

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.

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, September 11, 2022
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
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Preservice Music
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want LSB 710
Invocation
Confession and Absolution LSB 167
Service of the Word
Introit Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b
Scripture Readings Ezekiel 34:11-24
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
Apostles' Creed
Children's Message
Hymn of the Day Jesus Sinners Doth Receive LSB 609 sts. 1-2, 5, 7
Message Gathered Together, Rejoicing Together Rev. Rich Balvanz
Offering and Offertory LSB 176
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction LSB 183
Blessing of Sunday School Volunteers
Closing Song Now Thank We All Our God LSB 895

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, September 11 2022
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song Hymn of Heaven
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Invocation
Blessing of Sunday School Volunteers
Confession of Sins
Opening Song #1 Just As I Am
Baptism of Beckett and Flynn Behn, children of Michael & Hillary Behn
Absolution
Song #2 Living Hope
Scripture Readings Ezekiel 34:11-24
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
Apostles' Creed
Children's Message
Song Thy Word
Message Gathered Together, Rejoicing Together Rev. Rich Balvanz
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Benediction (Aaronic)
Closing Song Battle Belongs
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Sarah Mueller, vocals | Gina Kleman, vocals

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Sep 11 Rally Day	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Worship Christian Education Hour Worship African Worship
Mon, Sep 12	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision Men's Network
Tue, Sep 13	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study Praise Band Practice Governing Board Meeting Choir Practice
Wed, Sep 14	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Youth Dinner High School Youth Confirmation
Thu, Sep 15	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Fri, Sep 16	6:30 p.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study
Sun, Sep 18 Rally Day	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship Christian Education Hour Worship African Worship VineLife Hiawatha Care Center

FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS

September 13- 7:00 PM-Choir Practice
September 14- 6:00 PM-Youth Meals
September 14- 6:30 PM- Confirmation classes
September 18-2:00 PM- VineLife
September 19-10:00 AM- GriefShare
September 19-7:00 PM- Women's Ministry Bible Study

Attendance Last Week

Worship 09/04 9:30 AM: 134

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

THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK	09/11 8:00 AM 09/18 8:00 AM	09/11 10:45 AM 09/18 10:45 AM
Elder 09/11 Elder 09/18	Dan Klinkenberg Shane Hartzler	David Hoffman Mike Frerking
Today's Ushers	Dale Hahn Bill Maurer	Glenn Lehrman Ken/Janet Ramstad
Acolyte 09/11 Acolyte 09/18	Annie Klinkenberg OPEN	OPEN OPEN
Lay Reader 09/11 Lay Reader 09/18	Steve Gronemeyer Shane Hartzler	David Ridout Denny Goshon
Sound 09/11 Sound 09/18	Brian Carlson OPEN	Joel Silcox OPEN
Media 09/11 Media 09/18	Ken Liske Denny Wangeman	Darren Jacobsen Dan Henry
Video 09/11 Video 09/18	Kirk Monson OPEN	Kirk Monson Chris Dvorak
Greeters 09/11 Greeters 09/18	Larry Shay Marge Shay Kay Nelson	Denny Goshon Ruth Goshon Steve Epley Kathy Epley



September 11, 2022—September 17, 2022



Sermon Prayer

Merciful Lord, thank you for seeking us when we had no power to seek you. Bring us home, dear Lord. Grant us daily repentance that we may share in the joy of heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Gathered and Rejoicing Together

"I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:7

Repentance: _____ from sin to faith in Jesus and his forgiveness. (Means of Grace)

"When our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, said 'Repent ye,' he meant that the whole life of a Christian is one of repentance." Luther, Thesis I, 1517

Joy in heaven: the result of Christ's ongoing gathering of his _____ people. (Holy Christian Church)

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the _____ set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

Joy in the Church: seeking and finding the wandering and the lost through Word and Sacrament (Proclaiming Christ to our neighbors)

"But our _____ is in heaven...."
Philippians 3:20a

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6a

Joy in heaven and in the Church is the result of seeking and finding wandering sheep; shining light into dark places and finding those who don't know they are lost.



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Prayer of the Church—September 11, 2022

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, came down from heaven to seek us, his lost sheep, and bring us home rejoicing. Let us call upon Him in thanksgiving and offer these petitions for ourselves and all people.

Almighty God, you call pastors and set them to the task of shepherding your people. Bless them in their work of providing your gifts to those you have gathered and as they seek those who have wandered away. Holy Father, some of us may feel lost and without a shepherd at this time. Bless the work of our congregation's leaders as they prepare us to issue a call to the man you have chosen to be our earthly shepherd through Word and Sacrament.

Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation. Bless parents as they teach their children your Word and sustain our Sunday school teachers and helpers as they assist parents in this noble work. We praise you for the baptisms of Beckett and Flynn Behn. Bring to completion the faith established in them by your Spirit through water and your Word. Lord we pray that you remember your baptized children who have wandered from the household of faith. Pursue them as a shepherd who seeks lost sheep. Strengthen their families to persist in prayer and confidence in your faithfulness. Gather Your people as a shepherd gathers sheep. Remove from them whatever is contrary to sound doctrine and give them repentant hearts, that they might rejoice with the angels in heaven.

Lord of life, You heal and deliver. Hear our cries for all who are in need of strength and rescue. [especially _____].

Almighty God, all things are Yours, and You have promised to supply us with all that we need. Give us courage and faith, that we may give a confident "amen" to these prayers, certain that You will give us all that is good and beneficial to our salvation and preserve us from all things harmful, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers for healing:

Holly Sojka
Sandy Brough, mother of Jen Silcox
Jo Schumacher
Paula Easton, mother of Catherine Russell
Aimeee Mugiraneza
Deanna Sanden
Sherry Brendes
Guy Patten
John Schumacher
John Owen
Marv Frerking
Jerry Claine

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

Richard Luth at family at the death of his father Richard Luth, Sr.
Gina Kleman and family at the death of her mother Maria Diebold
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:

August Happel
Pierre Manirakiza and family
Jerry Green
Julia Bickel
Jen Zebuhr
Kathy Saveraid
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!

Come and Join Us!

King of Kings Church Choir
When: Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM, starting September 13. Meet in the Worship Center. For more info contact Gordon Russell, Director of Music Ministry, at 319-393-2438 or grussell@kingofkingscr.org.

GriefShare at King of Kings

Another session of GriefShare will resume Monday, Sept 19 at 10:00 in the Heartland Room. Anyone that has suffered the loss of a spouse, mother, father, child or friend and want to learn many different ways of coping with their loss, come join us for this excellent study. For further info, please contact Darlene Wood at 319-270-1276.

Fruits of Our Labors

Coming to the Epley farm on Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 PM
Thinking about what to do with a little extra bit of space in your backyard? Try growing an apple tree. Come to the Epley farm to learn practical wisdom about growing apples. Try some dried apple slices. Spend some time walking through the Epley orchard. Taste apples from different trees. Pick some ripe apples to take home.
Sign up at the church Welcome Center or call the church office to let the Epley's know you are planning to come. The Epley farm is located at 1419 East Bertram Rd., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

Attention All Women!

Are you looking for a Life Group just for women? Sign up today for the newly formed group on the Life Group Sign-Up Board. Time and date to be determined to best fit the group's need. Contact Ann Mueller, office@kingofkingscr.org, with questions or for more information.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

Save the date! Fruit of the Spirit bible study will resume on Monday, September 19th at 7:00PM. The topic of study will be kindness. All women are welcome to attend. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Call Committee Update

Pastor Ratcliffe declined our Call on Saturday, 9/3. It was a very hard decision for him, but after praying a lot about it, he was convinced that the Lord still had work for him at St. Paul's. We are disappointed, but we know that the Lord will provide our new Senior Pastor in His time. So the Call Committee is starting the process again. If you would like to nominate a pastor for consideration, please email or call Dan Henry, Call Committee Chair, at DanJHenry05@gmail.com or 319-693-3636. We are asking for your prayers as we seek God's choice for our new Senior Pastor.

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 and meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. 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.

Book Of Isaiah— Two Opportunities

Beginning Friday, September 9, Marsha and Ken McElreath began teaching the Isaiah bible study classes again each week at King of Kings church at 6:30pm, followed by discussion at 7:30 and informal mixing with snacks afterward. They plan to teach the same lesson each week as the previous Sunday morning's. The intent is that anyone who misses or cannot attend Sunday mornings will be able to participate on Friday nights at their convenience. We are hoping to expand the outreach of this study to as many people as possible, so please do invite your friends to come if this venue interests them.

THRIVE Young Adult Group – Meeting in the Fireside Room (Former Youth Room)

King of Kings THRIVE group is meeting once again. THRIVE 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 Fireside 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).



Forward with Christ Update/Building Update

We have now received our official occupancy for the new building through the City of Robins and through the State Fire Marshal! We thank the Lord for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus in this new space! A thank you to all of you for your part as the body of Christ to make this a reality. Thank you for your prayers, your labor (building, painting, cleaning, etc.) and your financial gifts to this ministry venture.

We were blessed with a wonderful dedication of our new space on Sunday, August 28th. Sunday School, Confirmation, Middle School & High School Youth are enjoying the new space. There are also various adult Bible study classes and Life Groups that will utilize a variety of our classrooms. Our CEC (Childhood Education Center) began with our before & after school program on August 23rd and our daycare ministry began on September 6th. We continue to have many inquiries and give tours throughout the week.

There are a variety of indoor projects that continue in both the new and existing building. We will also be doing some fall landscaping and retaining wall projects – so be on the look out for some upcoming volunteer opportunities.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to tour, please stop by the new space. We also continue to receive pledges and gifts as we pay for our new construction. Please contact Jonathan Offt (church administrator) if you have any questions and/or would like to be involved.



Children's Sunday School Starts Today!

We're so excited to have your family join us for a year of fun and learning at King of Kings Sunday School. Classes for all ages begin today at 9:30am and will be held in the new Children's and Youth Center. There will be opportunities for everyone to learn and grow, including *Parents Connect*, a time for parents of children and youth to come together and discuss what their kids are learning and what that looks like in our families outside of a Sunday morning.



New HS YOUTH and Middle School BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on September 11, join us on Sunday mornings starting at 9:30 in the new Middle School and High School youth rooms as we dig into God's Word. Both 7th and 8th grades as well as High School youth will be starting in the book of Genesis this week as we read about and reflect on God's creation. Our main point this week is: **God created everything out of nothing, revealing His unmatched glory.** This is a great chance for youth to hear God's Word, discuss it with their peers and see how God guides us in our lives.

Parents Connect

Starting this Sunday, September 11th after you drop off your kids at their Sunday School classes, drop by *Parents Connect* to grab some coffee and learn more about the lessons that are being taught to your kids in their classes. Parents will have a chance to connect with one another, share the unique joys and challenges of family life, and discuss topics that coincide with the Children's Sunday school lessons. Parents Connect will take place in the corner "red room" in the new Children and Youth Ministry addition at King of Kings and is facilitated by Megan Dixon.

HS Midweek and Confirmation

High School Youth midweek and 5th-8th grade preconfirmation and confirmation classes officially kick off this week at King of Kings. Wednesday at 6pm, youth can come grab some dinner and hang out with their friends before activities begin. Then at 6:30pm, Pre-confirmation begins in the 5/6 Grade Room, Confirmation begins in the Middle School youth room and High School youth begins in their new room. Don't miss out on this chance to have some fun, connect with friends, and grow in faith together!



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 - Toddlers
 - 2 year olds
 - 3 year old full day preschool
 - 4 year old full day preschool
 - Before and after school care for Alburnett students kindergarten - 5th grade

Monday - Friday 6:30 am - 5:30 pm

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ALSO HIRING ASSISTANT TEACHERS!

