

# THE KING'S COURIER

2010 THEME: FEED ME, LORD!



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## GOD'S ON THE MOVE FAMILY - CHANGING & BRINGING HIS CHANGE!

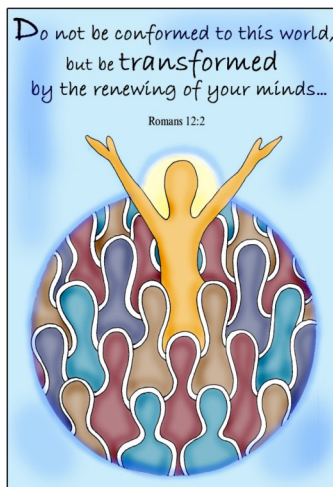
By Pastor John Mueller

Our holy and awesome Lord is a restless God, *constantly on the move*, seeking to transform what has been ruined by sin and Satan. This is the loving God we worship this Christmas: a God who delights in sending His Savior Son so that He can rescue and reconcile all His estranged children back into His family! You and I share the joint blessing of experiencing our gracious Lord *on the move*, calling us through the Gospel and claiming us as His own, through the Christ-centered faith He has given us.

Each day we live in this world *our restless Lord is still busy at work transforming* each of us (2 Cor. 3:18) to reflect the light of His presence in our words and actions. Our identity as a faith family here at King of Kings is a community that is *constantly in the process of being transformed* by our busy Lord working through His Word and through Baptism and Holy Communion. That is why we partner together being on the move in our times of worship (both here and at home) and in our times of studying God's word so that God can shape us to be what He wants us to be!

Is it humbling and amazing to know that God is so busy working among us because *He is counting on us to be His on-the-move Church* that carries out His purpose, His rescue mission so that a sin darkened world may be transformed as we are being transformed? God is the perfect recruiter who has brought differently gifted people like you into His King of Kings family of faith. Your pastors are committed in 2011 to help more and more of our King of Kings family discover and put in motion the unique gifts that we have been given by God. May the Holy Spirit unite us in being an *on the move transforming presence* starting here in our King of Kings family and moving on to where God plans to use us!

God has great things in store for our King of Kings family as we head into 2011 because He is a restless God still on the move and still desiring to move through us. In the tone of Hebrews 13:20ff, let us pray that the God of peace would equip us with everything good, so that we may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen!



## BIBLE STUDY—THE BOOK OF EXODUS

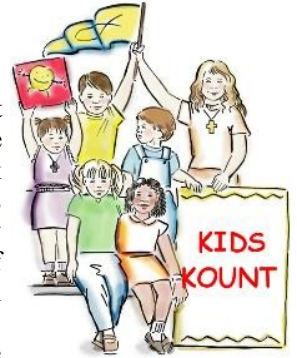
By Jane Glandorf

In this small group, we will read and reflect on God’s incredible love, patience, and guidance for Moses and the Israelites in Egypt and the desert. Exodus is a great Old Testament book which is a very useful study of discipleship and Christian living. It speaks of our bondage in the world, our deliverance and redemption in Christ, and our constant need to press on with Jesus in the center of our life. Come and join us for engaging discussion and spiritual growth in God’s Word.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Denise Lucas

This fall the Sunday School students in the Pre-K and Kindergarten class learned that “God is our King”, that “God is Powerful” and that “God talks to me”. Lessons from the Old Testament served to show the children the importance of learning to trust God to provide for their needs. They learned that because of Jesus, we can talk with God and know He will take care of us. During the winter season, the younger children will focus on Jesus as our Savior, Friend, and Helper who gives Himself for us and our salvation. The lessons will be from the New Testament Gospels. The students in grades 1 through 5 have been studying from the Book of Genesis to learn of God’s promises to His people and how those promises have been passed through the generations to each of them here and now. The next term for the older students will focus on the Gospels, especially the Gospel of Matthew, as they learn that “Jesus is the King”. What it means to have a relationship with our King will be taught using the lessons of Jesus’ life to illustrate the desire God has to be present with each of us. All the students are learning about other countries and cultures through our mission project. They have learned about the Dominican Republic, Cambodia, Kenya and Thailand and have collected donations to support mission workers in each of these countries. The Sunday School bulletin board has used the flags of these countries as the background for the information about the country and the workers in God’s Harvest there.



## BUILDING USAGE ACTION TEAM

Su Polzin

The Building Usage Action Team (BUAT) helps provide oversight for all areas of the church’s facility, which include the worship centers, classrooms, meeting rooms, offices and common areas. BUAT also ensures that all ministries are able to make effective use of the facility while also being good stewards of our blessings. Procedures for use of our facility by outside groups have also been written.

Watch for new artwork that is being made for our fellowship hall that should be ready soon. It is a great summary of what it means to come together as a church family.

If you have any questions or suggestions on projects or needs, or would be interested in being on the BUAT team, feel free to contact one of our current members: Sharon Nobis, Arnie Schaewe, Polly Whitaker or Su Polzin (chair).

## OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS

By Joanne Biedinger

OWLS is our adult social ministry which is open to all adults of the congregation. We usually have 20 to 25 people attend a monthly activity. We try to meet the second Tuesday of each month – except for icy January. This Fall we had a very interesting tour of the German Heritage Museum in Delhi followed, of course, by lunch. We also had lunch at DeSha’s and heard an interesting talk about early TV and TV personalities in Cincinnati. Our Christmas party/luncheon was held at Shaker Run Golf Course again where we exchanged ‘white elephant’ gifts. Some of the same gifts have been exchanged year after year....which provides lots of laughs and wondering about who is going to receive the worst gift of the day. We also brought gifts of white socks, underwear, robes, coffee, etc. which was taken to the V.A. hospital. At this party, a sign-up sheet is passed around and members sign up for a month activity – of their choosing. We have no business meetings and no officers....we are strictly a ‘social’ group. We invite any adult to join us. Watch for information in the Sunday Messenger and on the OWLS bulletin board which is located next to the south door of the worship center. If you have any questions, please call Joanne and Dick Biedinger, 339-0491. We’d LOVE to have YOU join in our fun and fellowship.



## Camp



## JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

by Rochelle Flenner



The past few months, we have had a good time building fellowship among the Jr. High Youth at King of Kings by playing games, going putt-putt golfing, and hanging out and eating together. We've also served by helping to pack about 60,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger and in December, we are serving King of Kings by helping to clean and repair chairs in the worship center. The rest of the year holds many more activities designed to strengthen friendships in the church and live out our faith in Christian mission. Below are some upcoming youth activities. We hope you can join us!

**Fri/Sat. Jan. 14 - 15**

**Sat. Feb. 12**

**Fri. – Sun. March 11-13**

**Sun. May 22**

**Fri. – Sun. Jul 29-31**

**Lock-in at King of Kings with the Youth from Messiah**

**Winter Sports at Perfect North**

**Ohio District Youth Gathering, Columbus, OH**

**Youth Give Back – hosting a dinner for parents**

**Camp Woodland Altars, Adams County, Peebles, OH**

**Crusaders  
for the King**



**Youth Gathering**



## SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING ONCE AGAIN

By Gil Schepmann, Director

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

What a wonderful time of the year when we prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the birthday of our Savior and King, Jesus! This year it seems to me that it came rather quickly - must be a sign of getting older. I have heard "well seasoned" adults say that time passes more quickly as we get older. When I was a child growing up on a farm in Kansas I thought Christmas would never come.

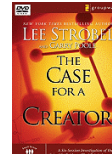
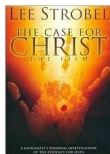
The school children have made Christmas ornaments to take home as well as help decorate the two Christmas trees in the Narthex. The Christmas Programs took place on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the children return from the Christmas break, we will begin the Enrollment process for 2011 – 2012. Hard to think it is time for that to begin already! I will send out a letter to those families who are members of King of Kings inviting them to give consideration to enrolling their child in one of the Early Childhood Education Ministries' programs. King of Kings' members, children that are presently enrolled and alumni families can do Early Enrollment during the month of January. On January 31<sup>st</sup> we will open the doors for new families from the community to enroll their children in our early childhood programs.

Before we start Open Registration, we will have an Open House on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Let your family and friends with children ages 2 to 5 years know about this event and invite them to stop in that evening and learn more about ECEM. ECEM staff and I will be here to talk to the parents about the programs we have to offer. There will also be plenty of printed material that parents can take with them.

Please continue to pray for God's blessings on this ministry at King of Kings and for us to meet the challenges this school year is presenting to us.

*On behalf of the entire ECEM staff I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



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SR. HIGH YOUTH  
Pastor Benjamin Kaiser

The Case for Christ: As Christians, we believe in Christ as our Lord because He is risen, and by the power of His Word, His Spirit is living in our hearts. We need no more evidence than this! Nonetheless, it is intriguing to see how Lee Strobel (a former atheist) uses the Bible along with historical sources outside of God's word to demonstrate to a number of religious and historical scholars the reality of the person and work of Jesus.

The Case for a Creator: New discoveries in scientific disciplines such as cosmology, cellular biology, astronomy, physics, and DNA research point to the incredible complexity of our universe, and ultimately point to the greatness of our Awesome Creator.

**JOIN OUR FUSION WORSHIP TEAM!**

Our Fusion team meets every week, so our goal is always to add new members. Eventually, we would like to build two or three teams to involve more of us in music ministry and to avoid burnout for our current team. We currently have no instrumentalists other than keyboard, so if you play guitar, bass guitar, drums, or any other instrument, we would love to have you! With a little advance notice, parts can be written for trumpet, sax, strings, etc. Please come and talk to me! I would love to involve you in our Fusion Team. And if you love to sing, please call as well. You can attend a rehearsal and see if singing with the Fusion team is something you'd enjoy. Please call Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 325) or e-mail ([worship@koklms.org](mailto:worship@koklms.org)).

**Presenting the 2011 Leadership Council**

Newly Elected

President: Martin Eger  
Secretary: Matthew Streuer  
At-Large: Sharry Long

Continuing Members

Vice President: Jane Glandorf  
At – large: Karl Voelkel  
Polly Whitaker  
Mike Wilkens

Leadership Council will be appointing the Treasurer position for 1 year, and the At-large position vacated by Matthew Streuer's election to Secretary. Many thanks to everyone who prayerfully considered nominations and to Duane Karr, Michael Schanne and Ken Hogue who served on Leadership Council in the past year. May the Lord guide us in His mission for the coming year.

**KING OF KINGS QUARTERLY LETTER FROM THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
Martin Eger, President

King of Kings Quarterly Letter from the Leadership Council

1 Corinthians 3:9-11 *For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

We build that which our Lord and Savior has prepared and guided. As a wall is built by laying one stone atop another, we grow our church building on the efforts of others to make each piece complete and part of a greater whole.

Our church income remains at the same level as last year. However, our budget for FY 2011, requires an influx of greater funds. We committed to an increase in our budget during our congregational meeting last winter.

The Stewardship Committee faithfully led you through the prayerful process of giving. Let us meet our commitment to God and each other for the remainder of the fiscal year. We will continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us to meet our financial commitments. The Leadership Council has been challenged with keeping a full membership. Even with the departure of individuals, we have been able to accomplish a great deal during the past year. As with much of life's work, the adage 'many hands make for a lighter load' is recognized here, and, we look forward to a full membership on Council to better meet our goals. We appreciate all who have prayerfully considered serving on Council.



King of Kings is blessed with pastors who provide our spiritual guidance, and support our church community in many ways. With many members dealing with life's uncertainties, Pastor John and Pastor Ben have been a well-coordinated team in sharing their pastoral ministry. We should keep Pastor Ben and Pastor John in our prayers as they are frequently sought when great stress has impacted a church member.

King of Kings Ministries demonstrates faith in action in several ways. Last month our Senior Youth were active members in the District Gathering in Columbus with Pastor Ben and Kelli Kaiser. Early Childhood Education Ministries (ECEM) continues its fine education to meet the needs of the secular world while training children in the Christian way of life. Stewardship spearheaded the food drive at church and delivered a truck load of food to folks who were in need. Worship Ministry is preparing for the Advent and Christmas season with choral delights. The Facilities Management Team has become our newest ministry to handle the myriad of issues that allow for the operations and maintenance of God's Place of Worship.

It is with gratitude that we offer two gentlemen our thanks for their service as Elders. Stu Long and Bob Styers have stepped down as Elders of King of Kings after many years of guidance and assistance to our church community. We appreciate their service knowing it was first and foremost for God but graciously benefited our members.

This past quarter we had the following membership changes at King of Kings:

Baptisms:

Adam Raymond Grimpo (Parents: Sarah and Tim) – September 26, 2010

Adults Received Into Membership:

Laura & Kevin Billman

Kelli Kaiser,

Sherry & Larry Murphy

Sara and Karl Tripp

Jessica Zaerr

Releases:

David and Susan Bair and children, David Jr. and Samantha – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati – October 14, 2010

Transfers to Other LCMS Congregations

Eric & Amanda Schauer and children (Dylan and Krysta) – Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church, West Chester – September 14, 2010

John & Suzie Kopeck – Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church, West Chester, OH – October 19, 2010

Matt Suguitan – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin – October 19, 2010

Funerals for members who have passed into God's eternal hands:

Lee Goodeman – November 19, 2010

Denise Lucas performed a mission outreach to Kenya. She used her medical skills to support a ministry team that carried our Savior's work and Word. The prayers and financial support made this a great example of how each person can carry God's Word to others in many ways.

The Leadership Council, Pastoral Team, and Elders have made great strides to define roles and responsibilities for people in key functions. Jane Glandorf and Mike Wilkens represented the Leadership Council. The commitment of all these people made the process and results a remarkable and blessed success.

The Leadership Council meeting minutes are posted on the Council's bulletin board. Let the Council know of any issues, concerns, or ideas that you feel we should address.

Together in Christ,  
Martin C. Eger  
President, Leadership Council

## BHITC–CINCINNATI UPCOMING EVENTS

RESTORING THE CITY TO GOD BY INTENTIONALLY SHARING CHRIST AND CONNECTING GOD'S PEOPLE IN SERVICE TO OUR URBAN COMMUNITIES.

John Suguitan



### Fountain Square Event

We are hosting a BHITC-Cincinnati Special Ministry Awareness Event. The event is Tuesday, December 21st from 2 pm to 6 pm.

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of BHITC ministries. We will have a 10' x 10' tent. We will hand out hot chocolate and slices of pumpkin pies. In addition, we will hand out BHITC brochures to try to raise awareness of BHITC-Cincinnati ministries. We will also gather potential volunteer information from anyone willing to help or who simply would like to be on the mailing list (both email & mailing addresses).

Anyone interested in helping with a BHITC-Cincinnati awareness event?

We are looking for the following assistance:

- Singing Christmas Carols (no previous experience required)
- Help serve Hot Chocolate and Pumpkin Pie

### BHITC-Cincinnati Thank you Event

To All BHITC-Cincinnati Volunteers,

I have some great news! We have moved this year's BHITC-Cincinnati Thank You Event to a NEW location!

It will be held at **The Olives Restaurant on Ludlow Avenue in Clifton**. It's a great location and we have the entire lower level for our event. Please spread the word to all BHITC-Cincinnati Volunteers that you/they are cordially invited to attend this annual event.

I need your help in terms of planning for this event.

1. First, we need your help to spread the word... so, if you could, please communicate this event to all BHITC volunteers.
2. But most importantly, we really need **RSVP** for all attendees as we need to provide a hard count to the restaurant.

Finally, I'm looking to put together a more complete email address list for all BHITC-Cincinnati volunteers / supporters, so if you could email me anyone's email address for inclusion in this list, I will be very grateful.

Thank you very much for your support . . . and we look forward to being with you in January!

May God Bless your Christmas Season!

### 3rd Annual BHITC-Cincinnati Thank You Event Sunday, January 23rd at 5 pm

Olives at the Ludlow Garage  
342 Ludlow Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220  
513-221-4200  
[www.olivesonludlow.com](http://www.olivesonludlow.com)

R.S.V.P. email to [johnsuguitan70@gmail.com](mailto:johnsuguitan70@gmail.com)  
(Please tell us the Name(s) of Attendees, the Number of Attendees, & Your Home Church)



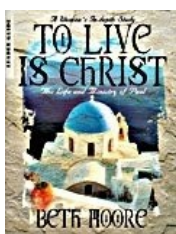
**Other Volunteers Needed**

Anyone interested in helping with the following ministry opportunities:

- Van Drivers to pickup and dropoff kids for Kid's Church on Saturday mornings at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- Kid's Church volunteers to sit with kids during the service at Immanuel Lutheran Church..
- Anyone interested in providing dinner for Prince of Peace Community meals on Wednesday nights.
- Anyone interested in providing dinner for the Acts Alive service for college kids on Tuesday night. This is the church plant near the University of Cincinnati.
- Tutors are needed at the UFLC program at Grace Lutheran Church.

**BIBLE STUDY—TO LIVE IS CHRIST: THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF PAUL**

By Debbie Billman



This study by Beth Moore, a women's Bible study, is a 10-week journey through the New Testament Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul and presents fascinating Bible truths to help members gain a new appreciation of servanthood and why Paul said "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Join Beth Moore in a journey to discover a greater appreciation for Paul's unflagging faith and undying devotion to servanthood. This study is for women and meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 am in the church library. We will begin Thursday, January 13. The cost of the book is \$14.95 plus shipping (usually \$2 or less). For more information, please call Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 303) or e-mail ([worship@koklcms.org](mailto:worship@koklcms.org)).

**CHOIR AND BELLS RESUME THURSDAY, JANUARY 20!**

Our Classic Choir and Handbell Choir resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 20, with Handbell Choir rehearsing from 6:30 – 7:15 pm and Classic Choir rehearsing from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. The Classic and Handbell choir provide music to enhance the classic worship service at 8:00 am approximately once a month. The Classic Choir is open to adults and youth grades 9 and up; the Handbell choir is open to adults and youth with some musical instruction grades 7 and up. Our winter and spring rehearsals will conclude with a festive celebration for Easter Sunday, April 24. Join us on January 20 and we'll make beautiful music together! If you have any questions, please call Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 303) or e-mail ([worship@koklcms.org](mailto:worship@koklcms.org)).

**KIDS OWN WORSHIP ADULT LEADERS NEEDED**

Kids Own Worship is a ministry to children ages 3 through Kindergarten designed to provide age-appropriate worship and learning, as well as allow parents of young children to focus on worship. Thanks to some of our young families, we have added to the number of Kids Own Worship leaders. However, we have changed our policy to require an adult leader for Kids Own Worship at all times so we would like to have a few more adult leaders for Kids Own Worship so that our leaders can also worship with their families on a regular basis. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 303) or e-mail ([worship@koklcms.org](mailto:worship@koklcms.org)).

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Rev. Benjamin J. K. Kaiser, Associate Pastor

Service Times:

8:00 am Classic Worship & 11:00 am Fusion Worship

9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class