to the church outside of Sunday! To download our app, choose one of the following:

- go to the Apple App store or Google Play store and search for *King of Kings Woodbury*, or
- text *KingOfKingsApp* to 833-245-6561

You will have the option to set up your profile immediately, or you can choose to bypass those first steps. If you have questions, please email Jane at [jane.halbert@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:jane.halbert@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

*Connection and Community at your fingertips!*

## WORSHIP ARTS

EVENTS

**Lessons & Carols November 29**  
**Christmas Eve Services December 24**

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### Music at King of Kings

Music plays an integral role in all the worship services at King of Kings. We offer a variety of music to fit the worship style of anyone who walks through our doors. Hundreds of volunteers bring our music ministry to life each week. Read about each of our music groups and learn how you can get involved.

### Jesus Jammers *1st Grade & up*

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

Jesus Jammers bring Jesus into the lives of everyone through music, dance, and joyful spirit. We prepare music to share in worship about once a month. If you have questions, please contact Aimee Pettey at [jesusjammers@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:jesusjammers@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

### The JuBELLation Handbell Choir

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 6:00–6:50 p.m.**

The JuBELLation Ringers are our hand bell choir that rings up to 3-octaves of bells. This group participates in worship about once a month and plays a variety of music arrangements. We have room for more ringers with plenty of bells to share! No experience is required, just a joy for music in worship! If you have questions, please contact Jim Lindstrom at [jim.lindstrom@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:jim.lindstrom@kingofkingswoodbury.org).



## Choral Ministry

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**

Open to singers ages high school and up, our choral ensembles perform special music during traditional worship on Sunday mornings, and may also present special music for special services including Christmas and Easter. Those interested in singing in an ensemble should join practice on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jim Lindstrom at [jim.lindstrom@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:jim.lindstrom@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

## Worship Band

**Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

We offer contemporary worship services on Sunday mornings. Our dedicated worship team leads in music and praise. Instrumentalists and vocalists are required to audition for positions on the team. If you are interested or have questions, contact Chris Vorrie at [chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

## The King's Heralds Brass Ensemble

**Rehearsals: Sundays, Noon–1:00 p.m.**

Our brass ensemble is made up of brass musicians from our congregation that play quartet and quintet arrangements of a variety of styles, and will lead congregational hymns with the organ at our traditional services. New musicians are always welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jim Lindstrom at [jim.lindstrom@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:jim.lindstrom@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

## Welcome Ministry

Ushers serve an important role in church by providing an additional point-of-contact and smile as people enter our worship space. They also help to collect our weekly offering, and make worship a great experience for our worshipers by aiding in locating available seating and guidance to our communion stations. If you have questions, please contact Chris Vorrie at [chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

- Ushers and Greeters are needed to welcome everyone that comes to worship.
- As we return to in-person worship, these volunteer positions are vital in ensuring that everyone feels welcome and part of a community as they worship with us.



## Production & Technical Arts

This team provides technical support during worship services including audio, video, lighting, and our livestream. We are interested in more volunteers—no experience necessary! Training is provided. If you have questions, please contact Chris Vorrie at [chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

### Audio Opportunities

- Managing audio for weekend services
- Managing sound for online broadcasts of our in-person services
- Mixing worship music by our worship teams and musicians

### Video Opportunities

- Managing video and graphic elements for worship that are projected on our screens including lyrics, liturgy, and graphics.

### Livestream Camera Opportunities

- Managing our cameras to broadcast our worship services to those that are joining us online for worship.

## Readers & Communion Assistants

These volunteers assist the pastors to ensure that every worship service moves smoothly and efficiently. If you have questions, contact Chris Vorrie at [chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:chris.vorrie@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

- Readers – Deliver weekly scripture and other relevant readings from the pulpit during all services. In doing this they give the Word a new voice to compliment the pastor's sermon.
- Communion Assistants – Aid in the distribution of communion during worship services. Working in pairs, communion assistants offer bread wafers and wine with a blessing to worshipers.



**Ready, Set, Grow Preschool has been King of King's Preschool for 38 years and it is still going strong! Children ages 3–5 are taught by qualified, experienced, loving teachers.**



At Ready Set Grow Preschool, we believe that learning and exploration in a safe, caring environment is essential to early learning and development. Research in child development indicates that children learn as they play and

interact with other children, adults and their environment; an active learning process. Our Christian curriculum provides opportunities for children to play, learn and explore through a variety of well thought out experiences in language, literacy, math, science, music, dramatic play and physical movement. We encourage children to process thoughts and make choices and help facilitate problem solving skills in a safe, positive and intentional environment. Each day, we promote independence, healthy self esteem and emotional/social development.

We promise to:

- Support parents in efforts of raising children
- Promote social, intellectual, emotional & spiritual development
- Provide a Christian environment for children to learn, explore, imagine and acquire the essential skills to be life-long learners

If you are interested in enrolling or would like more information, please contact Andrea Villanueva at 651-738-9346 or email her at [andrea.villanueva@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:andrea.villanueva@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

## Virtual Tour

Go to [www.kingofkingswoodbury.org/rsg-2/](http://www.kingofkingswoodbury.org/rsg-2/) to see a virtual tour of our preschool!

## Registration for Fall 2022

Ready Set Grow Preschool will start registration for Fall in January. Please check our website at that time for full details.



## Faith Rocks!

Faith Rocks! is a unique way to encourage our 1st–5th graders to learn key Bible verses based on their weekly Spark lesson. Children receive a special rock that has been painted by Annette Sherrill with Old and New Testament stories taken from pictures in the Spark Story Bible or a Christian faith symbol. While they are encouraged to trade in 3 faith rocks for a special prize, most of our children hold on to these special rocks. A few parents have dropped off their student's faith rocks after they have left home for college!

The goal is to help kids know Bible stories and help them become more familiar with their Bible. The 1st and 2nd graders learn just the verse while our 3rd–5th graders learn the verse and the Bible reference. Classes work on the selected monthly verse while children can learn their weekly key verse for extra Faith Rocks! rocks.



## Middle School Game Night

**November 12, 6:30–9:00 p.m.**

Come hang out and let's play some of your most favorite games....even Roman's and Christians!! Watch for more details to come via email, our website and app. Email Michael at [michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org) with questions.



## Middle School Movie Night!

**December 3, 6:30–9:00 p.m.**

Join us as we watch THE BEST CHRISTMAS MOVIE EVER! Come hang out with your friends as we continue preparing to celebrate Christmas! Watch for more details to come via email, our website and app. Email Michael at [michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org) with questions.

EVENTS

## Summer Program Kick Off Weekend

*January 9, 2022*

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## 3rd/4th Grade Beach Bash

**January 14, 6:30–8:15 p.m.**

It's time to blast the heat and get out of the cold at the 3rd/4th grade Beach Bash. Children will have a chance to shed their winter gear for beach wear as they play games, make a cool craft, enjoy a refreshing snack and learn about Camp Wapo. A special prize is given to the best beach costume.



## Middle School Movie Night—Take 2

**January 21, 2022, 6:30–9:00 p.m.**

Come hang out with your friends as we watch great movies and play games! Watch for more details to come via email, our website and app. Email Michael at [michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org) with questions.



## FAITH MILESTONES

### Faith Milestone Ministry

Children's Ministry celebrates their partnership with families through Faith Milestone Ministry. Through age-specific workshops, Faith Milestone Ministry helps parents carry out the promises they made at their child's baptism and gives them tools to incorporate faith in their daily life. Faith Milestone Ministry teaches important faith concepts through child/parent workshops, worship experiences and classroom lessons. Families should watch their email for important Faith Milestone information. For additional information, contact Paula Arland at [paula.arland@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:paula.arland@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

### 5th Grade Faith Milestone: The Ten Commandments

**November 7, 2021**

**9:30 a.m. Parent & Student Workshop in Multi-Purpose Room**

**10:45 a.m. Worship**

Fifth Grade students and parents explore The 10 Commandments and how God's rules can apply to our lives.

### 1st Grade Faith Milestone: Lord's Prayer

**January 30, 2022**

**9:30 a.m. Parent & Student Workshop in Multi-Purpose Room**

**10:45 a.m. Worship**

Children will discover the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer and grow in their own comfort of praying.

### 4th Grade and Older Faith Milestone: First Communion

**January** – First Communion information sent to families

**February 27** – Communion Observation during Kids of the Kingdom classes

**March 20 or 27** – First Communion Workshop from 1:00–4:00 p.m. (only need to attend one)

**April 14** – First Communion during Maundy Thursday Worship

# Rejuvenate

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### Rejuvenate!

**Wednesdays, 8:00–9:00 p.m. Youth Room**

*Rejuvenate* is our High School Youth group opportunity for any and all current 9th–12th graders. This is an opportunity for students to gather, to laugh, and to grow in their faith through conversation, laughter and fun together. There will be games, snacks and lots of fun! We want YOU to come check it out as your able!

### High School Christmas Party

**December 15, 8:00 p.m. Youth Room**

Grab your favorite white elephant gift, throw on your favorite ugly sweater and come hang out as we celebrate the most magical time of the year—CHRISTMAS!! There's gonna be cocoa, candy-canes, lots of laughs and maybe even a fruit cake!

# HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

### High School Small Groups

**Sundays, 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Youth Room**

There is still space to get connected with a high school small group! This is a chance to connect with your peers, dive into those questions and wonderings you have always had in a fun, laid back space. If you have questions, please email Michael at [michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:michael.carmack@kingofkingswoodbury.org) for more details.



## RightNow Media is our gift to YOU!

Did you know that our church has access to an extensive video library called **RightNow Media**? It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies and Conferences" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. There's everything from Veggie Tales for the kids to videos for teens, adults, couples and parents.

This is OUR gift to you! There are no scams or schemes—we just want to invest in you and your faith by giving you a large quantity of good quality learning tools for you and your family!

## How do I get this amazing resource?

Simply text the keyword **KOKLC** to **49775** and you will instantly get registered to our RightNow Media account. You can also scan this QR code!



## Man Up

Man Up Men's Ministry's vision is to challenge men to be bold and intentional leaders in their home, work and community to create a Godly legacy. This is accomplished by encouraging men to connect with other men of King of Kings and the community through fellowship, discipleship and service. The Man Up 2021-2022 study season is meeting in-person with a remote option.

The meetings are from 8:30–10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month, September–May, and are centered on fellowship and Bible study. (Fellowship begins at 8:30 a.m. and Bible study is from 9:00–10:30 a.m.)

At least twice a year we will connect to the community through service projects. No registration or cost required. If you have questions, please contact [man\\_up@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:man_up@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

**Saturday, November 13: Session 3—It's Personal**

**Saturday, December 11: Session 4—That Person**

**Saturday, January 8: Session 5—Pre-Decide**

## Daytime Book Club

The Daytime Book Club brings readers of all ages together to discuss books from a Christian viewpoint and grow in faith. The group meets once every two months to join in fellowship and explore books chosen by the group. One member guides each discussion in the book's relevance to Christian faith life. We meet on the first Monday of odd months during "the school year," with occasional adjustments for holidays. Join us at King of Kings Room 301 from 9:00 a.m.–Noon. Contact Peggy Sorensen at [sorensens@comcast.net](mailto:sorensens@comcast.net) to be added to our email list.

**This year's selections are:**

**November 1: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek***  
by Kim Michele Richardson

**January 10: *The Dutch House***  
by Ann Patchett



## Sunday Forum

Sunday Forum meets in person at 8:30 a.m. in the West Conference Room from September through May, with a virtual option available. Look for the Zoom link in the Wednesday Blast. The forum involves viewing a video presentation, followed by the opportunity to discuss the topic. The goal of the forum is to create an awareness of issues in the world today. Come and be challenged to apply Bible teachings to real life situations. Registration is not required; attend whenever the topic is of interest to you, and when your schedule allows. If you have questions, please contact Trudy Cowman at [tlcowman@aol.com](mailto:tlcowman@aol.com).

**Upcoming topics include:**

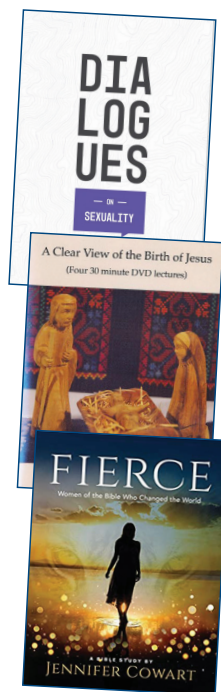
***Dialogue on Sexuality.*** Sexuality is a challenging topic for the Church. The goal of the documentary style presentations is to hear and respect all sides of the issues. Learn more about patriarchy and the Church; and for transgender people, move beyond the bathroom issues to the lives of real people.

***A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus*** by Kenneth Bailey. Dr Bailey lived and taught about the Bible in the Middle East for 40 years. From his knowledge of Middle Eastern culture, Bailey provides insight into the Nativity story. The Christmas story is not as simple as our Christmas pageants imply.

***Women of the Bible Who Changed the World*** by Jennifer Cowart. Learn about lesser known women of the Bible who lived out God's calling.

## King's Daughters

King's Daughters is a monthly Bible study for women of all ages. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at church. The current Bible study is ***The Gift of the Spirit: A Divine Wild Goose Chase*** from the Gather Magazine, an ELCA publication. We will begin a new study in January, so watch the Midweek Blast for further details. If you have questions, contact Trudy Cowman at [tlcowman@aol.com](mailto:tlcowman@aol.com).





## MOPS and MOMSnext

Are you looking for connection with other moms? Join MOPS and MOMSnext at King of Kings! Our group is a chapter of MOPS international, ministering to moms of children ages newborn through elementary school. This year the theme is "All for Love." We will explore putting fear aside to walking in power, loving your neighbors and leaving a legacy of love.

MOPS/MOMSnext meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a new session beginning in January. Please see the schedule on our website for more details.

Cost is \$30 per semester and \$32 yearly for MOPS International. To register:

**Step 1:** Register for MOPS International (\$32+)

- Please pay for your MOPS International fees by visiting <https://www.mops.org/join/> and entering the code K8UK. This allows you to be linked with our group.

**Step 2:** Register with King of Kings Woodbury (\$30 per semester)

- Download the King of Kings Woodbury app or go to <https://pushpay.com/g/kingofkingslutheranchurch>
- Type into the amount location: \$30.00
- Under Gift type select: Give one time
- Under fund hit the drop down bar and scroll to MOPS Registration Fee, \$30
- Enter your card information or your bank information and proceed as per usual.

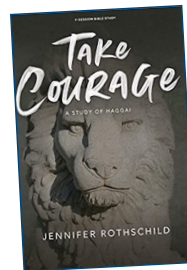
Please contact Kellie Hudson at [mops@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:mops@kingofkingswoodbury.org) with questions. We are excited to experience motherhood with you!



God's Amazing Love Shared

## Gods GALS

God's GALS is a ministry for adult women of all ages who are looking for in-depth bible study, fellowship, service and fun. God's GALS meets every other Wednesday, Friday or Saturday mornings.



## Take Courage: A Study of Haggai

God's GALS invite you to join them in a seven-week study called **Take Courage: A Study of Haggai** by Jennifer Rothschild. The book of Haggai is short but packed with truths that will help us see God's faithfulness and steadfast love in every aspect of life but

especially when we get distracted and feel discouraged. God's presence with the Israelites when they returned from exile will speak into our lives today and help us learn more about who God is and how He calls us to take courage.

The study is offered every other week:

**Wednesdays 9:30–11:30 a.m. starting January 19**

**Fridays 9:30–11:30 a.m. starting January 28**

**Saturdays 8:30–10:30 a.m. starting January 29**

Cost of the study is \$10 to King of Kings; please purchase your own book from Amazon or Christianbook.com. Register on the King of Kings website by January 10.

### Contacts:

**Wednesday Study** – Annette Sherrill at [godsgals@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:godsgals@kingofkingswoodbury.org)

**Friday Study** – Leigh Rekow at [leighrdh2000@yahoo.com](mailto:leighrdh2000@yahoo.com)

**Saturday Study** – Kathy Becher at [becherk@comcast.net](mailto:becherk@comcast.net)



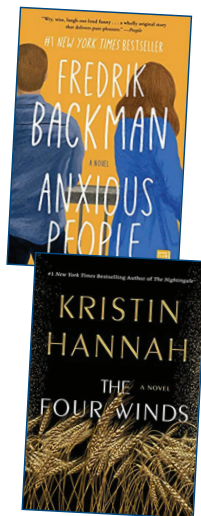
## PM Book Club

The PM book club meets on the second Monday of the even numbered months at 7:00 p.m. New participants are always welcome to join the group and the book discussion. If you have questions, please contact Bev Boyer at [boyer066@gmail.com](mailto:boyer066@gmail.com).

Books on the schedule are:

**December 13, 2021: *Anxious People***  
by Fredrick Backman with Sandra Bruckner leading the discussion.

**February 7, 2022 (note change of date):  
*The Four Winds*** by Kristin Hannah with  
Bev Nelson leading the discussion.



## Retired Men's Group

The Retired Men's Group meets in the Holy Grounds Café at King of Kings the second Tuesday of each month beginning with continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Speakers for the months of November, December and January are Pastor Jon Larson, Pastor Scott Jakel and Elizabeth Hendrickson on Missions. All retired men of King of Kings are invited to these meetings.

To raise money for mission projects the Retired Men carry out groceries at Kowalski's before holidays. Volunteers are needed for this project. If you have questions, please contact Keith Weber at [keithpweber@gmail.com](mailto:keithpweber@gmail.com), Michael Engh at [enghfamily@comcast.net](mailto:enghfamily@comcast.net), or Galen Britz at [gnkbritz@comcast.net](mailto:gnkbritz@comcast.net).

## King's Sisters

The King's Sisters, retired and semi-retired women, get together on the second Thursday of most months for the purpose of fellowship, education and service. We meet for lunch and a program, either at the church or at various community locations. Further details will be provided in the Midweek Blast. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Kosek at [rlk\\_43@yahoo.com](mailto:rlk_43@yahoo.com), Robbie Hatalla at [rotalla78@gmail.com](mailto:rotalla78@gmail.com), Jan Olson at [jkolson@comcast.net](mailto:jkolson@comcast.net), or Susan Mason at [susandianemason@msn.com](mailto:susandianemason@msn.com).

## Toastmasters Club

Toastmasters is an international organization that is dedicated to improving communication and leadership skills. King of Kings has year-round Toastmasters groups for youth and adults! Whether you want to brush up on your public speaking and leadership skills, practice impromptu speaking for an interview or dinner conversation, or join a small group for networking and fellowship opportunities, come and check us out! You may visit as many times as you like and are only required to join when you're ready! If you have questions, please contact Laura Griffith at [tmlg@live.com](mailto:tmlg@live.com).



## The King's Youth Speakers | Gaveliers

The King's Youth Speakers is for anyone under 18 years, middle school and high school preferred. They will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month (except holidays) via Zoom, from 6:00–6:45 p.m. There will not be a meeting on November 25.

**December 9:** Christmas Party

## The King's Speakers | Toastmasters

Toastmasters is for anyone over 18 years. The King's Speakers will continue to meet weekly on Thursdays (except holidays) in person and via Zoom, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. There will not be a meeting on November 25 or December 30.

Winter months mean more events for The King's Speakers! We will be celebrating the holidays, winter, food, and anything else we can think of!

**November 18:** "Easy as Pie"

**December 16:** Christmas Party

**December 23:** All Table Topics

**January 6:** Surprise!

**January 27:** Toastmasters Games



## Visitation Ministry

This trained group of volunteers bring community and spiritual care to those in our congregation who are homebound or who cannot get out easily. If you would like to be involved in this ministry or if you know someone who

might benefit from this ministry, please contact Pastor Scott Jakel at [scott.jakel@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:scott.jakel@kingofkingswoodbury.org) or call the office at 651-738-3110.



## BeFriender Ministry

This highly trained group of volunteers provide a confidential, nonjudgmental listening presence to those who are going through various transitions in life. Things like grief, illness, divorce, job loss, financial difficulties or anything where extra support would be helpful. It can be so useful to have

an outlet that is not a direct family member or friend to talk to during difficult times. The BeFriender Ministers are compassionate, caring individuals who want to walk with people through whatever is going on in your life. If you or someone you know would benefit from a BeFriender, please contact Pastor Scott Jakel at [scott.jakel@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:scott.jakel@kingofkingswoodbury.org) or call the office at 651-738-3110.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you love to knit or crochet, or would you like to learn how? This group meets to make beautiful prayer shawls and lap blankets that the care ministry and Pastors here at King of Kings can give to people who are hospitalized, homebound or going through a difficult time in life. These shawls are such wonderful gifts of love that show those people how they are covered in our prayers. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact LeeAnn Behling at [leeann.behling@gmail.com](mailto:leeann.behling@gmail.com).

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## Alzheimer's Association® Caregiver Support Groups

Alzheimer's Association® caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for Caregivers and family and friends of persons with dementia/Alzheimer's or memory loss to develop a support system, and exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions. It is a place to talk through issues and ways of coping, and a safe place to share feelings, needs and concerns while learning about community resources. The group meets every third Tuesday of the month from 7:00–8:00 p.m. VIA Google Meet and is a drop-in group—no registration required. Contact Anna DeCorsey at [anna.decorsey@gmail.com](mailto:anna.decorsey@gmail.com) or 651-216-7555 if you have questions.



## Caring Casserole Ministry

Are you willing to bring a simple dinner to someone in our congregation who is experiencing a recent surgery, illness, new baby or death in the family? These meals are a simple and yet wonderful way to show the love of Christ to someone. If you volunteer to be a part of this ministry, an email will be sent out when we need meals for someone and you have the opportunity to respond if the timing works for you. We just ask that you try to respond to that need at least two times a year and deliver a simple meal to a very appreciative family! If you would like to be involved in this ministry, or would like to receive meals, please contact Dawn Swenson at [dchefd4@aol.com](mailto:dchefd4@aol.com).



## 50's+ Group

The 50+ Group started in 1996 as a social organization for individuals and couples. King of Kings members and friends who are 50 years of age are automatically part of the group and all are invited to join us. There is a planned outing/event almost every month and coffee Friday mornings.

Please join us for coffee and baked goods at the Holy Grounds Café for socializing and “conducting business” Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

### Planned Winter Events:

**Private Movie Matinee** We will reserve 20 tickets to an upcoming movie and the theater will be reserved for our own private showing. Watch for details in the Wednesday blast and 50+ email announcements.

**Game Night** Dust off your favorite board or card game and bring it along for a fun time and a lite dinner. Watch for details in the Wednesday blast and 50+ email announcements.

Is there an event you would like to plan? Event suggestions welcomed and appreciated! For questions, contact:

Tami Olson at [Tami.J.Olson@gmail.com](mailto:Tami.J.Olson@gmail.com) or  
Lynne Engberg at [engyhome22@gmail.com](mailto:engyhome22@gmail.com).

To be added to the 50+ Group emails, please send email to [kok50plusgroup@gmail.com](mailto:kok50plusgroup@gmail.com) or call Tami Olson at 612-581-4063.

## King's Sociables

King's Sociables provides an opportunity for active adults to do service projects, to learn and explore, and enjoy a time of fellowship. All are welcome whether you attend as a couple, a single or choose to “come solo” for any given activity. Empty nesters...this may be a good way to ease into this new stage in your life while forming new connections within our faith community. Watch for upcoming events to posted in the Wednesday blast. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Nelson at [nancynelson@gmail.com](mailto:nancynelson@gmail.com), Mary Beth Johnson at [elandermis@comcast.net](mailto:elandermis@comcast.net), or Rose Swenson at [roseswenson2@hotmail.com](mailto:roseswenson2@hotmail.com).



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**Friday morning social coffee 9:00–11:30 a.m.**

**Sundays 9:15 a.m.–Noon.**

If you would like more information on the Café,  
please contact Becky Hagen at  
[beckyhagen4@gmail.com](mailto:beckyhagen4@gmail.com)



## Property Ministry

We are a group of people with specific skills associated with buildings and maintenance. Our calling is to assist the church staff when called upon to answer questions and volunteer our time for specific projects in and around the church building.

If you have questions, please contact Dianne Johnson at [dianne.johnson@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:dianne.johnson@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

*“The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.”*

— Isaiah 40:8

## Winter Blessings to All!

What a wonderful season in the gardens this past year! We'd like to thank all the many amazing volunteers who worked hard beautifying the church gardens here at King of Kings! But wait, now comes winter fun...decorating pots and planters with fragrant Christmas greens, and stringing up those twinkly bright Christmas lights! All are invited to come join in! Hot chocolate and great fellowship await! Please email one of the team if you are interested in helping out. We will choose a date that works for most and aligns with our weather.

God's blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving and joyous Christmas season to all!

If you have questions, please contact:

Annette Sherrill at 651-998-0504,

Karen O'Laughlin at 651-447-2314, and

Marge Klein at 651-470-7062

*“Whatever you do in word or deed,  
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks through Him  
to God the Father.”*

— Colossians 3:17





## Baptism at King of Kings

Baptisms are a key component of our walk with Christ. Perhaps you are interested in having a child baptized or being baptized yourself? Please contact Patty at [patty.bishop@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:patty.bishop@kingofkingswoodbury.org) to learn more.

## Membership Class

The Membership Class is a time to connect with others and learn about King of Kings. In this comfortable setting you will hear how others found their way here, what keeps them here, and learn how we worship, learn and serve together. Our goal is that you would feel valued and known within our church community. For more information on Membership Classes at King of Kings, contact Patty Bishop at [patty.bishop@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:patty.bishop@kingofkingswoodbury.org) to learn more.

## Christian Cupboard Donations

King of Kings collects non-perishable food and personal care items for the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf. Donations are collected in the bins located at the main entrances. Thank you to the Retired Men's Group for delivering the donations every Monday.



## Notary

If you are in need of notary services, Dianne Johnson is a licensed notary. Please call the office to arrange an appointment.

## Recycling Aluminum Cans

Please bring your empty aluminum cans to church for this worthy project of the Man Up Men's group. All funds raised will be returned to the community through service projects done by the group.

## Midweek E-Newsletter

Get the Mid-Week E-Newsletter (often referred to as the *Wednesday Blast*) to stay informed on what's happening at church. Sign up on our website or send your request to Jane at [jane.halbert@kingofkingswoodbury.org](mailto:jane.halbert@kingofkingswoodbury.org).

## Kowalski's Market

Kowalski's has donated over one and a half million dollars to local charities through their Groceries for Good Causes (GFGC) program! The intent of GFGC is to help the community directly surrounding each store. It is meant to help nonprofit organizations like schools, churches, food shelves, youth support groups and animal humane societies, to name a few. You've probably seen this in our local Kowalski's market—customers place their receipts in labeled boxes at the front of the store. Each quarter, King of Kings receives a donation from Kowalski's based on the total number of receipts collected in our bin. So continue to drop off your receipt!



**Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to church!**

*See back for location, worship times and contact information.*





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The rebroadcast of these services will be available for viewing immediately after the live broadcast, and on Facebook any time.



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