

# THE MESSENGER

Need Pastoral Care?  
August 26 through September—  
Pastor Ben (255-4533)



## King of Kings Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

*Seniors' Small Group—  
Fruit of the Spirit*  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00 pm  
at Various Locations  
Led by Dick Kothrade

*Men's Morning Bible Study  
Reading the Psalms with Luther*  
Wednesdays, 7:00 am  
at Bob Evans (Pfeiffer Road),  
Led by Dick Kothrade

*Women's Morning Bible Study  
To Live is Christ: the Life and Ministry of Paul*  
by Beth Moore  
Thursdays, 9:30 am  
King of Kings' Library  
Led by Debbie Billman

*Men-In-Step—  
Saturdays, 8:00 am*  
"Courageous Heroes of Faith"  
at Brueggers Bagels on  
Mason-Montgomery,  
Led by Pastor John

*Men's Bible Study  
Saturdays, 7:00 am*  
at Bob Evans (Mason-Mont.)  
Led by Erick Schepmann

**AUGUST 28, 2011**

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**"COSTLY GRACE"  
MATTHEW 16: 21-28**

8:00 am Classic Service (Luther Chapel)

11:00 am Fusion Service (Large Worship Center)

See back of Messenger for Calendar Details for the week of 08/28/11

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE CLASS**

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Deuteronomy**  
Library  
Led by Dr. Bill Polzin

**Senior High**  
**Pulse**  
Room 100  
Led by Pastor Ben

**Junior High**  
**2 Kings**

Serve the Lord by helping our younger students  
with their Sunday School class.

**"When temptation comes,  
run away!"**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Preschool—Kindergarten  
Grades 1—5**



Brandon Schweinfest 8/29  
Randy Vandegrift 8/29  
Megan Schoenlein 8/30  
Alyssa Carroll 8/31  
Stanley Salomon 9/1  
Olivia Kindschuh 9/2  
Janelle Erickson 9/3  
Ashley Schoenlein 9/3  
Mary Kothrade 9/4

Gilbert & Paula Schepmann Jr.  
8/31

### Stewardship Thought:

*Romans 12:9-21: Christian stewards are people who are joyful in hope, patient in affliction and patient in prayer. Jesus told us that "others will know we are Christians by our love." What we say and do as God's stewards really does make a difference.*

	Income	Expenditures	Net Gain/(Loss)
<b>ECEM Actual July</b>	\$18,410	\$23,085	\$ (4,675)
<b>ECEM Year to Date</b>			\$ -
<b>ECEM Budget Year to Date</b>	<b>\$26,960</b>	<b>\$26,447</b>	-
<b>General Fund July</b>	\$ 66,798	\$ 45,872	\$ 20,926
<b>General Fund Year to Date</b>			
<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$54,167</b>	<b>\$ 57,267</b>	\$ -

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

Don't forget that next Sunday we will only be holding one service. The single service will start at 10:00am.

## SETTING MEETING TIMES AND DATES

Just a reminder that if you have a group or team that plans on meeting at KOK, please contact the church office (e-mail: [office@koklclms.org](mailto:office@koklclms.org)) or via phone (398-6089) and ask that your meeting or activity be placed on the KOK calendar. With your request please also coordinate the location of your meeting with the office administrative assistant (Currently Zach Zaerr).

## PASTOR JOHN AND CAROL OUT OF THE COUNTRY

Pastor John and Carol will be traveling to Greece to celebrate the marriage of our oldest daughter Katherine to Paul Demos on September 2 on the island of Santorini. Pastor John will out of the office from Friday, August 26 through Labor Day, September 5. Pastor Ben will be available for pastoral care. Pastor John and Carol welcome your prayers for safe travel! Note: please send prayer chain requests to Debbie Billman in Pastor John's absence ([worship@koklclms.org](mailto:worship@koklclms.org))

## SEPTEMBER OWLS

The La Comedia play "A 2ND HELPING....CHURCH BASEMENT" is Wednesday September 14th. We will meet at church at 9:50 am to carpool. If you plan to go to the theater without stopping at church first please let Lyle or Mary Jo know. If you have any questions please contact Lyle or Mary Jo Pagel at 754-1780.

## LEWIS POLZIN VICARAGE INSTALLATION

Lewis Polzin's Vicarage Installation was held Sunday, August 14th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Troy, MO. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were welcomed into the congregation where they will be for a year during their training. If you would ever like to visit their church during the next year, and/or hear Lewis preach a sermon, please contact him at [lewis.polzin@gmail.com](mailto:lewis.polzin@gmail.com). Please keep Lewis and Liz in your prayers as they prepare for their lives serving the Lord.

## MASON HEALTH CARE CENTER SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

Please consider joining us for our short service next Sun. Sept. 4 @ 2:30 with the residents there. Directions are at the STMO Board. Thanks!

## READY TO DISCOVER OR REDISCOVER?

Why not join "Discovering the Christian Faith" (DTCF), a new 10 week small group Bible study (led by Pastor John) which begins Sunday morning, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. (Location = small conference room) DTCF enables you to ask questions you have always wanted to ask about the Christian faith and the beliefs of the Lutheran Church. DTCF will give you an overview of God's salvation activity, how God draws us to Himself via faith, God's gifts of Baptism and Holy Communion, and what it means to live for God and as God's gathered family. DTCF gives you an excellent opportunity to reach out to a "searching" friend so that they can connect to Christ now and forever.

## DEAR FRIENDS AT KING OF KINGS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and good wishes during Otto's recent illness. A special thank you to those who helped us in ways we can never begin to repay.

God's Blessing to all of you.

-Anna & Otto Eul and Family

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## CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP — CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER!

**Bringing us together as a family – Single Service Sundays**

One of our three focus areas of our new vision statement, “Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever”, is “we will strengthen our connection to each other”. One way to accomplish that is to occasionally set aside our regular worship schedule and unite for a single worship service. The following Sundays will have a single service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center:

Sunday, September 4

Sunday, November 27

Sunday, Christmas Morning, December 25

Sunday, New Year’s Morning, January 1, 2012

Sunday, May 27

## CHANGES COMING TO WORSHIP BEGINNING *SEPTEMBER 11*

Pastor John, Pastor Ben, and Debbie Billman, director of worship and music, have been taking time this summer to review our current worship practices and see how we might make some changes to assist our people to connect to our Lord and connect others to Him. Based on that study, we are making the following changes in September:

Beginning **Sunday, September 11 (our kickoff Sunday)** the Classic Service time will move from 8:00 to 8:15 am. This will allow a smoother transition between our early service and the Education hour, as well as make it a little easier for some of our members to attend the early service. The Classic Service will continue to be designed based on the liturgies in the **Lutheran Service Book**. We are hoping to include more instrumentalists and other musical offerings in the coming year.

Also beginning **Sunday, September 11** the Fusion Service will be re-named **CrossConnections**.

**CrossConnections** is a more informal worship setting than our Classic service and will continue to meet in the Worship Center. **CrossConnections** is Christ-centered worship committed to reaching those without Lutheran background or those who prefer more variety in liturgy and music. Music from all ages (including 1-2 hymns a week) will be used, as well as worship leaders, visual media and drama. **CrossConnections** is based on the “Ancient-Future” model of worship designed by the late Robert Webber and seeks to weave old and new worship elements together to tell the wonderful grace of God as revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ.

## HELP US OUT WITH MUSIC FOR CROSSCONNECTIONS!

Do you play an instrument (keyboard, guitar, bass, drums, or symphonic instrument)? Do you like to sing? If so, please get in touch with Debbie Billman (398.6089 ext. 325; worship@koklclms.org). Whether you’d like to play one song, one Sunday, or regularly, we’d love to have you join us!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The summer is coming to a close quickly and that means the we will begin a new year of Sunday School. Sunday School will begin for the 2011-2012 school year on “Kick off Sunday” that will be on September 11. We will be offering a new curriculum this year from Concordia Publishing and are excited about the plans to “Grow in Christ” as a community! To provide the excellent Sunday School program our children deserve, we need caring adults to assist as teachers or aides. While it is helpful to have consistent teachers throughout the year, the Sunday School leadership team recognizes that it may not be possible for everyone to commit to an entire year of teaching. Your assistance is critical--please let us know when you would be able to devote a Sunday, a month, a term or a year to helping the children of King of Kings “Connect to Christ Now and Forever”! If you have questions or would like to see samples of the curriculum, please see Pastor Ben or contact Denise Lucas at 677-2771. We look forward to working with you!

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## ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRIES

King of Kings is seeking a part time Assistant to the Director of Worship and Music Ministries. The job is six to eight hours a week and would ideally include a portion of the hours on Friday afternoon. This employee would assist with basic administrative duties related to worship such as bulletin preparation, PowerPoint slides for worship, communication with music volunteers, publicity, purchase requisitions, filing, creating rehearsal cds, updating music records, etc. as well as help with setup and maintenance of sound equipment for our Worship Center and Chapel. Interested persons please contact the church office to receive a Position Description and Application.

## ECEM SCHOOL BOARD FOR 2011-2012

We have 5 members on the ECEM School Board for the coming school year. Nancy Wasmer will serve as board chairperson with Barb Gasser, Kathy Smith, Chad Thieme, and Kyle Vandegrift as members. Duane Karr will serve as liaison between the board and Leadership Council. The school board is reviewing the board handbook that was adopted several years ago. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM, with no meeting in July unless it is found to be necessary to meet. We are looking to add one more member to the board. If you would be interested in serving on the school board please talk with Gil Schepmann, Pastor John, or Pastor Ben and express your interest to them.

## ECEM KROGER FUNDRAISER

Help our Early Childhood Education Ministries raise funds by using a “Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program” gift card. The gift card can be used to pay for items when you shop at Kroger – groceries, prescriptions, gas, etc.. Just see Gil Schepmann to get your card and reload it with any amount up to \$500. When you checkout just scan your Kroger Plus Card and then pay for your purchases with the gift card. Your remaining balance will print on your receipt and you can reload at any time. Not a regular Kroger shopper? You can still help the preschool by using a Kroger gift card to shop at Kroger for gift cards to restaurants and other retailers. Any time you pay with your ECEM Kroger gift card, you our helping our school. When the total amount reaches \$5,000 or more in a 4-week cycle the school receives 4% of the total amount. What a great way to earn money for our school that costs us nothing!! See Gil Schepmann to get your card!!

## COMING SOON: THE FALL LUTHERAN WOMEN’S RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 23-24!

The 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Lutheran Women’s Retreat will once again be held at the “Mother House” of the Sisters of Mercy, located across from the University of Mt. St. Joseph in Delhi. Each woman staying overnight will have a private room with sink. Meals are deliciously prepared from local produce. Yum!

The Retreat Leader this year will be **Elaine Bickel**, a wonderful speaker who mixes humor, story-telling and the Gospel in her special delivery. She hails from Middleton, Michigan where she serves as the Principal of a Lutheran Elementary School.

Check-in starts at 4 PM. The evening begins with a lovely dinner by at 6 PM, followed by Elaine’s first “installment”. A Holy Communion Service held in the beautiful chapel will complete the evening. Saturday morning begins with a delicious breakfast (7:45 AM) and Elaine’s sharing around 9 AM. We’ll have Lunch and one more session with Elaine before closing the retreat at 2:15 PM.

Those who would like to **carpool** to Delhi for the Retreat, please contact Rena Haines, 513.984.0368 or email: RLH1945@gmail.com. We hope to have two groups to carpool: one for the entire Retreat and another to drive back to Mason Friday night and return to the Retreat Saturday morning. Questions? Contact Rena.

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## ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR IS HERE!

The school year for King of Kings Early Childhood Education Ministries is about to begin. Just as the older children have gone back to school so will the early learners. We have an enrollment of 129 for 2011-2012 school year with openings in the Mom's Day Out Class, Early Learning PM, All Day Early Learning, and the AM & PM Preschooler classes. Class will begin on September 6<sup>th</sup> with the Mom's Day Out, Early Learning, Kinder-Ready and Kindergarten classes and on September 7<sup>th</sup> the Preschoolers will begin.

Most of the staff for 2011-2012 will be the same as last year. Katie Berg will teach Kindergarten with Laura Stoner and Kathy Wolery as her aides. Emily Riedell will teach the Kinder-Ready class with Laura Obinger as her aide. Marsha Fenstermaker will teach the All Day Preschoolers with Carol Yates and Judi Schepmann as her aides. Cyndy Helson, Kathy Wolery and Laura Stoner will teach the preschoolers with Heidi Botkin, Laura Damico, and Carolyn Styers as their aides. Judi Schepmann will teach the All Day Early Learning with Jean Farr as her aide. Maria Mezcua and Marsha Fenstermaker will teach the Early Learners with Linda Baker, Laura Higgins and Rebecca Pedersen as their aides. Laura Higgins will teach the Mom's Day Out classes with Linda Baker and Laura Damico as her aides. We welcome Heidi Botkin as a teacher's aide and say farewell to Beverly Swanson who did not return as an aide.

We ask God's blessings on all of our staff and pray that God will guide Bev to a new opportunity to serve and work with children. Please keep the ECEM programs in your prayers and ask that God will continue to bless this outreach program and its leaders.

## MARKET DAY!

WELCOME BACK TO MARKET DAY! For those of you who have ordered in the past we thank you. To those who have never tried Market Day, you don't know what you're missing! Do some comparisons with grocery store prices and see how competitive Market Day prices really are. You shop online, prepay your order, and when you come to pick up your order it is already boxed and ready to go. Market Day is on Facebook - you can check out what customers are saying about the products offered each month. Once you have ordered online you will receive online deals of the week and promotions. All products are 100% guaranteed!

September orders are due in the box in the narthex by Tues. Sept. 14 or online that evening by midnight. Pickup is Sat. Sept. 18th from 9-10am. Questions? Call Judi Schepmann (754-2293) or Barb Casey (683-8637).

## ECEM PART TIME STAFF STILL NEEDED!

King of Kings Early Childhood Education Ministries is looking for part time Noon/Recess Supervisors. This position is a person who supervises and assists children who are here all day during their noon lunch and recess time. The working hours would be 11:00am to 1:00pm. Supervisors are needed every day. You would not need to work every day but could work M-W-F; T-Th; M-T-W-Th or any combination. If you love working with little children and helping them out this is the job for you. No formal teaching background is necessary. We will provide training. Just contact Gil Schepmann at 513-398-6089 or by email [gil.schepmann@koklclms.org](mailto:gil.schepmann@koklclms.org).

## THE ALBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As we approach the new school year we once again have families who would greatly appreciate having assistance with their child's tuition for 2011 - 2012 school year. The past school year we awarded over \$12,000.00 to 10 different families. We anticipate the need for this year will be just as great.

You, as a member of King of Kings, can make contributions to the Albright Scholarship Fund. When you make a donation, please mark your donation clearly that it is for this fund, on your check and on the outside of your envelope. May God bless you and your family for taking an interest in reaching out into the community and making it possible to share the Gospel with those who are being moved by the Holy Spirit to hear the Gospel.

If you have any questions you may address them to Gil Schepmann, Dir. of Early Childhood Education Ministries.

**CALENDAR**  
*Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever*

**August 28—September 4, 2011**

August 28— 8:00 am Classic Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Fusion Service (Large Worship Center)

August 29-

August 30-

August 31— 7:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study

September 1— 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

September 2—

September 3— 7:15 am Men's Bible Study  
8:00 am Men In Step

September 4— 10:00 am Single Service

# ATTENDANCE

**Sunday, August 21, 2011**

8:00 am Classic Service— 96  
11:00 am Fusion Service— 82



*The Altar Flowers are given by  
Gil & Judi Schepmann in loving  
memory of their grandson,  
Alexander Priehs.*

## WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011**

**8:00 am**

**Elder:** Rick Bohnke  
**Liturgist:** Dick Kothrade  
**Usher:** Tony & June Cantor, Stu & Sharry Long  
**Reader:** Su Polzin  
**Acolyte:** Bobby Frazier  
**Greeters:** Bill & Su Polzin  
**Sound Tech:** Denise Lucas

**11:00 am**

**Elder:** Bob Styers  
**Usher:** Chris, Rachel, Emily Whitaker  
**Worship Assistant:** Seth & Amy Timler  
**Communion Assistant:** Karl Voelkel, Craig Smith, David Billman, Martin Eger  
**Reader:** Diane Cundiff  
**Welcome Table:** Lyle & Mary Jo Pagel  
**Greeters:** Gerald & Reija Huculak  
**Sound Tech:** Don Goepper

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**

**10:00 am**

**Elder:** Rick Bohnke  
**Usher:** Barry Schweinfest, Brandon Schweinfest, Chris Whitaker, Emily Whitaker  
**Reader:** Laura Pieper  
**Sound Tech:** Matt Antal  
**Communion Assistant:** Rick Bohnke, David Billman  
**Worship assistant:** Antal family  
**Greeter:** TBD  
**Welcome Table:** TBD

*August Altar Guild—Cathy Bohnke*