

**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, January 29, 2023  
4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed  
Divine Service, Setting 1, LSB 151

Preservice Music- Brass Ensemble *Panis Angelicus*  
Welcome & Opening Announcements  
Opening Hymn In the Cross of Christ I Glory LSB 427  
Invocation  
Confession & Absolution LSB 151  
Service of the Word  
Introit Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: v.6  
Scripture Readings Micah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12  
Apostles' Creed  
Children's Message  
Hymn of the Day Son of God, Eternal Savior LSB 842  
Message Rev. Rich Balvanz  
Offering- Brass Ensemble The Prayer  
Prayer of the Church  
Lord's Prayer  
Benediction LSB 166  
Children Sing The B-I-B-L-E; Praise Him; God Is So Great  
Closing Hymn We Give Thee But Thine Own LSB 871  
Closing Announcements  
Postlude- Brass Ensemble  
Musicians: Gordon Russell piano/vocals | David Eddy, trumpet | Amy Blomquist, trumpet | Steve Loesch, trombone | Jonathan Offt, trombone

*Sunday Morning Worship*

Sunday, January 29, 2023  
4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Music- Brass Ensemble *Panis Angelicus*  
Welcome & Opening Announcements  
Opening Song Seek Ye First  
Invocation  
Baptismal Hymn Dearest Jesus, We Are Here LSB 592 sts 1-3  
Baptism of Isla Christina Falahpour  
Baptismal Hymn Dearest Jesus, We Are Here LSB 592 st 5  
Confession & Absolution  
Scripture Readings Micah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12  
Apostles' Creed  
Children's Message  
Song Jesus Messiah  
Message Rev. Rich Balvanz  
Offering- Brass Ensemble The Prayer  
Prayer of the Church  
Benediction  
Closing Song Battle Belongs  
Closing Announcements  
Postlude-Brass Ensemble  
Musicians: Gordon Russell piano/vocals | Sheila Monson, vocals | Catherine Russell, vocals | Kevin Stumpe, guitar | Brendan Doty, drums | David Eddy, trumpet | Amy Blomquist, trumpet | Steve Loesch, trombone | Jonathan Offt, trombone

**THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS**

Sun, Jan 29	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Worship Pastor 's Retirement Celebration Worship African Worship
Mon, Jan 30	6:00 p.m.	Call Committee Meeting
Tue, Jan 31	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Moms in Prayer International Pastor Led Bible Study Praise Band Practice Choir Practice
Wed, Feb 1	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Youth Dinner Safety and Security Team Meeting High School Youth Confirmation Classes
Thu, Feb 2	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Fri, Feb 3	6:30 p.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study
Sun, Feb 4	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Worship w/Communion Christian Education Hour Worship w/Communion African Worship

Attendance Last Week 01/22  
Worship: 8:00 AM: 119 10:45 AM: 102 Total- 221  
Sunday School Attendance: 36

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

THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK	01/29 8:00 AM 02/05 8:00 AM		01/29 10:45 AM 02/05 10:45 AM
Elder 01/29 Elder 02/05	David Hoffman Dan Klinkenberg		Paul Parry Mike Frerking
Ushers 01/29 Usher 02/05	OPEN OPEN		Colin McCarthy, Glenn Lehrman, David Eddy OPEN
Acolyte 01/29 Acolyte 02/05	Lydia Koepnick Annie Klinkenberg		Lauren Doty Kiley Theilking
Lay Reader 01/29 Lay Reader 02/05	Denny Wangeman Steve Gronemeyer		Tom Sandersfeld David Ridout
Sound 01/29 Sound 02/05	Brian Carlson Brian Carlson		Joel Silcox OPEN
Media 01/29 Media 02/05	Sandy Germaine Ken Liske		Greg Glass Greg Glass
Video 01/29 Video 02/05	Brian Mullenbach Kirk Monson		OPEN Kirk Monson
Greeters 01/29 Greeters 02/05	Scott Mahmens Tammy Mahmens OPEN		Jolene Balvanz OPEN



**King of Kings**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
January 29, 2023—February 5, 2023



*Sermon Prayer:*

Heavenly Father, how blessed we are to be your children and heirs of eternal life. Grant us your Spirit that we may use every opportunity to boast of the love and forgiveness you extend to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

<sup>1</sup>“Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are you....”  
*Matthew 5:1-2, 10a*

*How Blessed We Are!*

To be blessed by God is to live daily in his Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ and eternally in his Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

Knowing what it means to be a blessed disciple of Jesus doesn't occur naturally; it is \_\_\_\_\_ through God's Word and \_\_\_\_\_ by faith.

To his believing people God promises:

- Earthly care
- Spiritual comfort
- Mercy
- Sonship
- Eternal life

“I believe that King of Kings \_\_\_\_\_ to grow and develop as the best congregation in Cedar Rapids.”

*Rev. Bob Weinholt, 2023*

“You know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.” *James 1:3-4*

God made Christ Jesus “our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, *‘Let one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’*” *1 Corinthians 1:30b-31*

*How Blessed We Are!*



## Prayer of the Church –January 29, 2023

God of all wisdom, the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of your people, that we would not turn to man-made wisdom. Remove our stubborn inclination to follow our sinful desires and strengthen us to gladly submit to Your holy will, boldly proclaiming Christ crucified and risen from the dead.

God of all truth, bless those who are reviled and slandered because of Jesus. Strengthen them with grace, provide for all their needs of body and soul, and maintain in them the joy and gladness that in Christ their reward in heaven is great.

Merciful Father, raise up, equip, and send forth faithful pastors, directors of Christian education, teachers, deaconesses, and all laborers needed for the advancement of your kingdom. Through the office of the holy ministry and the faithful preaching and administration of your gifts, refresh and preserve the souls of all the elect.

Merciful God, you choose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, and you use our infirmities for our good. Hear our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted in body and spirit. Deliver them according to Your will and make use of their trials to increase their faith and confidence in you.

Bless our special observances this week with the knowledge that all good things come from you: The retirement of Pastor Balvanz and the birthdays and wedding anniversaries celebrated among us.

Lord God, heavenly Father, purify our hearts by your grace and strengthen us against temptation, that we would look joyfully to the day when we will see you in your glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

**Curt Zebuhr 01/29**  
**Bill Maurer 01/31**  
**Noah Metcalf 01/31**  
**Aaron Mishler 01/31**  
**Kate Ramsey 01/31**  
**Kathy Fagerbakke 02/01**  
**Cherie Buelow 02/03**

**Lyle & Roxy Savage 01/29/1969**

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](mailto: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.*

### Members

Deanna Sanden  
Sandra Butz  
Cherie Buelow  
Diane Muench  
Lois Muench  
Marv Frerking  
Richard Nelson  
John Owen  
Jerry Green  
Jerry Cline  
Lydia Parry

### Family & Friends

Amy Stuenkel  
John Leonard  
Richard Goshon  
Julie Gentry  
Jan Horne  
Jen Zebuhr  
Jack (Grandson of Bob & 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!

### Call Committee Update

We have finalized the slate of three Senior Pastor candidates to bring to the Voters. Candidate details and links will be provided on Sunday, 1/29, and via a separate email notification early next week.

The Voters' Meeting to issue a Call is scheduled for Sunday, **Feb 19 at 12:00 noon.**

Please keep the Call process in your prayers as we seek God's will for our new Senior Pastor.

### The Power of Love Film Festival

You make a difference in the world. Create a short 5-10 minute video and enter it in the second annual King of Kings film festival. The videos will be shown during the Power of Love Film Festival on March 11, 2023. All ages are welcome to participate. Start putting your team together today. If you have questions, come to the Film Festival kickoff on February 19 at 7:00 PM at King of Kings.

### Helpful Tips for Communing

Recently some members have had difficulty removing the individual wine cups from the tray during celebration of the Lord's Supper. We have found that new communion ware combined with thinner plastic of the cups has led to this issue. The difficulty occurs primarily when a communicant attempts to remove a cup by squeezing it from the top. This causes the cup to become misshapen and tighter, making it harder to remove from the tray. What should you do? Either lift the cup from the below the rim as you would if picking up a glass of wine or tip the cup slightly inward toward the center of the tray.

### No Regular Sunday School Today

Today there will not be Sunday School or Adult Bible Studies due to Pastor's retirement celebration. A service project activity for families will be available in the children and youth lobby. Stop by anytime between 9:00am & 10:30am to participate.

### Baptism Today at the 10:45 Service

Isla Christina Falahpour, daughter of Nema and Lisa Falahpour, granddaughter of Bob and Pat Harris, is welcomed into the Holy Christian Church this morning through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lyle and Roxy Savage celebrating their 54th Wedding Anniversary and the birthdays of their two grandchildren.*

### GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements are available in your church mailboxes. A reminder of the various ways that you can give to the ministries here at King of Kings (offering plate, text giving, online giving, etc.) is listed on our website – [www.kingofkingscr.org](http://www.kingofkingscr.org) – under the "Give" tab. If you should have any questions about giving or your statements, please contact Church Administrator Jonathan Offt ([jofft@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:jofft@kingofkingscr.org) or 319-393-2438). Thank you for your faithful stewardship of the Lord's gifts!

### One Hour, Once Per Month

Can you turn a page? Seems simple enough. Touch a finger to a songbook and turn to the appropriate page. But elderly residents of the Hiawatha Care Center often need assistance turning pages to sing the hymns when King of Kings members lead Sunday afternoon worship at 4 p.m. twice each month.

We need additional volunteers to turn a page, sing along, listen to a story. Share the love that comes from Christ. If you can turn a page you can share Jesus. It's so easy, even kids can do it. Contact Pastor Balvanz at 319-350-3276 or [rbalvanz@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:rbalvanz@kingofkingscr.org).

### We Need You

**Sound Board Operators, Media/Screen Operators, Livestream/Video Operators**  
Come and check out the process for helping in these areas during church services! We are holding a couple of training sessions for those who currently serve and for those who might have an interest in serving in these areas.

If you want to find out more **BEFORE** you make a commitment, then come to one of the training sessions!

Currently there are 2 training sessions scheduled:

**Wed, Feb 22 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm**  
**Sat, Mar 4 from 9:00 – 10:00 am**

If you have any questions, please talk with Tony Dixon, DCE or Gordon Russell, Director of Music Ministry

### Baby Bottle Boomerang Continues

We have partnered with Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center for another year to support their mission and ministry. Pick up a bottle outside the Worship Center. The bottle serves two purposes: 1. They are a reminder to pray for the ministry of Bridgehaven and 2. They can be filled with change, bills or check to financially support the ministry. Get yours today and return by February 12.

### Bulletin Submissions

Please have all bulletin submissions to the church office by noon on Wednesday. Thank you!

### Final days to purchase tickets!

KoK Youth Valentine's Dinner is right around the corner. Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Visit the table in the Fellowship Hall to buy your tickets Today! Come with your Spouse, your friends, or even your child (father/daughter, mother/son, etc.) for an evening of fine dining, dinner music, and entertainment. The menu is set, the musicians are rehearsing, and the fun is planned. A great evening for ONLY \$25 per person! Childcare will be provided. All the proceeds from this event will support the 2023 HS Youth Summer Servant Event at Mission, South Dakota. The youth and leaders will spend a week with the Lakota people of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation repairing homes and sharing the love of Jesus, July 8-16, 2023.

**Volunteer opportunities exist at the Marion Ministry and Outreach Center.** The MMOC now hosts the Women, Infants and Children program for the city of Marion. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday volunteers have the chance to casually interact with WIC clients who include pregnant mothers, nursing mothers and their infants and moms with small children who undergo health screenings and monitoring. Our goal is to foster relationships that allow us to speak the good news of salvation through Christ to young families who are struggling with their current life conditions.

Additional volunteers are also needed for the Cheerful Cheeks emergency diaper distribution that occurs two evenings per month. This involves distributing diapers, wipes and, if needed, emergency food supplies and interacting with the families receiving these products. One or more individuals are also needed who can pick up and deliver supplies to the Marion Ministry from the HACAP warehouse in Hiawatha approximately once a month.

To volunteer for any of these contact Rich Balvanz at [info@marionministry.org](mailto:info@marionministry.org) or call 319-350-3276.

### An update from the CEC

#### ENROLLMENT

28 children are enrolled in our Infant through School Age programs.

#### PROGRAM NEWS

The month of January has been filled with winter-themed fun! Preschool students have been busy "ice fishing", "ice skating", and building "igloos" in their classroom! There have been several days warm enough to play in the snow outside as well. Check out our Facebook page for pictures!

This week in Children's Chapel, DCE Tony reminded us that Jesus is never too busy for us. He is always there to help us and make time for us. In the classroom, Ms. Rachel read the storybook "Just believe" which tells the story of Jairus's daughter as an example of this. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can trust in God to help with any problems, no matter how large.

#### Men's Retreat

April 14-15, 2023 the Men's Network at King of King's are planning a weekend of food, fun activities, fellowship, and service projects during our "Men of Courage Retreat" at Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca. This event is for men of all ages from High School on up.



#### HS Youth Midweek Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Feb. 1 – Onsite Service Project

Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Real Life: Rocket League

Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Gospel Mime: Watch and Choose Roles

#### High School Winter Retreat - RELATE

Youth currently in high school, join us on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for an amazing weekend to connect, grow, and learn more about what it means to RELATE to others. We'll meet at KOK on Friday evening and travel out to Grace Lutheran Camp in Dewitt, IA for our retreat. We have great activities, Bible studies, and discussions planned. The cost is \$50 which includes food, transportation, and lodging for participants. Registration packets are in the youth room or reach out to DCE Tony Dixon for more info! ([tdixon@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:tdixon@kingofkingscr.org))