

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, August 14, 2022
The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
Divine Service, setting 4, p. 203

Preservice Music
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Hymn Come, Thou Almighty King LSB 905
Invocation
Confession and Absolution LSB 203
Service of the Word
Introit Psalm 55:1, 12-14, 16; antiphon: v. 22
Hymn There Is A Redeemer LSB 971 (not in hymnal)
Scripture Readings Jeremiah 23:16-29
Hebrews 11:17-12:3
Luke 12:49-56
Apostles’ Creed
Hymn of the Day Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word LSB 655
Offering
Message Rev. Rich Balvanz
Prayer of the Church
Lord’s Prayer
Benediction
Closing Hymn How Firm A Foundation LSB 728

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, August 14, 2022
The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song Whatever May Come
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Song #1 God Is For Us
Baptism of Soren Thomas Milbrath, son of Corbin and Kjerstin Milbrath
Opening Song #2 Lord, I Need You
Invocation
Confession and Absolution
Scripture Readings Jeremiah 23:16-29
Hebrews 11:17-12:3
Luke 12:49-56
Song of the Day Lord, Reign In Me
Message Rich Balvanz
Apostles’ Creed
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Lord’s Prayer
Benediction (Aaronic)
Closing Song O Church, Arise (Arise, Shine)
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Lewis Kleman, drums | Gina Kleman, vocals | Sarah Mueller, vocals

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sunday, August 14	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Summer in the Son-MMOC
	9:30 a.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study/THRIVE Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	African Worship
	2:00 p.m.	VineLife at the Epley Farm
Tuesday, August 16	6:00 p.m.	Praise Band Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Biblical Citizenship Study
	7:30 p.m.	Men of God Project Practice
Wednesday, August 17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, August 18	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday, August 19	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Ministry Paint Night
Sunday, August 21	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Pastor Halvorson’s Retirement Celebration
	9:30 a.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study/THRIVE Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Pastor’s Retirement Program
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Halvorson’s Retirement Celebration
	1:00 p.m.	African Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Hiawatha Care Center
Monday, August 22	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision

FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS

August 19– 6:30 PM- Women’s Ministry Paint Night
August 21– Pastor Halvorson’s Retirement Celebration– after each service
August 28-9:30 AM –Children’s and Youth Education Center Dedication

Attendance Last Week

Worship 08/07 8:00 AM: 101 10:45 AM: 127 Total: 228

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

THIS WEEK	08/14 8:00 AM		08/14 10:45 AM
NEXT WEEK	08/21 8:00 AM		08/21 10:45 AM
Elder 08/14	Mike Frerking		David Hoffman
Elder 08/21	Curt Zebuhr		Paul Parry
Today’s Ushers	Steve Schroeder		Dan Hoffman
	John Schaefer		Keith Colton
Acolyte 08/14	NA		NA
Acolyte 08/21	NA		NA
Lay Reader 08/14	Mike Frerking		David Ridout
Lay Reader 08/21	Scott Nelson		OPEN
Sound 08/14	OPEN		OPEN
Sound 08/21	John Mueller		John Mueller
Media 08/14	Denny Wangeman		Dan Henry
Media 08/21	Cathy Russell		Jordan Silcox
Video 08/14	Jason Sojka		OPEN
Video 08/21	Dave Lempia		Dave Lempia
Greeters 08/14	Kay Nelson		OPEN
Greeters 08/21	Holly Sojka		OPEN
	Rad Finch		Steve/Kathy Epley
	Joyce Finch		Kirk Jonasson

King of Kings
LUTHERAN CHURCH
August 14, 2022— August 20, 2022

Sermon Prayer

O Lord, thank you for bringing us the good news of salvation through Jesus’ death and resurrection. Protect us in faith through the trials and divisions of life on earth so that we may enjoy the blessing of everlasting life in heaven. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

Meet the Jesus Almost No One Talks About

“Do you think that I have come to give _____ on earth?
No, I tell you, but rather _____.” Luke 12:51

Peace the world desires, the total absence of trouble, is impossible as long as sin reigns on earth.

Jesus did not come to make peace with sin but to expose it and crush its power.

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the _____ of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the _____.” Hebrews 4:12

“The preaching of the Word causes divisions, not because of God or because of the Word, but because of the utter sinfulness of man.” - Harold H. Buls

“From now on in _____ there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.” Luke 12:52

Such divisions are even found in the church on earth, where they have a gospel purpose.

“No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God’s _____.” 1 Corinthians 11:19

“Let him who has my word speak faithfully...Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a _____ that breaks the rock in pieces?” Jeremiah 28b & 29

In our baptism we died with Christ and were raised with him, born again into new life.

“Let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is _____, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.”

Hebrews 11:1-2

This is Jesus’ call to us to fear, love and trust in him above all things. Even when the people and institutions we value most in this life are dashed and falling away, Jesus is tearing down so that he may rebuild. We may not see it in our lifetimes, but in faith we trust his promises to create all things new.



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Prayer of the Church—August 14, 2022

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Jeremiah to proclaim your Word amid the lies of false prophets. Arm your servants in our day with the power of your Holy Spirit to contradict the enemy's lies and build your Church on the eternal foundation of your Word.

Lord God, Your Son promises division even as He promises salvation. Inspire our hearts to prize our Baptism and the communion of the saints above all other relations in this world, even as we fervently pray and strive for the salvation of those we know and love.

We praise you heavenly Father, for the unity of this congregation in extending a Pastoral call to Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe. As he contemplates this call and comes in prayer before you, give him wisdom and knowledge to perceive your will. Bless him, his current congregation and King of Kings with the certainty that you provide faithful shepherds for your Church in due time and according to your purpose.

Heavenly Father, comfort all who mourn, including Matt and Kelsey Younggren and family at the death of their unborn son; and Jen Silcox and family at the death of Jen's father. Give them peace in the knowledge of the salvation you have accomplished through your Son, Jesus Christ.

O Lord, grant healing to the sick, strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance and peace at the last. Amen.

Prayers for healing:

Jo Schumacher
Paula Easton, mother of Catherine Russell
Aimeee Mugiraneza
Deanna Sanden
Sherry Brendes
Guy Patten

John Schumacher
John Owen
Marv Frerking
Jerry Cline

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

John Jahlas & family at the death of his mother Ruth Jahlas

Jen Silcox & family at death of Jen's father Don Brough
Matt & Kelsey Younggren family who suffered miscarriage of baby Rhett

Prayers for strength in times of trial or suffering:

Pierre Manirakiza and family
Jerry Green
Alysia Beam
Julia Bickel
Jen Zebuhr
Richard Luth, Sr.
Kathy Saveraid
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!

Men's Network— 33 The Series

King of King's Men's Network will be starting our Monday night get-togethers in September. We will start September 12 at 7:00 PM. It will be a time to bond with other men as Jesus bonded with His Disciples. Life is hard and we need God and other men to help us navigate through it. We will start with "33 the series, A man and his design." This series is based off the series "Men's Fraternity" by Robert Lewis. There are six sessions that explore the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth.

Cheerful Cheeks -Help Fill the Diaper Gap!

The Marion Ministry and Outreach Center is receiving donations of disposable diapers and wipes. MMOC provides emergency 3-day supplies of diapers to families whose household budgets fail to meet their diaper needs. Sizes provided range from newborn to size 4. Diaper distribution is one means of connecting with families who may have additional needs, including that of hearing about Jesus. If you would like to donate diaper and wipe supplies, contact Pastor Balvanz at 319-350-3276 or simply drop them off at the church during business or worship hours.

Women's Ministry Paint Night

Join us Friday August 19 at 6:30 for Paint Night. The sunflower painting instruction will be taught via YouTube. Just \$5 for all materials needed! Bring a friend, an apron, a snack and your favorite non-alcoholic drink.

Lord's Supper Is Available

If you have the desire to receive the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins this week, please call either Pastor Balvanz (319-350-3276) or the church office (319-393-2438) to schedule an appointment.

You're Invited!

Help us celebrate Pastor Halvorson's Retirement on Sunday, August 21. Join us for a cared shower and reception after each of the services. Program is at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to remember Pastor Halvorson with a card or personal remembrance. If you would like to remember him personally, please make checks payable to him.

Is It A Fruit?

Come to the Epley's farm to learn everything you need to know about growing tomatoes.

- Determinate and indeterminate varieties
- Growing heirlooms
- Controlling wilt and other diseases
- Growing in containers
- Starting your own seeds indoors

Get free samples of Container Choice tomato seeds to grow next year. Check out the lambs and chickens on the farm. Pick some early apples.

Today, August 14th 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 attend.

Help Support Noah & Scott through the King of Kings Scholarship Fund

King of Kings is blessed to have 2 men of our congregation studying and preparing for careers in church work. **Noah Russell** began his studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis this summer as he prepares to be a pastor. **Scott Treptow** is beginning his studies this fall in the Director of Christian Education (DCE) program at Concordia University Chicago. We are privileged to support these men with our prayers and care throughout their studies. We also want to give the congregation an opportunity to show financial support to both these men. King of Kings will be collecting funds to directly support Noah & Scott. While these funds can be given at any time, we will send any gifts received by the end of August for the start of the school year. Please designate Church Worker Scholarship Fund for any gifts given.

Life Group Sign-Ups Continue!

If you weren't able to sign up last week, don't worry, sign-ups will continue all month long. Contact Ann Mueller with questions or for more information.

REMINDER: Please avoid wearing perfume, cologne, scented lotions or hair products and essential oils. Thank you!

Special Voter's Meeting Results



Last Sunday, our Voters overwhelmingly approved a Call to Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe as our new Senior Pastor. We have been in close contact with him and he is excited to visit King of Kings. He will be in town this coming Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday! Please come to a "Meet & Greet" open house with him and his family at church on Friday evening, 8/19, from 5:30-7:00 PM. Cookies will be served! Please keep him, his family, and King of Kings in your prayers as we seek God's will for all.



Children's and Youth Education Center Dedication, August 28

A special service of dedication for the new Children's and Youth Education Center is set for Sunday, August 28. The congregation will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. then proceed to the entrance of the new children and youth wing for the remainder of the brief service.

At the conclusion of the service members of the congregation may tour the newly completed and outfitted facility housing the King of Kings children's and youth ministries as well as the daycare and preschool. Children and parents may look in on the classrooms for Sunday school beginning September 11, and middle and high school youth can try out their new dedicated spaces for confirmation, Bible study and youth activities.



Sunday School – Meet your teachers

We're excited to start Sunday morning classes for children and youth at King of Kings this Fall! As we dedicate our Children's and Youth addition on August 28th at 9:30am, families are encouraged to come check out the new facility and register for Sunday School. Children's Sunday School teachers for the 2022-2023 year will be available throughout the new facility to greet you and show you where the classes will be taking place when Sunday School begins on September 11. Come join us to celebrate a new year and be a part of how God is working at King of Kings. Additional helpers/assistants are still needed for Sunday School, please contact Dian Treptow to volunteer, 319-721-7567.



High School Youth Back to School Bash

Get ready highschoolers! After some time off during the summer, we're gearing up for a year of fun and growth together. Join us on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30pm in the NEW youth room for a night of food and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of our youth group year. Bring a friend and get ready to reconnect with one another and grow in connecting with each other and with our Savior. We hope to see you all there! If you have questions, reach out to DCE Tony Dixon. (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)

Upcoming Student Ministry Midweek Dates

Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Orientation (Parents and Students) – Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30pm
Weekly Youth Meals, Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation and HS Youth Group Begins – Meals at 6pm, Programming at 6:30pm



Update from The CEC Advisory Board!

Sixteen children are enrolled for this fall. After the KCRG story 15 new families submitted inquiries, several signed up to tour our facility.

Save the Date:

Dedication Sunday for our new addition will be Sunday, August 28 at 9:30. This will include praise, music and a tour.

Do you want to help?

Dani has put together a Wish List on Amazon which includes toys and craft supplies. Scan the QR code for the list. Please attach a gift tag so KOK can send you a receipt for your tax records.



The CEC is still looking for:

Lead Infant Teacher

Before and After School Teachers

Look for job descriptions on the KOK website under "About Us/ Employment."

Those interested should send a resume to Dani at dstromert@kingofkingscr.org.

We are excited to serve at KOK and to help grow God's Kingdom as the CEC Advisory Board. Kathy Epley, Jodi Jonasson, Sheila Monson, Michelle Nuehring, Holly Sojka, Jonathan Offt (KOK Church Administrator), Dani Stromert (Director of CEC), and Stephanie Jemtrud (consultant)