

Prayer of the Church– November 19, 2023

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, a nation that despises You will be as a sacrifice to others, for it has rejected You as its strength and shield. Grant repentance in our land, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted [*including _____*]. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, You have not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until the day of His coming in glory, grant that we may welcome Him at the altar, even as we are welcomed to Him, receiving His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We'd like to wish the following King of Kings Members a very happy and blessed Birthday or Anniversary:

- 11/19 - **Becky Zange, Paulette Norman**
- 11/20 - **Courtney Franck, Taylor Franck, Norma Swift, Ralph Bock**
- 11/21 - **Connie Varian, Kathryn Church, Lila Dixon, Makayla Clark**
- 11/22 - **Dan Zange, Scott Treptow**
- 11/23 - **Larry Shay**
- 11/24 - **Danna Sanden, Hallie Hibbing**

No anniversaries this week.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

(Communion is observed on the first and third Sundays of the month at both service times.)

The Bible instructs us to examine ourselves...

+Do I truly repent of my sins?

+Do I believe I am forgiven my sins through Jesus?

+Do I believe that along with the bread and wine I also receive the real body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of my sins?

+Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?

If you are not a member of a LCMS church, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Members

Bob Harris
Kris Ruprecht
Ted Williams
Leann Carlson
Paul Buchanan
Julie Birely
Cherie Buelow
Lois Muench
Marv Frerking
Richard Nelson
John Owen
Jerry Green
Jerry Cline
Lydia Parry

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

The family and friends of Billy McVicker. Marsha McElreath and family upon the death of her father. Ellie Wendt and family upon the death of her brother and sister.

Family & Friends

Mark Fintel, Laborers for Christ Project Manager
Eddie Dedina, brother of Dian Treptow
Julie Gentry
Jen Zebuhr
Jack (Grandson of Bob & Pat Harris)

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!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Opportunity to gather for worship and thanksgiving to God will be offered Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. Our worship with communion will consist of scripture, songs and prayers of thanks and praise.

Christmas Cantata 2023

Join King of Kings Music Ministry on Sunday, December 10 at 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM for this year's Christmas Cantata, Agnus Dei, Lamb of God Born to Us.

Christmas Trees to Support our Youth!

Now through Nov. 19, stop by the table out in the Fellowship area to see examples of some beautiful table top Christmas trees that are available to order from our youth to support their youth mission trip to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, July 2024. There are several options to decorate your home or give as gifts this Holiday season. A great size any home, a dorm room, or a small apartment. Order forms are available at the table. Orders will be taken only until November 19th. Finished orders will be available for pickup on December 3rd and 10th. Don't delay, order yours today! If you have questions, reach out to Joy Koepnick (jkdeeann@hotmail.com) or DCE Tony (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org).

MMOC Needs Diapers and Wipes

The Marion Ministry and Outreach Center is running low on diapers size 5 & 6 and baby wipes. If you can help, please bring them to church or have them shipped to church.

Advent Is Almost Here!

The season of Advent is a time of focused worship in preparation for the arrival of Jesus our Savior. Midweek Advent services are slated for December 6, 13 & 20 at 7 p.m. The theme is *Peace Come to Earth.*

Faith Mentors

Looking for a way to support our young people? As a part of our confirmation program, we are seeking faith mentors for our 6-7th grade confirmation students. Although this is not a large time commitment, it is important. You'll have a chance to support one of our confirmation students through prayer, encouragement, and a few events throughout their confirmation Journey (and maybe beyond confirmation!). The fun begins on November 29th, so please contact DCE Tony Dixon with your questions or to get more information before that date!

Fall Altar decorations provided by the Flamingos Life Group.

No Sunday School or Youth Bible Study on November 26.

A Night Full of Stars 2023 Children's Christmas Program December 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

This year's program is a red carpet, formal attire event!! The kids are going to be all dressed up and we would like to encourage those coming to the program to wear formal attire as well! We are going to have a great celebration and even have an "after party" following the program. Come a little early to experience the whole red carpet event and get pictures taken on the red carpet!

Dear friends and fellow workers at King of Kings, One of the biggest mission fields in America is our public school system. We are called to support and bless our students, teachers, and administrators with the message of God's word and our partnership in the gospel. If this is a mission field that is close to your heart, please let me know with a phone call or personal visit. In Christ, Pastor Chris

Be Holy

Be Holy is our generosity & stewardship emphasis at King of Kings this fall. We are praying, planning, and preparing for our 2024 ministry plan. **Pledge Sunday is today** and will give each of us an opportunity to respond to God's generosity and grace by making our commitments of support for the 2024 ministry plan at King of Kings. We thank our holy & gracious God for the generosity He has lavished on us!

Tuesday Mornings at Green Square Park

King of Kings is joining up with Bethany Lutheran Church to reach out to our homeless neighbors -- join us at 8:15am at Green Square Park downtown every Tuesday morning. Bethany is bringing sandwiches and drink to distribute. We also will be handing out hats and gloves, so any donations of these items are welcomed. Please come! If you have any questions please speak with Rachel Happel on behalf of King of Kings Evangelism (319-447-7901).

Thank You From LWML

A **BIG** Thank You! Sunday, Oct 29, was **LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) **Mite Box Collection Sunday**. The congregation was asked to return their mite boxes and pour their coins into the **BIG Mite Box** or simply make a donation to the box. Your generosity resulted in **\$700.11** that will support the **31 National** and **15 Iowa East District Mission Grants**. A list of the grants and mite boxes are available on the counter in the south hallway to the sanctuary. Drop off your mite box donation any time to the LWML mailbox in the church office. Thank you for your continued support of sharing God's love to the world!

You're Invited



LIBERTY LECTURE WEEKEND!

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will speak in a Saturday workshop and preach at Sunday services on the topic of the Two-Kingdom approach to Godly Citizenship.

Workshop December 2nd 9:00AM-1:00PM

Services December 3rd at 8:00 and 10:45AM

with Bible study at 9:30AM,

King of Kings Lutheran Church

3275 N Center Point RD Cedar Rapids, IA 52411.

Lunch will be served on Saturday and there

is no charge, just RSVP by scanning the QR

Code below



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUMMER SERVANT EVENT TRIP INFORMATION

We are already hard at work, making preparations for our summer servant event trip. Please look at the ways to be involved. Even if you aren't able to go on the trip this time, all youth/families can support current and future mission trips through these fundraisers.

IMPORTANT DATES

As of right now, the dates that we will need help with fundraising are...

November 29th (at youth group) - Decorate Christmas Trees

December 3rd - help people as they pick up Christmas tree orders

Feb 10 - Valentine's Dinner / Auction

March 31 - Easter Breakfast

NO MIDWEEK CLASSES / YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON NOV. 22