

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.

As you celebrate the season and send out Christmas cards, please consider mailing a card to the members below that aren't able to join us in person.

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THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

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| Sun, Dec 11 | 8:00 a.m. 9:30 p.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | Cantata Christian Education Hour Cantata African Worship Children's Christmas Program |
| Mon, Dec 12 | 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Men's Network |
| Tue, Dec 13 | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Moms in Prayer International Pastor Led Bible Study Praise Band Practice Governing Board Meeting Choir Practice |
| Wed, Dec 14 | 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Staff Meeting HS Youth Drop In MS Youth Drop In Advent Worship Service |
| Thu, Dec 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Celebrate Recovery |
| Sat, Dec 17 | Private Event | |
| Sun, Dec 18 | 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. | Worship Christian Education Hour Worship African Worship Hiawatha Care Center |

Attendance Last Week 12/04
Worship: 8:00 AM-137 | 10:45 AM-84 Total- 221
Children/Youth Sunday: 46

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

| | THIS WEEK | NEXT WEEK | | | | |
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| | 12/11 8:00 AM | 12/18 8:00 AM | | 12/11 10:45 AM | 12/18 10:45 AM | |
| Elder 12/11 Elder 12/18 | Shane Hartzler Curt Zebuhr | | | David Hoffman Mike Frerking | | |
| Ushers 12/11 Usher 12/18 | Dan Blomquist Steve Schroeder Dan Blomquist | | | Jason Silcox Deanna Glass Glenn Lehrman Jamie Grimm | | |
| Acolyte 12/11 Acolyte 12/18 | Boden Kane Haley Sojka | | | Noel Burmeister Juliet Wadsley | | |
| Lay Reader 12/11 Lay Reader 12/18 | NA Denny Wangeman | | | NA Pierre Manirakiza | | |
| Sound 12/11 Sound 12/18 | OPEN Brian Carlson | | | Joel Silcox Joel Silcox | | |
| Media 12/11 Media 12/18 | Sandy Germaine Ken Liske | | | Alisha Buchanan Dan Henry | | |
| Video 12/11 Video 12/18 | Jason Sojka Dave Lempia | | | OPEN Chris Dvorak | | |
| Greeters 12/11 Greeters 12/18 | Kay Nelson Scott & Tammy Mahmens | | | Jolene Balvanz Steve & Kathy Epley | | |

King of Kings

LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 11, 2022—December 17, 2022

KING OF KINGS
ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS
The Winter Rose



Welcome and thank you for joining us today for our morning of special music, the Choir Cantata Service. This year the King of Kings choir presents The Winter Rose by Joseph Martin.

Below is the Foreword by Joseph and Pamela Martin:

From the earliest Christian time, the rose has been a symbol of divine love. It gently reaches across the ages in ancient illuminations and freely spills from the pens and brushes of countless poets and artists. Echoing through our sanctuaries in the melodies and texts of many beloved carols, it brings to life the beautiful visions of biblical prophets and the hope of early Christian pilgrims.

Today, the rose remains a vital expression of love and peace both inside the Church and the outside world. Her appearance in the garden is a treasured harbinger of the coming spring's abundance. As a gift, the rose's delicate beauty is usually reserved for the most meaningful expressions of the heart. No flower holds our dreams of love more beautifully than she.

It is in that same spirit that the present work was conceived and written. It is our sincerest prayer that as Christ, the Rose of Sharon, opens before you this Christmas, your spirit will be encouraged by the beauty of God's greatest gift. Let the words and music of this cantata remind you that even in the deepest winter, we are people of joy and life...children of the garden.



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Prayers for December 11, 2022

Gracious Lord.....

Grant us ears to hear and hearts to believe the words delivered by all who bear Your Word.

Thank you for sending your Son into the world for our deliverance from sin and death.

We praise you for the gift of children and for the faith bestowed on them in Holy Baptism. Protect their hearts, minds and bodies from evil.

Bless our homes and grant that true faith might be delivered from one generation to the next.

Give wisdom and insight to all leaders, that we may live peaceful lives.

We praise you Lord for the gift of music, and give thanks for those whose talents of instrument and voice give glory to you.

Draw near to all who suffer or grieve and grant healing to all who have requested our prayers.

Thank you for the protection granted to our members who assisted disaster victims in Lake Charles, Louisiana. May their words and actions be faithful declarations of your desire that all should come to know you through faith in your Son, Jesus.

In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for healing, recovery, peace, strength:
Amy Stuenkel, daughter in law of Lorraine Stuenkel
Lydia Parry
Jo Schumacher
Gary Russell
Cherie Buelow
Mary Balvanz
Lois Muench
Diane Muench
Richard Nelson
John Owen
John Leonard
Marv Frerking
Jerry Green
Jerry Cline
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)
Richard Goshon
Paula Easton
Jen Zebuhr
Julie Gentry
Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:
Jen Silcox and family at the death of her mother Sandy Brough.
The Simonson and Younggren family at their death of their mother and grandmother Lorraine Weinbrandt.

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

Nels Fossum 12/11
Lori Lebeda 12/12
Dennis Wangeman 12/12
Jason Metcalf 12/13
Marlene Simonson 12/13
Lewis Kleman 12/14
Nancy Owen 12/15

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

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.

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!

A CHRISTMAS YARN

Get out your ugliest Christmas Sweater and join us tonight for the children's Christmas Musical! A Christmas Yarn will be presented on tonight, December 11 at 6:30 PM.

Poinsettias

Order your poinsettia. The deadline to order is today. Order forms can be found on the Welcome Counter.

King of Kings Family Christmas Party!

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 21st at 5:15 pm for our Family Christmas Party before Advent Service. We will have a potluck style meal (main dishes, appetizers/snacks, desserts) crafts & activities for children, games, music, and an interactive Bible story time. We will also be offering professional photos by the Christmas tree with photographer Emily Wadsley.

Middle and High School Youth are encouraged to volunteer for the event and can see Tony for the sign-up. Please contact Lindsay Hoffman, Amanda Lane, or Olivia Pendleton with any questions. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Our Savior with you!

Annual Voter's Assembly

We have once again reached the very important time of the year when we conduct our Annual Congregational Voter's Assembly. This meeting plays a critical role in the setting of the annual budget, elections for open Governing Board positions, as well as the establishment of congregational Visions and Goals for 2023. The leadership of the congregation truly values the input of all of our members, and would encourage everyone to attend. This year's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service. No meal will be provided. Childcare will be available.

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study will meet in Classroom 4 today instead of the Worship Center.

Pew Sister Bible Study for Women

A new study for women is starting on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 PM. This 12-session Bible study for women "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today. From alcoholism to postpartum depression to cancer, twelve different women generously share the story of God's faithfulness in their lives for the consolation of their sisters in Christ.

Each session begins with a scripture reading followed by a narrative of an individual woman's real-life story. Eight study questions, designed for both personal and group study, help the reader apply the reading and narrative to her own life in Christ. A meditative hymn stanza and collect complete each session.

Sign up at the Welcome Counter or email Ann at office@kingofkingscr.org. Each book will be \$15. They will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Inclement Weather

It's that time of year again, we never know what mother nature has in mind. If inclement weather is predicted and we need to cancel services or activities we will send out notifications via email, text, social media (Facebook) and on KCRG (TV and online). Please make sure to check one of those avenues if the weather is questionable. Also, if you have not opted in to text notifications, please contact the church office to sign up.

Outdoor Nativity

The nativity sculptures are given in loving memory of former King of Kings member Lavern Wenndt, husband of Ellie Wenndt and father of Sharm Wenndt & Cindy Hutcheson, also a King of Kings member. The sculptures are also given in loving memory of Sharm's wife, Dianna Wenndt. The family prays that these gifts remind us all of the true meaning of Advent and Christmas – that God has sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, as Savior of the world.

PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to all who returned pledge cards last weekend. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to return your cards (2023 annual giving & Forward with Christ building campaign), you may continue to do so – place them in the box at the welcome center (additional cards are available there also), mail them to the church, call 319-393-2438 or email Jonathan, jofft@kingofkingscr.org, with your pledge information.

Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Midweek Advent Services
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Dec 14 & 21

Family Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 21 5:15 PM

Christmas Eve Services
December 24 at 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM
(4:00 PM will be live-streamed)

Christmas Day Service
December 25 at 9:30 AM (one service)

New Year's Day
January 1 at 9:30 AM (one service)

Your Forward in Christ Capital Campaign Co-chairs are long-time King of Kings members:

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Please contact them for any questions, information or feedback regarding our campaign.



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

HS Servant Event

We still have some spots available for our summer youth trip to Mission, South Dakota. All youth currently in grades 8 through 12 are eligible to sign up. Don't miss out on this life-changing opportunity to go and serve in Jesus' name. For more information, reach out to DCE Tony. **The deadline to sign up is Dec. 31, so don't wait!** (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)

Student Ministry During Advent

Students in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join us for midweek drop-ins on Wednesdays. HS Youth will meet in the HS Youth room and grades 5-8 will meet in the Middle School youth room with Jessica Dvorak. We'll have a chance for youth to connect and have some fun before joining their families for Advent Worship at 7pm. For a complete list of Advent events, check out KOK Student Ministries social media or weekly email.

Parent Help Needed

We are gearing up for the annual High School youth Christmas party on Sunday, December 18th and DCE Tony is looking for some help from parents to plan and prepare the meal. If you can help make this a special night, contact Tony!

Junior Youth Christmas Party

The 5th-8th grade youth Christmas party will be on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 5:30-7. We'll have dinner for the kids, followed by games and a white elephant gift exchange, so have your youth start thinking of something they want to bring. Remember the sillier, the better. If you have questions, contact Jessica. (jessica.dvorak14@gmail.com) We hope to see you all there!

High School Christmas Party

What type of fun shenanigans will be included at the High School youth Christmas party? You'll just have to come and see for yourself! Join us at King of Kings on Sunday, December 18th at 6pm for food, fun, and a rockin'-around-the-Christmas-tree good time. Dress fancy and festive as we exchange gifts (white elephant) and eat a nice dinner together. Friends are welcome too, so make sure you invite someone new. If you have questions, reach out to DCE Tony.