

Prayer of the Church—August 21, 2022

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, grant us repentant faith to strive to enter ever more deeply into your blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. By the witness of your people, gather many from every corner of the world to enter your kingdom. Lord, you founded your Church and promised that it will remain forever. Bolster our confidence in your Word and guide us in righteousness, so your glory is declared among all nations. To that end, heavenly Father, give strength and encouragement to this congregation through your Word as we await the one you have chosen to serve as our next shepherd.

Father, we pray your blessing on our pastor, Mark, and his wife, Ann. As they came to us with joy to serve, grant them joy also as they depart, trusting that they have fulfilled your will and purpose among us. Give them strength and endurance to run the race you now set before them as witnesses of the gospel in a new place and time.

O Lord, grant wisdom, integrity and skill to our president, the Congress of the United States, our governor and all those in authority, that in the exercise of their lawful duties, justice would be maintained, the innocent defended, evil restrained, liberty upheld and consciences respected.

Heavenly Father, in fatherly love you strengthen our faith through earthly trials. Show your love to those enduring the afflictions of this life, knowing that all things come from your hand. Guard all who suffer in body and soul and bring them through their trials.

Blessed Redeemer, bless us and sanctify us completely as your holy people, freed from the curse of sin who long for our eternal dwelling with you. Grant that we would die to ourselves and enter with Christ into the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to join with all the angels in festal gathering and to be numbered with the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, perfected in the righteousness of Christ and abiding forever in His new creation.

To You, O Lord, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, worship and praise, now and even to the end of all the ages. Amen.

Prayers for healing:

Jo Schumacher
Paula Easton, mother of
Catherine Russell
Aimeeee Mugiraneza
Deanna Sanden
Sherry Brendes
Guy Patten
John Schumacher
John Owen
Marv Frerking
Jerry Cline

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

John Jahlas & family at the death of his mother Ruth Jahlas
Jen Silcox & family at death of Jen's father Don Brough
Matt & Kelsey Younggren family who suffered miscarriage of baby Rhett

Prayers for strength in times of trial or suffering:

Pierre Manirakiza and family
Jerry Green
Alysia Beam
Julia Bickel
Jen Zebuhr
Richard Luth, Sr.
Kathy Saveraid
Julie Gentry, (cousin of Deb Hoffman & Norma Colton)
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)



Update from The CEC Advisory Board!

Sixteen children are enrolled for this fall. After the KCRG story 15 new families submitted inquiries, several signed up to tour our facility.

Save the Date:

Dedication Sunday for our new addition will be Sunday, August 28 at 9:30. This will include praise, music and a tour.

Do you want to help?

Dani has put together a Wish List on Amazon which includes toys and craft supplies. Scan the QR code for the list. Please attach a gift tag so KOK can send you a receipt for your tax records.



The CEC is still looking for:

Lead Infant Teacher

Before and After School Teachers

Look for job descriptions on the KOK website under "About Us/ Employment."

Those interested should send a resume to Dani at dstromert@kingofkingscr.org.

Guest Information

Welcome to King of Kings Lutheran Church! We are happy you have chosen to attend one of our two Sunday morning worship services. The message is the same at both, but the worship styles are somewhat different. You will participate in a more traditional liturgical worship (with variations) at 8:00, while the 10:45 a.m. service employs a more contemporary form. Communion is observed on the first and third Sundays of the month at both service times. Please stop by the WELCOME CENTER, near the main entrance, for information on programs and ministries at King of Kings. We hope to see you again soon!

Men's Network— 33 The Series

King of King's Men's Network will be starting our Monday night get-togethers in September. We will start September 12 at 7:00 PM. It will be a time to bond with other men as Jesus bonded with His Disciples. Life is hard and we need God and other men to help us navigate through it. We will start with "33 the series, A man and his design." This series is based off the series "Men's Fraternity" by Robert Lewis. There are six sessions that explore the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth.

Cheerful Cheeks -Help Fill the Diaper Gap!

The Marion Ministry and Outreach Center is receiving donations of disposable diapers and wipes. MMOC provides emergency 3-day supplies of diapers to families whose household budgets fail to meet their diaper needs. Sizes provided range from newborn to size 4. Diaper distribution is one means of connecting with families who may have additional needs, including that of hearing about Jesus. If you would like to donate diaper and wipe supplies, contact Pastor Balvanz at 319-350-3276 or simply drop them off at the church during business or worship hours.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

Save the date! Bible study will resume on Monday, September 19th at 7:00PM.

Lord's Supper is Available

If you have the desire to receive the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins this week, please call either Pastor Balvanz (319-350-3276) or the church office (319-393-2438) to schedule an appointment.

Altar Flowers given to the Glory of God by Jim and Sue Muench celebrating their 42nd Anniversary on August 23.

Many Hands Needed

With a new year of activities beginning in September, your helping hands are needed to make Sunday mornings run smoothly at King of Kings. The Board of Elders has outlined several areas of service that literally any adult or youth can perform: usher, greeter, Sunday school helper coffee prep and cleanup, communion prep and cleanup, sound board operator, video operator and more. Training is provided. Check out the opportunities at the welcome counter or reply to rbalvanz@kingofkingscr.org and lend your hand of service today.

Help Support Noah & Scott through the King of Kings Scholarship Fund

King of Kings is blessed to have 2 men of our congregation studying and preparing for careers in church work. **Noah Russell** began his studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis this summer as he prepares to be a pastor. **Scott Treptow** is beginning his studies this fall in the Director of Christian Education (DCE) program at Concordia University Chicago. We are privileged to support these men with our prayers and care throughout their studies. We also want to give the congregation an opportunity to show financial support to both these men. King of Kings will be collecting funds to directly support Noah & Scott. While these funds can be given at any time, we will send any gifts received by the end of August for the start of the school year. Please designate Church Worker Scholarship Fund for any gifts given.

Life Group Sign-Ups Continue!

If you weren't able to sign up the last few weeks, don't worry, sign-ups will continue all month long. Contact Ann Mueller, office@kingofkingscr.org, with questions or for more information.

One Service on September 4

Labor Day weekend, there will be one worship service on September 4 at 9:30 AM.

Cheer Someone's Day and Support Missions

Handmade greeting cards are for sale on the card rack in the Outreach Corner of the Fellowship Center, only \$2.50 each. These beautiful cards are made by King of Kings' LWML ladies. All proceeds go to support mission projects here in Iowa and around the world.

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Building Update: Final pieces are being put into place as we finish the building phase. The fire sprinkler pump after a number of fits and starts has been installed this past week. Final wiring went in for that as well. Fencing was installed Thursday and security door sensors are scheduled to finish tomorrow. Lord willing we will have our occupancy permit this week. Still a few interior dress up items like classroom curtains, bulletin boards and youth room decor remain for the next week or so. Outdoor items like landscaping and the retaining wall are on the short list. Thanks again for all your help and support with this project

Children's and Youth Education Center Dedication, August 28

A special service of dedication for the new Children's and Youth Education Center is set for Sunday, August 28. The congregation will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. then proceed to the entrance of the new children and youth wing for the remainder of the brief service.

At the conclusion of the service members of the congregation may tour the newly completed and outfitted facility housing the King of Kings children's and youth ministries as well as the daycare and preschool. Children and parents may look in on the classrooms for Sunday school beginning September 11, and middle and high school youth can try out their new dedicated spaces for confirmation, Bible study and youth activities.



Sunday School – Meet your teachers

We're excited to start Sunday morning classes for children and youth at King of Kings this Fall! As we dedicate our Children's and Youth addition on August 28th at 9:30am, families are encouraged to come check out the new facility and register for Sunday School. Children's Sunday School teachers for the 2022-2023 year will be available throughout the new facility to greet you and show you where the classes will be taking place when Sunday School begins on September 11. Come join us to celebrate a new year and be a part of how God is working at King of Kings. Additional helpers/assistants are still needed for Sunday School, please contact Dian Treptow to volunteer, 319-721-7567.



High School Youth Back to School Bash

Get ready highschoolers! After some time off during the summer, we're gearing up for a year of fun and growth together. Join us on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30pm in the NEW youth room for a night of food and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of our youth group year. Bring a friend and get ready to reconnect with one another and grow in connecting with each other and with our Savior. We hope to see you all there! If you have questions, reach out to DCE Tony Dixon. (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)

Upcoming Student Ministry Midweek Dates

Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Orientation (Parents and Students) – Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30pm

Weekly Youth Meals, Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation and HS Youth Group Begins Wednesday, September 14– Meals at 6pm, Programming at 6:30pm