

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, November 13, 2022  
The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost  
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed  
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Preservice Music  
Welcome & Opening Announcements  
Opening Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be LSB 783  
Invocation  
Confession & Absolution LSB 167  
Choir Possessions  
Service of the Word  
Introit Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33  
Scripture Readings Malachi 4:1-6  
2 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
Luke 21:5-28  
Apostles' Creed  
Children's Message Rev. Rich Balvanz  
Hymn of the Day Onward, Christian Soldiers LSB 662  
Message The Time Has Come to Loosen Our Grip Rev. Rich Balvanz  
Stewardship Video  
Offering and Offertory  
Prayer of the Church  
Lord's Prayer  
Benediction LSB 183  
Closing Hymn We Praise You, O God LSB 785

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, November 13, 2022  
The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost  
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song Shine On Us  
Welcome & Opening Announcements  
Opening Song Living Hope  
Invocation  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Choir Possessions  
Scripture Readings Malachi 4:1-6  
2 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
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Lord's Prayer  
Benediction  
Closing Song God is For Us  
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Sheila Monson vocals | Catherine Russell, vocals|

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Nov 13	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	African Worship
Mon, Nov 14	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Network
Tue, Nov 15	8:30 a.m.	Moms in Prayer International
	10:30 a.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Band Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting
Wed, Nov 16	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Classes
Thu, Nov 17	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Fri, Nov 18	6:30 p.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study
Sat, Nov 19	9:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice
Sun, Nov 20	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	African Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Hiawatha Care Center

Attendance Last Week 11/06  
Worship: 8:00 AM-111 | 10:45 AM-122 Total- 234  
Children/Youth Sunday School: 48

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

THIS WEEK	11/13 8:00 AM		11/13 10:45 AM
NEXT WEEK	11/20 8:00 AM		11/20 10:45 AM
Elder 11/13	Shane Hartzler		Curt Zebuhr
Elder 11/20	Dan Klinkenberg		Paul Parry
Ushers 11/13	Steve Schroeder		Jason Silcox
Usher 11/20	Dan Blomquist Bill Maurer		
Acolyte 11/13	Jackson Kane		Coleman Loesch
Acolyte 11/20	Jake Hoffman		Lauren Doty
Lay Reader 11/13	Greg Happel		Denny Goshon
Lay Reader 11/20	Steve Gronemeyer		Keith Colton
Sound 11/13	OPEN		Joel Silcox
Sound 11/20	OPEN		OPEN
Media 11/13	Holly Sojka		Dan Henry
Media 11/20	Denny Wangeman		Darren Jacobsen
Video 11/13	Jason Sojka		Chris Dvorak
Video 11/20	Dave Lempia		Dave Lempia
Greeters 11/13	Holly Sojka		Steve Epley Kathy Epley
Greeters 11/20	Steve Schroeder		Jim Muench Sue Muench

King of Kings  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 13, 2022—November 19, 2022

Sermon Prayer

Heavenly Father, as the days of this world are ending, comfort us with faith in the redemption won for us by your Son. Through your Spirit, empower us to use all that you have given to urgently proclaim your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Time Has Come to Loosen Our Grip

Jesus' message of the end of all worldly things is one of \_\_\_\_\_ and hope for his people, not one of fear.

"Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."  
Luke 21:28

Jesus encourages us to be on our toes spiritually as we await him.

"Stay awake at all times, \_\_\_\_\_ that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36

Satan tempts us to forget the real purpose of the Church is to \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim the Kingdom of God.

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ." 2 Thes. 3:5

"As for you brothers, do not grow weary in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. 2 Thes. 3:13

Fruitful waiting is not defined by fear of what is to come, but by the \_\_\_\_\_ that abound for us.

The joy that is ours as people freed from sin's bondage is our encouragement to loosen our grip the things of this world that are passing away and devote all our blessings from God—time, personal talents and financial resources—for the advancement of the good news of everlasting life in Jesus.

Prayers for November 13, 2022

Merciful Father we humbly pray....

That in these last days we lift our eyes to your Son, Jesus Christ, so we may stand confidently in the Word of Christ, which will never pass away.

That we follow your command to be busy at our calling and not walk in idleness.

That our congregation and all its members devote themselves to serving you day by day with all the blessings of time, talent and treasure that you have given as we await the fulfillment of our salvation.

That you continue to prepare the one you have chosen to serve us as the next pastor of this congregation and prepare our hearts to receive him.

That we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service. Help us to honor them by using our liberty responsibly.

That you sustain Your children in every affliction [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

That those celebrating birthdays this week may grow in grace and joyful expectation of your coming on the Last Day, [including \_\_\_\_\_].

That couples celebrating wedding anniversaries be blessed with continued love and fidelity, reflecting your love for them, [including \_\_\_\_\_].

As the days pass and all things move to their appointed end, keep us from being complacent. Keep us alert and awake so that when the day comes, we may greet the Lord and rejoice in His eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

- David Ridout 11/13
- Michelle Nuehring 11/16
- Camilla Fink 11/17
- Andrea Yelden 11/17
- Rebecca Zange11/19

Robert and Connie Varian 11/15/1986

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

**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:*  
Gary Russell  
Cherie Buelow  
Mary Balvanz  
Boyd Kaiser  
Lois Muench  
Diane Muench  
Richard Nelson  
John Owen  
John Leonard  
Marv Frerking  
Jerry Green  
Jerry Cline  
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)  
Dustin Beck  
Richard Goshon  
Paula Easton  
Jen Zebuhr  
Julie Gentry  
*Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:*  
Jen Silcox and family at the death of her mother Sandy Brough.  
Adam Pladna and family at the death of his grandmother Deb Hoffman and Norma Colton and families at the death of their mother Kathy Savereid  
Andrew Marquart and family at the death of his father Rev. Martin Marquardt.

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!

Thank you from the Elders

The Elders thank you for the participation and input from the listening groups. They have looked over the input from everyone and passed it along to the call committee.

Future Opportunity for Men:

Get your digital calendars out and add the King of Kings 2023 Men's retreat on April 14-15, 2023. More details to come.

GriefShare

Two 13 week GriefShare sessions have now been completed at King of Kings Lutheran Church during this summer and fall. I am so thankful for the 18 members and non members of King of Kings that participated in these grief sessions. With the coming of winter and cold, I will resume GriefShare sessions in the spring. Watch the e-newsletter and bulletin for the start of this program again. Consider participating and invite friends to attend. Thanks to all who participated. May you all have a special holiday season. Darlene Wood

Winter Coat Drive

It's getting cold outside and you can help. Several confirmation students are organizing a coat drive for our African Ministry and others in the community. Clean out your closets and bring new or used, but in good condition, coats, hats and gloves to the church and put in the shopping cart outside the church office. All sizes, baby through adult are needed. Collection will start this Sunday and go through the end of November.

OCC Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items and funds for shipping our Operation Christmas Child boxes! Our 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade Student Ministry packed a total of 46 shoeboxes that will shipped to the other side of the world to bless children and share the Gospel message of Jesus this Christmas season. We appreciate the support of this ministry and look forward to sending even more next year!

No Middle School, High School or Children's Sunday School on Nov. 27.

Fall Altar decorations provided by the Flamingos Life Group.

A Note From Pastor Balvanz

To our King of Kings family, thank you for the expressions of love and appreciation recently extended to Jolene and me. You are a blessing to us as we pray you also have been blessed. Now is an opportune time to inform all of you that I will be retiring fully at the end of January 2023. May God grant continued steadfastness in faith as we await the one He has chosen to shepherd us in the future. Rich Balvanz

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).

Save the Date - King of Kings Family Christmas Party!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 21st at 5:15 pm for our Family Christmas Party before Advent Service. All are invited! We will have a potluck style meal (main dishes, appetizers/ snacks, desserts) and there will be activities for the kiddos along with Bible Story devotion, singing and a game or two! Plan to join us for this fun fellowship time as we celebrate Jesus' birth and the Christmas season together. More details to follow in the coming weeks. Any questions? Please contact Lindsay Hoffman, Amanda Lane or Olivia Pendelton. Middle school and youth students - we would love to have you help! Feel free to contact any one of us and we will get in touch as the date approaches as well. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Join us at 11:00 AM or 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23 for Thanksgiving Eve Worship.

Sunday School Opening – Begins this Sunday!

Each week before the doors open to the Sunday School hallway at 9:20am, families are invited to join us for some fun in the CEC lobby beginning at around 9:00am. We'll play a few games, sing some songs, and recognize birthdays together. Parents will need to stay with their children until the doors open and children are dropped off in their classrooms. We hope to see you there!

KING OF KINGS ON THE MOVE!

We are in the midst of our annual stewardship emphasis at King of Kings. During the weekends of October 30, November 6-13-20, sermons and stewardship videos (with real life stories from King of Kings members) will focus on the gifts that God has given to His people and how YOU - the family at King of Kings - are part of that mission here and now! As always, we hope you will be in worship these Sundays to be reminded of God's gracious promises and His gifts. Stewardship packets will be given out on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and mailings will be sent out to anyone that may have not received the packet on that day. The packet will contain a letter and pledge cards seeking your prayerful & financial support of our 2023 ministry campaign and the Forward in Christ building campaign. Thank you for your continued gifts to these ministry opportunities.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY –

King of Kings has received a request to share with those in need. The Board of Directors at Marion Senior Living Community is reaching out to area churches to ask for a donation of \$25 gift cards to be given as gifts to the residents at Christmas. If you would like to assist, simply purchase a \$25 gift card to one of the following stores (WalMart, Aldi, Fareway or Hy-Vee) and drop it off at King of Kings (in the office or in the offering plate). Simply mark the envelope – Marion Senior Living donation. King of Kings members Jolene Balvanz and Conrad Ramsey serve on the board of directors for Marion Senior Living Community. King of Kings will deliver all gift cards received by 12/1/2022. Thank you for your generosity!



A Christmas Yarn

Get out your ugliest Christmas Sweater and save the date for this year's Children's Ministry Christmas Program! A Christmas Yarn will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 PM. At Unique Gifts from Luxurious Yarns (U.G.L.Y.), ugly is beautiful! At the factory of the world's leading supplier of ugly Christmas sweaters, founder Sam Ebenezer pulls all the strings to make sure no stitch is dropped. With a huge order looming to get out the day before Christmas, the team of Bob Cratchit ("that's pronounced Crochet"), Tiny Tom and others weave together a plan of attack, while Sam encounters three mysterious visitors who not only help overcome some ugly obstacles, but bring the beautiful good news of Christmas! With apologies to a well-loved Christmas Carol, don your ugliest Christmas sweater, and have a dickens of a good time with A Christmas Yarn!



Youth Thanksgiving Dinner

Can you believe it's already time for our annual Youth Thanksgiving Dinner! Our midweek youth dinner crew has been hard at work all fall and they're excited to provide thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> for the youth. Grades 5-12 are welcome to join us weekly for dinner before Preconfirmation/Confirmation and HS Youth Group.

HS Youth Turkey Bowl

This Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30pm, HS youth will test their Turkey-hurling abilities once again, as we participate in our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual King of Kings Youth Turkey Bowl! Invite some friends to build your team and see who comes out on top. We'll have great prizes for the winners and a devotion that focuses on the blessings in our lives. See you there!

HS Servant Event - Mission, SD July 8-16

The votes are in and we will be travelling to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota to serve for a week by repairing homes, painting, and more. This is an amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus by being His hands and feet. If you didn't have a chance to come to the information meeting, but want to secure your spot, reach out to DCE Tony (tdixon@Kingofkingscr.org). All students who are currently in grades 8-12 are welcome to join!