

THE MESSENGER

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King of Kings Lutheran Church

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DECEMBER 18, 2011
 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CHRISTMAS CANTATA TODAY 8:15 & 11:00
 IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

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
 Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"An Angel Visits Joseph"
 Matthew 1:18 - 25

Preschool—Kindergarten
 Grades 1—5

Students go to classrooms today

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
 resumes January 4th
 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"
 Resumes January 7th
 at Brueggers Bagels on
 Mason-Montgomery,
 Led by Pastor John

Adult Bible Study
 Sundays, 6:00 pm
 No classes Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
 King of Kings' Library
 "Exploring the Nativity"
 Led By Jane Glandorf

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 11, 2011

8:15 Classic Worship - 97
 11:00 CrossConnections Worship - 220

Stewardship Thought:
Romans 16:25-27

Watch and wait with joyful expectation! In this last chapter of Romans, Paul is sending his greetings to the saints living in Rome and encouraging them to be faithful witnesses of Jesus so that many others may be saved through the precious Gospel of Jesus. May we sing the praises of God with Joy as faithful stewards of the Gospel until our Lord returns!



	Income	Expenses	Net Gain/(Loss)
ECEM Actual November	\$32,757	\$27,993	\$4,764
ECEM YTD	\$140,559	\$133,971	\$6,588
ECEM Budget YTD	\$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	



Birthdays

Leah Nelson 12/18
 Rich Pieper 12/18
 Tony Cantor 12/19
 Marsha Fenstermaker 12/19
 Derek Morgan 12/19
 Brenda Fischer 12/20
 Heidi Boedecker 12/11
 Austin Hamilton 12/21
 Colin Hamilton 12/21
 Annika Olsson 12/22
 Amy Abernathy 12/23

Anniversaries

Otto & Anna Eul 12/23

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Special Worship Events at King of Kings

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

Today, 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

Combined Worship

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

10:00 a.m.

NO SUNDAY EVENING CLASSES ON DEC. 25 & JAN. 1

6-8th grade Sunday evening pre-confirmation and confirmation classes as well as Sunday evening Adult Bible study will be held this evening to be followed by a two week holiday break. Sunday evening activities will resume January 8 at 6 p.m.

MASON HEALTH CARE CENTER SERVICE ON NEW YEAR’S DAY

Please consider joining us for our short worship service with the residents at the Mason Health Care Center on Sunday, January 1st, at 2:30 pm. Directions to the center are on the STMO Boards. Hope you can make it!

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 the beach 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.

TIME TO DISCOVER OR RE-DISCOVER?

You are invited to start 2012 by discovering or re-discovering the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Why not join our small group Bible study, “Discovering The Christian Faith”(DTCF), a 10 week study? This study is led by Pastor John and will begin **Sunday, January 8th** at 9:30 a.m. in the small conference room off of the fellowship hall. “Discovering the Christian Faith” enables you to ask the questions you have always wanted to ask concerning the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Now is the time to invite a searching friend to DTCF!

KING OF KINGS MEN’S BASKETBALL

Men’s basketball will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm 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 Kelpe 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.

ECEM ENROLLMENT 2012 – 2013

Letters have been sent out announcing that it is almost time to make application for 2012-2013 King of Kings Lutheran Early Childhood Education Ministries (ECEM). We will begin taking applications on January 4, 2012. If you have a child ages 2 – 5 and are interested in enrolling them in an ECEM program and have not received the information, please contact Gil Schepmann at 513-398-6089 or email him at gil.schepmann@koklcms.org. He will be happy to get the correct information to you.

There is a correction to what was written in the cover letter about the age for the Kinder-Ready class. If your child turns 5 by Dec. 31, 2012, they would be of the right age for that program. In the cover letter it said “Dec. 31, 2011”. Sorry for the mistake.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ROOM 130

As usual the month of December has gone by just as quickly in the classroom as it does for other people.

The Preschoolers and Early Learners have both been spending time learning songs and finger plays for our Christmas programs. We have been working hard and will share the message of Jesus' birth next week. We invite you to join us for our programs. The Preschoolers program will be December 19 at 7:00 P.M. and the Early Learners program will be December 20, 2011.

Both classes have also been working on presents for parents and other Christmas crafts. They have also continued to learn about letters and numbers. The Preschoolers continue to enjoy having parents and grandparents help them with ABC cooking. This week we enjoyed making dinosaurs bones for the letter D.

In addition to our programs next week the boys and girls will enjoy Jesus' Birthday Parties. The moms and dads will plan lots of activities for the children at the parties.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate Jesus birthday.

Prince of Peace - Special Christmas Service & Meal

When: Wednesday, Dec. 21st - 4:30pm

Where: 1528 Race Street, Cincinnati, OH 45221 (Over-the-Rhine)

This is Prince of Peace's annual Christmas meal to the homeless. We expect a packed house. We are looking for volunteers to serve food. Also looking for possible singers and a piano player. We will start early and are asking for volunteers to arrive at Prince of Peace between 4:30pm and 4:45pm.

Building Hope in the City-Cincinnati - Annual Fountain Square Event

When: Thursday, Dec. 22nd - from 3pm to 8pm

Where: Fountain Square downtown corner of 5th & Vine

This is our 3rd Annual event downtown, and we are looking for volunteers to help hand out hot chocolate and slices of pumpkin pie. We are providing these free to the public and are doing it as an effort to raise awareness of the inner-city ministry that Building Hope in the City does in the city of Cincinnati.

THE BRIDGE MINISTRY - OVER THE RHINE - AT PRINCE OF PEACE

The day started with the staff, volunteers and those who came in from the street sharing God's Word of encouragement and hope. One said, "Wow, it was like you picked that devotion just for me. It's what I needed today."

The rest of the day was super busy. Howard and Bill came in to begin their daily routine of looking for jobs online at the computers. Sue needed help in finding an agency that would help her pay her rent, so she wouldn't be evicted from the small apartment where she now lived. Mary came with her grandchild needing someone to listen to her story and pray with her. Her daughter had recently physically abused her and now wanted to move back in with her. Chris came to inquire about how to get a GED. He really wants to make positive changes in his life. (All names have been changed.)

The rain outside was not letting up. One of our volunteers was looking for dry clothing for some and dry socks for others. The coffee pot was on and some just came in off the street to warm up. While there they shared their stories about living on the street or in shelters and other facts about their life.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP

Howard and Bill need someone to help them access the web sites they need to find jobs, apply for jobs, fill out various forms online, set up an e-mail account. Sue needs someone to research and help her call different agencies that might assist her. Mary could benefit with someone willing to listen to her fears and concerns and support her in her decisions and pray with her. Chris needs to be in our mentoring program with a person to encourage and support him in making the changes he wants in his life. Mentors meet with the individual on a weekly basis to help him/her set goals and explore how to reach them. Volunteers are also needed to pass out donuts, make the coffee, listen to individuals who need someone to talk with and pray with, help with the clothing and answer the phone.

This type of volunteering is not for everyone. I believe God has given each of us special talents and wants us to use them to reach out to others by sharing those God given gifts. If you are being led to use your talents in any of the ways listed above, please contact Deaconess Sharon Teague at 513-621-7265 or at sharoulouteague@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND UPDATE

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



Poinsettia Donors 2011



Patti Albright - in memory of Merle & Dorothy Albright

Dick & Joanne Biedinger - in honor of the birth of our Savior

David & Debbie Billman - in memory of loved ones, in honor of the birth of our Savior Jesus and in celebration of the 25th anniversary cantata

Kevin & Laura Billman - in memory of Naomi Belden and other loved ones

Tim, Barb, Erin & Bridget Casey - in memory of Merle & Dorothy Albright, James Casey and Ben & Irene Even

Christopher & Elaine Costeines - in loving memory of their parents and in honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Ken Cundiff, Chad & Laura Cundiff Warman, Beth Cundiff & Jimmy Tormey - in loving memory of their beloved wife and mother Diane Cundiff

Frank & Jean Farr - in honor of the birth of Jesus

Doug & Donna Gant - in celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and in celebration of the birth of their 1st granddaughter, Audrey Mae Sherrard (12/26/10)

The Haas Family - in memory of their grandparents

Mike & Rena Haines - in loving memory of their parents

Dr. Kimberly Koss - in memory of her brother, William Koss, and her sister, Kristen Koss

Dick & Mary Kothrade - in celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ

Greg, Lee, Eric & Katie Leist - in memory of Lee's father and in memory of Greg & Lee's grandparents

Stu & Sharry Long - in memory of Stu's mother, Carrall D. Long, and Sharry's parents, Ralph & Alice Issler

Carol Mann - in loving memory of Pastor Al Mann

Glenn & Nona Martens & Merlin Stockfleth - in memory of their grandparents

Jack & Anita Mitchell

John Mitchell - in honor of his parents, Jack & Anita Mitchell

Glen & Rebecca Pedersen & Family

Vern & Jeannette Pfeiffer - in memory of Matthew David Tillman

The Polzin Family - in celebration of our Lord and Savior's birth

Matt & Donna Rudinsky & Family - in memory of Janet Henke and Joseph Rudinsky

Stan & Betty Salomon - in memory of their parents

Gil & Judi Schepmann - in memory of Fred & Matha Schepmann, Merle & Dorothy Albright and Alexander Priehs

Don & Carol Simons - in honor of Jesus' birth

Bret & Kathy Smith - in celebration of their daughters, Abby & Sydney

CALENDAR

Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever

December 18 - December 25, 2011

December 18	8:15 am	Christmas Cantata (worship center)
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Christmas Cantata (worship center)
	6:00 -7:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:00 -7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
December 19	7:00 pm	ECEM Christmas Program (PS, KR & KDR)
December 20	9:30 & 1:00	Chapel - preschool
	1:00 am	Sr. Small Group
	7 :00 - 9:00 pm	Leadership Council Orientation (room 115)
	7:00 pm	ECEM Christmas Program (EL)
December 21	7 :00 am	Men's Morning Bible Study at Bob Evan's Pfeiffer Road
	9:30 & 1:00	Chapel - Preschool
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship (Luther Chapel)
December 22	6:30 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir
December 23		No Activities Scheduled
December 24	5:00 & 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship (worship center)
December 25	10:00 am	Festival Worship (Luther Chapel)

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

Phone: 398-6089

If you can help us with Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning services, please get in touch with Kim in the church office at office@koklcms.org or 398-6089.

WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011

7:00 pm

Elder: TBD
Ushers: Greg Leist, Denise Lucas, Erick & Jacob Schepmann
Reader: Paula Schepmann
Acolyte: TBD
Sound Tech: Su Polzin
Greeters: Dick & Mary Shaffer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011

5:00 pm

Liturgist: Pastor Ben
Elder: TBD
Ushers: Stu & Sharry Long, Greg Leist, Denise Lucas
Reader: TBD
Worship Assistant: TBD
Sound Tech: Matt Antal
Greeters: Dick & Joanne Biedinger

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011

7:00 pm

Liturgist: Pastor Ben
Elder: TBD
Ushers: Andy & Calvin Boedecker
Reader: TBD
Acolyte: TBD
Sound Tech: TBD
Greeters: TBD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

10:00 am

Elder: Rick Bohnke
Liturgist: Pastor John
Ushers: Tim Scaife, TBD
Reader: TBD
Worship Assistants: TBD
Sound Tech: TBD
Greeters: Dick & Joanne Biedinger
Communion Assistant: Mike Billman