



# 2026

## BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY CANDIDATES



### **STACEY HORD**

Northwest Omaha Campus  
Incumbent

I have been attending  
King of Kings for 32 years.

Over the years, I have participated in our church's Victory team prayer group, Embrace Omaha, Night to Shine, and other events in our church's goal of being a mission center for the city of Omaha. I served for six years on the Board of Directors for Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha as a King of Kings representative. I am currently finishing my 3rd year on the Board of Lay Ministry for King of Kings.

I have been married to Kimberly for 35 years. We have three children -- Derek (33), Alexa (28), and Gabrielle (21). Derek and wife Erica have 3 children (Raelynn, Walker, and Dayton). Alexa and husband Bryce Darner have 2 children (Kami & Ruth).

I have been working for Kuros Biosciences, an orthobiologics company, for the past year. My title is Corporate Accounts Director.

When we first attended King of Kings, I felt Pastor Mark's messages were being directed right at me. Very quickly after joining King of Kings, Kimberly and I were able to join a life group that connected us to people we still have relationships with today.

A fun fact about me: Without exception, our family are avid Husker fans and are excited to wear those colors proudly again!



### **BEN LORENZEN**

Millard Campus

I have been attending  
King of Kings for approximately  
30 years.

My involvement with the church spans nearly a decade of volunteer leadership. I served as a core leader for our 5th-6th grade Kids Ministry program for eight years, where I focused on teaching and mentorship. More recently, I have founded and led a multi-faith young adult Bible study, gaining experience in group facilitation, conflict resolution, and navigating theological discussions with a diverse demographic.

I have been married to my wife, Clare, for five years. We share a heart for ministry and spent several years serving together in Kids Ministry. Additionally, we have been blessed with a 1.5-year-old daughter, Ellen, who certainly keeps us busy.

I am the Chief (supervisor) of the Hydraulic Engineering Section for the Omaha District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. My professional expertise lies in strategic project planning, budgetary oversight, and personnel mentorship.

Surviving the 2008 Little Sioux tornado as a scout was my most transformational experience. It taught me the spiritual discipline of surrender, breaking my illusion of control and teaching me that the ultimate outcome always belongs to the Lord.

A fun fact about me: By day I manage water flow; by night I manage honey flow. Bees are way more organized and have fewer meetings!



**YVETTE MOREHOUSE**  
Northwest Omaha Campus

I have been a member of King of Kings for six years.

I have been involved with hospitality at Millard and Northwest campuses, as a volunteer at Night to Shine, and as a connect group leader. I grew up in a Lutheran Missouri Synod family in Northeast Nebraska. I have a son named Arie. He is 8 years old and in 2nd grade at Concordia Schools. My sister & brother in law Dan & Rachel Pfeifer and their family are also long time members at KOK.

I have a sales and leadership coaching and training business. I help companies grow their revenue by growing their people.

I spent my summers in college as a young entrepreneur selling door-to-door. It was an eye-opening experience out of my comfort zone. Through the rejection, fear & failures, I was able to lean on Jesus to help me through the challenges & find success.

A fun fact about me: I have traveled to 47 states and 36 countries so far!



**RACHEL SCHWARTING**  
Millard Campus

I have been attending King of Kings for 13 years.

I currently serve on the worship team as part of the frontline team. I also lead a Connect Group with my husband, and we have been together for four years. In the past, we also taught a Financial Peace University course.

I am married to my husband Spencer, who is also a member of the worship team. We have a lovely daughter named Olivia (Liv) who will turn three in May. Our household is completed (for now) with two German Shepherds: Triss & Odin.

I work part time at Cornerstone Financial Group as a Client Service Associate, helping to support my

husband's small business and the clients we serve. The rest of my time is spent as a stay at home mom to our daughter.

Worshipping freely has awoken a deeper relationship with Jesus than I had ever believed possible. Singing and worshipping regularly helps me to draw near to the Lord, even on the bleakest days.

A fun fact about me: In 2022, my husband and I drove the entire northern coast of Scotland, also known as the NC500.



**ANNA THOMA**  
Millard Campus  
Incumbent

I have been attending King of Kings for 14 years.

I have served on the board of lay ministers and spiritual advisory committee for the last three years (currently). Currently, I also serve on the Winstrom Scholarship committee.

In the past, I have served as a confirmation table leader, connect group leader and member, and a volunteer in the nursery and Night to Shine.

I have been married to my husband Josh for the last 14 years. Together, we have two children, Lucas (13) and Ellie (10) who have enjoyed the children and youth ministries at King of Kings.

For the past 12 years, I have served as an assistant principal at Millard North Middle School. In addition, I serve on the board of directors for the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Raising children in a divided household, bringing them to King of Kings has transformed my understanding of the love and support a true church family provides in nurturing faith. I'm deeply thankful for this church family's impact on my children.

A fun fact about me: I grew up in Minnesota; however, my family and I are true Packer fans!