

KOG Connection—April 2019

Pastor's Corner...

Hello again, dear friends and family of KOG!

Happy Lent! I hope you are enjoying our Sunday guest sermon series and Growth Group focus on Max Lucado's book Grace. I am taking a little break from talking about grace for a moment and instead wanted to focus on a recent Netflix program I've been obsessing over: *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*. Have you seen it? It's about a Japanese woman, Marie Kondo, who helps transform people's lives by helping them tidy and declutter their homes. It's addicting and touching and inspiring. Each episode has not only reminded me of how much our physical spaces effect our emotional and mental health, but it has also made me want to do some major spring cleaning and purging of my own. And it seems like this is the perfect liturgical season to do it, right? After all, Lent is a time when we are called to declutter and purge the things that have clouded our souls, minds and lives. This is the season when we try to do a fresh sweep of our selfishness and ask God to give our hearts a good cleansing. What in your life needs to be purged? Bookshelves? Office files? Kitchen cupboards? Or perhaps it's constant busyness? Perfectionism? Past hurts and grudges? I know it is difficult, but only by devoting intentional energy and effort to this physical and spiritual process can we open up and prepare ourselves to receive the new and unexpected blessings God desires for our lives.

I was feeling all ready to go with my Lenten purge . . . then Josh and I sold our condo. This, of course, was/is a wonderful thing, but it also meant there was no time to purge, only pack, and pack we did and then move in the flurry of one weekend with the help of some very gracious church members. We are currently living out of suitcases and boxes at my in-laws in Placentia waiting to move into our new home. My dreams of tidiness had to be packed up as well during this process, to be opened another day. Just as I was about to begin feeling discouraged, I came across a wonderful thought in my new favorite devotion book: Gracelaced. In it, the author, Ruth Chou Simons, discusses Psalm 92:2 in which the Psalmist writes, "I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.'" Chou Simons writes about how her tidy home used to be her refuge (before she had 4 boys!) and of her struggle to maintain that refuge with her growing family and busy schedule. Rather than bemoaning it as a loss, however, she says it helped her realize that a tidy home, or office, or man-cave, were never meant to be our refuge. God is our true refuge. Only when we seek to find our rest, peace, and strength in God, will we be satisfied.

Now, you may be thinking, "Pastor Lund, you're confusing me. First you said that tidiness is good and now you're saying it's not?" Yes, it may sound like a bit of a flip-flop, but here's my point: it's necessary and good to do our Lenten practice of spiritual tidying, but let us not forget that tidying itself is not the answer to peace and happiness. Let us not let our newly purged and organized homes and hearts become our new idol. Instead, do the tidying, do the hard work of Lent, but then remember that in the end it is not your work that is the answer. The answer is always God and the work God did through Jesus Christ for you. It all comes back to Grace. God's grace is our true refuge and strength; the one and only place that deserves our trust and devotion. As Lent draws to a close, let us all say to God as the Psalmist does, "You are my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."

Blessings to you on the rest of your Lenten journey and whatever tidying you undergo, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Peace,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know...

#kogkids April 2019

Every Week

ALL Ages

Sundays: Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Elementary Kids' Time during the 10:30 am service

Check out our "Pray-Ground" in the front row of the sanctuary. This is an area for toddlers and preschool children to play quietly while being surrounded with worship.

Wednesday Nights:

Youth Group: 6:30-8:30 pm

Middle School (Confirmation): 5:30-7:30 pm (check KOG Kids calendar for details)

How to find out more information

- Church website—<https://kogchurch.org/community/cyf-2/>
- Church newsletter
- Weekly Connection
- Social Media—#kogkids
- Contact Amanda by text 714.604.3373 or email kogkids@gmail.com

Preschool News!

Please visit our website calendar for future dates and more information.

<https://kogchurch.org/preschool/>

April Dates to Remember:



Athinia Huber, Preschool Director

From the Choir Director

Rehearsals have begun and take place in the Choir Room from 7:30–9 pm on Thursdays. Don't be shy! Come by and see what singing in choir is like. There are no auditions, and you don't need to bring anything except yourself. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns – I would love to hear from you! Cell: 714.803.7553 – Call/Text available Email: kbadertscher08@apu.edu

Katie Badertscher, Choir Director

Adult Education...

Sunday Adult Education Class:

Pastor Lund's adult education bible class will continue during the month of April in the Fellowship Hall Library at 9:30 am. Each class will be focused on each Sunday's scriptures. Check each Sunday's Weekly Connection for further details.

Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study group will not be meeting during the Lenten season. We will resume after Easter. Please call Alan Marcum at 714.328.9968 or send an email to wb6rqm@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Women's Fellowship, Prayer Group and Bible Study:

The Women of Spiritual Character meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm in Little Ed. Our current study is Daily Discipleship, which is based on Sunday's lectionary texts. For those who do not like to go out at night, this can be an alternate means for continuing with a Bible Study. Contact Debbie Bise at 714.963.3099 with any questions. All are welcome!

Women of the ELCA Events...

(Information regarding Women's Ministry)

WELCA Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting is Monday, April 8 at 7 pm in Little Ed.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, April 22 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, April 27 at 10 am, at the home of Linda Arnett.

****The WELCA study magazine is Gather****

The subscription office can be reached by calling 800.328.4648 or <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/gather-magazine-pages-49.php>

Cost: \$19.95 for 1 year/10 issues (free digital access)

General Ministry News...

From the Prayer Warriors:

Lord God, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only son, that we might be called your children too, Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world all for your glory do we pray, Lord. **Amen.**

Please consider joining the prayer warriors Monday's at 4:30 to lift up the names of those in our community who are in need. We would love to see you!

From our Council President:

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the members of the 2019 King of Glory Church Council. We are blessed to have a very enthusiastic team of people ready to serve. As in the past, each council member will be the liaison and support a specific ministry. Below please find a list of our council members and the ministry area they have chosen.

2019 Congregation Council Liaisons

- Worship and Music: Nancy Cotta
- Prayer and Care: Rhonda Fisher
- Campus Use; Brigette Johnson
- Outreach: Karla Bjorklund
- Hospitality & Fellowship: Jeanne Steinebrunner
- Children, Youth, & Families: Bob Stolte
- Grants: Bob Stolte and Malinda Willmore

Preschools: Malinda Willmore
Health & Safety; Endowment: Stephen Schwarz
Discipleship: Paul Wallace
Facility & Maintenance: Glenn Osterode
Stewardship: Steve Schubert
Mutual Ministry: Paul Wallace
Administration: Deb Cooper

Executive Council

President: Deb Cooper
Vice President: Paul Wallace
Secretary: Jeanne Steinebrunner
Financial Secretary: Steve Schubert
Treasurer: Stephen Schwartz

We are all looking forward to a terrific year. While each ministry has a liaison please feel free to reach out to any of us on any subject at any time. We are here to support our church.

Peace, Deb Cooper

Discipleship and Mutual Ministry Liaison

Greetings King of Glory family,

This month's Council liaison informational piece will be covering two positions. The first is **Discipleship: Education and Spiritual Formation**. This ministry is focused on developing programs that will help educate and "grow" our congregation and guests in their relationship with Christ and each other. Some samples of these are adult education, small groups, Cursillo, adult Bible studies and WELCA. It encompasses any ministry that builds up and strengthens our relationship with Christ to help us live out our second and third pieces of our Mission Statement; KNOW, **GROW and GO**.

If you are interested in an existing Discipleship group or would like to consider starting a new one, then I am the person to see for help and guidance. I am excited about getting people involved in areas they are passionate about and want to help them on their journey to know Christ and their role in His kingdom.

The second liaison position is **Mutual Ministry**. In Mutual Ministry, I participate in a committee serving in confidence as a support group and thought partner for our pastor. Our purpose is to provide a regular and supportive vehicle for our committee to pray, advise, share congregational concerns and encourage our Pastor as she leads the many aspects of our ministry at KOG.

I hope this gives you a little insight into my two liaison positions within the council and I welcome any questions or suggestions you might have for me. I can be reached by email at: wallace3251@att.net.

In His Service, Paul Wallace

Easter Sunday:

We invite you to be part of the "Flowering of the Easter Cross", an ancient and meaningful tradition. As you prepare for Easter worship on April 21, pick fresh flowers from your garden or yard and bring them with you to church. During worship, you will have the opportunity to stand before the large cross and place your flowers upon it. Each flower represents our personal hope in Christ. Eventually the cross will be covered in beautiful

flowers in a brilliant array of color, light and lovely fragrance. A symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. Together, we can transform the cross and help make this Easter a celebration of new life.

2019 Spring Campout – Save The Date:

April 26-28, 2019, at KOA Chula Vista (San Diego). This is a week later than usual, so mark your calendar now. The KOA requires full payment 2 weeks in advance. Signup's and payment will begin on March 31st and end April 11th. in the Welcome Place. We have RV, trailer, and tents spaces, along with 3 cabins (for those who need more than the tent).

All are welcome. If you can't join us for the weekend, they why not for the day on Saturday and stay for the potluck dinner and worship service and great fellowship!

Any questions, please Contact: Karen Ronchetti @ 714.654.8919 or jhbower@verizon.net.

Attention gardeners & gardener wannabees.

We're now listing names for 2019 KOG garden plots on a first-come, first-serve basis. The KOG Community Garden provides an opportunity for anybody to practice their green thumb skills with their own garden plot for growing vegetables for home & community!

The main requirement is to maintain your assigned garden plot for the year (plus a few other common-sense things to agree to). Sign up on the Welcome Center clipboard. Any questions... contact Rich Bandurian at rbandurian@gmail.com or Roger Bise at rdbise@verizon.net.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach:

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

1 John 3:17

Volunteers and donations are needed for our upcoming King's Kitchen Community Outreach Meal on Thursday, April 18. Cooking and set up begin at 4:00 p.m. and we are wrapped up by 8:00 pm. Our guests are with us from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Your presence will be a blessing to you and others!

Please support our BLESSINGS TABLE with donations of personal hygiene items, household cleaners and socks. All may be dropped off in our collection basket in the narthex. Our most urgent needs are for laundry detergent, dark color tarps, aftershave, men's deodorant, and sleeping bags. You can find more details in our binder in the Welcome Place kiosk. This ministry occurs on the 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, so please plan to join us when you are available. Please also consider activating one of your Thrivent Action Teams to cover the cost of food and supplies. Please see Karen Wallace for questions.

John Borack: 714.716.7780 / popdude@aol.com

Karen Wallace: 714.501.2807 / wallacepark@sbcglobal.net

Karla Bjorklund: 714.757.3134 / uccolor2@gmail.com

Peace and Blessings!

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity in

Budapest, Hungary: June 22-30, 2019:

Lend your heart and your hands — make a world of difference

Join Lynn and Gerry Marecek as they lead a build team to the beautiful and historic city of Budapest, Hungary where the team will renovate municipality owned, run-down and

vacant apartment buildings. You can make a world of difference for a family, by providing a "hand up" by working with them to build a simple, affordable, and decent home. You will also enjoy amazing cultural experiences in the city of Budapest.

The cost to participate in a trip to Budapest, Hungary:

- ✓ Thrivent Financial Benefit Member: \$1015, plus airfare.
- ✓ Nonmember: \$1515, plus airfare.
- ✓ Fundraising is a possibility

For more info contact team leader Lynn Marecek (lynn.marecek@gmail.com;
714.393.6642)

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity in Solola, Guatemala: June 30-July 7, 2019:

Join A Habitat for Humanity Build in Solola, Guatemala: June 30-July 7, 2019. The central American country of Guatemala has a housing deficit of over 1.6 million. The country's Habitat for Humanity organization is very actively working to respond with over 100,000 homes built. Guatemala is a beautiful country and very friendly to American tourists. Rev. Ron Baesler will be leading a Habitat Build to the highlands of Guatemala next summer. For more information: baeslers@sbcglobal.net. You will receive information regarding costs, registration and procedures. Make a difference!

KOG Weekly Food Donations to Lutheran Social Services:

The need for weekly food donations to feed the homeless and low-income families in our community continues to grow and is URGENT during the winter months. The Lutheran Social Services food pantry in Garden Grove has indicated that food donations of any size would be greatly appreciated. Please continue to bring your weekly donations of canned foods, etc. to church on Sunday.

King of Glory Recycles:

Used ink cartridges, pull tabs and eyeglasses! Please place them in the Welcome Place.

Other Upcoming Events...

Happy Hands and Hooking KnitWits—April 10:

On Wednesday, April 10, Happy Hands and Hooking KnitWits will meet for the second time this year. We have changed to every other month to get more work done. Our first meeting was very successful, we tied 9 quilts.

We are meeting at 10:00 a.m. which seems to work well for most people. We have about 9 quilts to tie and hand sew a label on. We also have fabric cut to sew if you would like. There is a sewing machine on campus, or you can take the project home to sew.

We will teach you anything you need to know about the process. There is yarn, needles / crochet hooks, fabric and a sewing machine available. Come join the fun, remembering all items made go to those in need. Call Nancy Jaeger, 714.846.6593 or Catherine Marcum 714.328.9975 for more information.

Spring Campout Sign Up Deadline—April 11:

Signups and payment will begin on March 31st and end April 11th in the Welcome Place. We have RV, trailer, and tents spaces, along with 3 cabins (for those who need more than the tent). Any questions, please Contact: Karen Ronchetti @ 714.654.8919 or jhbower@verizon.net.

Property Work Day—April 13:

The start time is 9:00 am, and things wrap up around noon. We meet in Little Ed for donuts, coffee and work assignments. We are hopeful our younger members will take time to join us once a month as we continue to keep our facility prepared for both worship and community group meetings held for people of all ages.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group—April 14:

Attention all single ladies! Are you looking to increase your fellowship with other single women in 2019? Come and join us in Big Ed on April 14, 2019, after the second service. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 13, no need for a book, just come. Bring your lunch, read and discuss God's word and join in playing games, for a fun afternoon.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—April 18:

5:30 pm – 7 pm. Volunteers are needed, so please consider lending a hand, whether it's helping to prepare a meal, shopping, serving, greeting, cleaning up, or being a table host chatting with our guests.

Saved by Grace Covenant—April 20:

Saved by Grace Covenant will meet on Saturday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. in Big Ed., starting the evening with our potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share), followed by our study using Ray Vander Laan's video series *In the Dust of the Rabbi*.

Easter Flowering of the Cross, Easter Sunday—April 21:

Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday! Bring flowers to church on April 21 to celebrate the resurrection by decorating our Easter cross.

Easter Sunday Brunch—April 21:

Please join us Easter morning for a wonderful "potluck" brunch, between services in Big Ed. Everyone is encouraged to bring fruit or pastries to share. Women of the ELCA will be taking care of the paper goods. Any questions, please contact Karen Ronchetti 714.654.8919.

Newsletter Deadline—April 24:

The deadline to submit articles for the May newsletter is Wednesday, **April 24**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

Facility Task Force Meeting—April 30:

The Facility Task Force will be meeting on the last Tuesday of the month before Property Work Day at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room. This task force is charged with the oversight of projects, major repairs, and equipment replacement on our KOG campus. The task force is always looking for new partners in this ministry. If you are interested, please join us!

Please visit this link <https://www.kogchurch.org/church-events/google-calendar-2/> on King of Glory's website to view a full listing of calendar events.

April Birthdays...

Aundrea Loeffelman	2
Heather Murphy	4
Deloris Bixler	5
Valerie George	7
Bernd Steinebrunner	7
Pamela Flowers	8
Gary Kakert	8
Gerry Reid	8
Bethany Jeffrey	10
Zachary Jaeger	15
Mike Gordon	17

Marrissa Garza	18
Shelly Leeson	19
Shery Schwarz	21
Barbara Hehn	22
Patrick Nance	23
Eric Steinmetz	24
Paul Scauzillo	27
Marjorie Talsma	27
Vivian Bradford	30
John Trumpler	30

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Robert and Joan Frey 13 years on April 1
Jim and Julie Bryan 26 years on April 3
Dave and Jeanean Gillespie 21 years on April 4
Doug and Andrea Martin 28 years on April 6
Paul and Susan Yates 54 years on April 10
Tim and Lee Ann Covington 7 years on April 14

Ted and Vicki Andersen 48 years on April 17
George and Gwen Woloshun 53 years on April 17
Alan and Debora Luken 43 years on April 24
Art and Jenny Cole 22 years on April 26
Pankaj and Susan Saurastri 34 years on April 29

Happy Anniversary!

If we have missed your April birthday (25 years or more) or anniversary, please contact the church office.