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Welcome and Invite

One of the hardest things to accomplish in the church, and any group for that matter, is integration. It can be, and many times is, incredibly difficult to "fit into" an existing group and feel like you belong. This is incredibly important in the church, where by God's grace we are all included. God loves us so much that he gave Jesus to live and die for us. God wants us to know we are loved, that we are all children of God, that our lives matter, and we are included in God's kingdom. As a community of faith, we receive this truth from God and learn to trust the promise we have through Christ. How well are we living this out?

It is incredibly important that as a church we are a welcoming and inclusive people. This is something at King of kings we do very well; when new people arrive we are very welcoming and we allow people to come as they are. Where we and many churches struggle is with integration. How do people go from being visitors and guests to being fully included? Integration that is complete (no cliques or inside groups) and expedient (it shouldn't take years) is vital to a growing congregation. Integration requires that we are intentionally looking for ways to connect to one another, and inviting new people to join in what we are doing. Integration is not about blue slips and sign-ups, it is about personal contact and invitation. If we want to become the church God has called us to be we have to work hard at inviting people to join us. If we want to be welcoming and truly participating in God's mission in the world, we must look for and take advantage of opportunities to connect with people.

This fall, we have made the job of the inviter much easier. We are truly excited to have new and needed changes to our ministries, our people, and our space. We have added a new Sunday School offering (now at 9:30 and 11am) to offer more flexibility and space for our children. We have revamped our Confirmation and CHAOS programs to be more welcoming and relational. We are offering an exciting new adult small group bible study *No Experience Necessary* that will begin this month. Our lobby gathering space, Holy Grounds, is now complete and ready to offer space for fellowship, bible study, small groups, music, with great coffee and treats. We also have new people and families joining us every week. Each and every week God provides us the opportunity to welcome and invite newcomers to experience the love and grace of God, while becoming part of a community of faith that loves and serves the Lord. Our success will depend on our ability to help new people integrate into our existing congregation. So look for the opportunities and GO! for it!

Peace,

Pastor Ben

September 2009

Special points of interest:

- Small Group Explosion
- Holy Grounds Grand Opening
- Sunday School Teachers Needed

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**Labor
Day
Sept. 7th**

Via de Cristo

The next set of 'Good News' Via de Cristo weekends will be held on October 8-11th for men and October 15-18th for women. If you are interested in attending or know someone who may be; a sponsor will be needed. Please stop by the church office for an application.

You can also contact Pat Craven at 586-453-4975 for more information.



Small Group Explosion!

Coming in September King of kings will be offering a small group bible study entitled **"No Experience Necessary."** This is a bible study designed specifically for those who are new to studying the bible with a strong emphasis on God's mission for the world. We are asking for new small groups to form (8-10 people each) who will commit to the first unit of the bible study (7 sessions). Existing small groups are encour-

aged to consider using this study as well. Our goal is to have as many people as possible participate in this study. We hope new relationships will form, existing relationships will be strengthened, and a renewed commitment to God's Word will be a tremendous blessing to King of kings. Groups are now forming. Let us know in the church office if you would like to participate or if asked to join say: "YES!"



It Wouldn't Have Gotten Done Without Your Help

The lobby renovation project is nearing completion. The new gathering space 'Holy Grounds' has a beautiful wood floor, cabinetry, new lighting and freshly painted walls.

The balance of the lobby is being painted as this article is being written.

We have so many people to thank for their time, their input and of course their labor.

A special thank you to ALL of our painters and prep people: John Colomina, Julie Domenick, Chuck Kemmerling, Randy Martin, Gabe & Sue Rotter, Mark Schultz, Jan Smith, Claude Shepherd, Larry Zabicki, Dave Zimmerman, and Paul Zuelch.

Another special thank you to Phil O'Connell for assembling our new cabinetry in the new gathering

space.

We are truly appreciative for all of the planning that the Lobby Committee did on this project. Thank you to the following committee members: Pastor Ben Sandin, Kelly Sandin, Nancy Beitler, Julie Domenick, Mike Callahan, Monica Forest, Gary Yonkos, and Scott Kreitzbender.



Don't Forget Our Fall Worship Changes

Starting September 13th we will be offering two contemporary worship services on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.** We will be offering **Sunday School during both worship services.**

This change is being offered to make room for future growth due to the popularity of our contemporary worship service and the Sunday School format.

As a growing congregation we must always be prepared and make room for new people. We pray that God will continue to bless King of kings and more and more people will be encouraged to be part of our community of faith. **As always, we strongly encourage you to invite your friends, co-workers, and relatives to attend church at King of kings.**

We will continue to offer contemporary worship on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. as well.

We will continue to look for a new home for our **Edge** service.



Sunday
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship
(both with Sunday School)

Monday
7:00 p.m.
Contemporary Worship

Holy Grounds: Grand Opening Celebration Planned

**JOIN US FOR OUR
GRAND OPENING
OF
'HOLY GROUNDS'**

FRI., SEPTEMBER 11th
7:00 p.m.

***LIVE MUSIC**

featuring

Andrew Robinson

*** Specialty Drinks**

*** Fun**



*** Fellowship**





JOIN US FOR A CHILI COOK OFF & FOOTBALL GAME

Sunday, September 27th 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.



@ 4:30pm

Sign up to enter your chili!

\$5 donation gets you taste testing, a vote for your favorite recipe and a bowl of chili!

Pop, water & hot dog concessions

Wanna play football?

Contact
Mark & Kristen Schultz
for details @ 586-726-1718
or mark24@wowway.com



Fundraiser
To Benefit
Habitat For
Humanity

**BRING YOUR
FAMILY
&
FRIENDS**



JOIN US FOR  FOOTBALL

Rain or Shine @ 3:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE ... WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

As a follow up to the Women's Ministry Breakfast that was held in May, a Women's community outreach event is being planned for October.

Chris Petitta from Abigayle Ministries will be at both worship services on September 20th to introduce us to Abigayle Ministries and how King of kings can be a part of this passionate ministry.

This women's event is for all the women and friends of Kings of kings, including confirmation age and older, to have fellowship with each other, learn ways to grow together in Christ while also supporting a very important ministry to help other women within our community.

**1st Annual
Women's Ministry
Community Outreach
Event**

**'HOUSEWARMING
BRUNCHEON'**

**Guest of Honor:
Abigayle Ministries**

**Sunday, October 11th
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**



**HOUSEWARMING
BRUNCHEON**

*DONATION TAGS FOR 'HOUSEWARMING ITEMS'
WILL BE SET UP FOR THE WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 20th*

*Go home to your friends,
and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you,
and how He has had compassion on you. ~ Mark 5:19
Sharing the gospel is one person telling another good news.*

Helen's Gifts

Helen Enzmann follows the example of the gleaners told in the story of Ruth. The men and women of HIS GANG (a King of kings' small group) make quilts to send to those in need all over the world. Helen does not let the leftover scraps go to waste. She gathers the leftover fabric and makes them in to lap blankets to keep knees and legs warm. She recently brought 30 very lovely lap blankets to the Martha T. Berry care facility. They were beautifully made and featured various artistic patterns.

The Activities and Recreation staff at the facility plan to hold a Blanket Bingo and use the lap blankets as prizes.

Helen then had the opportunity to tour the facility and chat with several of the residents.

Thank you, Helen, for your generous and beautiful contribution.



Sunday School Teachers Needed

With the new fall worship time schedule comes more options for Sunday School. Rally Day has always been our kick off for a new Sunday School season. This year **Rally Day** is set for **Sunday, September 13th** - the **SAME** day that we will start having 2 contemporary worship services at **9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

For your convenience, Sunday School will be offered at **BOTH** times. We do, however, need more people to get involved with the Sunday School program.

If you would like to help teach Sunday School on a 'rotational' basis, please contact **Stacey Lambert**, our new Sunday School Ministry Associate a.s.a.p. She can be reached at 248-561-3473.



*Meet Stacey Lambert
Sunday School Ministry Associate*

Thinking about joining King of kings?

We personally invite you to join us for our next **New Member Orientation** on **Sunday, November 15th** at **1:00 p.m.** to find out what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran and a member of the church.

We will take the time to answer your questions and provide you with enough information to make the

right choice for you and your family.

We are able to provide childcare during all of our New Member Orientations for your convenience and peace of mind.

For further information, please contact Bill Bond at 586-731-9635.



A Big VBS Thank You !!

Wow !!! What a week! King of kings was transformed into a Bayou for 5 days where we told a wonderful message. This August, at Crocodile Dock VBS, 146 kids came thru the doors and enjoyed hours of song, dance, crafts, play and FUN.

God's love and presence was shown in countless ways that week. **MANY THANKS** to everyone who helped in **ANY** way (we had more than 70 volunteers!!! and tons of donations). VBS is for kids, but cannot be a success without volunteers.

Many thanks to the congregation for keeping this a **FREE** community event.

We were able to reach out to A LOT of kids/teens/adults who were without a church home. That is one of the many reasons why we do VBS: to plant seeds of faith in kids ... and adults.



Registration Forms Are Now Available

Summer has been fun but before you know it the kids will be getting ready to go back to school. With that comes our fall youth programs.

All programs (Sunday School, Confirmation & CHAOS) will begin again in September.

Registration forms for the 2009/2010 school year are now available. Pick one up off the Welcome Desk or check in the Church office. Registering early helps us plan accordingly for the different curriculums.

Register Your Youth Today!!

Kick off Dates for Fall Youth Programs

SUNDAY SCHOOL
'RALLY DAY'

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13th
9:30 a.m.
&
11:00 a.m.

(preschool - 6th grade)

CONFIRMATION

Parent Orientation Meeting
 Sept. 9th @ 7:00 pm

First class for students:
 Weds., Sept. 16th
 7:00 p.m.

(7th & 8th grade)

CHAOS

Parent Meeting
 Sept. 9th @ 8:00 pm

First meeting for youth:
 Weds., Sept. 16th
 8:00 p.m.

(9th - 12th grade)



Youth & Children's Programs will begin again in September

Sunday School
(preschool - 6th grade)

† Will meet at both
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

For more information contact
Stacey Lambert
248-561-3473
or the Church office
586-566-8660

Confirmation
(7th & 8th grade)

† Meets on Wednesdays from
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Check the schedule for
specific events.

For more information contact
the Church office
586-566-8660

C.H.A.O.S.
(9th - 12th grades)

† Meets on Wednesdays
at 8:00 p.m.
Check the schedule for
specific events.

For more information contact
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Pastor Ben Sandin

We're on Schoenherr Road, just north of 21 Mile Road

Join us for weekly worship:

Contemporary Praise Worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Contemporary Praise Worship, Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Beginning September 13th:

We will have Contemporary Praise Worship
& Sunday School
at **BOTH** 9:30 & 11:00 am on Sundays



Sunday School
Rally Day
Sun., Sept. 13th
at both 9:30 & 11:00 am