

# THE MESSENGER

Need Pastoral Care?  
 Pastor John (509-3791)  
 Pastor Ben (255-4533)



## King of Kings Lutheran Church

*Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever*  
 3621 Socialville-Foster Rd Mason, Ohio 45040  
 www.koklms.org - Phone: 513-398-6089 - Fax: 513-459-9896

## DECEMBER 4, 2011 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

“OUT OF THE WILDERNESS!”  
 ISAIAH 40:1 – 11

8:15 am Classic Service (Luther Chapel)  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 (See map located at both entrances and near gym entrance)  
 11:00 am CrossConnections Service (Large Worship Ctr)

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE CLASS

**Colossians and Philemon**  
 Library  
 Led by Dr. Bill Polzin

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

**Junior High**  
**Growing in Christ**  
 Grades 6-8 gather in Worship Center for opening  
 with “Growing in Christ” Adult Bible Class

**Discovering the Christian Faith**  
 Led by Pastor John  
 Conference Room

**Growing in Christ**  
 Various Leaders

**Stewardship Thought:**  
 2 Peter 3:8-14

*Watch and wait with joyful expectation! St. Peter reminded the people of his day and us as well that the Lord will come again to receive His people into a new heaven and a new earth where we will live in peace and righteousness forever. May God’s Spirit bless us so that we may live lives worthy of our high calling as stewards of all that God has given to us to manage for His purposes.*

### Today

Pre-K/Kdg students and parents will go directly to their classrooms (Room 130 and Fellowship Hall, respectively).

Students in grade 1 through junior high will meet in the Worship Center for rehearsal.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

“The Birth of John Foretold”  
 Luke 1:5 - 25

Preschool—Kindergarten  
 Grades 1—5  
 Gather in Worship Center for Opening



	Income	Expenses	Net Gain/(Loss)
ECEM Actual October	\$31,576	\$26,572	\$5,004
ECEM YTD	\$107,802	\$105,978	\$1,824
ECEM Budget YTD	\$107,840	\$105,788	
General Fund October	\$56,317	\$47,936	8,381
General Fund YTD	\$209,475	\$209,751	(\$276)
General Fund Budget YTD	\$216,667	\$229,067	

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

**Seniors’ Small Group—**  
**Power for Daily Living**  
 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 Bible Study**  
 Wednesdays, 9:30 am  
 at Mimi’s Café

**Women’s Morning Bible Study**  
**The Patriarchs**  
 by Beth Moore  
 Thursdays, 9:30 am  
 Resumes January 5th  
 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

**Adult Bible Study**  
**Sundays, 6:00 pm**  
 King of Kings’ Library  
 “Experiencing the Heart of Jesus”  
 by Max Lucado  
 Led By Jane Glandorf



**Birthdays**  
 Tom Eichinger 12/6  
 Jacob Englert 12/7  
 Ruth Larkin 12/7  
 Ruth Pullem 12/7  
 Mark Carlson 12/10  
 Nicholas George 12/10

**Anniversaries**  
 Gerald & Reija Huculak 12/8

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Staff - 398-6089

**Pastor Ben Kaiser (ext. 303)**

M-Th 8:00 - 4:30 pm  
pastor.ben@koklclms.org  
Mobile Phone: 255-4533

**Pastor John Mueller (ext 302)**

T-F 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
pastor.john@koklclms.org  
Home Phone: 573-9894  
Mobile Phone: 509-3791

**Gil Schepmann (ext 304)**

Preschool Director  
M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
gil.schepmann@koklclms.org

**Debbie Billman (ext 325)**

Worship Director  
T-F 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
worship@koklclms.org

**Kim Zumkehr (ext 301)**

Administrative Assistant  
M-F 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
office@koklclms.org

### Market Day:

marketdays@koklclms.org

**Prayer Chain:** pray-  
ers@koklclms.org

### Leadership Council

#### President

**Martin Eger**  
759-2293  
mceger@zoomtown.com

#### Vice President

**Jane Glandorf**  
919-6153  
volunteer@koklclms.org

#### Treasurer, Duane Karr

398-2616  
karrdm01@yahoo.com

#### Secretary

**Matthew Streuer**  
899-4929  
streuerm@aol.com

#### Members-At-Large:

**Polly Whitaker**  
755-0619  
pollywhitaker72@gmail.com

**Karl Voelkel**  
932-3276  
karljeanvoelkel@juno.com

**Mike Billman**  
910-8344  
billman@2minutedrill.net

**Sharry Long**  
skil19@roadrunner.com

#### Facilities Management Team

**David Shearer**  
(513) 500-6891

**Chris Costeines**  
328-0202  
FMT@koklclms.org

## Special Worship Events at King of Kings

Midweek Advent Services – Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Luther Chapel  
“Come, Lord Jesus”

Wednesday, December 7: “Come Bring Your Light!”

Wednesday, December 14: “Come Guide Our Journey!”

Wednesday, December 21: “Come Take Us Home!”

### Sunday, December 11

8:15 am Classic Worship (Luther Chapel)

11:00 am Sunday School Christmas Service

“The Mystery of the Manger – it’s the Gospel Truth!” (Worship Center)

Sunday, December 18, Worship Center, 8:15 and 11:00 am, Worship Center

“Light Came Down” – A Morning of Worship through Song

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 5:00 and 7:00 pm, Worship Center

Carols, special music and candlelight at both services

Christmas Morning, Sunday, December 25, 10:00 am, Luther Chapel

Festival Worship with Communion

New Year’s Eve, Saturday, December 31, 7:00 pm, Luther Chapel

Communion Service

New Year’s Morning, Sunday, January 1, 10:00 am, Luther Chapel

Communion Service

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time in putting up the Christmas decorations at the church on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Those who served that day were Pastor John and Carol, Pastor Ben, Martin Eger, Frank & Jean Farr, Donna Gant, Jane Glandorf, Stu and Sharry Long, Lyle and Mary Jo Pagel, Doug Thomas, and Karl and Jean Voelkel. Thanks to all.

## VOTERS’ MEETING & LUNCHEON – TODAY

Please make plans to attend the Voters Meeting today at 12:30 pm. The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and three at-large positions will be elected after the late service. The agenda items are: 1) Approval of 6/5/2011 Meeting, 2) Election of Leadership Council, 3) Financial Update, 4) Housing Allowance, 5) Status of the Church, 6) Capital Expenses - Facility, & 7) Announcement of the Election Results. A light lunch will be provided. Any questions please don’t hesitate to contact a member of Leadership Council and please keep the nomination process and our future leaders in your prayers.

For information, Leadership Council has received several inquiries about absentee voting. Although the constitution and bylaws don’t forbid this, we don’t currently have a clear policy for implementation at this time. Leadership Council will take this request into consideration and evaluate policy options to conduct future elections outside of a Voters’ Assembly meeting.

## SHARE SOME CHRISTMAS JOY @ MASON HEALTH CARE CENTER SERVICE TODAY

All families are invited to come and share some Christmas Joy with the residents of Mason Health Care Center today at our Special Christmas Service and Caroling beginning at 2:30. (This will mark our 6<sup>th</sup> year there!) We would love for you to join us! Directions are on the STMO Board. Thanks!

## AUXILIARY COOKIE PACK TIME

Please remember the Federation Auxiliary Cookie Pack is **Monday, December 5th, at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church**. If you still want to bake cookies, please call Joanne Biedinger at 339-0491, to make arrangements for pick-up.

## CHRISTMAS TREATS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school students are busy rehearsing the Christmas program that will be presented on Sunday, December 11. It is traditional that we provide a small “Goody Bag” after the program for each of the students. If you can contribute a treat (small wrapped candy) please leave it in the Fellowship Hall kitchen marked “Sunday School”. We will assemble the bags on December 10 during the final rehearsal; if you are available to help the work will proceed much faster! Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday school program at King of Kings! If you have questions, please call Denise Lucas at 513-677-2771.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Sunday School Christmas program, "The Mystery of the Manger," is scheduled for the 11:00 a.m. service next Sunday, December 11th. ***Dress rehearsal for Preschool through 8th grade is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*** Grades 1-8 will meet in the Worship Center; Preschool and Kindergarten will meet in their Sunday School classroom. Children have already started learning some of the music during Sunday School opening and will continue to do so each Sunday through the day of the program. Please encourage your children to participate and attend Sunday School and the rehearsals.

Parents, your help is needed for the Sunday School Christmas Program. Help is needed for packing goody bags to be given to our Sunday School children during the Dec. 10 rehearsal. Contact Paula Schepmann or Debbie Billman to volunteer, or just stick around when you drop off your children that morning. Donations for the goody bags are also appreciated, and can be dropped off behind the Welcome Center. Assistance is also needed prior to the Dec 10 rehearsal for the set, props and costumes. Volunteers are also needed to work with our preschool and kindergarten angels during rehearsal time on Saturday, and to sit with them during part of the service. If you are willing and available, your help will be very much appreciated; you can contact Paula Schepmann by phone (583-1581) or email ([schepmann@gmail.com](mailto:schepmann@gmail.com)) or Debbie Billman at church (398-6089). May God bless the time of preparation and performance by the wonderful children of our congregation.

## OWLS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – DECEMBER 13TH

OWLS Christmas Luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011 at the Shaker Run Golf Course, at 4361 Greentree Road, Lebanon, OH. Menu: Rerun of last year. It was so good! Cost: \$20.00 per person. Reservations and checks made out to Carol Mann by Dec. 6th.

Bring a white elephant gift. We will be collecting coffee, white crew socks for men and women Veterans. Also, anything else you might like to contribute to the VA Hospital in Cincinnati.

Any questions contact Carol at 513-494-2568 or [cmann17@cinci.rr.com](mailto:cmann17@cinci.rr.com) or Carolyn Styers at 513-398-1578 or [cstyvers@cinci.rr.com](mailto:cstyvers@cinci.rr.com).

## THE GIFT OF GIVING

This Christmas season you have the opportunity to enjoy the gift of giving to people who are in need in the Over-the-Rhine area. On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> the Sr. Youth will be serving supper at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church's gift giving day. We are asking you to considering donating any of the following items to be shared: **mittens, hats, and scarves for men, women and children!**

***Bring all donations to Pastor Ben's office, or to the donation box located by the Christmas tree in the narthex.***

## MARKET DAY

It's the Holiday Season! Stock up by doing your shopping at Market Day!

**New this month:** Variety cheesecake: Stuffed rigatoni with Italian sausage

**Cookie Month:** Let Market Day help with your holiday baking and help us sell 100 boxes of cookie dough!

Orders are due in the box in the narthex by Tues. Dec. 6th or online that evening by midnight. Pickup is Sat. Dec. 10- from 9-10am. Questions? Call Judi Schepmann (754-2293) or Barb Casey (683-8637).

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

What do you call a teacher, an aide, and 17 kindergartners before Christmas?? CRAZY!! We are well on our way to celebrating our Savior's birth, Jesus, and the kids are excited! It is with happiness and joy that I can declare, these children fully understand the true meaning of the season! Thanks to parents and previous teachers for knowledge, for understanding, and for encouraging belief and prayer.

We will be learning lots about the season (the official season change to winter), and all that comes with the change ... SNOW ... and perhaps a snow day?!! We will be learning the differences between rain and snow ... and have a few experiments to prove! The boys and girls have been working hard with journaling, and learning short vowel sounds ... yep! They are smart little critters! We will be moving onto long vowel sounds soon. Many are choosing to read to the class, as well. Great job, kiddos!

Our biggest-best job will be learning songs for our Christmas program on December 15th. It will be great! Join us, if you want to hear about the birth of Jesus ... from the mouths of babes. They are precious! Several will be reading and they will all be singing. Our Christmas program is Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 P.M. Would love to see you!

Finally, here is a Christmas request for you ... if you have a favorite Christmas story/book that you would like to share with the class, we welcome you! Please think about this as an opportunity to share YOUR faith and family tradition with these young ones. Contact Gil or me, if you feel so inclined. Thank you, and God's blessings to all.

Merry Christmas from Katie Berg

## THANK YOU FOR DINING FOR DONATIONS AT CAMPIONI'S PIZZA

On November 2nd we had a good turnout for eating at Campioni's Pizza. Thank you to everyone who ate in or carried out that day. ECEM received a total donation of \$230.00 for this Dine for Donations. We hope that you enjoyed your meal and had an opportunity to visit with friends and family while eating at Campioni's. Watch for information for our Dine for Donations in January at City BBQ. Once again, thank you for your continued support of ECEM.

## BUILDING HOPE IN THE CITY (BHITC) NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Building Hope in the City-Cincinnati is need of volunteers with strong backs to pick up and drop off furniture to the needy in the inner city of Cincinnati. We will be renting a truck and picking up donated furniture and dropping off furniture to the recipients on Saturday, December 17th. We will meet in the parking lot of King of Kings at 1:00 pm.

Anyone willing to donate any furniture or household goods would be greatly appreciated. We will pick up the furniture on Saturday, December 17th.

Building Hope in the City-Cincinnati will have it's annual Fountain Square Outreach Event on Thursday, December 22nd from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to hand out hot chocolate and slices of pumpkin pie along with Building Hope in the City newsletters, and also signing people up for newsletter and email distribution.

<b>CALENDAR</b>		
<b><i>Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever</i></b>		
<b>December 4 - December 10, 2011</b>		
December 4	8:15 am	Classic Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Cross Connections Service (worship center)
	12:30 pm	Voters' Assembly Meeting & Luncheon (fellowship hall)
	2:30 pm	Mason Health Care Center
	6:00 -7:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:00 -7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
December 5	9:30 & 1:00	Chapel - Preschool
	9:30 - 11:30 am	Federation Cookie Pack
	7:00 - 10:00 pm	FMT Meeting (library)
December 6	9:30 & 1:00	Chapel - preschool
	1:00 pm	Senior Small Group
	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Engstrom Sports Conditioning (gym)
	6:45 - 9:00 pm	ECEM School Board Meeting (library)
December 7	7:00 am	Men's Morning Bible Study at Bob Evan's Pfeiffer Road
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study - Mimi's Cafe
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship (Luther Chapel)
December 8	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:30 pm	Choir
December 9		No Activities Scheduled
December 10	8:00 - 9:30 am	Men In Step at Bruegger's Bagels Arbor Square
	9:00 - 10:00 am	Market Day Pickup

*Please contact the Church Office to schedule meetings and activities on the calendar.*

*Phone: 398-6089*

*Email: [office@koklcms.org](mailto:office@koklcms.org)*



**Sunday, November 27, 2011**

10:00 Combined Worship - 156

*The Altar Flowers are given  
by Stu & Sharry Long in memory of  
Sharry's sister, Sue Meister.*

## WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011

**8:15 am**

**Elder:** TBD

**Ushers:** Stu & Sharry Long, Tony & June Cantor

**Liturgist:** Mike Billman

**Reader:** Jane Glandorf

**Acolyte:** Katy Glandorf

**Sound Tech:** Steve Yates

**Greeters:** Joanne & Dick Biedinger

**11:00 am**

**Elder:** Tom Larkin

**Ushers:** Kirk, Valerie, Sierra & Dylan Whittemore

**Reader:** Kevin Billman

**Worship Assistants:** Timler family

**Sound Tech:** Mark Robinson

**KidsConnection:** Leah Nelson & Katie Shearer

**Greeters:** Tim & Ginger Scaife

**Communion Assistants:** Arnie Schaewe

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

**7:00 pm**

**Elder:** TBD

**Ushers:** Greg Leist, Erick & Jacob Schepmann, Denise Lucas

**Reader:** Paula Schepmann

**Acolyte:** Andra Malburg

**Sound Tech:** Su Polzin

**Greeters:** Joanne & Dick Biedinger

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

**8:15 am**

**Elder:** Rick Bohnke

**Ushers:** Denise Lucas, Greg Leist, Dave & Carol Yates

**Reader:** TBD

**Sound Tech:** Steve Yates

**Greeters:** Dale & Mary Shaffer

**Communion Assistants:** TBD

**11:00 am**

**Elder:** TBD

**Ushers:** Andy, Kathy & Calvin Boedecker

**Worship Assistants:**

**Sound Tech:** Matt Antal

**Greeters:** Frank & Jean Farr