

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, December 18, 2022

The 4th Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
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Preservice Music

Welcome & Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come LSB 350

Invocation

Confession & Absolution LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 130:5-8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1

Scripture Readings Isaiah 7:10-17

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Nicene Creed

Children's Message Rev. Bob Weinhold

Hymn of the Day O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 sts. 1, ref, 2, 6-7

Message God Gives A Sign Rev. Bob Weinhold

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament LSB 160

Lord's Prayer

Distribution Hymns Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

O Living Bread From Heaven LSB 642

Benediction LSB 166

Closing Hymn Hark the Glad Sound LSB 349

Musicians: Peggy Liske piano/vocals | Tammy Mahmens, vocals

An update from the CEC

ENROLLMENT

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

PROGRAM NEWS

The CEC had our first unannounced compliance visit from our DHS licenser Amy Lyons. Here are some highlights from her report.

"With having commenced operations 55 days prior to this license visit, management has already established noteworthy systems of organization to help ensure administrative items are completed and maintained as required. It's evident management and staff are taking great pride in offering a new quality childcare program in the community."

"Classrooms are pristine and arranged in a thoughtful manner with learning at the forefront. Children's accomplishments (e.g. art) are displayed in various areas of the program space. Furnishings are new and child friendly. Curriculum includes Creative Curriculum, Iowa Early Learning Standards, Teaching Strategies Gold and Concordia "One in Christ". Curriculum also incorporates on-site guest speakers, enrichment experiences, off-site field trips, and teacher-inspired ideas."

"KOKCEC is located inside the King of Kings Lutheran Church in a newly constructed section attached to the church. KOKCEC is a ministry of King of Kings Lutheran Church and governed by a board. Building and grounds are well maintained. Church administration, church custodial staff, and the board help ensure the program space is sanitary and hazard-free each day. The space is ADA accessible. A mother's room and designated car seat storage room have been established. Center kitchen is extremely spacious and top-notch. The center cook discussed how she enjoys cooking, shadowed another childcare cook, and is striving to create a nutritious and child-interesting menu."

THANK YOU

Several children from the CEC were able to participate in the Children's Christmas Musical this past Sunday. Thank you to Mr. Gordon for his dedication to supporting the CEC. Our preschoolers light up when they see him arrive for music time every Thursday morning!

Kathy Epley, Jodi Jonasson, Sheila Monson, Michelle Nuehring, Holly Sojka, Jonathan Offt (KOK Business Administrator), Dani Stromert (Director of CEC), and Stephanie Jemtrud (consultant)

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Dec 18	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Christian Education Hour Worship African Worship Hiawatha Care Center HS Youth Christmas Party
Tue, Dec 20	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study Praise Band Practice Elder Meeting
Wed, Dec 21	1:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Family Christmas Party Advent Worship Service
Thu, Dec 22	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Sat, Dec 24	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship
Sun, Dec 25 Merry Christmas!	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship
Mon, Dec 26		Church Office Closed
Tue, Dec 27		Church Office Closed

Attendance Last Week 12/11

Worship: 8:00 AM-150 | 10:45 AM-153 Total- 303

Children/Youth Sunday: 50

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

THIS WEEK	12/18 8:00 AM	12/25 9:30 AM	12/18 10:45 AM
ELDER 12/18 ELDER 12/25	Curt Zebuhr	Tom Sandersfeld	Mike Frerking
USHERS 12/18 USHER 12/25	Steve Schroeder Dan Blomquist	OPEN OPEN	Glenn Lehrman Jamie Grimm
ACOLYTE 12/18 ACOLYTE 12/25	Haley Sojka	OPEN	Juliet Wadsley
LAY READER 12/18 LAY READER 12/25	Denny Wangeman	Greg Happel	Pierre Manirakiza
SOUND 12/18 SOUND 12/25	Brian Carlson	OPEN	Joel Silcox
MEDIA 12/18 MEDIA 12/25	Ken Liske	NA	Dan Henry
VIDEO 12/18 VIDEO 12/25	Dave Lempia	OPEN	Chris Dvorak
GREETERS 12/18 GREETERS 12/25	Scott & Tammy Mahmens	Rachel Happel	Steve & Kathy Epley



December 18, 2022—December 24, 2022



"God Gives A Sign"

"Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" Isaiah 7:10-14

Introduction: How important are signs?

I. The Purpose of a Sign Is...

- A. To point the _____
- B. To confirm _____
- C. To show God's _____

II. Are You Lost?

- A. Do you know the way to _____?
- B. Do you struggle with _____?
- C. Do you wonder about the _____ of God?

III. God Shows...

- A. The Way to _____
- B. That He Is _____
- C. That He has Power _____ People

IV. In Faith We Know the Way, Trust God and Believe In _____ Power



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Prayers for December 18, 2022

In peace, we pray to the Lord.....

For penitent hearts, that God would preserve us from temptation and move us to confess our sins and rejoice in Jesus, our salvation.

For faith and humility to receive the Son of God where He has promised to be found: in his holy Word and Sacraments.

For our congregation, that your choice to lead us as pastor may be made known to him and to us. Open our hearts and minds to your guidance. Clear the path for his arrival and prepare our hearts to receive him as our earthly shepherd.

For Megan Russell and Cody Shunkwiler, who were married Saturday. Bless the home they are establishing. Pour out your Spirit on them that together they are clothed in the forgiveness of Christ.

For the sick, the grieving and those in any need: heal, strengthen and preserve them according to your will.

For those observing birthdays and anniversaries this week, we pray your continued blessing.

For all who are traveling during the coming holiday period we pray for safety and a joyful observance of the birth of the Savior.

For all the faithful, that we may celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Word, singing His praises, and receiving His body and blood.

Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving the advent in the flesh of God's Son, we may always confess him and remain watchful for his advent in glory at the Last Day; for you live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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

Sherrie Buchanan 12/19
Rad Finch 12/19
Jim Muench 12/19
Steve Loesch 12/20
T.J. Offerman 12/20
Dave Drown 12/21
Brinley LeRoy 12/21

Tate Whitham 12/21
Karen Jahlas 12/22
Doug Sanden 12/23

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.

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:
Nancy Koster and family at the death of her mother, Marcia Peters.
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.

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!

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!

THRIVE Young Adult Group – Meeting in the Conference 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 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).

Book of Isaiah Bible Study

The next meetings of the Isaiah Bible study class will be Friday, January 6 and Sunday, January 8 at the regular time, continuing weekly thereafter.

R U SURE?

The Adult Bible Study considering what some World Religions believe ABOUT SIN will take place today in the Fireside Room from 9:30-10:30 AM. No sessions then until Sunday (08 January, 2023).

No Sunday School

No Sunday morning Children's and Youth classes on December 25 and January 1. We'll see you in the new year as we start back up on January 8th!

The small white poinsettias on the altar were donated by Gordon and Catherine Russell in honor of their daughter, Megan's wedding to Cody Shunkwiler. The family invites King of Kings members take one home and enjoy this Christmas season!

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.

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.

Church Office Closed

The church will be closed Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27. Please contact Pastor Balvanz on his cell phone, 319-350-3276, for urgent pastoral needs the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Family Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 21 5:15 PM

Midweek Advent Services
Wednesday, December 21 7:00 PM Dec

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)

Call Committee Update – December 2022

We have received a total of 31 nominations in this second round of our search for our next Senior Pastor. After reviewing the new candidate profiles and re-evaluating the previous candidates, we are proceeding forward with contacting 14 pastors to request a Zoom interview.

We are aware that Advent is a very busy time for pastors, so we are not expecting to conduct many interviews until January, but we will proceed through the interview process as soon as possible in the new year.

Please keep this process in your prayers as we seek God's will for our next Senior Pastor. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Henry at 319-693-3636 or DanJHenry05@gmail.com. Merry CHRISTmas!

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.



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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)

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 from 6-8pm 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.

NO Midweek Youth Events on December 21 and 28.