

Prayer of the Church—August 6, 2022

Almighty God, increase our faith in you and your gracious will. Preserve us from relying on our own plans and powers so we trust in you in all things and are counted righteous in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Merciful Lord, we pray your blessing on our voters meeting today to call a new senior pastor for this congregation upon the retirement of our current shepherd. Arouse to your call the one whom you have chosen to serve here, preaching your Word, administering your sacraments and teaching us of your grace and mercy. Guide us as we are led by your Spirit, so we may act with one heart and one mind as one body in Christ.

We praise you heavenly Father, for the families joining this congregation today. We pray that they are strengthened in faith and life through Word, Sacrament and fellowship together as your people. May they also be a blessing to this community of believers through the use of the talents and gifts you have abundantly provided.

Holy Father, bless the hearts of Christian parents to prize the gift of children and to work in their lives for the good of generations to come. Cause fathers and mothers to show Jesus to their children at home through word and deed and bring them here to worship and learn of your unending love. We praise you for the new children's ministry space that is near completion, and we pray that every room be filled with the children and youth of this congregation and those you bring to it in the future.

Heavenly Father, comfort all who mourn, including Matt and Kelsey Younggren and family at the death of their unborn son; and Jen Silcox and family at the death of Jen's father. Give them peace in the knowledge of the salvation you have accomplished through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Gracious Lord, you call us to cast our anxieties on you because you care for us. Bless your people with your peace through various trials and illness. Cause these your children to remember your care for all and remind them of your eternal promises to them in Christ.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that you will hear the prayers of your people and answer us with your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for healing:

Aimeee Mugiraneza
Deanna Sanden
Sherry Brendes
Guy Patten
John Schumacher
John Owen
Marv Frerking
Jerry Cline

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

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
Ruth Jahlas
Julia Bickel
Jen Zebuhr
Richard Luth, Sr.
Kathy Saveraid
Julie Gentry, (cousin of Deb Hoffman & Norma Colton)
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)

The CEC Advisory Board has some exciting news!!!



We have had 10 families enroll their children for this coming fall!

After the KCRG PR piece, we had 15 new inquiries and several of those scheduled a tour.

Save the Date:

Dedication Sunday for the new building addition, which includes the Childhood Education Center, is Sunday, August 28 at 9:30am. Please come for the dedication and stay to tour the center.

Do you want to help?

Dani has put together a Wish List on Amazon if you want to help and order some toys. Scan the QR code with your phone for the list. Please attach a gift tag so KOK can send you the tax-deduction.



The CEC is still looking for a:
Lead Infant Teacher
Before and After School Teachers
Part-Time Cook

Look for these job descriptions on the Church website under **About Us/ Employment**. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in these positions, send a resume to Dani at dstromert@kingofkingscr.org.

We are excited to serve at KOK and to help grow God's Kingdom as the CEC Advisory Board.

Kathy Epley, Jodi Jonasson, Sheila Monson, Michelle Nuehring, Holly Sojka, Jonathan Offt (KOK Church Administrator), Dani Stromert (Director of CEC), and Stephanie Jemtrud (consultant)

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. It's a good time to get together with other men and discuss how we, God's men, can show those around us what this means by our actions, deeds, and words. 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.

GriefShare

GriefShare will meet Monday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Heartland Room. We are on Lesson 13, "What Do I Live For Now". See you all there. GriefShare will be offered again this fall. Watch for details.

Women's Ministry Paint Night

Join us Friday August 19 at 6:30 for Paint Night. The sunflower painting instruction will be taught via YouTube. Just \$5 for all materials needed! Bring a friend, an apron, a snack and your favorite non-alcoholic drink.

Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God by Gordon and Catherine Russell in honor of their Anniversary on August 3.

Summer in the Sun

Summer fun and fellowship has returned! Join us each Sunday during the 9:30 AM hour for something new and exciting every week. Next week, The Marion Ministry and Outreach Center will share on things happening at the MMOC.

Welcome These New Members

King of Kings Lutheran Church is pleased to welcome these families into membership at today's 10:45 service: Shane and Olivia Pendleton, child Willa Michael and Hillary Behn, children Beckett and Flynn
Jamie and Amanda Lane, children Lucas and Landon
Jonas Coblenz (wife Stacie and children Mya and Ava)
Please greet them warmly as they enter into our King of Kings fellowship.

Is It A Fruit?

Come to the Epley's farm to learn everything you need to know about growing tomatoes.

- Determinate and indeterminate varieties
- Growing heirlooms
- Controlling wilt and other diseases
- Growing in containers
- Starting your own seeds indoors

Get free samples of Container Choice tomato seeds to grow next year. Check out the lambs and chickens on the farm. Pick some early apples.

Coming Sunday August 14th at 2:00 PM at the Epley farm at 1419 East Bertram Rd., Cedar Rapids. Sign up at the church Welcome Center or call the church office to let the Epleys know you are planning to attend.

Sunday School

Sunday School begins on September 11, 2022. Children's Ministry team members are still needed. Positions include teachers/assistants, substitute teachers and nursery volunteers. Please talk to Dian Treptow, 319-721-7567, as to how you will help us go!



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We as Christians are called to witness, in fact it was Jesus' command before His ascension into Heaven. This doesn't mean, however, that witnessing is something we 'have to do' to earn salvation, far from it!

When we really examine what Jesus has done for each of us, and the priceless gift of eternal life He gives us, it naturally makes us *want* to tell others about what Jesus has done for them! Who we tell isn't limited either -- whether it be a family member, friend, co-worker, or a stranger we meet in passing,

we need to take advantage of the many daily opportunities God gives us to tell of His love. Having a heart and mind tuned into witnessing means seeing our fellow human being as someone loved by God, and who needs to hear of Jesus. If you haven't thought of witnessing in these terms, I challenge you to look for those open moments in your everyday life, and pray that God gives you the words to say (He will). If you would like some ideas on witnessing in a particular scenario, please ask one of the Therefore Go team members (Kirk Jonasson, Greg Happel, Rachel Happel), and we will be glad to help you share God with others!

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.