

# THE MESSENGER

Need Pastoral Care?  
December - Pastor John (509-3791)  
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**King of Kings Lutheran Church**

*Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever*  
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**DECEMBER 25, 2011  
CHRISTMAS DAY**



## 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  
Study starts Jan. 8  
King of Kings' Library  
"Proverbs: The Ways of Wisdom"  
Led By Jane Glandorf

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

Helen Eger 12/27  
Paula Schepmann 12/27  
Bobby Abernathy 12/28  
David Haas 12/29  
Meredith Zeigler 12/30  
Kim Koss 12/31  
Glen Pedersen 12/31

### Anniversaries

Chris & Polly Whitaker 12/30

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## Special Worship Events at King of Kings

**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

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

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 7:30pm 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](mailto:rmthieme@yahoo.com).

### MARRIAGE BY GOD'S DESIGN

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join Tim and Jen Ponstingle for the beginning of a 4 part, video based, small group Bible study on Marriage by God's Design. We'd like to start off with a fellowship hour at 5PM which includes a small meal followed by study from 6-7. We can meet fortnightly as many have family activities and other commitments. We have a basement so children can have fun and play while we examine what the Bible says about Marriage. Please R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend. Contact us for additional questions at (513) 492-7106 or [Tdponstingle@gmail.com](mailto:Tdponstingle@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:gil.schepmann@koklcms.org). He will be happy to get the correct information to you.

### LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Preschool collects Labels for Education which are redeemed for gym equipment and classroom educational equipment. The January 8th Sunday Paper will contain a special collection sheet that can be redeemed for extra points. Completed sheets can be returned to the bin in the narthex. Thanks for your help!

## 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](mailto: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

## CALENDAR

### Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever

December 25, 2011 - January 1, 2012

December 25	10:00 am	Festival Worship (Luther Chapel)
December 26		Church Office Closed
December 27		No Scheduled Activities
December 28	7 :00 am	Men's Morning Bible Study at Bob Evan's Pfeiffer Rd.
December 29		No Activities Scheduled
December 30		No Activities Scheduled
December 31	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship (Luther Chapel)
January 1	10:00 am	New Year's (Luther Chapel)

### 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!*

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

Phone: 398-6089 or Email: office@koklcms.org.



## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 18, 2011

8:15 Classic Worship - 127  
11:00 CrossConnections Worship - 194

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

## WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

10:00 am

**Elder:** Rick Bohnke  
**Liturgist:** Pastor John  
**Ushers:** TBD  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Worship Assistants:** TBD  
**Sound Tech:** TBD  
**Greeters:** Lyle & Mary Jo Pagel  
**Communion Assistant:** Mike Billman

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011

7:00 pm

**Liturgist:** Pastor Ben  
**Elder:** TBD  
**Ushers:** Tony & June Cantor, Stu & Sharry Long  
**Reader:** Stu Long  
**Worship Assistant:** David Billman  
**Sound Tech:** TBD  
**Greeters:** TBD

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

10:00 am

**Elder:** Rick Bohnke, Doug Thomas  
**Liturgist:** Pastor John  
**Ushers:** Scott Chant, Denise Lucas, 2 TD's  
**Reader:** Pat Jung  
**Acolyte:** Katie Frazier  
**Sound Tech:** Bobby Frazier  
**Greeters:** Dick & Joanne Biedinger  
**Communion Assistant:** Rick Bohnke