

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, September 3, 2023
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice	<i>For The Cause</i>
Welcome & Opening Announcements	
Opening Song	All The Way My Savior Leads Me
Invocation	
Confession & Absolution	
Song	Thy Word
Scripture Readings	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
Children's Message	Rev. Chris Navurskis
Hymn of the Day	Christ Be My Leader LSB 861
Sermon	Follow Jesus Rev. Chris Navurskis
Nicene Creed	
Passing of the Peace	
Offering	
Prayer of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Service of the Sacrament	
Distribution Songs	O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642 Blest Be The Tie That Binds
Benediction	
Closing Song	I Will Follow
Closing Announcements	

An update from the CEC

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start! Our first day of preschool was Monday August 28th. We welcomed many new families, and also opened up a classroom for one year olds, which allows us to expand our toddler/twos programming. All age groups are full for this school year, but we are accepting families on the waiting list for the summer and following school year. We are excited for another fun year of learning and growing as followers of Jesus! Please pray over the CEC teaching staff this school year, including: Ms. Alyssa Hefel and Ms. Rylee Hefel (infant teachers) Ms. Emily Winchester and Ms. Gabby Vasser (one year old teachers) Ms. Maddy Simmers (2 year old teacher) Ms. Rachel Myers, Ms. Jenni Lown, and Ms. Delvina Gamez (preschool teachers) Ms. Lilly Rompot, Ms. Josie Offt, and Ms. Makayla Backous (afternoon assistant teachers) Ms. Taylor Guerra (assistant to the director and infant classroom supervisor)

Here are some photos from our first week of preschool!



THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Sep 3	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship with Communion Hiawatha Care Center
Mon, Sep 4		Church and CEC Closed in observance of Labor Day
Tue, Sep 5	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Moms in Prayer International Pastor Led Bible Study Staff Meeting Praise Band Practice Men of God Practice
Wed, Sep 6	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Family Meeting
Thu, Sep 7	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Dinner Celebrate Recovery
Sat, Sept 9	9:00 a.m.	Celebrate Recovery Step Study
Sun, Sep 10	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Christian Education Hour Worship

Attendance
Worship 08/27 8:00 AM: 127 10:45 AM: 101 Total: 228

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

THIS WEEK	09/10 8:00 AM	09/03 9:30 AM	09/10 10:45 AM
Elder 09/03 Elder 09/10	Dan Klinkenberg	Shane Hartzler	Paul Parry
Ushers 09/03 Usher 09/10	Bill Maurer Dan Blomquist	Boyd Kaiser Dale Hahn	David Eddy, Glenn Lehrman, Deanna Glass
Lay Reader 09/03 Lay Reader 09/10	Denny Wangeman	Scott Nelson	Dave Ridout
Sound 09/03 Sound 09/10	OPEN	OPEN	Joel Silcox
Media 09/03 Media 09/10	Denny Wangeman	Darren Jacobsen	Greg Glass
Video 09/03 Video 09/10	Kirk Monson	Brain Mullenbach	Kirk Monson
Greeters 09/03 Greeters 09/10	Kay Nelson	Dixie Dahl Roxy Savage	Steve Epley Kathy Epley

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
September 2, 2023 - September 9, 2023

Follow Jesus

Matthew 16:24
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:21 "From that time forth..."

Can you remember a moment in your life when everything changed?

"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

What is new to the eyes of the disciples is _____

Peter resists. Jesus persists.

The interaction is _____

Jesus has said this before. Today he says it again.
Take up your cross and follow Jesus!

Prayer of the Church – September 3, 2023

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty Avenger, teach Your faithful ones to trust so fully in Your fatherly care that they seek not vengeance but mercy. Stoke our zeal to bless those who curse us, and so heap holy coals upon their heads. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have made us feast on Your Word to the delight of our hearts. Keep us from the worldly company of revelers who despise Your Word, and inspire the pastors of Your Church to brazenly proclaim what is precious: the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, heal and restore. *[We especially remember _____.]* Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

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

09/03 - Mike Frerking, Seth Frerking, Carly Hoffman
09/04 - Julie Hibbing, Robert Kibby, Marie Stumpe, Darla Wilton
09/05 - Lester Happel
09/06 - Claire Navurskis
09/07 - Sherry Brendes, Ken McElreath, Emery Schipull, Joel Silcox
09/08 - Luann Ramsey
09/09 - Hannah Jonasson

Bill & Carol Maurer 09/05/1980
Ben & Emily Wadsley 09/05/2009
Richard & Donna Lohse 09/06/1969
Tom & Sheryl Sandersfeld 09/08/1984
Nick & Joleen Trent 09/08/1990
Jay & Karla Doty 09/09/2000

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 office@kingofkingscr.org

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.

Members

Jolene Balvanz
Marge Shay
Leann Carlson
Pat Harris
Greg Yokanovich
Paul Buchanan
Julie Birely
Cherie Buelow
Lois Muench
Marv Frerking
Richard Nelson
John Owen
Jerry Green
Jerry Cline
Lydia Parry

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

John "Cookie" Anderson's friends and family, John was a friend and mentor to many in the Beta Sigma Psi House in Ames.

Family & Friends

Paula Easton, mother of Catherine Russell
Eddie Dedina, brother of Dian Treptow
Amy Stuenkel
John Leonard
Julie Gentry
Jen Zebuhr
Jack (Grandson of Bob & 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!

Fall at King of Kings

The Fall Kick-Off is September 10! Service times will remain at 8:00AM and 10:45AM, with the Christian Education Hour at 9:30AM. The Fall Church Wide Campaign is called Gifted for More and this 5 week study will begin on Kick-Off Day also. To learn more about the Gifted for More study and how to participate contact Ann Mueller at 319-393-2438.

Monday Night Men's Network Study

Men's Network will start this year with Volume 2 of "33 The Series." We all have a story, and God is in that story with us. We have all been shaped by defining moments, decisions, painful experiences, and personal relationships. We are deeply influenced by our fathers, mothers, friends, mentors, and even our own hearts. We need to look at the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of our past and present. We need to work on processing our life experiences. When we do, we will be more equipped to understand our heart and allow ourselves to give our heart to those we love. The first session will be Monday September 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM. If you have any question, call or text Glenn Lehrman at 319-361-3821 or by email at glehrman@imonmail.com.

Celebration for one year of being in our new addition!

Join us **Sunday, September 17, 2023 following the late worship service (at approximately 12:00 noon)** as we

celebrate one year of being in our new building addition! We have been so blessed to have this space to further enhance our children's ministry, middle school and high school youth, and our new Childhood Education Center ministry.

We will plan to gather outside to dedicate our new outdoor playground spaces and to give thanks for all the blessings from the Lord! Join us for a brief program and some goodies!

Children's Sunday School Starts September 10!

We're so excited to have your family join us for another year of fun and learning on Sunday mornings at King of Kings. Classes for all ages begin on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30am and will be held in the Children's and Youth Ministry Center. There are opportunities for everyone to learn and grow, including the return of **Parent's Connect**, a time for parents of children and youth to discuss what the kids are learning and what that looks like in our families outside of a Sunday morning. A pre-registration link will be released in the next few weeks, or you can register your kids at the Children's Ministry counter on September 10th. See you soon!

Come Join the Choir!

King of Kings choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. New choir members are welcome! Contact Gordon Russell, Directory of Music Ministry with any questions, grussell@kingofkingscr.org or 319-393-2438.

Adult Bible Study

Beginning on Sunday, September 10, Rev. Allen Konrad is planning to facilitate a Bible Study on the Book of Jeremiah. It will meet at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. If you plan to attend, please go to the Registration Sheet in the Fireside Room and sign up. It is suggested that, before the study begins, you read over once quickly the 52 chapters to get a feel of what Jeremiah had to encounter as God's prophet to a people leading up to their being led into 70 years of Babylonian Captivity.

Lost and Found Clean Out

The Lost and Found is located in the Coat Room across from the Fireside Room. All items will be donated after September 10, please check to make sure none of the items are yours.

Festival of Trees

We have been invited to participate in the Festival of Trees November 18-19. We would like to sponsor a tree, but we need your help to decorate it! If you'd like to put your tree decorating skills to use, please contact the church office at 319-393-2438 to join the fun!

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** continues his studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis as he prepares to be a pastor. This year he serves his vicarage year in Carmel, IN at Cornerstone Lutheran Church. **Scott Treptow** continues his studies 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 Fun for

GriefShare at King of Kings

Have you experience a recent loss or are struggling with an unresolved grief from years past of a spouse, parent, child or friend and find it difficult to cope with this loss? King of Kings Lutheran Church has a GriefShare support group that can assist you in working through your grief. This world-wide program is designed with a weekly CD where participants meet people who have walked through grief and who share what was helpful for them. You'll find it helpful to be around people who truly "get" what you are going through - the emotions, mental fog, questions, and exhaustion, because they are dealing with it too. Attendees have a sharing time at the end of each DVD that is very helpful. This GriefShare Support Group will start at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Monday, September 11, from 10:00 -12:00 in the Fireside Room. It is for anyone in the Cedar Rapids area feeling lost after their loss. If interested in attending this class, please sign up online at griefshare.org under the King of Kings group by Sept. 11 or call Darlene Wood (319) 270-1276. See you Sept. 11!



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth/Parent Survey

We had a great ministry year in 2022-2023 and now we are looking forward to student ministry in 23-24! As our ministry team seeks to support youth and their families, we would love to hear feedback from you. Please take just a few moments to follow the link below and fill out information that is specific to your youth and family. Our team is thrilled to partner with families to help nurture faith in lives of our kids, so use this as an opportunity to provide us with feedback to effectively support and minister to them. We are so excited for things to get started again and are looking forward to faith and fellowship this Fall! Scan the QR Code to fill out the survey.



Upcoming Midweek Ministry

5th through 12th Grade, our midweek student ministry starts back up on September 6th with HS Youth Group and Pre/Confirmation Orientation. We will start at 6:30pm and go until 8pm. Weekly meals will not begin until the following week - Sept. 13. Kate Ramsey will be looking for help to make that happen, so keep an eye out for a message from her. We are so excited to continue the faith journey together with your families. If you don't get the student ministry emails or would like more information, reach out to DCE Tony (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)