

2008

KING OF KINGS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT



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# KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **2008 MEMBERSHIP**

Baptized Membership.....	719
Communicant Membership.....	558
Number of Children Baptized.....	11
Number of Adults Baptized.....	1
Confirmed Adults.....	8
Confirmed Youth.....	4
Communicants Added by Transfer or Profession of Faith.....	13
Number Removed from Membership Rolls for all reasons.....	15

## **BAPTIZED CHILDREN**

Allessandro Calderon	Rylee Pitts
Matthew Coesens	Kristin Shaw
Ezekiel Johnson	Thomas Valine
Charlie Kelly	Caiden Vick
Sawyer Kersten	Justin Ward
Gaige Pitts	

## **BAPTIZED ADULTS**

Steve Pitts

## **CONFIRMED YOUTH**

Cody Buckner	Joshua Lambert
Taylor Hunt	Mason Wallrich

## **CONFIRMED ADULTS**

Michael Albright	Eric Faz
Janis Alder	Pricilla Faz
Craig Ankeny	Kristina Pitts
David Beeson	Lori Taylor

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Mike Alder	Ray Duelm
Barbara Duelm	Susan Kelly

## **TRANSFERRED IN**

Barbara Beeson	Craig Harmann
Alejandra Diaz	Heather Harmann
Rev. John Diaz	Dennis Kilian
Joe Doria	Lori Kilian
Linda Doria	

**TRANSFERRED OUT**

Jeff Fluegge  
Ernest & Amalia Solis

Jon & Mara Widmann

**MARRIAGES**

Craig & Jenny Ankeny  
David & Barbara Beeson

Michael & Christy Albright

**DEATHS**

Van Atry  
Charlotte Johnson  
FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION  
Jerry Madrigal

Sebastian Kammer  
Mildred Peschel

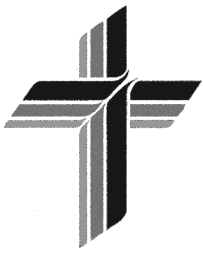
Debra Ochoa

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION RECORD BY MONTHS**

	2007 Summary				2008 Summary			
	Total	Avg Sunday	Communed	Visitors	Total	Avg Sunday	Communed	Visitors
Jan	1422	285	661	99	1183	293	457	164
Feb	1410	284	570	151	1539	275	583	252
Mar	2354	268	826	129	1716	311	1017	271
Apr	1604	367	1019	228	1087	272	428	144
May	1079	278	576	144	999	250	556	128
Jun	1091	264	459	121	1215	243	613	121
Jul	1218	252	561	160	997	249	396	49
Aug	1082	270	401	141	1281	256	663	148
Sep	1126	274	416	155	1126	282	402	107
Oct	1462	287	740	152	1012	197	619	73
Nov	1265	300	510	177	1352	252	744	111
Dec	2014	279	460	278	1935	329	536	245

	2007	2008
Ash Wednesday	156	154
Avg Midweek Lent	85	
Palm Sunday	408	279
Maundy Thursday	114	97
Good Friday	149	117
Easter	487	447

	2007	2008
Thanksgiving	102	92
Avg Midweek Advent	96	91
Children's Program	142	131
Christmas Eve #1	208	89
Christmas Eve #2	103	200
Christmas Eve #3		92
Christmas Day	36	31
New Year's Eve	45	76



## Annual Report for 2008 Rev. Jeff Doria



**State of the Parish:** *Blessed by God in uncertain times.* Yes, we are people of God who are blessed although we may struggle; we are standing strong because of God's grace and strength given through the Holy Spirit as gifts to His people.

As I write these words only a short time into the New Year, many economic aspects of our country are unraveling. We began 2009 where 2008 left off, spiraling downward economically while divisions grow in this country. People, leaders, and ideologies are becoming common knowledge for many folks who care to pay attention. Republicans vs. Democrats . . . Conservatives vs. Liberals . . . Right Wing vs. Left Wing . . . FOX News vs. MSNBC . . . goodness, there is a growing awareness of the division in our country. In our society, tensions have grown. Yet . . . in the midst of the hardships occurring (and will continue to occur, I suspect), we have a God who has not abandoned nor forsaken us, His people, the Church. God is still active in the hearts and lives of His people. Indeed, we are blessed, no matter what unravels around us, or *in us* for that matter. There is hope! I see the glory of God through our congregation as we continue . . . *“Living with Purpose to Expand God's Kingdom, Worship the LORD and Strengthen His Family!”*

No doubt, our needs for ministry continue to rise. This is not a negative thing . . . but it's normal when a congregation is active; active to change hearts and lives with the love of God. Our church staff is bigger than ever, allowing for increased, focused ministry. Our impact in our community has grown as well! Furthermore, relationships in the church continue to grow stronger too.

God has indeed blessed us! Even while members of our congregation lose jobs, even while we experience the struggles of old buildings and their malfunctions, even while offerings are down, I believe *The Best is Yet to Come!* As God gives wisdom and strength to His people who call on Him, we will see the amazing truth of God working in our lives and in the lives of people we serve.

May the LORD continue blessing us, sustaining us, and leading us to meet the challenges ahead, faithfully and reverently, so that we witness to His goodness in our lives!

*In His Service,*

Pastor Jeff Doria

**State of the Pastor/Family:** in the words of St. Paul to the Christians in Thessalonica, *“We love you so much that we are delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you have become so dear to us.”* 1 Thessalonians 2:8

As I complete my 6<sup>th</sup> year here at King of Kings, my family and I rejoice in the Lord for the opportunity to share our lives with you. You, as a congregation, are much more than simply a congregation to serve. You are dear to our hearts and we are indeed delighted to not only share with you the gospel of God but our lives as well.

I enjoy the celebrations as well as the struggles that come in our lives as a church. They help keep our eyes focused on the LORD and His mighty work. May we continue working together, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, knowing our eternity resides with one another.

### Highlights of 2008

- **Church/ECDC staff:** in any organization, there are occasional staff changes. We experienced a bit of this change with Jeff Fluegge leaving as Ministry Facilitator/Business Manager. We continue to wish him well as he and Kelly are married and now live in Corpus Christi. The LORD blessed us through various additional staff members:
  - the Calling of a Music Director/Organist (*Craig Harmann*)

- Assisting Pastors (*Rev. Dr. Henry Biar and Rev. John Diaz*)
- Director of Youth and Family Ministry (*Heather Harmann*)
- Business Manager (*Diana Pratt*)
- Full Time ECDC Asst. Director (*Savannah Mendoza*)

I am pleased to see the “dust settle” as our current staff members have become situated with their duties, one another, and are working devotedly to the mission of Jesus Christ.

- Member Connect: this new online tool will serve two purposes: keep the congregation informed of events, connected in membership and assist visitors of the church to gain an understanding of who we are.
- Homebound Visitation Team: a dozen or so members of our congregation are serving in a wonderful ministry of visiting the homebound members of our church. I am so pleased to see this team developing under the leadership of Elder, Norman Price.
- Spiritual Growth: I am pleased to see numerous members growing in their prayer life and their ability to share their faith with others. The LORD is faithful!!!

### **Looking Ahead/Moving Forward:**

- Vision in Action Plan:  
Phase II: *“Take My Life!”*  
Phase III: *“Here I Am, LORD!”*  
In our time of prayerful planning, we are overlapping in our Phase II and Phase III of our Vision in Action Plan. I am pleased to see so many of the established goals which the boards have set have been completed. Yet there are plenty more opportunities, challenges, and goals which the LORD is leading us in. The Church Council continues to work in these areas. May we all continue working together, being the church to a world that needs the gospel of Christ! *“For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”* Psalm 100:5
- RDS Advantage: we are purchasing, being trained, and will be implementing a new church management software package that will be greatly beneficial not only today, but for years to come. This will be a major undertaking by the office staff but will be very valuable in the months/years to come.
- Ministry Expansion Planning Committee: continues to move forward with the vision and mission of the church. Prayerfully gathering input from congregational members and leadership, the MEPC is articulating how we will carry out the mission of the church in the years to come. Prominently in the plans to strongly and prayerfully consider are the building of a new educational building as well as developing a satellite congregation north of King of Kings in the Bulverde area). This will be a long process; yet, the MEPC is considering ministry life for the next 25 years. Where and how will King of Kings exist in the year 2035??? Feel free to share your prayerful thoughts with us!
- Term Limits: You’ve heard it said before, *“If it isn’t broke, don’t fix it!”* I am asking the Council to rethink the term limits which our officers serve. I won’t attempt to describe the Pros/Cons of this possibility. However, I have talked with others who recognize that providing the opportunity for longer stability in positions can be more of a blessing than a hindrance. We will pray the LORD leads us, whether to seek a change or to remain the same. The issue will be brought to the voters for prayerful discussions as well.

## FUNERALS

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	FUNERAL
March 31, 2008	Debra Ochoa	April 3, 2008
April 21, 2008	Charlotte Johnson	April 23, 2008
May 25, 2008	Mildred Peschel	May 27, 2008
June 27, 2008	Sebastian Kammer	July 1, 2008
July 28, 2008	Jerry Madrigal	Aug 1, 2008
Aug 7	Van Autry	Aug 11, 2008

## BAPTISMS

DATE	NAME
Feb 24, 2008	Caidyn Vick
April 13, 2008	Justin Ward
June 15, 2008	Allessandro Ricardo Domingo Calderon
June 15, 2008	Sawyer Alan Kersten
Aug 10, 2008	Gaige Pitts; Rylee Pitts; Matthew Coesens
Aug 24, 2008	Kristin Shaw
Aug 31, 2008	Thomas Leland Valine
Oct 26, 2008	Steve Pitts
Dec 24, 2008	Charlie Lee Kelly

## Report of the President of the Congregation

In 2008 King of Kings underwent a number of changes. We said goodbye and thank-you to one Director of Music and welcome to another. We dropped the position of Ministry Facilitator and added a Business Manager, two Assisting Pastors, and a part-time Director of Youth & Family Ministry. We also added two new boards: the Board of Early Childhood Development; and the Board of Youth and Family Ministry.

Our Church provides many opportunities for involvement and service, and a number are referenced in the individual reports included in this document. As you read, please ask yourself if your spiritual gifts and abilities can be used in one of our ministries, and then prayerfully consider opportunities to serve.

Our Boards meet once a month, usually the first Tuesday. The Church Council usually meets the third Tuesday of the month. The Church Council is comprised of the chairmen of each of the Boards and the Church officers.

We have standing committees, e.g. Worship and Music, which meet on a regular basis. We also have committees that are short term in nature. They may be created to address a process, e.g. Work Plan Committee or Nominations Committee, or an event/celebration.

The Trustees always need assistance with short term projects. We always need volunteers to teach Sunday School, to work as assistants or to serve as substitutes.

The Lutheran Women's Mission League (LWML) and the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) provide opportunities for women and men to practice their faith in service and in fellowship. The Power Tools group provides men opportunities for fellowship.

In addition to our Sunday morning Bible classes, we have several Home Huddles meeting, and there is a Wednesday morning Bible study for women.

There is a youth group for middle school youth (CREW) and one for high school youth (One Way Youth).

Individuals looking for an opportunity demonstrate their musical abilities and assist others in worship should consider the Choir, Praise Team, Bell Choir, or other musical activity. Young children can participate in the Children's Chime choir and other children's musical activities.

We encourage all adult communicant members (age 18 and above) to participate in our Voters Meetings. We have four Quarterly Voters meetings each year, usually the fourth Sunday of January, April, July, and October. We also have two scheduled Special Voters Meetings: one in May to elect officers and board members; and one in December to approve the Annual Work Plan.

Please remember *"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ"* (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Our ministry efforts are directed at implementing "Vision in Action" and following the Lord's direction to *"go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (Matthew 28:19). Please join us in the Lord's work.

God bless.

Ernest Domel, President

KINGS OF KINGS  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
2008

2008 was a successful but challenging year.

Successes:

1. Thanks to member contributions, we paid off the remaining balance (\$26,000) on the parking lot loan at the end of October, surpassing one of the church's annual goals and freeing up financial resources for church missions for 2009.
2. We ended the year with all expenses paid. Staff and board/committee chairs were very diligent in their stewardship of scarce resources, allowing for a successful end.
3. We established an Endowment fund. While the balance hasn't increased since establishing the fund, the structure is in place for this potentially powerful resource.
4. The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) enjoyed a financially successful year with a slight surplus of income over expenses, and strong fiscal controls on the part of the Director and her key staff. We continued to build on strong working relationships for the benefit of the entire King of Kings ministry.
5. We met our financial support goals to the District, no small feat with the financial constraints faced in 2008.
6. We started preparing for a financial review of our records, to be scheduled sometime in 2009 (no one can remember with certainty the date of the last review). This will encourage strengthened internal controls and fiscal policies.
7. The board/committee chairs looked hard at every budget line item to produce a very tight, very well-put together Work Plan.

Challenges:

1. A new Treasurer and Business Manager started their service in early summer, and were challenged to learn a non-user friendly software program (Shepherd's Staff), as well as to meet the challenges of the summer slump in giving. We are interested in the potential implementation of a new church accounting software, RDS Advantage, to help us provide better support to the congregation with less time and aggravation.
2. The summer slump in giving started in May and forced the use of the emergency funds specifically designated for such needs. It didn't let up until December. Tough economic conditions nationwide and within our congregation will make 2009 a very challenging year to manage. Many members stepped up to support needs (such as the parking lot loan pay-off) with their generous offerings, but those designated funds can present their own set of challenges in managing overall needs.

Financial stewardship is just one part of our overall response to our Lord's goodness. We pray for Him to continue to guide our members in this area, as we pray for His guidance on making tough decisions throughout the year.

Cindy Cox, Treasurer

# **BOARD REPORTS**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Serving as Board Members in 2008

Kathy Von Buettner  
Margaret Kaysa  
Dean Claridge  
Felix Yruegas  
Margie Yruegas

Dave Colley  
Travis Kersten  
Karen Madsen  
Valerie Mulcahy  
Karen Madsen

Summary of Weekly Christian Education Program

### **List of Accomplishments:**

1. Heather Harmann was added to the staff at King of Kings this year as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. She has been a wonderful asset to the Board of Education.
2. Many different tracts of adult Sunday School classes were offered throughout the year. The board of Education wants to continue to offer several options for adult education on Sundays at KOK. Thank you to all of those who led classes.
3. The Sunday School teachers appreciation picnic was hosted by the Education Board. This event is held to show appreciation for the ECDC and Sunday School teachers and staff. This year the picnic was designed to be a family event and was very well attended and received.
4. VBS was a great success. Desi Mosmeyer and Maggie Doria served as the directors this year. They along with many others did a fabulous job. We had an attendance of around 100 per night. VBS this year had a Rainforest theme.
5. Rally Day was a great event in 2008. New Sunday School teachers were installed. Karen Madsen is serving as Sunday School Superintendent this year. Thanks to all teachers and volunteers who make our Sunday School program a continued success.
6. The Education Board participated in the Fall Festival at King of Kings again this year. The board manned a booth that served food and greeted all who attended the wonderful event. This will continue to be a wonderful outreach opportunity for KOK in the future.
7. The Happy Birthday Jesus party was again held this year. Dean and Lois Claridge along with several others provided the food and desserts for about 80 people. This party follows the dress rehearsal for the children's Christmas program.
8. The Sunday School children's Christmas Program was a wonderful event yet again. The message of the birth of our Savior was brought to life by our children. Thanks to all who helped with this endeavor.

The Board of Education is looking forward to a fantastic year in 2009. There are many tasks that we are taking on. The Best is Certainly Yet to Come!!!

Travis Kersten, Chairman- Board of Education

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

## **King of Kings Early Childhood Development Center Annual Report 2008**

**Average Enrollment: 91**

**Average Staff: 20**

**Average Number of Children whose Families are Members: 14**

**Children baptized from ECDC: 4**

King of Kings Early Childhood Development Center is a year around outreach ministry program of the church serving the surrounding community of Northeast San Antonio. The ECDC provides care for children six weeks to Pre-K and also includes an After-school program picking up from Stahl, Woodstone, and Fox Run Elementary Schools.

The ECDC curriculum strives to interweave Christian Education and developmental learning experiences. Bible stories are apart of the children's daily schedule in circle time, story time, and Chapel. The children attend Chapel two days a week. During Chapel the children learn and praise God through an interactive object lesson, prayer and music. Pastor Jeff leads Chapel on Tuesday, Penny Kuehn and Rose Buchanan on Thursday and Craig Harmann assists with music on Tuesdays. Each month we had an in-house field trip or special activity planned.

This year we have great attendance for many family activities including:

- Fall Potluck
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Christmas Program
- Happy Birthday Jesus Party
- Mitten Day
- Cowboy Breakfast
- Spring Program

Maggie Doria  
ECDC Director

## BOARD OF ELDERS

**“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 (ESV).**

Spreading the love of God is the Elders’ mission. As a group, we men are dedicated to making sure our Pastor enjoys total support and the members of King of Kings know that they are children of God who benefit from his love and compassion.

Officially: we are responsible for overseeing and directing the spiritual life and business affairs at King of Kings. We ensure the purpose and mission of the church is fulfilled by maintaining sound doctrine, ministering to the needs of individuals, and leading and protecting the church body.

Our #1 responsibility is to assist Pastor in all spiritual matters.

Board members include the following individuals. Known as the Brothers Twelve, these men truly want your walk with the Lord to be up close and personal. It is God’s richest blessing to serve at their side.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Program</u>
Bruce Grant	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Chairman/Head Elder
Steve Black	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Attendance/Orientation
Lloyd Cagle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Usher Program
Dave Cox	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Worship and Music
David Harrison	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Video Ministry
Dave Ledum	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Confirmation/Sunday School
Chuck Lundquist	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Membership
John Megan	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Altar Guild
Norm Price	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Homebound
Terry Rawe	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Technology
Gary Walker	4 <sup>th</sup> Yr	Scheduling
Jim Wallrich	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr	Visitation

### Recent strolls by the Elders

1. Conducted worship services (Pastor absence)
2. Inaugurated Pastoral prayer program
3. Participated in special night time worship services for elders (“Music – Let Praises Ring”, Baptism Relived)
4. Developed budget/staff salaries
5. Administered staff evaluations
6. Sponsored Pastor’s PLI studies  
(PLI – Pastoral Leadership Institute)
7. Continued Sponsorship of Seminary Debt Reduction plan
8. Continuing phone calls and visits

### Continuing Elder strolls

1. Elder Training – subjects selected by Pastor
2. Elder cell phone contacts/visitations (hospital and home)
3. Updating membership lists
4. Technology update – new server for office
5. Care Circles sharing and praying together  
(Closing each elder meeting)

## **The strolls of caring elders**

### *Ministered as they joined the saints*

1. Deborah Ochoa – friend of congregation
2. Jerry Madrigal – Stack’s grandson
3. Sebastin Kammer

### *Ministered at their side (through prayer and visits)*

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Roberta Fraser            | 17. Tom & Mary Osborn        |
| 2. Mary Jobe                 | 18. Dave & Angie Mullinix    |
| 3. Mary Louise Kramer        | 19. Ray & Pam Smith          |
| 4. Felix & Margie Yruegas    | 20. Mike & Desi Mosmeyer     |
| 5. Jane Jansen               | 21. Ezra & Sahra Johnson     |
| 6. Jim & Shirley Baumgartner | 22. Norm & Barbara Price     |
| 7. John & Karen Megan        | 23. Craig & Heather Harmann  |
| 8. Al & Edna Cook            | 24. Ray & Pam Smith          |
| 9. Pastor & Maggie Doria     | 25. Terry & Courtney Rawe    |
| 10. Shawn Fechner            | 26. Mary Diaz                |
| 11. Bob & Shirley Gaede      | 27. Marion Schweikert        |
| 12. Colleen Hunt             | 28. Peter Holdack            |
| 13. Dean & Lois Claridge     | 29. Irene Lodge              |
| 14. Lonny & Jenny Reeves     | 30. Berta Woefel             |
| 15. Patrica Megan            | 31. Ed & Kathryn Schweninger |
| 16. Steve Black              |                              |

It truly has been God’s richest blessing for the Elders to care for these members of King of Kings Lutheran Church. Our mission is to protect the church, share Christ’s love and to show that we care. Remember, we are walking with you, at your side, holding your hand.

**“Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. 2 Timothy 2: 15 (ESV)**

**“...Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43: 1 (ESV)**

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Bruce Grant, Chairman  
Board of Elders

## **FELLOWSHIP BOARD**

Following the King of Kings Mission Statement, the Fellowship Board worked to create numerous opportunities for people to connect with each other in fun ways that would allow relationships to blossom and grow.

We held Meet & Greet events to welcome new members in to the congregation. The events varied from meals at church to desserts at Pastor & Maggie's home. We also did some evaluating on these events and developed ways we could improve them as to maximize the benefits to the new members and the congregation. We will continue to evaluate these events through 2009.

During Lent we were able to organize various groups to host dinner before each Wednesday evening service. Thank you to GLAD, LWML, Confirmation class, and the ECDC for all their help.

During the year we hosted several fellowship dinners at various locations around the city with great success. Some of the dinners were adults only, with childcare provided at the Church and some were at family friendly restaurants. We also organized a few day trips, which were not as well attended. We will continue to schedule these events, and evaluate their effectiveness based on feedback from members, and attendance.

The church picnic went very well. Fellowship served hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks, members brought the side dishes. We had a big inflatable water slide for the older children, and a water play area for the younger kids. We had a great turnout, and a very positive response to the later date.

This year we had fantastic attendance, well over 250, at the Fall Fest. We chose to hold this event rather than the Trunk-or-Treat. We had great support from all the other boards which made the Fall Fest awesome! We had a great turn out from the ECDC parents, the community, and the congregation too.

During the Advent seasons we had several opportunities to serve the congregation. We hosted the "Progressive" Dinner a little differently this year, with help from Bill & Diana Pratt. The Pratt's home was beautiful, and although the dinner was not as "progressive" as it has been in years past, it was a fun and exciting opportunity for great food and fellowship. Everyone had a wonderful time. We also hosted dinner before each Advent service with help from several members who each brought a pot of soup.

We look forward to the coming year and the many opportunities we will have to bring members together for fun and fellowship, all in His name.

**“Living with purpose to  
Expand God’s Kingdom  
Worship the Lord and  
Strengthen His Family!”**

Desi Mosmeyer, Chairman- Fellowship Board

## **HUMAN CARE BOARD**

### **King of Kings Lutheran Church Human Care Board Annual Report Year-end 2008**

#### **FEED MY SHEEP January – December 2008**

**Mission Pantry 818 bags = 3042 people fed** (includes Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Meals, because bought some items from Food Bank)  
558 Families = 30% increase over 2007

**Street Ministry 152 bags** (reduction over 168 in 2007)

#### **Holiday Food Baskets**

**Easter** 24 families provided groceries

**Thanksgiving** 38 families provided groceries

**Christmas** 44 families provided groceries  
114 children provided Angel Tree gifts

#### **Expenses through December**

San Antonio Food Bank \$1,102.98  
Holiday Food Baskets \$1,155.21  
Other relief e.g., cash assist member/transient \$4219.01

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE July-August 2008**

**ECDC, Sunday School, El Dorado, Stahl, and Woodstone Elementary schools** received supplies donated by the congregation.

#### **SEMINARS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES January – December 2008**

##### **Blood Drives**

Four drives held throughout year, goal of 10 donors per drive was exceeded at each drive. 45+/- donors throughout year.

##### **Vacation Bible School**

Human Care provided nursing staff to man the First Aid station during VBS in July.

##### **Fall Festival**

Pumpkin Decorating

##### **Service to Community and Congregation**

Sign-up list on Church Bulletin Board near office.

##### **Disaster Volunteers BCFS partnership**

5 trained volunteers to assist at special needs shelters during disasters.

Sharon Sadlon, Chairman – Board of Human Care

## **OUTREACH BOARD**

### **Outreach Board Annual Report 2008**

Over the past year the Outreach Board has tried, with the help of God, to carry on an effective ministry of reaching the lost in our community and confessing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We started the year with Friendship Sunday held annually with the Chili Cook-off in February. Using the Ablaze movement as our guide, the goal and theme began several months in advance with “100 days for 100 Visitors.”

We have also expanded our outreach efforts through more advertising. Street banners were used for VBS and Fall Festival. Pastor Doria helped us design a beautiful advent yard sign with information about King of Kings and the message, “We Believe!” We intend to continue this ministry for advertising in yards and along street right-of-way areas in a new advertising option offered by the City of San Antonio. We are also working with the City to acquire a license to construct a new sign on the median leading onto Dreamwood Drive off of Nacogdoches which was been abandoned by Woodstone Subdivision .

We have devoted special attention to organizing contact information on visitors to worship services and other church events. Visitors are receiving invitations to return to visit as well as news about upcoming events. Contacts include ECDC families and Food Bank participants. Our goals include more personal contacts with visitors.

The Outreach Board hosted a breakfast to support Danny and Rebecca DeLoach and their two children, a missionary family serving in Papua New Guinea and sponsored by Wycliffe Bible Translators. A presentation by the Danny and Rebecca occurred during the normal Sunday school hour, and offerings raised more than \$2000 to support their work. We continue to pray for the DeLoach family and their missionary work with the Wantoat people in that region of the world.

In August we also assisted with hosting a special initiating meeting of LINC- SA (Lutheran Intra-City Network Coalition). This is a new outreach ministry forming among the Lutheran congregations in the San Antonio Area. With the help of the Texas District, LINK-SA is working to call a pastor to serve in this ministry and to offer many new outreach programs. Its primary goal is to reach the lost with the light of Christ. We believe this effort will also grow attendance in area congregations. Meetings continue monthly and our congregation serves on the LINC-SA organizing committee. Donations collected with our yard sign ministry are being used to support LINC-SA.

Assisting Pastor John Diaz provided outreach support for the board this year with a focus on personal contacts with people in our area neighborhoods. He developed a training guide with key scripture used to support a survey tool utilized as an introduction to speaking with people door-to-door about the love of Jesus Christ. The Board meets on the third Saturday of every month to knock on neighborhood doors. Our goal is to expand this personal contact ministry to a greater variety of places and situations and to include wider support and participation among members of our congregation.

## **STEWARDSHIP BOARD**

In the summer, Erica Bauch, Carol Apperson, Charles Johnson, and Barb Price joined the board. Erica Bauch became the new Chair of the board.

The theme for the 2009 Stewardship program was “Take my Life” Within the theme, Pastor Doria conducted a sermon series over multiple Sundays which connected the hymn “Take my Life”. Members received packets (thank you office staff!) containing their pledge cards, as well as materials explaining the pledge process.

Unfortunately, again only 25% of giving units responded to the pledge program this year, we had a total of \$322,000 pledged, which is a bit more than last year, but still short of what is needed to meet the budget. The members were reminded that they could still return their pledge cards, and we are hoping the congregation responds to the reminder.

The board has been working on the tasks assigned to us in the Strategic Planning process. We have developed a timeline for most of the tasks, and are trying to work through the various pieces.

We have a new bulletin board to replace the Media Fair, where each board will be showcased for a month so that the members can see what each board, and other groups if they wish to be added to the list, are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Bauch

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Board of Trustees Annual Report 2008**

Members during part of 2008:

Dave Mullinix (Head Trustee)  
Ken Lloyd (Volunteer)  
Matt Heine  
Julius Womack  
Al Cook

Jim Baumgartner (Volunteer)  
Mike Mosmeyer  
Jim Sadlon  
Ralph Mayhorn  
Ben Jacobs

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the maintenance and general upkeep of the entire property of King of Kings LCMS – buildings, grounds, drives, parking lots and related equipment.

The majority of the work done by the Trustees was for routine maintenance and upkeep including: lawn care, painting, replacing light bulbs, changing AC filters, plumbing repairs, door repairs, trimming trees and bushes, general carpentry, etc.

Specific Repairs and Projects:

1. We replaced a breaker in one of the electrical panels and replaced a whole panel on the ECDC building.
2. We remodeled the downstairs closet that held tables and chairs into a food pantry by purchasing a new chair rack, getting rid of old tables, and adding electrical outlets to the closet.
3. AC unit expansion valve
4. We gave Craig Harmon the go ahead to have the organ tuned.
5. We remodeled the library to make it a more useful area for the staff and money counters.
6. We had the exit ramp to the driveway repaired.
7. We began adding an addition to the shed.
8. The trustees removed the church sign that used to be located near Salsalitos.

We reviewed the current insurance policy. There was an increase of \$405. Most of this increase, \$354, was for workman's compensation.

We contracted Mike Alder to add security lighting throughout the campus in order to create a safer environment at night.

We have talked about adding security cameras to the campus and will follow up with this in 2009. We will also be contacting the alarm company to discuss the current security system and possible changes.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY BOARD**

### **2008 Youth and Family Ministry Board Annual Report**

2008 was mainly a year of transition for our Youth and Family Ministries! Heather Harmann was hired by the Church as the Youth and Family Ministry Director on a part time basis. We were one of the new Boards that were activated in the summer of 2008. Our Board members were Heather Harmann, DCE, Director of Youth and Family Ministry; Lori Kilian, Youth and Family Board Chairman; Michael Mosmeyer, OWY Leader; Kelli Lambert, CREW Leader; Michael Gossett; Sue Nunnery; Jodi Wallrich. We also had a small group of dedicated ladies who volunteered to lead Children's Church throughout the year. As a new independent Board, we were mainly split out from the Boards of Education and Fellowship. The summer was spent establishing who was doing what, and finding our direction. By the early fall, all three age groups, OWY, CREW and Children's Church were starting to move forward.

We would like to thank the Board members for all their time and effort during the 2008 year. As well as all of you who volunteered your help during this time as well as the years before. Without you, we would not be moving our Youth and Family Ministries forward. So, Thank You!

Below are the specifics about what was accomplished in 2008.

The general goal for our 2008 Youth Ministry was:

- To provide settings for Christian youth to demonstrate the mission of the church in Word and life.
- To provide opportunities for the unclaimed youth to be exposed to the call of God in the Gospel.
- To provide youth the opportunity to share their unique gifts in ministry within the Christian community and in ministry to the world as the witnessing people of God.
- To provide activities for youth that establishes a closer relationship with Christ and other Christian youth.
- To provide a variety of settings, resources, and training so that the youth and the adults with whom they relate, may "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever." (II Peter 3:18)

#### **Senior High – One Way Youth (OWY)**

OWY is open to all high school age youth who are members of King of Kings and their friends. Primary Adult Leaders are Heather Harmann, Director of Youth and Family Ministry and Mike Mosmeyer.

Planning meetings were held once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Service Projects were:

Feast of Ages – Sweetheart Dinner in February

Helped with Fall Festival in October

Distributed VBS flyers to neighborhood around KOK in August

Volunteered as VBS workers in August  
Distributed Advent/Christmas flyers to neighborhood around KOK in December  
Fellowship and Discipleship Activities were:  
Camp Lone Star Challenge Course in May  
Tubing on the Guadalupe River in June  
Trip to Fiesta Texas with other area Lutheran Churches in July  
Mall Scavenger Hunt in September

Fundraisers were:

Super Bowl Sub Sale in January  
Taco Breakfasts throughout the year  
Drop and Shop in December

### **Middle School – Caring Reaching Encouraging Witnesses (CREW)**

CREW is open to all middle school age youth who are members of King of Kings and their friends.

Primary Adult Leaders are Heather Harmann, Director of Youth and Family Ministry and Kelli Lambert.

Service Projects were:

Helped with Fall Festival in October

Fellowship and Discipleship Activities were:

Youth Quake in February, there were 8 youth who attended  
Christmas Party in December  
Mini Golf in November

### **Children’s Church**

Children’s Church is available during the 10:45am worship service for children age three through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the sermon portion of the service. It is a time when the youngest of our church members may receive a teaching that is especially tailored towards them.

Children’s Church underwent major changes over 2008. After struggling through the summer to find volunteers and materials for this activity, we are pleased to say, that we now have 4 consistent leaders and a variety of helpers that include both adults and youth. Leadership works on a rotating schedule so that no one leader misses the sermon every week.

In closing, we would like to say that without the involvement of the parents of youth as well as the involvement and support from You, the congregation as a whole, our works as the Youth and Family Ministry Board will come to a halt. So we ask, that You be involved with your children, grandchildren and their friends, talk with them, help them, and ask what You can do for them.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Harmann, DCE; Director of Youth and Family Ministry (PT)  
Lori Kilian, Youth and Family Ministry Board Chairman

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **ALTAR GUILD**

There were 27 members of the Altar Guild at the end of the year. The members at the end of December were Janis Alder, Lana Anderson, Mary Butler, Leslie Chestnut, Lois Claridge, Kim Cobb, Karen Collins, Dee Eisenbraun, Shawn Fechner, Melissa Fiedler, Jan Hadley, Ninette Heinrich, Jan Heyer, Judie Jones, Julie Lehmann, Irene Lodge, Carol Magadance, Suzanne Mayhorn, Charlotte McCracken, Karen Megan, Patricia Megan, Diedre Neill, Lyn O'Connell, Dianna Powell, Ruth Tuller, Jodi Wallrich, and Tamra Womack.

Members took responsibilities in various areas. Judie Jones, Diedre Neill, Lois Claridge, Karen Collins, and Karen Megan purchased and prepared flowers for Sunday services, Easter, and Christmas. Dee Eisenbraun and Jan Heyer purchased on-going supplies as well as long-range needs. Candle care was done by Dee Eisenbraun. Carol Magadance cares for communion linens. Charlotte McCracken and Dee Eisenbraun sewed baptismal napkins and communion linens. Three monthly teams rotated to prepare the chancel for Sunday services and set up for baptisms. The Christmas decorations were organized and set up, then taken down and stored after the Epiphany. Dee Eisenbraun made a Baptism banner as well as an LWML banner this year. Julie Lehmann is the acolyte mother, scheduling acolytes for services and monitoring gown upkeep. Micah Valine is our Elder. In the coming year we will continue our service of preparation for services.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judie Jones

### **GOD'S LOVING ADULTS- GLAD**

Who are we? And why do we exist? We are a support group for each other emotionally, spiritually and physically. We also supported our San Antonio community in January and November when we donated almost 200 coats, jackets, and sweaters to Christian Assistance Ministries.

We support Lutheran World Relief internationally when we made about 70 quilts for them. We concentrated our efforts this year on assembling baby layetters for them also. We are nearing our goal of having 300 of them ready to ship after Easter 2009.

We are the designated stamp collection center for the North San Antonio churches. Glad trims cancelled stamps and sends them to the District LWML where they are sold to help with the expense of shipping for Lutheran World Relief. Save all of your cancelled stamps for us and place them in the Sadlon or GLAD mailbox.

Charlotte took care of our card ministry. Angie, Art, Jim, Bob, and Shirley finished another year teaching Bible Study at the Southside Presa Community Center. A weekly Bible study was taught at Legacy Apartments by Art and supported by Jim, Bob and Shirley.

We have special play days where we visit someplace like the Mc Nay Art Museum  
Come celebrate with us in the undercroft every Terrific Tuesday.

10:00 A.M. Snacks, fellowship, projects

11:30 A.M. Bible Study

12:30 P.M. Lunch

Shirley Gaede  
Glad Leader

## **KING'S KRAFTERS**

This group was started on June 7th, 2007. It is a group of women who wanted to learn different crafts. We meet in the Undercroft each Thursday night at 6:30 PM. We celebrated our Founder's Day by eating out on June 5th, 2008.

Most of the group wanted to first learn how to crochet. Karen Collins is our esteemed teacher. She has shown vast amounts of patience with those of us who took quite awhile to catch on!! We started out making 6" by 9" rectangles for the HAP. This is Homemade Afghans Project for returning soldiers. Since then we have gone on to crochet 18 white and blue scarves for Special Olympics participants and 15 scarves for the Homebound members of KOK. We also provide crocheted items for Threads of Love: dozens of 18" by 18" baby afghans, premie booties, and caps. Julie Domel recently finished her first premie cap and Dee Eisenbraun has made 100 caps since May 9th, 2008.

We have tried some other types of crafts. Karen showed us how to make bead jewelry. Becky Domel has taken this as her special talent. We also made 18 lighted blocks. Many of our items are made and donated to the Spring and Christmas Craft Shoppe sale at KOK.

Anyone is invited to join-men, women, or children. We would be delighted to have anyone come-experienced or novice. You can bring whatever you are working on and enjoy an evening of fellowship. We are willing to teach anyone who wants to learn a craft.

Dee Eisenbraun

## **LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE- LLL**

### 2008 Officers

President - Allen Cook

Vice President - Dave Tuller

Secretary - Micah Valine

Treasurer - Jim Sadlon

The purpose of the Kings Men LLL Club is to support Lutheran Hour Ministries, assist King of Kings Lutheran Church in its outreach, sponsor a yearly Father/Son banquet, sponsor monthly men's breakfast and Bible study, a yearly retreat for boys, and provide scholarship assistance for professional church workers.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church. It is also a volunteer movement more than 100,000 people strong. LHM produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials to reach the unchurched in more than 40 countries. Access Lutheran Hour Ministries web at <http://www.lhm.org>.

The Kings Men LLL Club meets the third Saturday of each month at 8 A.M. Club members provide breakfast and Pastor Doria leads the Bible study.

Service projects completed during 2008 were:

- Served meals at the Mother/Daughter Banquet

- Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt

- Promoted Lutheran Hour Sunday and Lutheran Hour Media Sunday

- Supported Concordia Seminary's Food Bank

- Support Lutheran Bible Translators

- Promoted Project Connect by providing a variety of informational booklets

Allen Cook, President  
King's Men LLL Club

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

2008 was a busy year for the LWML. King of Kings mission projects for 2008 include New Life Children's Treatment Center, Threads of Love, Scholarship Fund, Early Childhood Development Center, King of Kings parking lot, and the Lutheran Chorale.

- *This year we welcomed Mommy and Me and The Son Shine Circle* to our LWML group. *Mommy and Me* meets regularly throughout the year. For more information call Kathryn Schwenger or Courtney Rawe. The *Son Shine Circle* began this past September and meets during the day. For more information call Judie Jones or Barb Price.
- January began with a lot of activity for the King of Kings LWML. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, we were in charge of a church farewell party for our music director, Sheryl Dinklage. Music and good food were enjoyed by all as we said our goodbyes. The following Sunday we supplied cake and drinks for Norm and Barb Price's retirement from many years of missionary work in Nigeria.
- In February we had our annual Chili Cook-Off with the proceeds benefiting the New Life Treatment Center in Canyon Lake. A lot of good chili was eaten that day. We also had a white elephant sale during the chili cook-off with proceeds going to our Early Child Development Center towards a new freezer. Also in February we attended the LWML World Day of Prayer held at Concordia Lutheran Church.
- In March the LWML also provided baked potatoes and a salad for a Lenten supper before our midweek Lenten service. We also helped by organizing the Seder which was held on Maundy Thursday before the service for our congregation. The Sharing Suppers group spent a Saturday morning making chicken casseroles for the King of Kings freezer to be distributed by members of the church to those families that need a helping hand.
- A total of 26 boxes containing 68 quilts, 48 school kits, 3 sewing kits, 67 layettes, and 12 health kits were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to all for another successful year.
- In April we attended the Spring Rally at Shepherd of the Hills. After a morning of song and praise we enjoyed a delightful luncheon. On April 13<sup>th</sup> we had a bake/craft sale with proceeds going to Church parking lot debt.
- The Daughters of the King Banquet and the Dorcas Award in May was well attended. The recipient of this year's award was Carol Apperson. Fun, good fun and a great time were had by all. Monies raised went to Threads of Love.
- In June two delegates, Liz Ankeny and Paula Vaudt, were sent to the Texas District Convention in Houston. We also sponsored an Ice Cream Social for Vacation Bible School attendees and families.
- In July, we enjoyed a Bunco Night. Refreshments were provided for family and friends who enjoyed a night of family fun. Everyone loved the prizes!
- November was a busy month. The Fall Rally was held at King of Kings and well attended by the other churches in our district. The LWML ladies at King of Kings worked hard to prepare for the event. It was deemed a wonderful success. Afterwards a scrumptious lunch was enjoyed by all.
- Our Congregation Thanksgiving Dinner in November was well attended and the meal was enjoyed by all. Monies raised go to the LWML scholarship fund.
- The Christmas party ended our year with good will and good food. This party is open to the congregation.
- Some of the other projects the LWML ladies take on are: New Life Treatment Center; Mission Pantry; Homebounders; Braille: Deployed Military; Welcome Baskets; Scholarship; Fellowship Projects; Confirmation Reception; Meals for Funerals, Illness; and Bake Sales and Craft Sales.

This is just a brief overview of some of the marvelous activities these ladies do. There are many times during the year when the ladies jump in to do what needs to be done. It has indeed been my privilege to be their president for the past two years. They have taught me so much more than I could teach them. Thank you to each of the ladies of LWML for your support and dedication. You have been a blessing.

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### Music Ministry Annual Report 2008

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Craig Harmann was installed as the Music Director/Organist at King of Kings. On February 4<sup>th</sup>, Children's Choir and Children's Chimes Choir restarted their weekly rehearsals on Mondays. February 6<sup>th</sup> was Ash Wednesday, and the Lenten season began. During Lent, with Craig trying to get unpacked and settled, Handbell Choir rehearsal was on Wednesday before the midweek worship and the Adult Choir rehearsal was moved to Thursday at 7.

In March, Ignite rehearsals began on March 9<sup>th</sup>. April 16<sup>th</sup> was Palm Sunday, and the Adult Choir and Handbell Choir participated in the worship service. April 22<sup>nd</sup> was a German Easter service with the Germania Chor. April 23<sup>rd</sup> was Easter Sunday, and the Adult Choir and Handbell Choir participated in the 7:00 and 9:00 worship services.

In April, the 18<sup>th</sup> was the ECDC Spring program, which Craig accompanied the children for.

In May, the 14<sup>th</sup> was the Adult Handbell and Adult Choir end of season party. The 18<sup>th</sup> was the Children's Music Ministry party.

Over the summer, goals for the future were set with the Worship and Music Committee, and plans for a new children's music ministry group, Youth Handbells, were put in place. June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> was the AGEHR Area IX handbell festival in Austin. We had 6 participants from King of Kings involved in both the adult and youth handbell portions of the festival. All participants came back very excited about handbell ringing and excited to share their experiences with the rest of the group.

August 30<sup>th</sup> was a Saturday morning retreat to focus on the theme for music ministry for the year "O Sing to the Lord, O Sing God a new Song". Topics of the retreat were how we as a congregation can sing a "new" song to the Lord, and specific goals for music ministry were shared with those in attendance.

Rehearsals began anew for the Chancel (Adult) Choir and Adult Handbells on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The major change was that both groups rehearse for an hour and 15 minutes, as opposed to one hour. Children's music ministry rehearsals began on September 8<sup>th</sup>, starting with Children's Choir at 4:15, Children's Chimes at 4:45, and the new Youth Handbells at 5:15. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday morning retreat for the Handbell Choir was held from 8:30-11. This was an opportunity for the group to learn more about each other, their faith, and music.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the LWML Fall Rally was held at King of Kings, and our Adult Handbell choir shared 2 pieces for the Rally. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday morning retreat was held for the Chancel Choir from 8:30-11. This, like the Handbell Choir, was an opportunity for the group to learn more about each other, their faith, and music. October 26<sup>th</sup> was Reformation Sunday, and one service was held with both the Adult Handbells and Chancel Choir participating.

December was a very busy month for Music Ministry. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the ECDC had their Christmas program. That weekend was the San Antonio Lutheran Chorale's Christmas concert at King of Kings. The choir had rented a baby grand piano for the weekend, so it was

used for the ECDC program, and also integrated into the Sunday morning worship service. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, instead of doing a cantata, a Festival of Lessons and Carols service was held in both services. This included the Chancel Choir, Handbells, and the Praise Team. That evening was the Children's Christmas Program, and the Children's Choir, Children's Chimes choir and Youth Handbells participated in that service. December 20<sup>th</sup> was our annual German worship service. The Adult Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir participated in the service as well, along with the Germania Chor. Our Christmas Eve services were held at 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 PM with the Chancel Choir and Adult Handbell Choir participating in the 7:00 worship service. Between the Christmas Eve services, Christmas Day, Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve services, we had many soloists, instrumentalists and special music shared in those services.

2008 was a blessing to King of Kings, with many people sharing their musical gifts and talents, and many people learning more about their musical gifts. A strong emphasis was placed on growing and building the Children's music ministry at King of Kings, specifically with a gift of a 4<sup>th</sup> octave of Chimes. We thank God for His blessings in 2008, and look forward to 2009!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Superintendent: Karen Madsen

Secretaries: Sharon Sadlon & Sharlene Critchley

Teachers & Helpers:

Mike Mosmeyer & Sarah Ozment—High School

Dave Ledum & Kelli Lambert—Middle School

Kathryn & Ed Schweningen—4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Suzanne Mayhorn—2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

Karla Ledum—1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Vava Terhune & Melissa Brewer—4 yr olds & Kindergarten

Erin Kaufman—2 & 3 yr olds

Thank you to our Sunday school teachers and staff for their support and dedication throughout the school year. Their faithfulness helped to lay a Christian foundation for our children in a positive learning environment. We especially want to thank Heather Harmann, our new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, who has added so much to the Sunday school program beginning with teacher training on 7 Sept to start off the school year, a mid-semester teacher meeting, and monthly parent/teacher newsletters.

Sunday school opening was at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the Sanctuary. Margaret Kaysa led the opening on the guitar most mornings with singing for 2 year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Craig Harmann, our new Music Director, was able to help out on the piano/keyboards when he started this fall. The Sunday school children showcased their singing talent sporting their King of Kings T-shirts during the late service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

The Sunday School Rally Day kicked off the new Sunday school year on 7 Sept with each teacher doing something special to get to know their new classes. Pastor Doria presented 'first' Bibles to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and Confirmation study Bibles to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Of course, King of Kings "Righteous" T-shirts were also available for just \$7 each.

We started a new perfect attendance incentive program this year handing out Church Extension Fund (CEF) savings stamps to children who attended Sunday school every Sunday during the month. We had several church members who kindly donated the stamps, so we were able to reward 27 children in Sept; 22 in Oct; 12 in Nov; and 24 in Dec; with \$1 in stamps each month. Thank you to our benefactors for encouraging our Kids Into Discipleship & Stewardship (KIDS)!

We also began a quarterly mission project sponsored by the children's Sunday school offerings. With their first quarter offerings, the children fed 10 needy families at Thanksgiving and made cards for all 40 of the Thanksgiving gift baskets from King of Kings. For the second quarter, they are supporting the DeLoach family, our Wycliff Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea. We are blessed to be able to take this opportunity to teach our children about missions and stewardship.

Finally, the Sunday school children's Christmas program on 13 Dec, called "Lighten Up!" was a huge success thanks to the hard work by the Director, Heather Harmann, and the Music Director, Craig Harmann. We held the dress rehearsal on Saturday, 12 Dec, and then celebrated at the 'Happy Birthday Jesus' party with hotdogs and cake sponsored by the Ed Board and served by Dean and Lois Claridge. The Men's Layman's League even compiled goody bags for each child—over 70 in all! The program featured performances by each Sunday school class through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the Children's Choir, the Youth Handbell and Children's Chimes (directed by Karla Ledum), and 11 solo artists who provided pre-service music. The middle school also provided narrators and acolytes. After the service, we had a delightful cookie reception in the Undercroft—what a great team effort!

Again, thanks to everyone in the congregation for their support of the Sunday school program this year!

Yours in Christ,

Karen Madsen, Superintendent

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was held August 3-8, 2008. Dinner was served at 5:15 and VBS activities were from 6:00 – 8:15pm. The theme this year was “Rainforest Adventure” from Augsburg Fortress. The Sanctuary and the Undercroft were transformed into a tropical paradise! Under the shade of huge palm trees and the sounds of birds singing and monkeys calling, the children rotated through an Opening Service, Bible Story, Crafts, and Recreation. On Friday the parents and friends were invited for a Closing Program and Ice Cream Social hosted by the LWML.

The Mission Project this year was our Food Pantry here at King of Kings. The children brought in more than 500 lbs. of food, as well as several hundred dollars to be used by the Human Care Board to purchase food at the food bank.

We had a great turn out this year!!!! There were 52 teenage and adult volunteers that cheerfully ministered to the 114 enrolled children. Relationships were built and strengthened through our wonderful volunteers using stories, songs, and a joyful presence. A list of the identified un-churched families was given to Board of Outreach for follow up.

As always, this event was a great success, and we look forward to the growth and development of VBS in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Desi Mosmeyer & Maggie Doria*  
2008 VBS Coordinators

## **BANK ACCOUNTS**

Bank Accounts	Balance Jan 1,2008	Deposits	Credits	Balance 12/31/2008
King of Kings Operating Account	\$18,190.77	\$483,024.28	\$492,531.29	\$9,683.76
King of Kings Dedicated Account	\$32,564.00	\$44,646.18	\$47,638.11	\$24,572.07
King of Kings Scrip Account	\$2,212.00	\$72,791.00	\$67,802.00	\$7,201.00
Texas District CEF New Building Fund	\$10,013.34	\$285.63	\$0.00	\$10,298.97
Texas District New Building Fund CD	\$10,594.00	\$265.03	\$0.00	\$10,858.61
Texas District Congregation Savings Account	\$7,400.00	\$196.51	\$0.00	\$7,596.78
ECDC Operating Account	\$4,607.80	\$484,882.59	\$476,680.66	\$12,809.73
Texas District CEF ECDC Reserve Account	\$4,167.17	\$110.55	\$0.00	\$4,277.72

## **LOANS**

Loans	Interest	Matures	Monthly Payments	Balance Jan-1-08	Payments	Balance Dec-31-08
Church Loan	5.50%	01-Apr-17	\$5,111.12	\$414,683.31	\$44,122.46	\$370,560.85
Expansion Loan	5.50%	01-Feb-19	\$506.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parking Lot Loan	5.50%	01-May-14	\$751.30	\$26,271.65	\$26,271.65	\$0.00
<b>Total Principal Reduction</b>					<b>\$70,394.11</b>	

## DEDICATED ACCOUNTS

	Balance Jan-1-08	Year-To-Date Receipts	Expenses	Balance Dec-31-08
Music				
Music	\$440.03	\$2,130.00	\$2,570.03	\$0.00
LSB Project	\$1,592.25	\$1,262.11	\$2,854.36	\$0.00
Technology Advancement	\$422.92	\$3,000.00	\$3,034.90	\$388.02
Youth/Children Ministry				
One Way Youth	\$1,373.85	\$3,885.29	\$3,281.64	\$1,977.50
Junior High Youth	\$983.01	\$1,013.17	\$610.00	\$1,386.18
Children's Ministry	\$686.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$686.50
ECDC	\$1,984.41	\$0.00	\$1,984.41	\$0.00
Altar Guild	\$105.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$455.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$16,617.15	\$16,617.15	\$0.00
Bloom and Grow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LCMS/TX District	\$0.00	\$1,421.00	\$1,421.00	\$0.00
Special Missions	\$250.00	\$455.00	\$450.00	\$255.00
KOK Mission Projects	\$5,023.63	\$2,770.00	\$2,030.80	\$5,758.63
Memorials	\$0.00	\$1,580.00	\$1,580.80	-\$0.80
Lutheran Witness	\$10.00	\$208.18	\$208.18	\$10.00
VBS	\$0.00	\$1,201.75	\$1,201.75	\$0.00
Church Celebrations	\$0.00	\$919.00	\$919.00	\$0.00
Pass-Thru	\$185.00	\$7,011.49	\$5,925.34	\$1,271.15
Seminary Debt Reduction	\$1,715.00	\$12,264.43	\$13,979.43	\$0.00
Human Care	\$1,551.37	\$5,505.04	\$5,409.24	\$1,647.17
Maintenance Fund	\$13,729.62	\$7,941.00	\$8,665.21	\$13,005.41
Capital Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Power Tools	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Emergency Fund	\$0.00	\$13,341.16	\$13,341.16	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Fund	\$0.00	\$6,628.83	\$8,600.71	-\$1,971.88
Long Term Investments	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$35,082.59</b>	<b>\$89,504.60</b>	<b>\$99,685.11</b>	<b>\$24,897.88</b>

## **KING OF KINGS INCOME STATEMENT**

	Budget	Actual	Difference
<b>Income</b>			
Income	\$632,175.00	\$527,670.46	\$104,504.54
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$632,175.00</b>	<b>\$527,670.46</b>	<b>\$104,504.54</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions	\$57,177.00	\$59,477.00	(\$2,300.00)
Pastoral Support	\$227,314.18	\$225,506.10	\$1,808.08
Christian Worship	\$24,435.00	\$9,475.66	\$14,959.34
Christian Witness	\$14,100.00	\$4,892.23	\$9,207.77
Christian Stewardship	\$2,300.00	\$1,782.32	\$517.68
Christian Growth	\$25,350.00	\$12,072.63	\$13,277.37
Christian Fellowship	\$19,630.00	\$7,791.48	\$11,838.52
Christian Welfare	\$4,055.00	\$5,049.35	-\$994.35
Administration	\$52,545.00	\$41,768.77	\$10,776.23
Church Property	\$118,550.00	\$86,410.59	\$32,139.41
Debt Retirement	\$26,900.00	\$20,191.03	\$6,708.97
Capital Expenditures	\$4,500.00	\$385.53	\$4,114.47
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$576,856.18</b>	<b>\$484,277.79</b>	<b>\$108,641.19</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$55,318.82</b>	<b>\$43,392.67</b>	<b>\$3,521.81</b>

## **ECDC INCOME STATEMENT**

	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Difference
<b>ECDC Income</b>			
Tuition	\$408,943.00	\$419,702.73	\$10,759.73
CCDS Payments	\$51,164.00	\$60,149.95	\$8,985.95
Fundraisers	\$3,200.00	\$4,686.91	\$1,486.91
Other	\$0.00	\$343.00	\$343.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$463,307.00</b>	<b>\$484,882.59</b>	<b>\$21,575.59</b>
<b>ECDC Expenses</b>			
Payroll and Benefits	\$397,656.75	\$410,545.58	\$12,888.83
Administration	\$11,828.00	\$11,761.46	\$66.54
Classrooms	\$10,940.00	\$16,038.92	\$5,098.92
Kitchen	\$19,040.00	\$24,803.62	\$5,763.62
Facilities	\$8,880.00	\$10,366.39	\$1,486.39
Vehicles	\$8,822.00	\$3,656.20	\$5,165.80
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$457,166.75</b>	<b>\$477,172.17</b>	<b>\$30,470.10</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$6,140.25</b>	<b>\$7,710.42</b>	<b>-8,894.51</b>