



FAITH FORWARD

Building Today

FAITH FORWARD: BUILDING TODAY

King of Kings Stewardship Campaign 2026

STEWARDSHIP - A DEFINITION

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

In the Christian context, stewardship refers to our role as caretakers of everything God has entrusted to us, our time, talents, treasures and financial resources.

As we are reminded in the Doxology, everything we have ultimately belongs to God, that every blessing flows from His generous hand. Even the abilities we possess are gifts given to us by God to be used to His glory.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Dear Church Family,

Much like our own homes, where we balance the demands of daily living; covering bills, providing for our loved ones, while still saving and planning for the future, the same is true for the church.

As a family of faith, we are called to meet today's needs with faithfulness and wisdom, while also preparing the way for those who will come after us.

That's the heart behind this year's 2026 Stewardship Campaign, Faith Forward: Building Today, Investing in Tomorrow.

This dual-focused initiative supports both the general budget, which fuels the ongoing ministry of our church today and the Legacy Fund, which strengthens our foundation for the future. Your giving helps sustain vital ministry whether in terms of worship, community engagement, learning and care and makes it possible for the next generation to grow, serve, and thrive in faith.

As you explore this dual-cover brochure, we invite you to reflect on how God is calling you to give, not out of obligation, but as a joyful response to His goodness. Giving is more than a financial decision; it is a spiritual act of worship and trust. It's an investment in what God is doing now, and in what He will continue to do through our church for years to come.

Together, we are part of something greater than ourselves. When we give, we plant seeds of faith that future generations will harvest. Through your generosity, our shared ministry can continue to grow, reach more people, and remain a vibrant witness of Christ's love in the world.

Let's move Faith Forward, together.

Lastor Jon Larson

In Christ, Pastor Jon Larson ...remembering
the words of the
Lord Jesus, for he
himself said, "It
is more blessed to
give than to receive.

— Acts 20:35

BEFORE WE GET INTO THE NUTS AND BOLTS, LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.

When I hear about a need in our church, my first instinct is to...

- A) Run
- B) Donate money
- C) Offer to help
- D) Tell others to step up
- **E)** Tell others I'm onboard (but I'm really not)
- **F)** Pray and "think of a plan" but wait too long and miss the opportunity
- G) Pray and implement a plan
- H) Too many already!! Insert your own.
- Give cheerfully and graciously understanding that I am partnering with God in the work of His Kingdom

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE - WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Congratulations, you just got an unexpected bonus! Do you:

- A) Tithe it immediately
- B) Spend a little and save the rest
- C) Give to someone in need
- E) Think I should give something but don't
- F) Buy Pastor Jon a Quad Venti Oatmilk Late with Sugar Free Vanilla Syrup and call it good.
- **G)** Play pulltabs in the hope that you win big ... and you do ... so you play more... and you lose it all... and justify your giving based on what you lost.

While we're having some fun, the reality is that giving is a joyful experience and we extend an invitation to experience the richness of a generous heart and spirit.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

— 2 Corinthians 9:7

A PERSONAL INVITATION TO GIVE WITH GRATITUDE AND PURPOSE

Every gift to King of Kings tells a story of **gratitude**, **faith**, **hope**, **trust and lives changed**. We don't give simply to meet a budget or to keep the lights on; we give because our hearts are full; full of thanks for God's blessings, full of trust in God's provision and full of love for this community and our partners.

Centered on God, our Mission is to Feed Physical Hunger, Spiritual Hunger and our Hunger to be in Community.

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WHY WE GIVE? WE GIVE BECAUSE GOD FIRST GAVE TO US.

Giving is an act of worship and a declaration of trust. It's how we express our faith and support mission and ministry.

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION 2025

Every donation given to King of Kings fuels real, life-giving ministry, supports life-changing programs and helps us fulfill our mission of sharing the Gospel and growing in faith while serving others.

Here's how your giving makes an impact:

CHILDREN STUDENT AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Students at King of Kings are experiencing God's love through meaningful programs that nurture faith and build lasting community. Whether through small group learning, service opportunities, camps, or retreats, our students are given opportunities to grow deeper in faith. As they enter middle school, they step into leadership roles where they can explore their gifts, learn the joy of serving, and set an example for both their peers and future student leaders. These student leaders play an essential role in our ministry, especially during the summer months.

From the very beginning—when parents schedule their child's baptism—our team walks alongside families on a lifelong journey of faith. Your gifts make it possible to invest in the next generation of believers. Here's a look at this year's impact:

Children's Ministry (PreK-Grade 5)

• Kids of the Kingdom: 223 students

• Vacation Bible School: 200+ campers

American Girls Camp: 103 girls

Camp Wapo: 74 weekend/weeklong campers

Student Ministries (Middle School & High School)

45 students confirmed

Confirmation program: 120 students

• Serve Camp: 38 campers

Montana Adventure: 25 high school students

Fundraising to Support Campers and Mission Trips

• Holiday Boutique: \$5,100

• **Garage Sale:** \$6,700

• Gerten's: \$2,350

Because of your generosity, we were able to welcome back our summer intern, Mason Abrahamson (a music education student at Concordia Moorhead), for his third year. Mason has been a vital part of our summer programming. Additionally, every Camp Wapo student received a \$50 scholarship toward their registration fee—helping offset the \$700+ cost of camp. Your support ensures that families can provide these valuable faithforming experiences for their children. (A portion of the Holiday Boutique and Garage Sale proceeds have been set aside to cover future needs such as chaperone expenses and continuing education.)

Looking ahead, the Children, Student, and Family Ministries team is excited about the possibility of an increased budget. We are accomplishing incredible ministry with a very small education staff, but additional resources would allow us to welcome another team member and expand our reach. With more staff, we can invest more intentionally in relationships with students—walking beside them in faith and being present when questions arise. This time together is one of the most valuable gifts we can offer.









WORSHIP & MUSIC & TECHNICAL ARTS

As of September 2, our livestreams have been viewed an incredible 14,335 times this year—a 6% increase over last year! Even better, people are staying with us longer: the average watch time is 17 minutes, 25 seconds, up 3.3% from this time last year. That means more people are engaging more deeply with worship online!

Tech Booth Volunteers

Every Sunday, our tech team makes worship happen behind the scenes, running four stations (in-house sound, livestream sound, cameras, and slides/lights). With two services each week, that's 6 volunteer spots to fill every Sunday—plus extra services during Lent, Christmas Eve, and other special events. That adds up to over 342 volunteer opportunities a year (closer to 450+ when you include one-offs like Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, and Confirmation). What a huge area of ministry impact!

Music Volunteers

- Cantors: Around 60 opportunities a year, including Sundays, Lent, and Christmas Eve.
- Band Members: Roughly 10 per week = 520+ opportunities annually, plus extras for special services.
- Choir & Bells: The numbers vary, but their contributions add another rich layer of worship throughout the year.

YouTube Growth

Our YouTube ministry is thriving! Since January, we've had 25,633 views—that's 83% more than all of May—December 2024 combined. Viewers have watched over 600 hours of content (a 93% increase), and we've welcomed 52 new subscribers, bringing our total to 290. More people are discovering our ministry every day!

Social Media Reach

Instagram: Now at 516 followers, up 72 this year.
 Our posts have been seen 11,126 times, nearly doubling last year's reach (6,449).

 Facebook: We've grown to 1,821 followers, with 104 new this year. Our posts have reached 24,449 people—up from 21,551 last year.

Your Gifts Make the Difference in Building Today and Investing in Tomorrow

Every number tells a story. Whether through financial support, serving in worship, or volunteering behind the scenes, your gifts are making a real impact. Together, we're reaching further, engaging deeper, and sharing God's love in powerful ways.

The future of our creative ministry is brighter than ever!
Our hope is to update our projector screens into LED
and further advance our outreach through various media
channels.

Tech & Creativity Upgrades

This year we've taken big steps forward:

- Added a new high-quality camera for videos and photos (Children's Messages, Your Gifts in Action stories, and event coverage).
- Invested in the Adobe Creative Suite, unlocking professional-level design and video capabilities.

Enrolled in continuing education for church production & design, gaining new insights to make every service and story even stronger.



FACILITIES & HOSPITALITY

Building for Today, Preparing for Tomorrow

God has blessed our congregation with a vibrant ministry and a facility that supports worship, learning, and community life. As we look ahead, we're excited to share how your generosity is transforming our church home into a safer, more welcoming space.

2025 Projects Already Underway

- Safety First: Our fire suppression system has been upgraded, ensuring lasting protection for everyone who enters our doors.
- Lifting Every Voice: Construction continues on the new platform that will hold the pipes and speakers for our majestic pipe organ—an investment in worship for generations to come.
- Caring for the Youngest Among Us: A new storage area for Ready, Set, Grow Preschool gives the teachers the safety, space and ease they need to support their classrooms.
- A Warm Welcome: The first phase of the parking lot has been resurfaced, ensuring safety, space, and ease they need to support their classrooms.
- Raise Our Voice: We are preparing to install new choir risers designed with safety and space in mind.
- Strong Foundations: Flooring has been replaced in the north entrances and under water fountains providing durability, easier cleaning, and protection against winter salt.
- Better Storage Solutions: New storage behind the choir loft replaces what was lost behind the altar, keeping our shared spaces efficient and uncluttered.
- Bright Future: Outdated fixtures are being replaced with energy-efficient LED lighting in classrooms and hallways.

Looking Ahead to 2026

- Caring for Our Space: A new floor scrubber and commercial vacuums will help us maintain our facility with excellence.
- Parking Lot, Phase 2: Continuing the work to make our property accessible and inviting.
- Comfort for All Seasons: Replacing our 20-yearold rooftop HVAC units will be a major but necessary investment to keep our building welcoming year-round.
- A Long-Held Dream: Plans are beginning for a storage garage, resource that will support ministry for decades to come.

Every one of these updates tells a story: of safety, welcome, worship, and the future God is calling us toward. Your generosity makes it possible. Together, we're not just maintaining a building, we're creating a sacred space where lives are changed, faith is deepened, and community flourishes.

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

At King of Kings, outreach is more than a program—it's how we live out our faith in action. Each dollar given and every volunteer hour offered makes a direct impact on lives here in our community and across the globe. This is what King of Kings is about...

Every Meal

Each week, faithful volunteers deliver 25 weekend meal bags to children who might otherwise go hungry. Over 20 weeks, a team of 10 volunteers provides hope, nourishment, and love—supported by \$6,000 in financial gifts provided through your generosity..

School Food Rescue (Partnership with SoWashCo & Basic Needs Food Pantry)

Thanks to 8 dedicated volunteer drivers, more than 1,200 pounds of fresh produce from local schools has been rescued—food that would have been wasted is now

feeding families in need. Every Friday, 60 pounds of food is delivered to Basic Needs Pantry, and 25 children at Grey Cloud Elementary receive weekend meal bags.

Community Dinner

Every month, 50–100 people from our community come together around the table. With the help of 25 volunteers and \$550 in monthly support, 8 dinners have already been served in 2025—and the impact keeps growing.

Loaves & Fishes

Each month, about 325 warm meals (and rising!) are prepared and served with love. It takes both volunteers and \$500-\$700/month in food costs to keep this lifegiving ministry going.

Skoolie

In the summer, the Skoolie Bus becomes a hub of joy and connection, serving 50–200 attendees each time. Alongside free meals, children enjoy crafts, scavenger hunts, games, bubbles, and gallons of ice cream—made possible by King of Kings and community partners.

Collections that Multiply Blessings

- Over 3,000 pounds of food collected during Minnesota Food Share Month
- 180 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief through our School Supply Drive
- 100 kitchen starter packs assembled for Bridging, thanks to King's Sisters

"Pit Stop"

On October 9th, we served 400+ guests with food and hospitality at our annual Pit Stop event. This ministry requires both hands-on help (20 volunteers) and financial support (\$700-\$1,000).

Global Outreach

A team of 6 traveled to Tanzania, building relationships with our partner parish in Kilolo and our missionary in Arusha. King of Kings provides scholarship funding for over 19 students in Kilolo and during our visit, the students and parents surrounded us with prayers and thanksgiving for this partnership. Over 100 blessing cards were shared—simple reminders that God's love has no borders.

Please know this is just a few of our community/global outreach partners and your generosity fuels all of this. Every gift—whether it's time, money, or prayer—directly touches lives. When you give, you are not just supporting a program, you are feeding children, welcoming neighbors, and sharing Christ's love around the world.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

— Matthew 5:14-16

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT KING OF KINGS

At King of Kings, our Care Ministries begin with presence and prayer. The Visitation Team and Prayer Ministry Team are at the heart of this work, embodying Christ's promise that no one is ever forgotten or alone. When someone is in the hospital, recovering at home, or walking through a difficult season, a visit and a prayer remind them that the love of God and this community surrounds them.

These ministries are supported and extended in many beautiful ways. A caring casserole delivered to a doorstep, a handwritten card tucked into the mail, or a word of encouragement lifted up at just the right moment. All of these small but powerful acts ripple outward with extraordinary impact.

Your generosity fuels it all. When you give, you're not funding "programs." You're providing a presence at a bedside, prayers that carry someone through a dark night, meals that taste like love, and a community that reflects the very heart of Christ.

Imagine the ripple effect: every visit is Christ's comfort

in flesh and bone, every prayer a lifeline of hope, every casserole a taste of grace, every gathering a reminder that we belong to one another.

Thank you for giving so that compassion thrives, hope endures, and lives are blessed.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

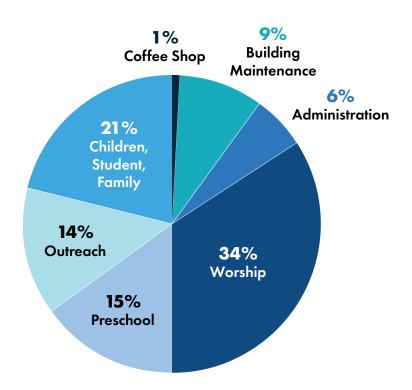
Over 150 women and men are participating in Bible studies this fall at King of Kings. We have 6 women's groups and 1 coed group. The Men's Ministry offers 1 large group, 6 small group and 1 Bible study option each month. Our adult participants particularly enjoy in-depth conversations on a variety of topics, along with making meaningful connections and developing friendships with others. Many of the groups also include service projects to support others in our community and members happily serve in a variety of volunteer roles at King of Kings. Adult Education at King of Kings affirms our desire to be lifelong Bible learners who continue to grow in faith.

Adult Education is a priority ministry - people continue learning and growing in faith. Expanding our ministry resources will open the door for more participation while we equip adults to share the good news of Jesus Christ with confidence. What would this look like:

- Financial support for guest speakers, either from our local seminaries, partner organizations or publishers of Christian Bible studies
- Additional smart tvs to support the needs of our many video based Bible studies
- Ongoing renovation of the Multi Purpose Room (specifically lighting and sound quality) which will allow us to host larger learning events.
- Financial support for Bible study leaders to attend special events and conferences to enhance their skills.

It not only takes resources to make these ministries possible but takes a dedicated staff member to drive and coordinate them.

% OF SALARY
SUPPORT IN
MINISTRY AREAS



As you look at the chart above, what would you identify as a possible growth area?

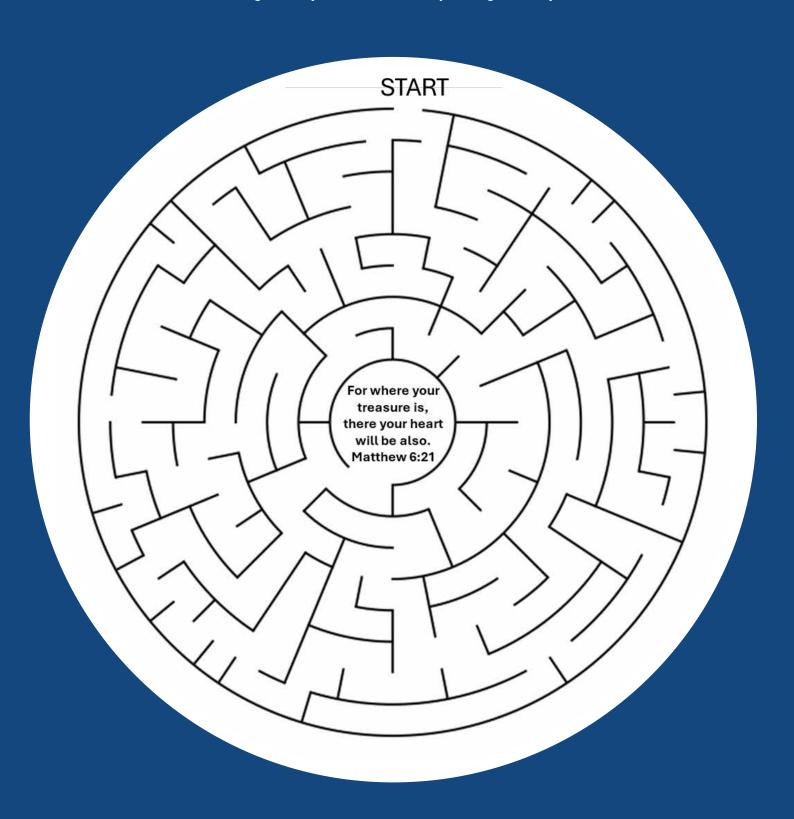
Imagine how your gift can make an impact.

WHAT DOES GIVING MEAN TO ME?

Giving isn't just about the church's needs; it's also about the joy and peace that comes from trusting God with our finances. Jesus teaches us that where our treasure is, our hearts will be also.

Take a Spiritual Timeout and complete the maze below. What's the reminder?

As we give, may we reflect God's spirit of generosity.



CONSIDER THE REASONS WHY PEOPLE GIVE: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Gratitude to God - "I give because all I have is from God."	Joy in Generosity - "There's a deep joy that comes from giving and knowing it makes a difference."
Faith in our Mission - "I believe in the impact of my church."	A Sense of Community - "When we give
Desire to Make a Difference - "My giving connects me to something bigger than myself."	together, we build a stronger, more connected church family, where everyone is invested in one another's faith journey"
Spiritual Investment - "Giving helps me grow in trust, letting God lead my heart and my finances."	Practical Support - "I am blessed to provide support for Pastors, staff, facilities and vital
Biblical Call to Action - "God calls me to give generously and with a grateful spirit."	programs."
Legacy and Responsibility - "I want this church to thrive for future generations, just as others made that possible for me."	



Stewardship is a spiritual practice that reflects trust in God and His call on my life.

FAITH FORWARD 2026 AND BEYOND: WORD FIND

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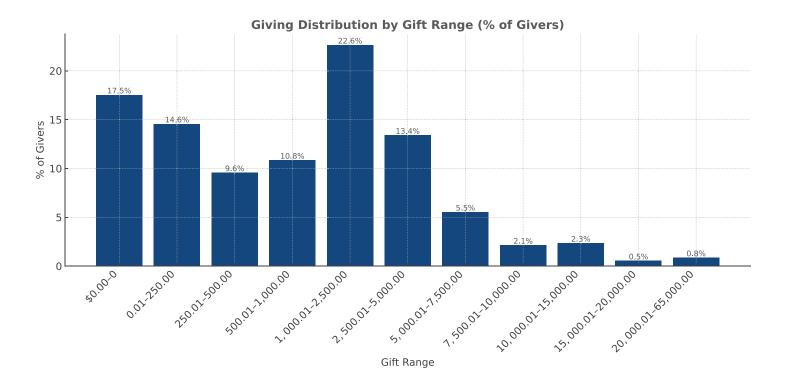
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BUDGET SUPPORT BREAKDOWN

Sometimes we don't take time to reflect on our current giving as it relates to budget. Maybe we have been at the same level of giving for years and haven't given it much thought. Maybe we think that others will "step up." Here's a current breakdown per household of giving.

These gifts are a reflection of historical data for 2024/2025.



What surprised you? How is God calling you to respond?

As we come together in faith and generosity, your gifts combined with the gifts of others provide the resources necessary to sustain the work God has called us to do. Together, we can make a difference.



WHY GIVING (WEEKLY, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, ANNUALLY) IS IMPORTANT

Giving regularly to the general operating budget is essential to the vitality of our church. These contributions help provide the financial stability needed to:

- Sustain ministry year-round: Your consistent gifts help smooth out the highs and lows of giving throughout the year, keeping ministries running steadily and without interruption.
- Respond to immediate needs: Whether it's a special ministry opportunity or an unexpected need, regular giving allows us to act quickly and effectively.
- Plan for the future: When we all give together, we can make thoughtful, strategic decisions about how to grow and improve the ministry at King of Kings without impacting day to day ministry.

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION GOALS FOR 2026 - WHAT'S NEXT FOR KING OF KINGS

We're dreaming big and stepping forward in faith. With your help, we will:

- Continue to live into our Mission Statement of "Feeding Physical Hunger, Spiritual Hunger and our hunger to be in Community.
- Continue to Encourage, Engage, Equip and Empower congregation members throughout their lifelong journey of faith.
- Continue to provide quality Traditional and Contemporary worship services as an expression of faith for both in person and online experiences.
- Continue to walk faithfully with the members of King of Kings throughout their journey of faith and life. Expand the Columbarium to bring burial home.
- Hire additional staff to support our growing ministries.

In 2023 and 2024 we made the difficult decision to shift a full time position to part time. While this alleviated a financial burden to an extent, this decision continues to provide challenges for staff in terms of critical ministry support. Pay increases for staff were also frozen for 2023 and 2024.

It is becoming increasingly clear that a more structured and consistent level of support is necessary to ensure longterm sustainability of our facilities as well as the health of the staff.

In the past two years we have seen significant growth and engagement in terms of our local partnerships. Our goal is to faithfully maintain and build on this foundation.

- Further enhance the worship space
 - o On the Radar LED Screens to improve visibility during worship.
 - o Phase #2 of the parking lot is a much needed reality.
 - Plan and save for the future replacement of our 6 rooftop HVAC units.
- Further invest in our internship program

King of Kings has a long history of providing student leadership opportunities that not only allow our students their first job but to get hands-on learning experiences to see how their gifts can be used in a church setting. Since 2008, we have been blessed to offer 26 internship opportunities for our students broadening their experience in the church setting and the impact they can make using their education and skills.



FUN WITH NUMBERS

- 1. Did you know that our monthly mortgage payment is \$23,910? How many months would it take to hire a full time staff member to enhance ministry and community engagement. 2, 3, 5, 8
 - Imagine how freeing up these resources could benefit the church and our benevolence partners?
- 2. An average home AC and Heating Unit costs between \$5,000 and \$11,000 dollars to replace. To replace one rooftop AC and Heating Unit at King of Kings would be \$14,000, \$23,000, \$35,000, more?
 - When it's cool, it's good to be warm, when it's warm, it's good to be cool.
- **3.** Free Coffee for a year is not so free. King of Kings expenses \$850, \$1,200, \$5,000 annually so that this Sunday morning ritual can continue.
- **4.** Annual cost of cleaning and office supplies \$15,500, \$22,500, \$32,500

Answer Key: 1.3 months 2. More-\$64,000 for a smaller rooftop unit

We have been blessed by a wonderful custodial team who have a heart for King of Kings and take pride in the facility.

WHAT IS OUR FINANCIAL GOAL FOR 2026?

As we prayerfully launch our 2026 Stewardship Campaign, our goal is to increase giving by 10%, roughly \$215,000

At first glance, that number can feel overwhelming. But when we break it down across our church family, it becomes something truly achievable.

If every household prayerfully increased their giving by just \$240 per year—that's only \$20 a month or about 65 cents a day—together we would more than cover this need.

Think of the impact:

- Increase outreach to address hunger.
- More resources for students and adults to grow in faith.
- More opportunities to worship, serve, and bring hope into our community.
- Improve the technology within the Sanctuary to make worship more inviting.
- Provide financial support to compensate our staff for all the work they put into their ministry each and every day.
- Support the financial impact of increasing costs.

This is not simply about meeting a budget—it's about saying yes to the mission God has placed before us. Each gift, no matter the size, becomes part of something greater than ourselves: lives changed, faith deepened, and Christ's love shared.

We are stronger when we give together. With God's blessing and each person's faithful step forward, we will not only meet this goal—we will continue to thrive as a church family living out the Gospel in powerful ways.

Will you prayerfully consider this next step—just \$240 more this year—as your way of investing in God's kingdom through our church?

Together, we can do this. Together, we can move Faith Forward: Building Today and Investing in Tomorrow.

GIVING AS A JOURNEY: GROWING TOWARDS A TITHE

As we read in scripture, a Tithe is 10% of one's income offered to God (also known as first fruits giving - the first and the best). For many, this is a journey of trust and growth. Whether you're beginning your giving journey or deepening your commitment, you are part of God's ongoing story at King of Kings.

FIRST FRUITS vs. LAST FRUITS

When we give from our **first fruits**, (Tithe - right) we give from faith and there's always enough. When we give from what's **left over** (left), we give from fear and it's never enough.

All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

— Deuteronomy 16:17



WHAT WOULD IT MEAN TO GROW TOWARDS A TITHE?

Wherever you are today, what would taking a faithful next step look like for you? Use the chart below to find the percentage closest to your current giving. What would it mean to grow towards a Tithe?

Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. — Proverbs 3:9-10

Annual Salary	2%	3%	5%	7 %	8%	10%
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$3,200	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$60,000	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$6,000
\$70,000	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$4,900	\$5,600	\$ <i>7</i> ,000
\$80,000	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$5,600	\$6,400	\$8,000
\$90,000	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$6,300	\$7,200	\$9,000
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\$120,000	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$6,000	\$8,400	\$9,600	\$12,000
\$140,000	\$2,800	\$4,200	\$7,000	\$9,800	\$11,200	\$14,000
\$160,000	\$3,200	\$4,800	\$8,000	\$11,200	\$12,800	\$16,000
\$180,000	\$3,600	\$5,400	\$9,000	\$12,600	\$14,400	\$18,000
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$20,000

This chart is simply a tool to help guide your prayerful discernment. Every gift matters, no matter the amount and each gift helps "Building Today - Investing in Tomorrow."

HOW TO GROW IN GIVING?

Start with Prayer - Ask God to shape your heart for generosity. Ask how God would have you support His work here at King of Kings. Trust God to lead you in your giving.

Reflect - Take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life and your desire to give back. Invite the Spirit to guide your giving decisions.

Know where you are - Look at your current giving percentage. Identify areas where you could shift priorities to create space for generosity.

Set a (realistic) Goal - Increase your giving by 1-2% this year as a step of faith. Like any other discipline, it takes practice, intentionality and time.

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. — Malachi 3:10

Give First - Make generosity a priority, not an afterthought. Give regularly and intentionally. Set up a recurring monthly or weekly gift that reflects your new giving goal.

Celebrate the Impact - Know that each gift supports life changing ministry. Trust that your giving (no matter the amount) is part of something greater.

Assess and Adjust (annually) - Each year, prayerfully review your finances and your giving plan. Consider whether God is calling you to take another step in generosity. Remember, a tithe is not a limit—it's a foundation. You may be called to give more.

Invite Others: Encourage others to experience the joy of giving and what it means to participate in the life of the church. Tell your story fo giving.

WAYS TO GIVE







Cash or Check

Online or Digital Giving

Recurring Gift via Website or Bill Pay via Bank

OTHER OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

Appreciated Stocks or Securities – Avoid capital gains tax and receive a charitable deduction.

IRA Charitable Rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution, age 70½+) – Counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but isn't taxed as income.

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) – Immediate tax deduction when funds are given, even if distributed to the church later.

Life Insurance or Retirement Accounts – Naming the church as a beneficiary can reduce estate taxes

Employer Matching Gifts – Doubles your gift while maximizing deductions.

Endowment Gifts – Some planned gifts may provide lifetime income and tax benefits (through charitable trusts).

Legacy Giving – Leave a lasting impact. (See reverse side)

Whatever method you choose, your generosity supports the mission and ministry of King of Kings.

Faith Forward: Building Today

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Pledge today.