

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, March 20, 2022
The 3rd Sunday in Lent
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
Divine Service Setting 1 LSB 151

Preservice Music
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Hymn Great Is They Faithfulness LSB 809
Invocation
Confession and Absolution LSB 167
Service of the Word
Scripture Readings Ezekiel 33:7-20
1 John 1
Luke 13:1-9
Hymn of the Day Lord, To You I Make Confession LSB 608
Message Rev. Mark Halvorson
Nicene Creed
Offering
Prayers of the Church
Service of Sacrament
Lord’s Prayer
Distribution Hymns I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table LSB 618
Christ Be My Leader
Benediction
Children’s Message Kids Go!
Closing Hymn Savior, Again To They Dear Name We Raise LSB 917

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, March 20, 2022
The 3rd Sunday in Lent
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song God is For Us
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Songs Come As Your Are Living Hope
Invocation
Confession and Absolution
Scripture Readings Ezekiel 33:7-20
1 John 1
Luke 13:1-9
Song of the Day Who You Say I Am
Message Rev. Mark Halvorson
Nicene Creed
Offering
Prayers of the Church
Lord’s Prayer
Service of Sacrament
Distribution Hymns Jesus Paid It All
All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Benediction (Aaronic)
Children’s Message Kids Go!
Closing Song Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Brendan Doty, drums | Gina Kleman, vocals | Catherine Russell, vocals

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sunday, Mar 20	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship w/Communion Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Christian Education Hour Worship w/Communion Hiawatha Care Center
Monday, Mar 21	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Heart of Marion Community Choir Women’s Ministry Bible Study
Tuesday, Mar 22	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Book of Revelation Bible Study LWML Meeting Praise Band Practice Choir Practice Elder Meeting
Wednesday, Mar 23	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner Worship Service
Thursday, Mar 24	10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study Celebrate Recovery
Sunday, Mar 27	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Hebrews Bible Study –Heartland Room Christian Education Hour Worship

FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS

March 21– 6:30 PM- Heart of Marion Community Choir
March 22-1:30 PM- LWML Meeting
March 23– 6:00 PM- Lenten Dinner
March 23– 7:00 PM -Worship Service

Attendance Last Week

Worship 03/13 8:00: 103 10:45: 122 Total: 225 Lent Worship 03/16: 91

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

THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK	03/20Sun 8:00 03/27 Sun 8:00		03/20 Sun 10:45 03/27Sun 10:45
Elder 03/20 Elder 03/27	Dan Klinkenberg Shane Hartzler		Tom Sandersfeld Mike Frerking
Today’s Ushers	Brian Carlson Bill Maurer		Keith Colton Dan Hoffman
Acolyte 03/20 Acolyte 03/27	Courtney Franck Lydia Koepnick		Eric Jacobsen Izzy Mueller
Lay Reader 03/20 Lay Reader 03/27	Greg Happel Steve Gronemeyer		Tom Sandersfeld David Ridout
Sound 03/20 Sound 03/27	John Mueller Brian Carlson		John Mueller OPEN
Media 03/20 Media 03/27	Ken Liske Ann Halvorson		Darren Jacobsen Alisa Buchanan
Video 03/20 Video 03/27	David Lempia Brian Muellenbach		OPEN OPEN
Greeters 03/20 Greeters 03/27	Kim Johnson Cheryl Johnson Larry Shay Marge Shay		Steve Epley Kathy Epley Rad Finch Joyce Finch

King of Kings
LUTHERAN CHURCH
March 20, 2022— March 26, 2022



“Confession”

A Journey to Freedom from the Slavery of Sin

Introduction: What do you do with sin?

Ignore it, deny it, cover it up, minimize it, carry it around with you, manage it yourself, justify it-_____ for it.

And he (God) said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from? 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it..." The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Gen 3:11-13

Being clear of what it means to CONFESS: Admit, acknowledge, own up, plead guilty, make a break, come clean; fess up. Dictionary definition: “A formal statement admitting one is guilty of a crime.”

Personally coming to God in order to _____the sin really is a sin and _____it to God.

What to do with sin

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,..
Psalm 51:4 Sin is ultimately between you and God!

Remember Peter after he denied Jesus the 3rd time (contrition, to be truly, deeply _____)

The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered ... 62 And he went outside and wept **bitterly**. Luke 22:61-62

The Danger of Denying sin-Spiritual, emotion, mental self deception!
8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in 10...
we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

Real Freedom

...if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive (send away from) us our sins and purify (cleanse, purge, remove) us from all unrighteousness.
(Above, 1 John 1:8, 10); 1 John 1:9

Conclusion: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. 1 Tim 1:15-16

The _____of Christ is more powerful than any sin!



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Prayer of the Church—Third Sunday in Lent - 20 March 2022

Gracious Lord, you desire that all people would turn away from sin and live. Grant us your Spirit so we may acknowledge our sin, confess it before you and receive the forgiveness you promise to bestow. As we consider our need of grace in this season of Lent, give us repentant hearts and cleanse us with the blood of our Savior Jesus lest we perish with this world of violence and suffering. Help us cling firmly to the hope that is ours and hold fast to Christ for life and salvation. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, you establish justice by your Law, which is for all. Enlighten the authorities of this and every nation, that they might rule justly for true good. If it is your will, bring a quick end to conflict, including the war in Europe. And use this tragedy to turn hearts to you. Let us not depend on the power of the sword but the power of your Spirit to save and comfort us. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, remember your people who cry to you for mercy. Deliver those in need of healing and comfort and strengthen them to look to you for help in their time of affliction. Those for whom we pray especially today include [_____]. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, thank you that the Covid-19 pandemic has eased in this nation. We rejoice that more and more people have been able to worship together in safety. So, we pray your continued protection for your people. Save us from further harm, and if it is your will, protect other nations also. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you led your people, Israel, through the sea and fed them in the wilderness until you delivered them to the Promised Land. You also have faithfully enlivened your people with Christ by means of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Receive our thanks for your kindness to the saints who now rest from their labors and sustain us by your means of grace until you deliver us also to heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

A Caring Community Bringing Christ to Children and Families

The KOK Childhood Education Center Advisory Board continues to meet twice a month toward our goal of opening this fall.

Updates from our last meeting:

Jonathan Offt, Church Administrator, has joined the Advisory Board as the staff person who will oversee the CEC daily operations. We have received several resumes and inquiries for the Director position. At our next meeting we will review them and begin scheduling interviews.

Our recruitment efforts have included:

- Online postings and other local church contacts
- Personal Contacts
- IDE News (coming in April)
- Social Media

We continue to receive phone and online inquiries from families looking for childcare. We are responding to and keeping track of these interested families. We are currently working on additional job descriptions and wage ranges. KOK plans a complete refresh of the church website; the CEC will have a prominent location. Kathy, Jodi, and Jonathan are doing a site visit on March 4th to Ventura along with Jan Doellinger, the IDE Asst. to the President for Schools. Curt Zebuhr has agreed to work on a logo for the Childhood Education Center.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in applying for the director position or a teaching position, please send a resume to jofft@kingofkingscr.org. Job descriptions are available from Jonathan or on the church website.

Prayers for Healing and Encouragement:

Family of Bonnie Voss
Marilee Vail
Co-worker of Stephanie Treptow
Emilie & John Andrews
Jen Zebuhr
Jerry Green
Richard Luth, Sr.
Kathy Saveraid
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!

Aid for Ukraine Lutheran Church

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine is working to aid those affected by the war that has come to that nation. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is currently working with five partner churches to help refugees from this conflict. These church bodies are located in Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Germany and the Czech Republic. In Ukraine, Rev. Serge Maschewski, bishop of the ELCU, requested funds for medicine; fuel for the evacuation of children, women and the elderly; food; and personal safety gear for pastors who work in dangerous areas. "Today we need food. Tomorrow we need medicine. The list changes daily," Maschewski said.

The LCMS is cooperating in providing relief funds. If you would like to help, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- **Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444**
- **Give online at lcms.org**
- **Call 888-930-4438**

Final month for Hy-Vee Receipts!

Please bring in your Hy-Vee receipts to church and place in the box on the opportunities counter at church. Hy-Vee receipts are collected and counted weekly, so no need to hold onto them at home! Receipts need to be dated between April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022 to qualify for the Cash for Student's Program. Thanks for supporting TLS.

Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study for All Women

All women are invited to come Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. as we continue diving into the Fruit of the Spirit. This month the focus is Joy. Each study is structured so that you can come with it works for you and not worry about what you may have missed last session. Bring your bible, a friend and join us!

Iowa District East LLL Convention

Rev. Dr Michael Zeigler, speaker of The Lutheran Hour, will be the guest speaker at the Luther Hour Ministries Iowa District East Convention at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on April 9, 2022. More information can be found at the Welcome Counter or contact Dick Hoelz at 319-363-1214.

Altar flowers have been given by Galen and Sherry Brendes in loving memory of their daughter, Melissa, on the occasion of her 35th birthday today, March 20th.

Youth Gospel Mime – Save the Date

King of Kings youth are excited to present (in person!) the 2022 Gospel Mime. The Mime is a creative and meaningful way for our youth to share the Gospel message through drama set to Contemporary Christian music. You'll see scenes from Jesus' life and earthly ministry, the crucifixion, and resurrection. There are two opportunities to see the Gospel Mime: Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm, and Saturday, April 16 at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for us all to share the Gospel with friends and family as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

Lenten Meals

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. Next week, be sure to join us for fellowship and chili/soups served by Junior High and High School Youth, before midweek Worship, Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm. A big thank you to Women's Ministry for serving this past week!

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. This week, the group continues to study the book of Acts as God uses Paul and other early followers to establish His Church to spread the Gospel. 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) or DCE Tony (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org).

Do you have extra plastic Easter Eggs? The Youth Fundraising committee is looking for a few items for our Easter Breakfast. Can you help the group by donating any of the following:

- Colorful plastic Easter eggs (need 100)
- Easter basket grass (enough for 12 small/medium baskets)
- \$250 Thrivent gift card, to help with purchase of food to keep expenses down.

All items are needed by April 10th. Contact Joy Koepnick for questions and donations.



Easter Breakfast At King of Kings!

Skip the crowded restaurants. Skip the kitchen mess. The KoK Youth would like to invite you to ***Join Us on Easter Sunday***, April 17th for breakfast from 7:00am – 10:45am. Bring yourself, your families & your friends. All are Welcome. Also, get your family picture professionally taken from 8:00-10:00am, by church member Emily Wadsley, owner of Emily Elaine Photography. Free Will Donation at the door. All the proceeds from these events will support the KoK Youth going to the 2022 National LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, in July 2022.



Kids Go!

Children of King of Kings: Be ready to come up the last few minutes of service and hear a special interactive children's message this Sunday and throughout the Lenten Season. Connect to the Gospel lesson and hear how you can GO! and carry out the teachings of Jesus. We will do some sharing, ask questions, hear from your friends at church and share this special time together as we learn and connect to God's Word and his plan for us-His children!



Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School at King of Kings!

June 13-17 (M-F) from 9 am - Noon

Children & Volunteers - Make Waves with us and come learn about Jesus! If you are able to volunteer, please Sign up online at www.kingofkingscr.org, under Ministries/Children. Watch for a volunteer/planning meeting within the next month. Let's get ready to dive into a super fun week!

THRIVE
COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Bowling with THRIVE

King of Kings' THRIVE Young Adult group will be meeting on Saturday, April 9 at Cedar Rapids Bowling Center (on Blairs Ferry Road). Please reach out to Richard Luth (richardluth776@gmail.com) to learn

more about this event. The meeting time is yet to be determined so look out for more details in next week's bulletin and e-news.



KING OF KINGS
STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle School/High School Youth Lenten Meal

On Wednesday, March 23 @ 6pm, both High School and Middle School youth will be serving the Lenten Meal to our congregation members. We are asking youth families to consider bringing in a variety of soups to share. The sign-up sheet for soups, food items, or slots to serve at the dinner is posted on the bulletin board in the youth room. All donations made at the dinner will benefit the youth as they prepare for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering trip to Houston in July.

HS Youth Lock-In and Middle School Fun Night

6-12 Grade youth are welcome to join us for a night of fun together on April 1 as we go to Spare Time Entertainment in Cedar Rapids for some bowling, laser tag, and food! This is a great opportunity to have some fun, bring a friend, and connect with others in your youth group. **Middle School Youth** should plan to meet at Spare Time in Cedar Rapids at 7pm and bring \$20 which will cover games and food. Parents should plan to pick up 6-8 grade students from Spare Time at 9pm. **High School Youth** will meet at King of Kings at 6pm to drop off their overnight stuff, then we will head over to Spare Time to meet up with the Middle School Youth. The cost for HS Youth is also \$20. After we bowl and play Laser tag, we'll head back to KOK for a full night of fun! Both MS and HS Youth can sign up in the youth room or talk with DCE Tony.