

Prayer of the Church –April 30, 2023

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

Loving Father, Your Son is the great Shepherd of the sheep, who faithfully gathers His flock to Himself in the pastures of the Church. Grant us steadfast faith to hear His voice and follow Him, even through the valley of the shadow of death, that we may receive our portion in His abundant life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, by the work of Your Spirit through the Means of Grace, You daily add to the number of believers. Grant Your people courageous hearts and bold tongues to proclaim Your truth, trusting that You will gather more in keeping with Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Shepherd, Your wounds are our healing and Your voice our certainty. Hear us on behalf of those who suffer in body or mind, who grieve, or to whom death draws near. *[We pray especially for _____ and those we name in our hearts.]* Grant them healing according to Your will, grace to sustain them in trouble and the sure hope of everlasting life. Abide also with the unemployed and the distraught. Return them to health and livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Heavenly Father, each day is a gift from You and a gift for You as we serve as Your disciples. Bless all who recognize Your gifts this week as they celebrate the anniversary of their birth especially _____

Marriage is indeed a blessing. May You continue to bless those who celebrate their marriages this week. We remember _____. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, in the wake of Your Son's resurrection, Your people devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Unite Your people in the one true faith, and grant penitent hearts to all who come to receive the Sacrament this day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, as You have put our sins to death in Christ's body on the tree, so bring life to our faith by His Spirit, that in Your continual grace we may bring forth the fruit of holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

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

04/30 - Norma Colton, Leilani Luedtke, Sue Muench, Scott Whiting

05/02 - Jolene Balvanz, Luann Wangeman

05/03 - Ellie Wendt

05/04 - Boden Kane, Lucas Lane

05/05 - Trey Hutcheson, Eric Jacobsen, Max Meyer

Doug and Laurie Sanden - 05/04/2000

Rick & Allison Schmidt - 05/09/1989

Members

Greg Yokanovich
Steve Loesch & family
Paul Buchanan
Julie Birely
August Happel
Cherie Buelow
Lois Muench
Marv Frerking
Richard Nelson
John Owen
Jerry Green
Jerry Cline
Lydia Parry

Family & Friends

Eddie Dedina, brother of Dian Treptow
Tision Epley, granddaughter of Steve & Kathy Epley
Miriam Navurskis
Tom Nowiszewski, brother in law of Ruth Goshon
Carolyn Cornish
Amy Stuenkel
John Leonard
Julie Gentry
Jen Zebuhr
Jack (Grandson of Bob & Pat Harris)

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.

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize, we'd love to include you. Please contact the church office to update your information, 319-393-2438 or office@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!

GriefShare at King of Kings

This Support Group is for anyone that has suffered a loss by death. The Support Group aids those people that are struggling with grief. The professionals and pastors in the video give helpful practical and spiritual advice to all dealing with grief. This week the group will meet on Monday, May 1 in the Fireside Room. Invite a friend also to attend. If you have any questions about the course contact Darlene Wood, at 319-270-1276 or darlenewood42@gmail.com

High School and College Graduate Information

King of Kings would love to recognize our 2023 graduates for all of their hard work and accomplishments! If you are graduating from High School or College this spring or if you graduated during the past academic year, please fill out the information form on the welcome center or online in the E-News.

King of Kings Golfers

We're making progress in getting organized for a King of Kings golf league and heard from enough people last fall that we'll give it a try. So, how many of you are still interested in doing this? Initial thoughts are to be on Wednesday or Thursday depending on availability at a golf course. Please contact Rad Finch radcliffe1953@gmail.com or Jim Muench crmuench@gmail.com to confirm your interest, daytime or evening preference and whether Wednesday or Thursday works for you.

R U SURE

The Adult Bible Study Group meeting in the Fireside Room will meet two more times before bringing a close to this season's studies. On Sunday, April 30, at 9:30 AM, there will be a video presentation on the Konrad Missionary work in Botswana, Southern Africa (1993-1997). Then, on Sunday, May 7, at 9:30 AM, there will be a visual presentation on the Konrad Missionary work in Durban, South Africa (1999-2003).

Play Ball!

Church co-ed softball league starts on May 15th. The King of Kings team will play on Monday nights at the Noelridge Park ball fields at either 6pm or 7pm. The season will last 8-10 weeks. If you are interested, sign up at the Opportunities Counter or email Melanie Jochimsen at m.a.jochimsen@gmail.com

Spring Blood Drive

On Thursday, May 18th, we are coming together to help save lives! For patients in need, donated blood can change everything. Blood products are used to help people – our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers – as they treat cancer, chronic diseases, and traumatic injuries. And they are only possible with the help of volunteer blood donors. We NEED you to help provide blood products for our local hospitals!! The Donor Bus will be at King of Kings from 1:00-4:00 PM. Sign up at the Welcome Counter or the link in the E-News.

QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

are available in your church mailboxes. A reminder of the various ways that you can give to the ministries here at King of Kings (offering plate, text giving, online giving, etc.) is listed on our website – www.kingofkingscr.org – under the "Give" tab. We have seen a growth in online giving – this is most likely due to the ease and consistency of giving. If you should have any questions about giving or your statements, please contact church administrator Jonathan Offt (jofft@kingofkingscr.org or 319-393-2438). Thank you for your faithful stewardship of the Lord's gifts!

My Mother's Love

A special song for Mother's Day, May 14, 2023, involving the 1st – 6th grade Sunday School Students and Mothers. This song will be a special addition to our regular services on Sunday, May 14th at the end of the 8:00 service and beginning of the 10:45 service. Any ladies who would like to be a part of the singing for this song please contact Gordon Russell, director of music ministry. We will go through this song on Sunday, April 30th during the regular Sunday School time at 9:40am. We will run through the song and also have a chance to do the song with the kids as well that morning. Also, I am asking for anyone who would like, to please email me grussell@kingofkingscr.org, some pictures of the kids when they were younger, pictures of the kids with their mom, family pictures. These pictures can include any children, even children who are not actually a part of the singing that morning. I will be putting together a video of the pictures with the accompaniment track to play while we are singing that morning. Please have them to me by May 5.



Vacation Bible School 2023

We are Blasting Off for Adventure this Summer with Stellar VBS at King of Kings June 12-16th 9 am – Noon. We've got a Stellar spot for you! Kids – come learn how to Shine Jesus' Light and have some out-of-this-world fun. Learn more about Jesus, make new friends, enjoy yummy snacks, play awesome games, create amazing crafts, sing catchy songs and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures! Volunteers – we need YOU to help make this all happen and work with our amazing team! Please contact Lindsay Hoffman or Leah Luth with additional questions. Sign up via the QR codes or via the links in the E-News.

To Register Kids:



To Volunteer:



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STUDENT MINISTRIES



BIGGER BETTER

May 10 – Fleece Tie Blankets (HS & MS)

Middle School and High School youth will gather on May 10 for a meal, then we will make tie blankets to bless our High School graduates. We'll also fill the rest of our evening with a fun activity! Grades 7-12 are welcome to join.

May 17 - Bigger & Better Scavenger Hunt (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

That's right, you guessed it. It's time once again to go out on the hunt for something that is BOTH bigger and better than everything else that returns with the other groups. Don't miss this night of fun together as we cap it all off with a devotion and prayer!



May 24 – Move Up Day: LUAU Edition! (GR: 5-12)

Youth currently in grades 5-12, it's time for you to level up at youth group... And there's no better way to do that, than with a LUAU! We'll celebrate all ages of our youth ministry and get to know each other better with activities, food, and a devotion that helps us reflect on why we gather together with one another! This event will be hosted offsite at the Dixon Farm in southeast Marion.



May 31 – Summer Kickoff Kickball Challenge (HS & MS)

Youth Currently in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for a fun, fellowship, and friendly competition for our third annual Summer Kickoff Kickball Challenge! This is a great opportunity for you to bring some friends and have a great time. In order to build teams, we'll need you to register, so keep an eye out for that link in the next week.