

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, February 20, 2022  
The 7th Sunday After Epiphany  
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed  
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Preservice Music	Heavenly Home
Welcome & Opening Announcements	
Opening Hymn	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LSB 790
Invocation	
Confession and Absolution	LSB 151
Service of the Word	
Scripture Readings	Genesis 45:3-15 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 Luke 6:27-38
Hymn of the Day	Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us LSB 851
Message	Rev. Rich Balvanz
Nicene Creed	
Offering	
Prayers of the Church	
Lord’s Prayer	
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 160
Distribution Hymn	O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617 O Love, How Deep LSB 544 LSB 166
Benediction	
Closing Hymn	Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus LSB 660

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, February 20, 2022  
The 7th Sunday After Epiphany  
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song	
Welcome & Opening Announcements	
Opening Songs	They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love One Pure & Holy Passion
Invocation	
Confession and Absolution	
Scripture Readings	Genesis 45:3-15 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 Luke 6:27-38 Micah 6:8
Song of the Day	Rev. Rich Balvanz
Message	
Nicene Creed	
Offering	
Prayers of the Church	
Lord’s Prayer	
Service of Sacrament	Take Me In The More I Seek You
Benediction (Aaronic)	
Closing Song	Jesus Messiah
Musicians: Bruce Crowther, guitar/vocals   Brendan Doty, drums   Gina Kleman vocals	

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sunday, Feb 20	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Worship w/Communion Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Christian Education Hour Worship w/Communion Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Hiawatha Care Center Power of Love Film Festival Selection Night
Monday, Feb 21	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MMOC Community Choir Women’s Ministry Bible Study
Tuesday, Feb 22	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Book of Revelation Bible Study Praise Band Practice Choir Practice
Wednesday, Feb 23	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	MS/HS Youth Dinner Confirmation HS Youth Group Midweek Bible Study
Thursday, Feb 24	10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study Celebrate Recovery
Sunday, Feb 27	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Worship Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Christian Education Hour Worship Power of Love Film Festival Kick Off

FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS

March 2– Ash Wednesday  
March 5– 8:00 AM– Women’s Ministry Retreat  
March 11– Power of Love Film Festival  
April 22-23 Men’s Retreat

Attendance Last Week

Worship 02/13 8:00: 104 10:45: 102 Total: 206

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

THIS WEEK	02/20 Sun 8:00		02/20Sun 10:45
NEXT WEEK	02/27 Sun 8:00		02/27 Sun 10:45
Elder 02/20 Elder 02/27	Curt Zebuhr		Tom Sandersfeld
Today’s Ushers	Dale Hahn OPEN		OPEN Keith Colton
Acolyte 02/20 Acolyte 02/27	Grace Blomquist Molly Yelden		OPEN Izzy Mueller
Lay Reader 02/20 Lay Reader 02/27	Steve Gronemeyer Mike Koster		Tom Sandersfeld David Ridout
Sound 02/20 Sound 02/27	John Mueller OPEN		John Mueller Joel Silcox
Media 02/20 Media 02/27	Denny Wangeman Sandy Germaine		Alisa Buchanan Jordan Silcox
Video 02/20 Video 02/27	Brian Muellenbach David Lempia		OPEN OPEN
Greeters 02/20 Greeters 02/27	Kim Pladna Adam Pladna Richard Luth Leah Luth		Dennis Bruster Virginia Bruster Steve Epley Kathy Epley

King of Kings  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 20, 2022— February 26, 2022

Sermon Prayer

Lord Jesus, as you have blessed us with faith in your redemptive, saving work, bless us also by the power of your Spirit to live daily as your true disciples. In your name we pray. Amen.

Last week: Jesus announced blessings of God’s kingdom for those who seek and trust God; woes on those who love the world.

This week: Jesus expresses the motivation and outward actions of true disciples surrounded by lovers of the world.

The Constantly Loving and Forgiving Follower of Jesus

“I say to those who \_\_\_\_\_, love your enemies.” Luke 6:27

Non-stop love flowing from faith in Christ; deliberate purpose.

Nothing in this world is worth giving a false testimony about my identity as one loved by our merciful Father and redeemed by his only Son, Jesus!

“Do not be overcome by \_\_\_\_\_, but overcome evil with \_\_\_\_\_.” Romans 12:21

“He [God] is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be \_\_\_\_\_, even as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:35-36

God sets no limit in dispensing His mercy. Neither should we!

“Judge not...condemn not...” These works belong to God. My guilty judgement and death sentence were carried out against Jesus!

“Forgive...give...” These works belong to all the saints. Forgiving one who sins against us is God’s merciful gift to the sinner; it reminds us of the gift of forgiveness that is ours in Christ, and reveals Jesus to transgressors.

We do not forgive others to earn God’s forgiveness.  
We forgive because we are forgiven.

“If you do not forgive, do not think that God forgives you. But if you forgive, you have the comfort and assurance that you are forgiven in heaven...because he [God] has set this up for our strengthening and assurance as a sign along with the promise that matches this petition.” (Large Catechism, Lord’s Prayer, par. 95-96)

“For with the measure \_\_\_\_\_ use, it will be measured back to \_\_\_\_\_.” Luke 6:38

Prayers for February 20– February 26, 2022

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity.

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us into the work of Your vineyard and lavished upon us Your grace and all manner of spiritual and eternal gifts. Help us to live unto You in humility and patience, to hope in Your pure grace and faithfulness, to abide in Your house, and to praise and magnify Your glorious grace forever.

Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son gathered the little children to Himself that He might bless them. Strengthen the parents of our congregation that they may faithfully bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord by a life of prayer and devotion to You and Your Word. Bless the work of our Sunday School teachers and all who assist our parents in teaching the faith to children, that all might be led into the Savior's loving arms and grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Christ's holy name.

O God, the strength of the weak and the consolation of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers on behalf of Your servant [name] that by Your power [his/her] sickness may be turned to health according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Caring Community Bringing Christ to Children and Families

The KOK Childhood Education Center is coming Fall of 2022! The Advisory Board meets twice a month and is working with an experienced early childhood administrator to formulate all the details for this exciting new ministry at KOK.

Here are some updates from our last meeting:

- We have reached out to other Lutheran churches, in the area, to advertise the Director position
- We have contacted the District office about writing an article for the IDE NEWS announcing the Childhood Education Center.
- We put up a banner in front of the church to help advertise the new Childhood Education Center
- We have a new phone number to the CEC: 319-536-0406
- We have received some inquiries for enrolling children

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in applying for the director position, send a resume to jofft@kingofkingscr.org. The job description is available on the church website under **About Us/Employment Opportunities**.

Enrollment inquiries will begin immediately through the website, **Ministries/Childhood Education Center**, or by calling 319-536-0406.

We are excited to serve KOK and to help grow God's Kingdom as the CEC Advisory Board.

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

Prayers for Healing and Encouragement:

The Hanson and Mishler Families  
Liddle Family  
Sandra Butz  
Jerry Green  
Rob Miller  
Richard Luth, Sr.  
Kathy Saveraid  
Guy Patten and Family  
Keturah Weber  
Laury Whitham  
Julie Gentry, (cousin of Deb Hoffman & Norma Colton)  
Jack (grandson of Bob and 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!

Gardening In The Snow

Spring is just around the corner. It's time to get a jump on planning your garden for this year. Come to the Epley's farm to learn what you can do when there's still snow on the ground.

- Designing a garden that's right for you
  - What's new in gardening
  - Starting seeds indoors
  - What to plant first when the snow melts
- Coming on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Epley farm at 1419 East Bertram Rd., Cedar Rapids. Sign up at the church Welcome Center or call the church office to let the Epleys know you are planning to come.

CATS (Children's Activity Team)

We are looking for a group of 4-5 people who are willing to assist with the coordination of our first children's outreach activity in April. This team will select one program from options available from Iowa State Extension and Outreach and bring it to life! The Iowa State Extension staff will provide a majority of the supplies, training, and assistance for the chosen program. This activity will be held at the Marion Ministry and Outreach Center (MMOC) site and there will be some restrictions on size of group based on program and space needed for the activity.

Meal Prep / Marion Cares

Marion Cares has requested assistance preparing meals for families experiencing food insecurity in the Marion community. At the present time 27 families have requested assistance, up from the 15 in fall when we were assisting Marion Cares by providing meals for 7 families. The Marion Cares staff has been shouldering this process but now needs help. The process involves selection of a "dump meal" to prepare, securing ingredients (we have obtained a stipend to assist with the cost of the meal purchase), prepping and packaging it for distribution to the family in need. If you or a group of friends like to cook or need a reason to hang out and enjoy each other's company, you are encouraged to be part of this outreach program with Marion Cares. If you would like information or want to get involved with either of these projects, please contact Carol Maurer at (319)329-3088; or breeze1018@gmail.com ; or sign up at <https://signup.com/go/yPEtTj>

Urgent Need

There is an urgent need for a newly arrived African Family of 8. They need coats, blankets and cooking utensils. Please bring to the church office. Thank you!

Reaching De-Churched Adults

Do you have a friend, relative, adult child or neighbor who has strayed from their Faith walk? Individuals who grew up in a church-involved family, but have fallen away are sometimes referred to as being "De-churched." Often times these individuals still hold some basis of Faith, but just need the love and support of a fellow disciple to show them the value & importance of returning to worship and continuing their walk of Faith. The King of Kings "Therefore GO!" ministry team will be presenting a class entitled "Reaching De-Churched Adult Children/Friends," with an emphasis on utilizing relationship-based witnessing to help show God's unconditional love for them, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, to once again join their Christian brothers and sisters in worship. The class will consist of (4) class sessions (2/27/22 thru 3/20/22), to be held on Sunday mornings at 10:45am at King of Kings. Each class will include short video presentations, discussion and prayerful support. If you are interested in attending, sign up at the Welcome Counter.

Lenten Meals

As the season of Lent approaches, our King of Kings community will once again have weekly opportunities to gather around a meal and connect with one another. Each week, a meal will be served by one of the following groups at King of Kings: Elders, Women's Ministry, Middle/High School Youth, THRIVE Young Adults, and the Next Chapter Life Group. Be sure to join us for good food and fellowship before midweek Worship, starting on Wednesday, March 9 at 6pm.

Rest in Him: Women's Retreat

Would you join us for a day of resting in the Lord? On Saturday, March 5th, 2022 from 8:30 - 4:00 we will gather together at King of Kings Lutheran Church. You are encouraged to wear your coziest clothes as we slow down to be refreshed by God's Word and prayer as well as through fellowship with one another. All retreat materials as well as a boxed lunch will be provided with your registration fee of \$20. Registration starts this Sunday, February 6 at church, or by calling the church office.

Attention THRIVENT members:

The deadline to designate your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2022. You can designate your Choice Dollars to King of Kings. Go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) Enter your User ID & password (if you don't have one – call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 & say "Log In") Click on the following tabs: What We Offer, Generosity, Thrivent Choice. From there, you can direct any Thrivent Choice Dollars to King of Kings Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, there is an instruction sheet on the Opportunities Counter or please contact Jonathan at King of Kings (319-393-2438 or [jofft@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:jofft@kingofkingscr.org))

Valentine's Dinner Thank You!

King of Kings Youth Fundraising Team would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our youth through the Valentine's Day Dinner and Basket Auction. It is such a blessing for our youth to see the King of Kings family come together to support them as they learn and grow in faith. If you didn't get a chance to attend, you can still check out the auction baskets in front of the fireplace at KOK. Bidding closes at noon on 2/20. There are also a few other upcoming events to help support our youth as they prepare for the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering. On Wednesday, March 23 our youth will serve the midweek Lenten Dinner and on April 17, they will serve breakfast throughout the morning during our Easter celebration. Both of these events will give congregation members a chance to discuss the trip with youth and provide financial support if desired.



The Power of Love Film Festival

It is time to sign-up to produce a short film for the Power of Love film festival. The deadline for signup is Sunday Feb 27. Visit the table in the church lobby between church services or visit <https://www.kingofkingscr.org/connect/king-kings-media-ministry-team-film-festival/>. Pick up the printout or download the film festival guidelines and sign-up your team today.

THRIVE Young Adult Group – Sunday at 9:30 in the Fellowship Area

King of Kings THRIVE group 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 Fellowship Area 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](mailto:richardluth776@gmail.com)) or DCE Tony ([tdixon@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)).

Cross/Peace

When Pastor Halvorson first got here and shared our initial Lenten Season together he introduced Cross/Peace and it was very, very well received. Now we are going to do it again. Cross/Peace is a series for Wednesday Evenings of Lent beginning on March 2, Ash Wednesday. It is based on the passion of our Lord as he approached the **Cross**, grave and resurrection in order to bring **peace** between us and God. The sermons and services are accompanied by a small wooden cross where each week something is handed out at service and added to your cross at home, visuals that will help each person and family see as well as hear the stories of Lent and Easter in more meaningful ways. Please join us on this Lenten Journey as we join Jesus through worship and His word on this 40 trip and to recognize the love that moved God the Father to send His Son to us, for our salvation.



This week in 7/8 Grade Connections & HS Bible Study

During our Sunday Study this week in KOK Student Ministry, we continue the story of Joseph and learn that integrity helps us withstand injustice. (Genesis 39:1-23; Psalm 1:1-3, 1 Peter 3:15-17). 7&8 Grade Connections Meets in the Conference room and HS Youth meets in the youth room, both at 9:30am on Sunday.

Youth Gospel Mime: 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth needed!

It's already time to start preparing for the 2022 Gospel Mime. This great KOK Youth tradition is a fun and creative way to share the Gospel message through drama set to Contemporary Christian music. We'll view a previous year's Gospel Mime on Wednesday, February 23 during Youth Group and then pick roles for this year. Rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings from 6-9pm during Lent and start on February 27th. Meals are included as a part of our time together. Youth who are in grades 8-12 can sign up now in the Youth Room!

Middle School Youth Group / Confirmation Schedule Update

Wednesdays during lent will look a little different for Middle School Students this year. Pastor Halvorson will be doing two weeks (March 9 & 16) of Confirmation makeup due to weather cancellations from 6:30-8pm. Then, on March 23, 30, and April 6 from 6-7pm we'll have youth group time for Middle School that will be led by Jessica Dvorak. Don't miss this chance to connect with other middle school youth and have some fun. And just in case you're wondering about dinner, youth will have a chance to grab food at the Lenten meal and then head back to Heartland for some fun.