

Welcome to King of Kings

We are glad to have you worship the Lord with us today. Members, friends and visitors are asked to complete a "Welcome" card, found in the chair pocket. Please place the card in the offering plate. Your personal information will not be shared outside of King of Kings. Prayer requests on the reverse side of the card will be offered by the King of Kings Prayer Team at their weekly meeting.

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, March 27, 2022
The 4th Sunday in Lent
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
Divine Service Setting 1 LSB 151

Preservice Music
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Hymn Today Your Mercy Calls Us LSB 915
Invocation
Confession and Absolution LSB 151
Service of the Word
Scripture Readings Jeremiah 32:26-30, 36-42
Colossians 2:13-15
Luke 15:11-32
Hymn of the Day Chief Of Sinners Though I Be LSB 611
Message Rev. Rich Balvanz
Apostles' Creed
Offering
Offertory LSB 159
Prayers of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction LSB 166
Children's Message Kids Go!
Hymn to Depart Jesus Sinners Doth Receive LSB 609 sts. 1-2, 5, 7

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, March 27, 2022
The 4th Sunday in Lent
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song Crowns
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Songs Lamb of God
By His Wounds
Invocation
Confession and Absolution
Choir Song The Sparrow's Song
Scripture Readings Jeremiah 32:26-30, 36-42
Colossians 2:13-15
Luke 15:11-32
Your Grace is Enough
Rev. Rich Balvanz
Song of the Day
Message
Nicene Creed
Offering
Offertory Thank you Jesus for the Blood (Praise Team)
Prayers of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction (Aaronic)
Children's Message Kids Go!
Closing Song God Is For Us
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Bruce Crowther, guitar/vocals | Sarah Mueller, vocals | Catherine Russell, vocals | John Mueller, drums

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sunday, Mar 27	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Christian Education Hour Worship
Monday, Mar 28	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
Tuesday, Mar 29	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Book of Revelation Bible Study Praise Band Practice Choir Practice
Wednesday, Mar 30	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner High School & Middle School Youth Worship Service
Thursday, Mar 31	10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study Celebrate Recovery
Friday, April 1	6:00 p.m.	HS Youth Lock-In
Saturday, April 2	8:00 a.m.	Celebrate Recovery Conference
Sunday, Apr 3	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Worship w/Communion Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Christian Education Hour Worship w/Communion Endowment Meeting

FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS

March 30– 6:00 PM- Lenten Dinner
March 30– 7:00 PM -Worship Service
April 1– HS Youth Lock-In
April 2– Celebrate Recovery Peacemaker Conference

Attendance Last Week

Worship 03/20 8:00: 128 10:45: 98 Total: 226 Lent Worship 03/23: 117

Serving Schedule - contact the church office if you'd like to serve.

THIS WEEK	03/27 Sun 8:00	03/27 Sun 10:45
NEXT WEEK	04/03 Sun 8:00	04/03 Sun 10:45
Elder 03/27 Elder 04/03	Shane Hartzler Tom Sandersfeld	Mike Frerking Paul Parry
Today's Ushers	Bill Maurer OPEN	Keith Colton Dan Hoffman
Acolyte 03/27 Acolyte 04/03	Lydia Koepnick Taylor Franck	Izzy Mueller Izzy Mueller
Lay Reader 03/27 Lay Reader 04/03	Steve Gronemeyer Bruce Crowther	David Ridout Denny Goshon
Sound 03/27 Sound 04/03	OPEN Brian Carlson	OPEN OPEN
Media 03/27 Media 04/03	Ann Halvorson Denny Wangeman	Alisa Buchanan Jordan Silcox
Video 03/27 Video 04/03	Brian Mullenbach Kirk Monson	OPEN Kirk Monson
Greeters 03/27 Greeters 04/03	Larry Shay Marge Shay Dixie Dahl Roxy Savage	Rad Finch Joyce Finch Jim Muench Sue Muench

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 27, 2022—April 2, 2022



Sermon Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father, you promise to forgive the sins of those who confess them. Help us to receive your forgiveness full, and cast off our burdens of shame and guilt. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Relieve, Not Relive

Absolution #1: Forgiveness from God

Peter's two experiences with "anthrakian" (charcoal fire):

- Denial of Jesus when he was on trial
- Forgiveness (absolution) from Jesus at breakfast after resurrection

Peter received and believed in Jesus' forgiveness. He was _____ of his guilt.

Absolution #2: Forgiveness from Others

Prodigal Son (Confession)

"Father, I have sinned against _____ and against _____. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

Forgiving Father (Absolution)

"Bring the best robe, a right for his hand, place shoes on his feet, kill the fattened calf. Let's eat!"

"Let us celebrate. For my son was _____ and is _____ again; he was _____ and is _____."

Forgiveness is _____ in words and actions.

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God doesn't want us to relive our worst moments.

He wants to relieve us from them.

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. Colossians 2:13



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Prayer of the Church; March 27, 2022

Heavenly Father, we come to you today praying that your Spirit creates in us true contrition over our sins, confidence that you hear us when we confess our sins, and joy in the absolution you pronounce over us. Give us a proper knowledge of the evil we have done and deal with us daily according to your steadfast love. Strengthen our faith and confidence in Christ alone, so we are called to repentance whenever we wander into sin or begin to trust in our own works so we are found alive in your Son forevermore. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for our nation and all in authority, that you would make them prudent and wise so we may live in peace and freely make known your message of reconciliation. Bring an end to conflict and strife and bring peace to your people. Cause war to cease and use your children to provide for those who are its victims. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need of mercy, healing and help, [including _____]. Deliver them according to your gracious will and remind them of the day when sorrow and sickness will be no more. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, bless this congregation according to your will and purpose. Cause each of us to serve as encouragement to the rest so we may serve you in all we do. Make known the person you have selected to lead our new children's daycare and education center. Prepare us the many changes that lie ahead. Bring forth able leaders to guide our actions. And in all times focus our eyes on Jesus. 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.**

A Caring Community Bringing Christ to Children and Families

The KOK Childhood Education Center Advisory Board continues to meet twice a month toward our goal of opening this fall.

Updates from our last meeting:

Jonathan Offt, Church Administrator, has joined the Advisory Board as the staff person who will oversee the CEC daily operations.

We have received several resumes and inquiries for the Director position. At our next meeting we will review them and begin scheduling interviews.

Our recruitment efforts have included:

- Online postings and other local church contacts
- Personal Contacts
- IDE News (coming in April)
- Social Media

We continue to receive phone and online inquiries from families looking for childcare. We are responding to and keeping track of these interested families.

We are currently working on additional job descriptions and wage ranges.

KOK plans a complete refresh of the church website; the CEC will have a prominent location.

Kathy, Jodi, and Jonathan are doing a site visit on March 4th to Ventura along with Jan Doellinger, the IDE Asst. to the President for Schools.

Curt Zebuhr has agreed to work on a logo for the Childhood Education Center.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in applying for the director position or a teaching position, please send a resume to jofft@kingofkingscr.org. Job descriptions are available from Jonathan or on the church website.

Prayers for Healing and Encouragement:

Jerry Hendricksen,
brother of Kristi Mueller
Family of Bonnie Voss
Marilee Vail
Co-worker of Stephanie
Treptow
Emilie & John Andrews
Jen Zebuhr
Jerry Green
Richard Luth, Sr.
Kathy Saveraid
Laury Whitham
Julie Gentry, (cousin of
Deb Hoffman & Norma
Colton)
Jack (grandson of Bob
and 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!

Final month for Hy-Vee Receipts!

Please bring in your Hy-Vee receipts to church and place in the box on the opportunities counter at church. Hy-Vee receipts are collected and counted weekly, so no need to hold onto them at home! Receipts need to be dated between April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022 to qualify for the Cash for Student's Program. Thanks for supporting TLS.

THRIVE Bowling

King of Kings Young Adult THRIVE group will be meeting on Saturday, April 2nd at Cedar Rapids Bowling Center (on Blairs Ferry Road). The meeting time is 4:15pm and we will enjoy some pizza as well! Please reach out to Richard Luth (richardluth776@gmail.com) to learn more about this event.

Iowa District East LLL Convention

Rev. Dr Michael Zeigler, speaker of The Lutheran Hour, will be the guest speaker at the Luther Hour Ministries Iowa District East Convention at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on April 9, 2022. More information can be found at the Welcome Counter or contact Dick Hoelz at 319-363-1214.

PLAY BALL!

Church co-ed softball league starts on May 16th. 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

Blessed To Be A Blessing

The women of our African Ministry are hosting a Mother's day event for African women in our community. Women's Ministry is collecting items to make gift bags for the women attending. They are collecting new personal hygiene products, makeup and toiletries. A list of suggestions can be found in the e-news or at the Welcome Counter. Please drop donations off in the shopping cart outside the church office through April 29. All women are invited to help assemble the gift bags on Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 AM at church. Any questions, please call Ann at 319-393-2438.

Altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God by Henry and Kris Ruprecht celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Youth Gospel Mime – Save the Date

King of Kings youth are excited to present (in person!) the 2022 Gospel Mime. The Mime is a creative and meaningful way for our youth to share the Gospel message through drama set to Contemporary Christian music. You'll see scenes from Jesus' life and earthly ministry, the crucifixion, and resurrection. There are two opportunities to see the Gospel Mime: Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm, and Saturday, April 16 at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for us all to share the Gospel with friends and family as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

Lenten Meals

Our King of Kings community will once again have weekly opportunities to gather around a meal and connect with one another. Each week, a meal will be served by one of the following groups at King of Kings: Elders, Women's Ministry, Middle/High School Youth, THRIVE Young Adults, and the Next Chapter Life Group. Next week, be sure to join us for fellowship and lasagna dinner served by The Thrive the young adults group, before midweek Worship, Wednesday, March 30 at 6pm. A big thank you to the Middle School and High School for serving this past week!

THRIVE Young Adult Group –Now meeting in the CONFERENCE ROOM

King of Kings THRIVE group provides a community where young people can connect with others to talk about faith and life. Whether you're just out of High School or somewhere in your 20's, you're welcome to join! The group meets on Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Conference Room at King of Kings. You can show up to find out what it's all about or reach out to Richard Luth (richardluth776@gmail.com) or DCE Tony (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org).

Do you have extra plastic Easter Eggs?

The Youth Fundraising committee is looking for a few items for our Easter Breakfast. Can you help the group by donating any of the following:

- Colorful plastic Easter eggs (need 100)
- Easter basket grass (enough for 12 small/medium baskets)
- \$250 Thrivent gift card, to help with purchase of food to keep expenses down.

All items are needed by April 10th. Contact Joy Koepnick for questions and donations.



Building update:

Finish work continues and yes, there is a lot of it. The custom chair rail has been installed and looks great. Cabinets for the most part are up (still have a few on order) and hardware is just about complete on those. Flooring work is coming along with most of the vinyl in and a good chunk of the base. Areas that get carpet will obviously be completed at the very end. Doors are a big item and are currently being stored for installation which should be in the next few weeks. After that exterior concrete work for walks and the patio area will be going in. Lots of steps in the building process, but it is coming together. Many thanks for our faithful volunteers; we couldn't do it without you. Please come on back and check out the progress.

Attention THRIVENT members: FINAL OPPORTUNITY

The deadline to designate your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2022. You can designate your Choice Dollars to King of Kings. If you have any questions, there is an instruction sheet on the Opportunities Counter or please contact Jonathan at King of Kings (319-393-2438 or jofft@kingofkingscr.org)



Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School at King of Kings!

June 13-17 (M-F) from 9 am - Noon

Children & Volunteers - Make Waves with us and come learn about Jesus! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up online at www.kingofkingscr.org, under Ministries/Children. Watch for a volunteer/planning meeting within the next month. Let's get ready to dive into a super fun week!



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

7/8 Grade Connections & HS Bible Study

We've been talking for the last few weeks about how God can use small habits to help us make big changes in our lives. This week, we'll focus on the habit of sharing faith stories with others. Join us on Sunday mornings as we gather to have some fun and hear God's Word as it speaks into our lives. 7&8 Grade Connections will meet together with the High School class in the youth room, at 9:30am on Sunday.

HS Youth Lock-In and Middle School Fun Night

6-12 Grade youth are welcome to join us for a night of fun together on April 1 as we go to Spare Time Entertainment in Cedar Rapids for some bowling, laser tag, and food! This is a great opportunity to have some fun, bring a friend, and connect with others in your youth group.

Middle School Youth should plan to meet at Spare Time in Cedar Rapids at 7pm and bring \$20 which will cover games and food. Parents should plan to pick up 6-8 grade students from Spare Time at 9pm.

High School Youth will meet at King of Kings at 6pm to drop off their overnight stuff, then we will head over to Spare Time to meet up with the Middle School Youth. The cost for HS Youth is also \$20. After we bowl and play Laser tag, we'll head back to KOK for a full night of fun! PARENTS, if you would be willing to help chaperone part of the Lock-in, talk with DCE Tony. HS Youth may be picked up after breakfast between 7:30-8am on Saturday, April 2.

Both MS and HS Youth can sign up in the youth room and ALL Youth need a KOK student ministry health release on file. If you attended Bloomsbury Farms in the Fall, you don't need to do it again. The form can be downloaded from www.kingofkingscr.org under the youth page.

Middle School Youth Group

The next two weeks on Wednesday from 6-7pm get ready for Middle School youth group led by Jessica Dvorak! 6-8 grade youth are welcome to come connect with other middle school youth and have some fun. March 30 will be "old school" game night followed by a photo scavenger hunt on April 6. And just in case you're wondering about dinner, youth will have a chance to grab food at the Lenten meal and then head back to Heartland for some fun.