

THE MESSENGER

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King of Kings Lutheran Church

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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
 "Exploring the Nativity"
 Led by Jane Glandorf*

DECEMBER 11, 2011 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**"I WANNA TALK ABOUT ME HE!"
 MATTHEW 22:15 – 22**

8:15 am Classic Service (Luther Chapel)

(See map located at both entrances and near gym entrance)

11:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program (Worship Ctr)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Kindergarten and preschool will meet in their
 Sunday School classroom.

1st through 8th grade will meet in the worship
 center.

The students will be rehearsing for the Christmas
 program.



Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:15 Classic Worship - 116

11:00 CrossConnections Worship - 109

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE CLASS

Colossians and Philemon

Library

Led by Dr. Bill Polzin

Senior High "Pulse"

Room 100

Led by Pastor Ben

Growing in Christ

Various Leaders

Luther Chapel



	Income	Expenses	Net Gain/(Loss)
ECEM Actual November	\$32,757	\$27,993	\$4,764
ECEM YTD	\$140,559	\$133,971	\$6,588
ECEM Budg- General Fund November	\$134,800	\$132,235	
General Fund November	\$44,793	\$45,190	(\$397)
General Fund YTD	\$254,268	\$254,941	(\$673)
General Fund Budget YTD	\$270,833	\$286,334	

Stewardship Thought:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

*Watch and wait with joyful expectation! Our
 God of peace will be with us and keep us safe
 and blameless in body, soul and spirit as we wait
 for our Lord's glorious coming again to rescue
 His people - His stewards - from all the pain and
 tears that come with living in this fallen world.
 Live today as if our Lord is coming again tonight
 or tomorrow.*



Birthdays

Mark Goins 12/12
 Lewis Polzin 12/14
 Mark Carlson 12/15
 Jody Zaerr 12/15
 Kurtis Texiera 12/16

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Special Worship Events at King of Kings

Midweek Advent Services – Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Luther Chapel

“Come, Lord Jesus”

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

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

Today

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

MINISTRY POTLUCK – CANCELLED

Since this is such a busy time for everyone, we have decided to cancel the Ministry Potluck for December 14th. Look for another great night of fellowship coming up in January. Happy Holidays from the Communications Team!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY EVENT – REGISTER TODAY!

Join us for a Seaside escape on Friday, January 6th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday, January 7th, from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm. Registration forms for this Women’s Ministry Event will be available at a table in the Narthex. A \$10 donation to cover cost of retreat materials and journal is suggested. Contact Paula Schepmann at 513-583-1581, if you have questions.

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 or Carolyn Styers at 513-398-1578 or 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. 14th the Sr. Youth will be serving supper at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church’s gift giving day. We are asking you to consider 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 on the table by the Christmas tree in the narthex.

CANTATA REHEARSAL THIS SATURDAY – DECEMBER 17TH

Just a reminder that we will rehearse this Saturday, December 17th, at 9:00 am in Luther Chapel. Bring your books and your best singing voices! If you have questions, please get in touch with Debbie Billman (398-6089, ext. 325; worship@koklcms.org).

KING OF KINGS MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:30pm in the gym beginning on Sunday, January 8th. This is a great opportunity to clean off the dust on your basketball shoes, get some great exercise, and play some basketball. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Thieme at 513-899-9126 or via email at rmthieme@yahoo.com.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On Sunday, December 4, the Voters' Assembly elected the following people to Leadership Council Positions: Vice President – Jane Glandorf, At-large – Scott Krawec, Karl Voelkel, and Polly Whitaker. In addition, Leadership Council has appointed Dave Kelpo to a one year appointment, to fill an At-large vacancy on Council. The contact information for all of the Leadership Council members is listed weekly in the Messenger; we encourage and welcome your input.

A sincere “Thank You” goes out to the nominating committee who faithfully and diligently worked to identify candidates for this election. Those who served on the nominating committee were Mary Jo and Lyle Pagel, Su Polzin, Linda Whitaker, and Pastor Ben (ex-officio member).

Also, we would like to publically thank the outgoing members of Leadership Council: Treasurer, Duane Karr and At-large member, Mike Billman for their service. We are most grateful that Duane has agreed to serve as an interim Treasurer until Leadership Council is able to make a Treasurer appointment. Please prayerfully consider if you might be called to serve in this important role for our congregation. Interested servants should talk to Duane Karr or any Council member directly.

AM PRESCHOOL NEWS FROM ROOM 140

The Fantastic Fours have been singing verses for letters H, I, J, K, and L, and counting from 1 to 30 and 30 to 1. We've talked about the changes in the weather and seasons by using stories about chipmunks and apple trees as references. Also, we're focusing on reading and reciting rhyming word families for at and op. Our word families center around Dr. Seuss books, The Cat in the Hat and Hop on Pop. The preschoolers are developing their fine motor coordination by using scissors to cut out multiple geometric shapes and by writing letters I, J, and K and numbers 1, 2, and 3.

We've completed our discussions about the first Thanksgiving and shared what we're thankful for. All of us are extremely thankful for our families, friends, and school. In the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, some of the students were featured praying during Chapel Time or singing The Turkey is a Funny Bird and Everybody Give Thanks prior to the school feast. The preschoolers especially enjoyed lunch with their family and friends.

Now, we're preparing for our Christmas program on Monday, December 19th. There's a lot of memorization and patience required but the students enjoy singing the numerous songs and presenting the finger plays. They'll be ringing bells and waving silver and gold garland. They're busy making special gifts and decorations too for the Christmas season. Our Chapel Times, Bible Circles, and morning coloring pages involve stories and pictures about baby Jesus. Above all, we're happily celebrating God's greatest gift, baby Jesus. Look for our red and green stockings with pictures we colored of baby Jesus. They're hanging on the hallway bulletin board beside room 140.

Merry Christmas to All!

Sincerely,

Bev Swanson and Carolyn Styers

PRESCHOOL ART ENRICHMENT

We have three different 9 week sessions of our enrichment classes. In art enrichment I have planned a full year of art lesson for the children to learn, making it possible for the kids to take art all year long and not duplicate any of the projects. The second and third nine weeks of class cover a large assortment of art mediums: pastels, oil pastels, collage, water color, painting, markers... As each project is completed I save their art and add these to a homemade book for the students to take home to their families. Each week we will meet a new artist and duplicate some of the artists unique art style: Picasso's cubism, Matisse's painting with scissors, or Andy Warhol's multiple images. I try very hard to make art enrichment projects and not "crafts" and to help each student to grow in ability, imagination and to help support the teachers with the child's fine motor skills.

“The ultimate ‘crisis pregnancy’ occurred when an unmarried virgin is told she will conceive and carry and give birth to the promised Messiah. And hear Mary’s quiet confidence, “I am the Lord’s servant...may it be to me as you have said” (Luke 1:38)...there were certainly those in Nazareth whose tongues wagged about the ‘trouble’ Mary was in. But she accept this that all the world might know hope!”

Pastor Mark D. Barz, Pastor, Crown of Life Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas

A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life—www.lutheransforlife.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS PINS

“It’s OK to Say Merry Christmas” pins are available at the Welcome Center today. These pins were ordered from American Family Association by the KOK Thrivent Group. They were purchased with Thrivent Choice Dollars. Come and get yours! Let your world know “It’s OK to Say Merry Christmas.”

FROM THE PARISH CHURCH WORKER FRUITS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

For the past several years, King of Kings has budgeted \$1200/year to help support sons and daughters of the congregation who are students at Synodical institutions pursuing a degree for church work in the LCMS. There is also Special Project Fund set up to receive and disburse all additional donations made by congregational members. Donations to the PCWEA Fund can be made at any time. Envelopes are on the table in front of the Short Term Ministry Opportunity Board in the narthex, near the large Worship Center. Checks should be made out to King of Kings with PCWEA Fund noted in the memo line. The next disbursement of funds will be in January 2012.

Currently, these funds are applied toward the tuition costs of John Suguitan and Lewis Polzin. Below is an update from John on his experiences in the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program.

Dear King of Kings members,

Thank you again for the gracious contribution to my SMP tuition costs. I am sincerely grateful.

I have now completed my 3rd SMP class. That class was on Creedal Themes. It was a dive into the Christian themes embedded in the Apostles’ Creed. I have just started my 4th SMP class: Lutheran Distinctions. This class will focus on the thought process and concepts that makes the Lutheran denomination distinct.

There are 11 SMP students in my cohort, and we have an interactive, on-line class every Monday for 2 hours. My studies and assignments vary from 10 to 15 hours a week, on average. In addition, I meet or talk with my Pastor mentor (Pastor Everette Greene) on a weekly basis, covering basic mentor-based questions from my weekly Journal. I submit my completed journal to the professor every Sunday. I will also be on the St. Louis campus one week in April and June. I am very excited about the week in June, as it will be a week-long intensive class on Preaching with one of the premier preaching profs on campus.

I have almost completed 1 year of SMP classes. Seems like time is flying. Taking classes year round, along with a full-time job and being actively involved with several ministry efforts (both Prince of Peace and Building Hope in the City-Cincinnati) has been a challenge in terms of setting priorities and actually having to step back from some commitments. I again, thank you for your financial assistance and prayers.

Peace,

Vicar John Suguitan

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.

Dear Members and Friends of King of Kings,

We have received a check for matching funds from Thrivent Financial in the amount of \$1,191.00. Thank you so much for making the gift of these funds possible. This generous donation to Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County will help us as we continue to provide shelter and support to homeless families of Warren County. Again, thank you on behalf of the families we serve.

Linda A. Rabolt

Executive Director

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County

CALENDAR

Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever

December 11 - December 18, 2011

December 11	8:15 am	Classic Service
	9:30 am	Rehearsal for Christmas Program
	11:00 am	Sunday School Christmas Program (worship center)
	2:30 pm	Mason Health Care Center
	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
December 12		No Activities Scheduled
December 13	9:30 & 1:00	Chapel - preschool
	10:00 am	OWLS
	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Engstrom Sports Conditioning (gym)
	7:30 pm	Care Committee (library)
December 14	7:00 am	Men's Morning Bible Study at Bob Evan's Pfeiffer Road
	9:30 & 1:00	Chapel - Preschool
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study - Mimi's Café
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship (Luther Chapel)
December 15	9:00 am	MOPS (fellowship hall)
	7:00 pm	ECEM Christmas Program (KR & KDR)
December 16		No Activities Scheduled
December 17	8:00 - 9:30 am	Men In Step at Bruegger's Bagels Arbor Square
	9:00 - noon	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

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

Phone: 398-6089



*The Altar Flowers are given
by Derek & Ellen Morgan
in loving memory of Robert Guehna
and James Morgan.*

WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

8:15 am

Elder: Rick Bohnke
Liturgist: Pastor John
Ushers: Greg Leist, Dave & Carol Yates
Reader: Su Polzin
Sound Tech: Steve Yates
Greeters: Dale & Mary Shaffer
Communion Assistant: Bill Polzin

11:00 am

Elder: TBD
Ushers: Andy, Kathy & Calvin Boedecker
Sound Tech: Matt Antal, Sandy Smith & Bobby Frazier
Greeters: Frank & Jean Farr

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

7:00 pm

Elder: TBD
Ushers: Tony & June Cantor, Mike Billman, Tim Scaife
Reader: Stu Long
Acolyte: Mary Kaleta
Sound Tech: Bobby Frazier
Greeters: Bill & Su Polzin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011

8:15 am

Elder: Doug Thomas
Ushers: Erick & Jacob Schepmann, Rich Pieper, Scott Chant
Sound Tech: Don Goepper
Acolyte: Katie Frazier
Greeters: Dale & Mary Shaffer

11:00 am

Elder: TBD
Ushers: Chris, Rachel & Emily Whitaker
Worship Assistants: Antal Family
Sound Tech: Don Goepper
Greeters: Lyle and Mary Jo Pagel