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TAKING SOME TIME

By Pastor Ben Kaiser

Greetings to all of you, my new friends in Christ. It's hard to believe that three weeks have passed already since Kelli and I arrived here in Ohio, and what a busy time it's been! I have a feeling that you've been busy too. For some of us, the summer vacation days have come to an end and it's time to return to school or work. Perhaps some of us were busy all through the summer, and in the endless scurry to accomplish all our tasks, we may feel like rest will never come.

Certainly, our work is important...and it consumes our time. However, God would have us *set aside* time to be with Him and find rest in Him. He is the one in control of time and everything that happens in time. We can rest in God knowing that our world won't come to destruction because we took a moment to rest from our work.

There are many ways that we might find time to rest and be with God. We take time to rest sitting down at the

God for blessing us with nourishment and with those around us. We might find time to rest in morning devotions or evening prayers. Sunday morning worship is another important time for resting in God's blessings.

Yes, for all of us who face the daily grind of busy schedules, Jesus says: "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Our Savior invites us to take some time to rest in Him. Christ values our time very much. His cross serves as a good reminder of just how much He values our time. There He paid for our sins with His very body and blood so that we can spend eternity with Him!

Knowing God's care for me in Christ, I can take some of the time He has given me to rest and be with Him, assured that He has already taken care of the big things. With the assurance of God's forgiveness and care, I can return to work rejuvenated and thankful for my time of rest.



PARTNERING FOR & WITH YOU!

By Pastor John

What a joy it is to be able to say again “we” when referring to the pastoral team serving you as a family of faith here at King of Kings. Praise God for leading Pastor Ben to say “yes” to the pastoral call you extended and for Pastor Ben and myself to serve you as your pastors. The Apostle Paul, in greeting the Colossian Christians, joins with Timothy his partner in ministry in reassuring the Colossians, “**We always thank God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you...we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through spiritual wisdom and understanding.**” Colossians 1:3, 9

Pastor Ben and I are excited to partner together in sharing with you God’s awesome gifts of Word & Sacrament each Sunday. Pastor Ben and I are sharing the important responsibilities of pastoral care. Each month, either Pastor Ben or I will be on call to handle your needs related to health emergencies, hospitalization, surgery, post-surgical or other needs. The other pastor will provide pastoral care to those who are homebound. In September, Pastor Ben (255-4533) will be on call. Pastor John (509-3791) will provide pastoral care to those who are homebound. The pastors will be working with the Elder Ministry Team in enhancing our Soul Care.

The pastors are partnering in providing pastoral leadership or support in our many ministries at King of Kings. This fall Pastor Ben will be focusing on working with our overall Youth Ministry, Sunday Morning Christian Education activities (Sunday School, Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study, Adult Bible Study) and teaching 8th grade Confirmation. Pastor Ben will also be interfacing with our Early Childhood Education Ministry via the School Board. This fall Pastor John will be focusing on working with our Outreach Ministry, Small Groups Ministry, and Stewardship Ministry and teaching 7th grade confirmation.

Speaking of partnership, Pastor Ben and I are also excited to join you in what St. Paul calls our “partnership in the Gospel.” (Philippians 1:5) Please join us in praying that the Holy Spirit will lead us to join together as one so that He can maximize our being focused on one mission – God’s mission. Let’s gather momentum as God’s team joyfully serving our Lord as we love and serve each other and as we reach out with His love and His salvation answer wherever He calls us. Pastor Ben and I treasure your daily prayers!

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

Tim Scaife

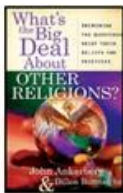
Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the Stewardship Ministry Team! The Stewardship Ministry Team is entering its third year of ministry. Currently active on the committee are Ruth Larkin, Mike Haines, Dick Kothrade, and Tim Scaife. Our mission is to promote Whole Life Stewardship in our congregation and those we come in contact with. Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God, and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. Christ has redeemed us to be the children of God and heirs of salvation, and we have the responsibility and privilege to give evidence of this precious freedom through our words and actions. Jesus changes everything in our lives (relationships, use of money, time, talents, and so much more) so that we practice our stewardship not in order to gain salvation, but rather as a free and joyous response because of what God has already done for us through the sacrifice of Jesus and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

As we head into the changing season, the Stewardship Ministry Team is preparing this fall’s Stewardship Emphasis. This year’s emphasis will focus on being empowered by God’s love and grace to make choices in our lives that are faith responses to God’s love and all he has provided for us. The emphasis will take place over three weeks in November, with Consecration Sunday taking place on the 21st of November. At the Consecration Sunday services we will prayerfully make our commitments to God as an act of worship. Keep your eye on The Messenger for more information as we get closer to November. If you are interested in helping with this year’s emphasis, or are interested in joining the Stewardship Ministry Team, please contact Tim Scaife (513-260-5862) at turbo@turbosweb.com.



WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT OTHER RELIGIONS? BIBLE STUDY

By Jane Glandorf



In this small group, we will learn about various religions that you may encounter with family members, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. Our primary focus will be on non-Christian religions. For each religious group, we will overview the religion's origin and history, key teachings and leaders, major writings, traditions and special observances, and how each group differs from Biblical Christianity. Additional materials from Concordia Publishing, video clips, and various internet resources will also be used to enhance our learning about other religions. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend! We will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm—7:30 pm from September 12—December 19. If you have questions, call Jane Glandorf (459-1965).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Denise Lucas

The Summer Sunday School classes have been spent in learning about Jesus' teachings through the Parables. The students in the Pre-K/Kindergarten class made coloring books with pages for each of the Parables as well as "Rainbow Rings" to remind them of the Parables and lessons. Students in the First through Fifth grades made a prayer journal to remind them of the benefit of prayer in their lives. They also completed several craft projects to remind them of the lessons Jesus taught through His Parables. Special thanks to Beth Keller, Andy and Kathy Boedecker, Julie Albright, Carol Mueller, Polly Whitaker, and Valerie Whittemore for all their hard work this summer.

This fall, we will return to the "Kingdom Quest" series to study and learn God's Word. The Pre-K/Kindergarten class will learn from the Old Testament that "God is Our King", that "God is Powerful" and that "God Talks to Me". Most of the lessons for the First through Fifth grades will be from the Book of Genesis as they learn to "Pass the Promise" of what God can do for each of us.

The "Kingdom Quest" curriculum is designed to foster learning through large and small group interaction, stories, crafts, and puppet presentations. The children become involved in the lesson and are assisted to integrate the lesson into their daily lives. Each week, they receive "God Talk at Home" to share the lesson with their family.



KIDS OWN WORSHIP LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

By Debbie Billman

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 a couple of leaders graduating from high school this year and we would like to have teams serve only twice a quarter, so we would like to have a few more leaders and helpers for Kids Own Worship. High school youth through adult are eligible to be leaders; junior high youth through adult are eligible to be helpers. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 303) or e-mail (worship@koklcms.org).

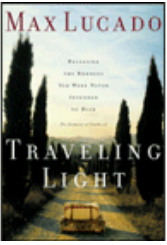
BUILDING USAGE ACTION TEAM

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.

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).

TRAVELING LIGHT: RELEASING THE BURDENS YOU WERE NEVER INTENDED TO BEAR BIBLE STUDY



By Susan Heitner

The suitcase of guilt. A sack of discontent. You drape a duffel bag of weariness on one shoulder and a hanging bag of grief on the other. Add on a backpack of doubt, an overnight bag of loneliness, and a trunk of fear. Pretty soon you're pulling more stuff than a skycap. No wonder you're so tired at the end of the day.

Where do we turn for help? Prolific author Max Lucado urges readers to lighten their spiritual load. He discusses, with the aid of the 23rd Psalm, what it means to walk through life burdened with worry, discontent, and fears that don't belong in our lives--and how to let go of them.

The reader's guide in the back of the book will be used for this small group study which focus on three areas:

- Traveling Back: gleans crucial quotes from the chapter and invites you to reexamine them by answering some probing questions.
- Traveling Up: uses parallel Scriptures to reinforce and clarify the thrust of the chapter.
- Traveling Home: Here's where you take the message home. Spend some time meditating on the exercises in this section.

This women's group will be meeting twice a month from September through January. The meeting room has been reserved for us to begin at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to invite your friends and co-workers to join us. You will need to purchase your own copy of *Traveling Light* at a local Christian Book Store or on-line. Bring your book to our first meeting where we will share a meal and begin our study. If you need assistance with purchasing a book please let Susan Heitner (398-5676) know. Meeting dates: September 13, 27; Oct. 4, 25; Nov 1, 15; Dec 6, 20; Jan 10, 24.

OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS

By Joanne Biedinger

OWLS is our adult social ministry which is open to all adults of the congregation. We generally have 25 to 30 people attend a monthly activity. We try to meet the second Tuesday of every month but we have no "business" meetings. In December, we have a Christmas luncheon where we exchange "white elephant" items. Some of the items have been passed on from year to year and these generate many laughs. We also bring donations for the Veterans Hospital—socks, underwear, pajamas, coffee, etc. At this luncheon, a list is passed around for members to sign up for a month of their choice. This list is then typed and distributed to the membership and a copy is put on the OWLS bulletin board which is next to the south door of the gymnasium. Recent activities have been a tour of a small radio station which broadcasts out of Maple Knoll Retirement Community on Springfield Pike, followed by lunch in their dining room; tour of a TV studio followed by lunch at a restaurant; the Butterfly Exhibit at Eden Park followed by lunch; the Newport Aquarium followed by lunch . . . as you can tell, we like to eat out! Any adult is invited to join with us...watch for information in the Sunday Messenger and check out the information on the OWLS bulletin board. We hope you'll join with us!

YOUTH NEWS

By Rochelle Flenner

Who is a COOL Christian? Every one of our Jr High Youth! We are excited to offer a special time every month where youth (6th – 8th grades) can come together and be themselves, establish friendships, and have FUN! Throughout the year we plan to have different ministry activities that involve fellowship, service, and faith sharing. There will be a kick-off gathering at King of Kings on September 12 at 4:00 pm for the Youth. Dinner will be provided prior to the start of Confirmation classes. More information will be shared at the Jr High Ministry student/parent meeting on August 29 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!



SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING ONCE AGAIN

By Gil Schepmann, Director

Where did the summer go? Every year at this time I find myself asking the same question over and over. I love summer so much, like a little child, that I do not want it to end. I pray that you had an enjoyable summer and were able to do things with your family and friends that were fun-filled.

The school year for King of Kings Early Childhood Education Ministries (ECEM) will begin September 7. Teachers have returned and are getting their rooms ready for the children to meet them and some of their classmates and parents. On August 25 they had CPR training that was led by Shelia Craycraft R.N. We always enjoy her presentations that are educational, informative and entertaining. On August 30 parents came for Parent Orientation. The staff was introduced; I reviewed parts of the Parent Handbook and answered any questions that the parents had for me.

We have had several new staff members added this year and have also said goodbye to several who have gone on to other jobs. Our goodbyes went to Jada Longmire, Teacher's Aide, who is working with her husband in their own business; and Amy George, Teacher's Aide, who is a part time teacher at St. Susanna's preschool. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their new careers. New to the staff are Carolyn Styers, Teacher's Aide to Kathy Wolery; Kim Bishop and Michele Schmidt who will be part-time Noon Hour Lunch Room and Recess Supervisors. We welcome them with open arms. Returning teachers are Katie Berg, Kindergarten; Emily Riedell, Kinder-Ready; Kathy Wolery, Preschool and Kinder-Ready; Marsha Fenstermaker, Preschool and Early Learning; Cyndy Helson, Preschool; Laura Stoner, Preschool; Maria Mezcuca, Early Learning; Judi Schepmann, Early Learning; and Laura Higgins, Mom's Day Out. Returning teacher's aides are Linda Baker, Laura Damico, Jean Farr, Laura Obinger, Rebecca Pedersen, Beverly Swanson, and Carol Yates. There are several teachers who are also teacher's aides – Laura Higgins, Judi Schepmann and Laura Stoner. Beverly Swanson who was a teacher and teacher's aide last year will be only a teacher's aide this school year.

You may be asking why Noon Hour Lunch and Recess Supervisors? Because we have All Day Kindergarten and now All Day Early Learning and All Day Preschool classes the children will need supervision while they eat lunch and have recess. The State requires that we have paid staff, which have the proper training and background checks, to be in charge of the children. Kim and Michele are eagerly looking forward to spending the time with these children.

To help with the cost of running the preschool we are planning a number of fundraisers. As in the past we will continue to have Market Day once a month. We would love to have you pick up an order form if one is not placed in your mailbox to order at least one item each month. There are some really great deals throughout the year – everyone needs to eat. Why not help out the preschool while you eat? We will also do a special Broachers Sale through Market Day of different gift items and magazine sale. You may be asked on Sunday Morning if you are interested in buying something from their broacher. Watch for the announcement of other fundraiser events that we will be hosting.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for ECEM. To God be the glory!



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 Offer (worship)
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Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am, Starting September 12
Come and join us in the Youth Room as we prepare our...

Heads to Study
 Hearts to Serve and Worship
 Feet to Spread the Gospel

CHOIR AND BELLS BEGIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16!

By Debbie Billman

Our Classic Choir and Handbell Choir begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 16, with Handbell Choir rehearsing from 6:30 – 7:15 pm and Classic Choir rehearsing from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. The Classic and Handbell choirs 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. Join us on September 16 and we'll make beautiful music together! Questions, please contact Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 325 or worship@koklcms.org).

TWENTY-FIFTH ADVENT CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 8:00 AND 11:00 AM

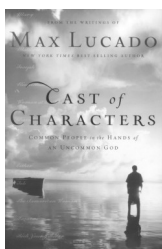
It's hard to believe that on a cold evening in December of 1986, we had our very first Advent musical. What a joy it was to lift our voices – and our instruments – in praise of the coming infant King! We loved it so much that we have continued the tradition, and now our *twenty-fifth* Advent Cantata will be held on Sunday, December 19, at the 8:00 and 11:00 services in the Worship Center. We will hopefully be choosing a new cantata for this milestone in the traditions of our church family. In order to help as many people as possible participate in our Cantata choir, we will be having six Saturday rehearsals designed especially to learn the cantata. We will begin on Saturday, September 25, at 10:00 am in Luther Chapel. Check your mailbox for a flyer with all the rehearsal dates. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 325) or e-mail (worship@koklcms.org).

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@koklcms.org).

CAST OF CHARACTERS: COMMON PEOPLE IN THE HANDS OF AN UNCOMMON GOD BIBLE STUDY

By Debbie Billman



Cast of Characters: Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God by **Max Lucado** is a series of readings about Bible characters that most of us would recognize: Paul...Moses...Lazarus...Joseph...two thieves...and others. This is what the book jacket says about the book:

“Common people...story after story marked by scandal, stumble, and intrigue. Who are these people? They're the people of the Bible. And they're us. We find our stories in theirs. We find our hope where they found theirs. In the hands of an *Uncommon God*.”

This study is for women and meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 am in the church library. We will begin Thursday, September 16. We read about the first 9 “characters” this summer, but you can certainly join us now! The readings are short and the discussions are thought-provoking. The cost of the book is \$11.95 plus shipping. Most weeks we go to lunch afterward, so it's a great morning of study and fellowship! For more information, please call Debbie Billman at the church office (398-6089, ext. 325) or e-mail (worship@koklcms.org).



BUILDING HOPE IN THE CITY-CINCINNATI VISION STATEMENT:

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

John Suguitan



Here's a summary of events for BHITC through the balance of 2010 and into the Spring of 2011.

We are looking for two things: 1) Volunteers for these events and 2) Financial Assistance.

- The most urgent need we are looking for assistance with is anyone willing to be a part time van driver for the BHITC van. This van is used on Saturdays to pick up kids to an from Kids Church. Anyone willing to drive is invited to contact John Suguitan.
- The second most urgent need is for Financial Assistance to support the insurance for this van. King of Kings has graciously provided this insurance for the last 3 years. But now the King of Kings Executive Committee has decided to stop this support. Therefore, we are looking for any financial assistance in order to keep this important ministry alive.
- Kid's Church - Fall Festival at Fleischmans Gardens in Avondale (near Immanuel Lutheran Church) on Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Anyone willing to help setup, tear down booths, tents, or help with cooking (we will give away hot dogs) or help "man" a booth or game tent. In addition, we are in need of financial assistance to help fund the games and "Jump-Blow Up" event for the kids. Anyone interested please contact John Suguitan.
- Prince of Peace - "Take it to the Streets" Street Event on Saturday, October 2 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Over-the-Rhine. This is a combination effort combining Jamie Noyd's UC Campus Ministry and Building Hope in the City - Cincinnati. We anticipate approximately 10 UC students will be volunteering to help us at this event. We will be blocking off Race Street between Liberty and just past Prince of Peace. There will be all kinds of booths with multiple ministry efforts going on simultaneously. We are looking for King of King members who would like to donate nonperishable food and any kind of "lightly used" or new clothing. We are also looking for anyone that wants to volunteer to help at the event as well as anyone willing to help financially. Anyone interested is asked to contact Tim Ponstingle.
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avondale. This is the second year we've sponsored this event. Last year it was a great success. Avondale opened up its doors to the entire Avondale community with a free Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings. Anyone willing to help with food donations, helping to cook, serve, or financially is asked to contact John Suguitan.
- December Bowling Fund Raising Event. The exact date has not been determined for this event yet. This will be a Bowling Event / Tournament that will raise awareness, raise funds, and be a great fellowship event sometime in December. Any avid Bowling Fans at King of Kings wishing to get involved are asked to contact John Suguitan.
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner - Thursday, January 20, 2011. This will be a special "Thank You Event" for all BHITC-Cincinnati volunteers through the previous year.
- Lutheran Educators Association March 23-26, 2011 - This will be a very large event held at the Duke Energy Center, Downtown Cincinnati. There will be thousands of Lutheran Educators descending upon Cincinnati. They have chosen Building Hope in the City as their ministry to support for this event. There will be a BHITC-Cincinnati booth at the event site in Duke Energy. We will have opportunities for LEA attendees to make donations by buying Kroger Gift Cards at the booth, or, we've communicated to the volunteers ahead of time to bring school backpacks with specific items in them for donations to kids in the inner city. And finally, they could bring new clothing as well. Volunteers are needed to help gather donated items and transport them, help man the BHITC-booth, and also help with an service event for LEA attendees to canvas the area around Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avondale. Anyone interested in assisting with this event is asked to contact John Suguitan.

KING OF KINGS QUARTERLY LETTER FROM THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Martin Eger, President

Romans 12:3 *For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.* With this consideration, we should use our talents to support one another and join together to accomplish God's plan for the congregation of King of Kings.

With the Lord's blessing, since the last communication, the church concluded the 2010 fiscal year on a sound note. We need to continue our commitment to God's work as we start the new fiscal year. With God's help, we will be blessed with the bounty needed to fulfill our commitments.

The Council is working steadily while changing on the fly. Polly Whitaker has joined the Council as a Member-at-Large. We have recently had two members resign to leave a need for another Member-at-Large and the Secretary. Additionally, we are closing on the next election cycle for Council. There are many areas at King of Kings that can use talent. Please, consider serving on Council or in another capacity to support God's mission within the church.

We have welcomed Pastor Benjamin Kaiser and Kelly Kaiser to our church community. We celebrated his installation on August 1, as our new associate pastor. The service and fellowship surrounding the beginning of a new era was a blessed event. Our pastoral team of Pastor John and Pastor Ben has expressed excitement for the future of King of Kings. As they support God's plan for us, we will, likewise, support them.

Our Ministries are working to demonstrate God's work. Our youth had a great experience in New Orleans. The Ministry in Motion concluded the latest cycle with the Flying Pig Marathon. Our Summer Bible School was a resounding success. So many people are working quietly to express God's goodness within King of Kings and each Ministry is important in expressing our faith.

Kirk Whittemore is now an Elder of King of Kings. We thank him for his commitment and will seek his discernment as he works with the other Elders and our members.

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

Baptisms:

Bella Yvonne Scaife (Parents: Ginger & Tim) – August 22, 2010

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

James Mitchell Hodge Jr. – May 24, 2010

Carleen Rae Miller – July 29, 2010

The King of Kings new web site is running on the internet. Please, visit the site at <http://www.koklcms.org/>.

The Council is reviewing processes within the governing body and in certain functions that are important to the church. We are seeking to find procedures that are sustainable for the church facilities. We also are seeking clarity of purpose for the members who are leading the church body. Your prayers will help us to reasoned decisions as we perform our respective assignments. We are dealing with a few issues at a time. As we complete an issue and the function moves into the operations of the church, we will address the next priority item on a dynamic list.

The next general membership meeting will be focused on elections. We will also report on progress with our various endeavors.

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.

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Service Times:

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

9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class