

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

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM Service in person and Live Streamed

9:30 AM Education Hour

10:45 AM Worship Service

Preservice Song

Prepare the Way

Welcome & Opening Announcements

Opening Songs

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Noel

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Carol Montag

O Come O Come Emmanuel/What Child Is This Medley

Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Children's Message

Family Five

Luke 7:18-28

Hymn of the Day

Hark A Thrilling Voice is Sounding! LSB 345

Message

Rev. Mark Halvorson

Apostles' Creed

Offering

Re-engagement video

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Aaronic)

Closing Song

This is Love (w/Come Though Long-Expected Jesus

Closing Announcements

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

THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK	12/12 Sun 8:00 12/19 Sun 8:00		12/12 Sun 10:45 12/19 Sun 10:45
Today's Ushers	OPEN OPEN		Keith Colton Dan Hasse
Acolyte 12/12 Acolyte 12/19	Mady Fossum Grace Blomquist		Noel Burmeister Izzy Mueller
Elder 12/12 Elder 12/19	Mike Frerking		Shane Hartzler
Lay Reader 12/12 Lay Reader 12/19	Greg Happel Steve Gronemeyer		OPEN Keith Colton
Sound 12/12 Sound 12/19	OPEN John Mueller		Joel Silcox John Mueller
Media 12/12 Media 12/19	Ann Halvorson Ken Liske		Alisa Buchanan Chris Dvorak
Video 12/12 Video 12/19	Jason Sojka David Lempia		NA NA
Greeters 12/12 Greeters 12/19	Roxy Savage Janet Proffitt Richard Luth Leah Luth		Denny Goshon Ruth Goshon Diana Lensch Sharon Meyer

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sunday, Dec 12	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Christian Education Hour Young Adult Bible Study-Stillwater Coffee Worship African Worship Service High School Christmas Party
Tuesday, Dec 14	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice Cantata Practice
Wednesday, Dec 15	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	HS/MS Fellowship and Fun Midweek Advent Service
Thursday, Dec 16	10:30 am 6:30 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study Celebrate Recovery
Saturday, Dec 18	9:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Musical Practice
Sunday, Dec 19	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:20 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Celebrate Karla Young Adult Bible Study-Stillwater Coffee Christmas Cantata African Worship Service Hiawatha Care Center Children's Christmas Musical
Monday, Dec 20	6:30 p.m.	MMOC Community Choir at MMOC

FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS

Dec 12-6:00 p.m.– High School Youth Christmas Party

Dec13-10:00 a.m.– LADOAS Grief Support

Dec 19-8:00a.m. and 10:45 a.m.– Christmas Cantata

Dec 19-9:00 a.m.– Celebrate Karla

Dec 19– 6:30 p.m.– Children's Christmas Musical– It All Happened in the Country

Dec 22– 6:00 p.m.- Gingerbread Bash

Dec 24– 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 11:00 - Christmas Eve Worship

Dec 25– 9:30 a.m.- Christmas Day Worship

Attendance Last Week

Sunday 12/5: 215 Wednesday 12/8: 81 Total: 296

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December 12, 2021 — December 18, 2021



Sermon Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as you draw near to us this Advent season, we implore you to hear our prayers, lighten the darkness of our hearts and cause us to rejoice in your salvation. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

What's With the Pink Candle?

Gaudate! _____!

The joy Sunday of Advent focuses on two specific types of joy.

1. Joy that fills the believer in God's promises of salvation and their fulfillment in Jesus.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."

Philippians 4:4

This joy allows us to live in ways that show the qualities of Christ himself and to do so without fear.

"And the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, will _____ your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7

"I count everything as loss because of the _____ of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:8

2. Joy that fills the Spirit of God when a person believes the message of the gospel and is born again. He is delighted in what he has accomplished in us.

"The Lord has taken away _____ against you; he has cleared away your enemies...he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will exult over you with loud singing." Zephaniah 3:15 & 17

"There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who _____ than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." Luke 15:7

3. Jesus is the cause of joy on earth...

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,"
.....and joy in heaven!

"... who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorned its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
Hebrews 12:2

And that is what the pink candle is all about!

Prayers for December 12-18, 2021

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation; now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Lord God, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts that You have cleansed that we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness and be comforted in life and death.

We give you thanks heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us that the wicked one have no power over us.

A Caring Community Bringing Christ to Children and Families.

KOK Childhood Education Center is coming Fall of 2022! The advisory committee has met several times and is working with an experienced early childhood administrator to start formulating all the details for this exciting new ministry at KOK.

- At our last meeting, we met with Jan Doellinger, IDE Assistant to the President-Schools
 - She shared with the advisory board how she works part time for the district and supports, encourages, and affirms all levels of Lutheran Education in IDE.
 - Jan also shared that she meets with preschool directors in the IDE, hosts conferences, and helps with networking for the directors
- We plan to proceed with a recruiting process for a director after the job description is approved by the Governing Board.
- In January, we plan to post the director job to social media, website, and area LCMS churches.
- We are currently working on the teacher’s job description.

If you or anyone you know, are interested in applying for the director position, please call the church office or the website for details after the beginning of the year.

Inquires will begin immediately (call or email the church office) and applications for enrollment will begin in late winter/early spring.

We are excited to serve KOK and grow God’s Kingdom as the CEC Advisory Committee.

Kathy Epley, Jodi Jonasson, Shelia Monson, Michelle Nuehring, Holly Sojka, and Stephanie Jemtrud (consultant)

Prayers for Healing and Encouragement:

Dick Ficca, uncle of Lindsey Hoffman
Norma Swift
Keturah Weber
Paul & Donna Parry & family
Laury Whitham
Julie Gentry, (cousin of Deb Hoffman & Norma Colton)
Gary Russell (father of Gordon Russell)
Alysia Beam
Leilani Luedtke
Jerry Cada
Rodney Blake
Ann Knupp
Chad Winterhof
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)

Guest Information

Thank you for visiting King of Kings. We offer two worship services on Sunday mornings, 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.

Join us for the Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 19 at both the 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM– The Road to Bethlehem, A Journey to the Newborn King.

Thank you from Norma Swift

Thank you for the cards, memorials, love and support at the passing of my husband, Mike. Being a part of this faith-filled congregation is a real blessing to me. -Norma Swift

The LADOAS Group (Life After Death of a Spouse, child, parents & sibling or a person important in your life) will meet the 2nd Monday of the month, December 13 at 10:00 in the Heartland Room. We are using the video lesson of "Love & Loss". LADOAS is a support group for anyone suffering loss. The support we present in this group tries to assist all that are suffering from grief and getting supportive ideas to deal with your loss. Please plan to attend this class.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

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 2022. 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 9, 2022, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service. No meal will be provided. Childcare will be available.

Let's Celebrate Karla!

Sunday, December 19th, 9am-10am
Join us for a time of Celebration as we thank God for all of the ways that Karla Doty has blessed our Children and Families at King of Kings. We'll begin in the Fellowship area at King of Kings on Sunday, Dec. 19th immediately following the 8am Worship service and then move into the Worship Center for some fun surprises that look back at the past 7 years of Karla's ministry. Let's all show Karla some love and appreciation she transitions from serving on King of Kings Staff to serving in many other ways.

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.

Getting Ready for Our Guest: What are you making?

For Todays Family Five: Ask an older member of your family to share with you one of their favorite Advent traditions.

Young Adult Group – Location Change NEXT WEEK (12/19)

Whether you're just out of High School or somewhere in your 20's, hopefully you've had a chance to connect with the King of Kings young adults group! Don't miss this chance to meet with others, have some fun, and join in on some good discussions too. This is the last Sunday that the group will meet at Stillwater Coffee- next Sunday (12/19) the group will meet at KOK in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, contact Richard Luth (richardluth776@gmail.com) or DCE Tony (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)

GINGERBREAD BASH:

Wednesday, December 22, 6:00 PM
It's so easy to let the entire month of December pass by and totally forget *why* we celebrate Christmas. We don't want that to happen this year, so we're hosting an event called "Gingerbread Bash!"

This is a fun and interactive experience designed for the whole family! We'll build gingerbread nativities, play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover that sometimes the best gift comes in the most ordinary box. It's a truly sweet way for your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Youth Christmas Crafts Pickup

Thank you for supporting our youth by ordering Christmas Crafts. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Youth as they prepare to travel to the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. If you placed an order, stop by our table in the Fellowship Area and our youth will be happy to assist you.

Can Shed Fundraiser

This holiday season, hang on to those plastic bottles and cans! Our youth will be collecting PLASTIC BOTTLES and ALUMINUM CANS on the morning of Sunday, January 9th. If your bags are piling up and you just can't wait, we have an account set up for "King of Kings Youth" set up at the Hiawatha Can Shed. It might not see like much, but each bag that you redeem helps our youth in their Youth Gathering fundraising efforts.

Building update: Progress continues! Drywall mudding continues and is progressing nicely. Attic (ceiling) insulation should be complete by the time you are reading this. That takes one more item off the too do list. Door delivery this week got a little interesting when the truck did not show up as advertised on Wednesday. Thank you to those who came to help and a very special thank you to those who came very last minute Thursday morning when it did show up unexpectedly. Cabinets are in town and will be delivered shortly. A notice will be sent out when we know more and if help is needed. Painting and paint prep is coming up soon. Stay tuned.



Outdoor Nativity
The nativity sculptures are given in loving memory of former King of Kings member Lavern Wenndt, husband of Ellie Wendt and father or Sharm Wenndt and 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 to the World.



This week at 7/8 Grade & HS Bible Study - Jesus Completes God's Plan!
The weeks that lead up to Christmas are a great reminder of what the prophets proclaimed: that Jesus completes God's plan. This week we'll take a closer look using Bible passages in Malachi 3:1-2; Mark 1:1-8; Matthew 1:21-23; II Peter 3:9.

Youth During Advent
This Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6pm both 6-8 grade and HS youth will meet for youth group before worship. Be sure to join us for a night of fun and fellowship together! Then stick around to attend the 7pm Advent Worship service. PLEASE NOTE: Youth dinner is not provided during Advent Wednesdays.

High School Youth Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 12, 6-8pm @ King Of Kings!
White Elephant Gift...CHECK! Unique Christmas Sweater... CHECK! Super-festive Santa-beard mask...CHECK! It's time to celebrate another year of God's blessings by gathering to have some fun together. We'll eat some great food, then play a few games and have our annual gift exchange! SO, what do you need to bring? A wrapped white elephant gift to exchange, festive attire (sweater or accessories), and a friend or two to join in the fun! This is always a great, fun event, so we hope to see everyone there and ready to celebrate. Parents, if you can help by providing food, serving, or helping with cleanup, please sign up via the link in the e-news.