

## 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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021

8:00 and 10:45 a.m. In Person Worship and 8:00 a.m. Streamed Live

Preservice Song	I Will Follow
Welcome & Opening Announcements	
Opening Song	Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
Invocation	
Song	Ancient of Days
Confession and Absolution	
Song	Thy Word
Scripture Readings	Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 3:14-21
Children's Message	Family Five Mark 6:45-56
Hymn of the Day	Blest Be The Tie That Binds LSB 975
Message	Rev. Rich Balvanz
Apostles' Creed	
Offerings	
Prayers of the Church	
The Lord's Prayer	
Benediction (Aaronic)	
Closing Song	Your Grace is Enough

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

THIS WEEK	07/25 Sun 8:00	07/25 Sun 10:45
NEXT WEEK	08/01 Sun 8:00	08/01 Sun 10:45
Today's Ushers	Boyd Kaiser OPEN	Glenn Lehrman OPEN
Elder 07/25 Elder 08/01	Travis Phillips Dan Klinkenberg	Paul Parry Paul Parry
Lay Reader 07/25 Lay Reader 08/01	Denny Wangeman Steve Gronemeyer	Greg Happel Rad Finch
Sound 07/25 Sound 08/01	Brian Carlson Brian Carlson	OPEN OPEN
Media 07/25 Media 08/01	Ken Liske Ann Halvorson	Greg Glass Alisa Buchanan
Video 07/25 Video 08/01	Brian Mullenbach Kirk Monson	NA NA
Greeters 07/25 Greeters 08/01	Dixie Dahl Roxy Savage Dixie Dahl Roxy Savage	Kirk Jonasson Steve Schroeder J & S Muench A & K Pladna

## THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sunday, July 25	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Worship Summer in the Son- Family VBS Worship African Worship Service
Monday, July 26	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry New Member Class, Pr. Balvanz Home Women's Ministry Book Club
Tuesday, July 27	7:00 p.m.	Men of God Practice
Thursday, July 29	6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Large Group Celebrate Recovery Small Group
Sunday, Aug 1	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship Summer in the Son- Life Group Sign Ups Worship African Worship Service Hiawatha Care Center
Monday, Aug 2	6:30 p.m.	New Member Class, Pr. Balvanz Home

**FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS**  
 July 24- Aug 1 HS Youth Trip to West Virginia  
 July 25- Summer in the Son- Family VBS  
 July 26-6:00 PM- Stephen Ministry Supervision  
 July 26-7:00 PM- Women's Ministry Book Club  
 August 1-9:30 AM- Life Group Sign Ups  
 August 1- 6:00 PM Youth Return from West Virginia

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 114-99  
Total: 213

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of our God! How unsearchable are your judgments and how mysterious are your ways! For from you and through you and to you are all things. To you be glory forever! Amen.

Life in Four Dimensions

**Faith recognizes, believes and trusts in the eternal truths of God, including things beyond our understanding:**

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water (Mark 6) they were terrified despite having witnessed the same day the miracle of Jesus feeding 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish .

"They did not understand about the \_\_\_\_\_, but their hearts were \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 6:52)

**Hardened: lacking spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.**

The disciples did not know Jesus from a \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul prayed (Ephesians 3) that followers of Christ would be strengthened in faith through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

"So that \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your hearts through \_\_\_\_\_." (Ephesians 3:17)

**Such faith in Christ opens our eyes to the truth of the Father's love for us that forgives our sins:**

"That you, being rooted and grounded in \_\_\_\_\_, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:17-19

**Through the perspective (the lens) of the cross we comprehend the surpassing love of God and are filled with the very fullness of God.**

"...to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers this week...

We give You thanks for the blessings of creation and life that come from Your abundant goodness. Give to Your Church boldness to speak of Your wondrous deeds and sing always of Your righteousness. You are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. Ground us in love, give us a faith rooted in the promises of Christ, and give us strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses knowledge.

Heavenly Father, through Your Son and His reconciling death, we receive all good gifts. Thank you for the life granted to Dick Blessing, who is at peace with you experiencing the joy of heavenly rest. Strengthen his wife Lori and Dick's entire family with the knowledge of your abiding love through Jesus Christ and your abundant care. Uphold Deb Howard, a member of Laborers for Christ, whose mother died on Wednesday in Texas. Comfort the family in their sorrow. We pray also for James and Shari Ross, who have suffered the death of both their fathers in recent weeks. Assure them of your love through the words and actions of your people and through your Spirit lead them to lean on your love more and more.

We bring before You the sick and others in need, especially Guy Patten as he recovers from surgery and Linda Patten as she deals with her own afflictions. Comfort each of them with your everlasting comfort and give them peace amid their infirmities. Grant continued healing and protection to Ann Knupp and Keturah Weber and encourage them in the midst of this life by the recognition of Your Fatherly providence known in Christ, our Savior.

Grant protection to our youth and their leaders as they serve you and the people of Huntington, West Virginia this week. Give them wisdom and knowledge to faithfully and fruitfully carry out the good works you have prepared in advance for them to do. Open the hearts of the people they help so they may hear and see the gospel of Christ in the lives of our young people. 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.

Prayers for Healing and Encouragement:  
Lori Blessing  
Deb Howard  
James & Shari Ross  
Guy Patten  
Ann Knupp  
Bill Thurm  
Keturah Weber  
Dick Blessing  
Chad Winterhoff  
Jerry Green  
Faith Buss  
Bob & Jan Fruth  
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)

#### Guest Information

Thank you for visiting King of Kings. We offer two worship services on Sunday mornings during the summer, at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. The message and worship style are the same at both worship services. Communion is served at both services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. 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.

**Summer in the Son– Youth Group Trip Sharing**—Join us Sunday, August 8 during the 9:30 Summer in the Son hour to hear the High School Youth share about their trip to Huntington, West Virginia.

#### Fruits, Fruits and More Fruits!

Coming to the Epley farm on Sunday, August 15 at 2:00 PM

Thinking about what to do with a little extra bit of space in your backyard? Try growing a fruit tree or starting a small orchard. Come to the Epley farm to Learn practical wisdom about growing apples, plums, apricots, peaches, pears, raspberries, strawberries, and more. Get simple practical answers to your questions.

- What is the right time to plant fruit trees?
- Where are the best places to get fruit trees?
- How do you care for fruits like apples or pears?
- How hard is it to plant a raspberry patch or start some blueberry bushes?

Spend some walking through the Epley orchard. Pick some ripe apples to take home. Take home some dried apple slices. Sign up at the church Welcome Center or call the church office to let the Epleys know you are planning to come. The Epley farm is located at 1419 East Bertram Rd., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

#### Marion Ministry and Outreach Center

The Marion Ministry and Outreach Center has a new home! Our new location at 640 14th Street, Suite 1 in Marion is scheduled to open this September. The goal for this new site is to provide services and ministry opportunities for children and families in the Marion area and our own King of Kings congregation.

**REMINDER:** You can bring your full backpack to church no later than **July 25th** and we will see that they get dropped off at the Marion Cares Office on August 3rd.

Please direct questions to Carol Maurer ([breeze1018@gmail.com](mailto:breeze1018@gmail.com)) or Peggy Liske ([peggyliske@gmail.com](mailto:peggyliske@gmail.com))

**Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God by Eric & Kristi Mueller in honor of their 30th Anniversary on July 27. Also by Greg and Andrea Happel in honor of their 21st Anniversary on July 29.**

**Family Five** is a short video lesson for all people, it includes a lesson for NOW and a question to discuss or activity to do with your family LATER.

**Sunday's Family Five is titled: ORANGES!**

**For today's Family Five:** ask your family if you can try the floating and sinking orange experiment at home.

#### Save the Date to Save Lives

Blood Drive at King of Kings on Tuesday, August 17 from 2:30-5:00 PM. Sign Up at <https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/98925>

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP!

By giving blood with ImpactLife (Formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center), you'll provide a lifesaving resource used by patients right here in our area. The demand for blood is constant, so ImpactLife needs donors to schedule regular appointments for donation.

#### Bible Study of the Book of Hebrews

Today at 9:30 in Classroom 4, Ken and Marsha McElreath will begin a weekly study of this rich epistle. All are invited to join.

#### QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for the first half of 2021 are located in your church mailboxes. Thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's gifts. A reminder that a convenient and consistent way of giving is through our Simply Giving online platform through the church website ([www.kingofkingscr.org](http://www.kingofkingscr.org)).

#### Custodial position opening at King of Kings

King of Kings Lutheran Church is seeking to fill an open ministry position - we have an opening for a 10 -15 hour/week position for custodial work at King of Kings. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Jonathan Offt at church (319-393-2438 or [jofft@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:jofft@kingofkingscr.org)). Thank you.



#### Summer in the Son– Life Group Sign Ups

Join us next Sunday August 1 for the Summer in the Son Event– Life Group Sign Ups! Are you part of a Life Group? Are you looking to join a Life Group! Come talk to Ann Mueller, our Life Group Coordinator, on Sunday, August 1 during the 9:30 hour to find out more!

#### Six benefits of being in a Life Group you may not know:

1. You are seen
2. Friends become family
3. You have the opportunity to lead and host (if you want)
4. Opportunity to seek answers and ask questions
5. Receive help when you are struggling
6. Growing and changing lives for God's Kingdom

From a grateful Stephen Ministry Care Receiver



"To anyone who is considering a Stephen Minister, give me a minute to tell you my experience before deciding. At one time I struggled with saying yes to this kind of partnership. I figured I had been handling my life struggles for so long, why add that kind of mentoring now.

It turned out to be more of a blessing than I even could image back then. This kind of experience is going to be a different kind of "personal" for each pairing, but I experienced a deep shift through this process.

The Holy Spirit is always present but when my Stephen Minister and I met, my faith became even more empowered. I never felt judged or strong armed.

She would gently bring my thoughts back to the only Power that transforms hearts. She would always give God true credit for all the healing.

We had lots of laughs along with some necessary tough feelings. I felt like no topic was off-limits. They are highly trained and very compassionate.

Give yourself the gift of time partnering with a Stephen Minister. Let God help you in this manner. I personally have found out that a heavy heart can be lightened in this way. Know God wants to bless you in every way that is good for you. Time with a Stephen Minister is a ten-fold grace.

Thankful & Blessed Care Receiver"



**KING OF KINGS**  
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

#### Upcoming Youth Trip Dates

Sunday, August 1 @ 6pm – Return Home!

Sunday, August 8 @9:30 am –Youth will be sharing about their trip during the Summer in the Son hour

#### 2021 Youth Mission Trip Prayer Calendar

**Sat (7/24)** Pray for safe travel for our group of 18 along with other groups travelling to participate at the servant event in Huntington, WV.

**Sun (7/25)** Pray for the work crews as they learn about their projects and residents for the week. Pray for both the projects and residents.

**Mon (7/26)** Pray for good weather and safe conditions as crews begin the projects.

**Tue (7/27)** Pray for unity in work crews and among the participants of our servant event and the community of Huntington.

**Wed (7/28)** Pray for positive attitudes and energy to finish the week. Also that crews would get a chance to rest during their half day off.

**Thurs (7/29)** Pray that God opens the hearts of those hearing and experiencing the Gospel message— lived out through our efforts.

**Fri (7/30)** Pray that all projects are completed and that both the servant event participants and community are impacted greatly.

**Sat (7/31)** Pray for safety during travels as well as our mission team as they process their week together serving in Jesus' name.

**Sun (8/1)** Pray that God continues to help our youth and adult leaders serve with the love of Jesus in their homes, community, and world.