

KOG Connection—August 2019

Pastor's Corner

Happy August, King of Glory!

I hope your summer months were good and that you enjoy the last few weeks that are left before school semesters start up and traffic worsens. ☺ It has been an exciting last month for our church for sure. We welcomed 10 new members! We had an amazing week of VBS! And we called Deacon Leah Lind to be our new Deacon of Administration and Congregational Care! (By the way, thank you to all of you who attended the Q&A and the Congregation Meeting. It's awesome to see your interest and investment in the future ministry of your church family.) Whoever said that summer months were a "break" from the busy season did not work at our church! This upcoming month is proving to be no different as we anticipate Leah's start on August 5th, hiring a new permanent custodian, and hopefully finding a new Choir Director. (At the moment, we are not yet looking for an organist as Gwen Woloshun has graciously agreed to stay on—health permitting—to give us time to first fill these other positions.) Plus, of course, we are now starting to gear-up for our fall season, and it's gonna be a good one! We have a great Growth Group series planned and a very fun theme already set for Advent (you're gonna love it!).

With all of this busyness and more changes headed our way, I got to thinking about worry, especially in light of last month's Gospel passage from Luke regarding Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary's house. In my sermon that Sunday, I didn't focus too much on Jesus' words to Martha, when he says, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things," but these are important words for us all to reflect on (including me). The Greek words used here are *μεριμνάω* and *θόρυβος* which mean to literally be divided and tumultuous or in an uproar. I love those Greek words, because they describe so well the results that worry can have in our lives. Worry divides our focus and our hearts. It fogs up our vision, like a bathroom mirror after a hot shower. Anxiety puts our emotions on a roller coaster, like the ones at the OC County Fair. Taking care of our daily responsibilities with resolve and facing whatever comes our way with clarity and calm is important. However, when we let worry, stress and busyness cloud what is most important (i.e. our faith and relationship with God), then we find ourselves in Martha's shoes.

I recently read a story about a woman named Ann Jillian who found herself in such a state when she discovered an irregularity in her breast. She immediately imagined the worst: cancer. Panic immediately ensued. As reported in Care Notes, she stopped by her church on her way to her doctor's appointment, and saw these words inscribed above the church entrance:

The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either God will shield you from suffering, or God will give you strength to bear it. Be at peace, then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Ann Jillian had never noticed those words before and, "Up to that point," she said, "everything was turbulent. Then I released everything into God's hands. Of course God wanted to help me."

What do you need to release into God's hands today? God wants to help! What is causing an uproar or division in your mind and heart? Try taking some time to refocus on Jesus. Read some scripture—Luke 10 is a good place to start. Spend time in prayer. And remember that when we maintain our focus on God (the most important thing), then everything else finds its proper place or simply fades into the background, where it belongs.

Blessings to you and yours as you finish up summer vacations and prepare for fall,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids August 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://www.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 about the preschool: <https://kogchurch.org/preschool/>



August dates to remember:

Wednesday-14 @ 6:30 Parent orientation

Sunday-25 @ 10:30- blessing of lunch boxes (preschoolers), blessing of lunchboxes older kids, blessing of suitcases, blessing of KOG preschool staff.

Thursday-29 last day of summer

Friday-30 – school closed cleaning & Inservice

Upcoming dates

September 2 – school closed

September 3 – first day of school year

Save the date

Saturday, October 12 – Oktoberfest

Athinia Huber, Preschool Director

Adult Education

Sunday Adult Education Class:

Pastor Lund's adult education bible class will be 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 meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Fellowship Center Library. Bring your bible in the translation you enjoy and take part in the discussion as we study the book of Genesis. This is a casual study, so you can jump in at any point. If you have any questions, please call Alan Marcum at 714.328.9968 or send an email to wb6rqm@gmail.com.

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!

Growth Groups Coming this Fall:

Are you looking for ways to deepen your faith and connect with your church? King of Glory's Growth Group Ministry is a great place to start. This small group ministry encourages our entire church to study together, allowing for personal connections and a church-wide impact. Our chosen study is "The Red Letter Challenge: A 40-day Life-Changing Discipleship Challenge".

There are three ways for us to grow together this Fall.

1. Please start praying now for what God will do in this Fall in and through our Growth Groups, and please pray for this ministry.
2. Join a Growth Group! If you're not already in a group, or want to join a second group, the Fall Growth Group Launch is the best time to start!
3. Be a Life Group Leader! For this ministry to be successful, we need faithful people like you to be leaders.

Look for sign-ups coming soon or contact Paul or Karen Wallace for more details.

Women of the ELCA Events

(Information regarding Women's Ministry)

WELCA Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting is Monday, September 9 at 7 pm in Little Ed. We do not meet during July and August.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, August 26 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Events and Dates to Remember:

Faith Circle: Saturday, August 24 at 10 am, at the home of Linda Arnett.
Pacifica Women of the ELCA: Friday, November 1 through Saturday, November 2, 2019.
32nd Annual Convention & Gathering will be held at King of Glory this year. The Love Gift recipients will benefit Family Promise of Orange County and Lutheran Social Services. Please see the flyer in the Welcome Place.



****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:

Hope to see some of you on Mondays at 4:30 pm, in little Ed, to help raise up names of those in need to our Lord!

Our annual Day of Service:

"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS" is coming up fast. Join in the fun and service on Sunday, September 8. There will be several places or projects to serve with your fellow KOG members after church. Or, if you know of a special place that needs some helping hands, please let the office or Karla Bjorklund know so we can include it for our Day of Service.

"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, August 15 and 29. Cooking and set up begin at 4:00 pm 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!

Text Giving Comes to KOG – 714.874.4777

Text giving is a feature of Breeze, the new church management system software KOG is in the process of implementing. Text giving provides a convenient way to give besides cash or check. Text giving uses either a credit/debit card or an electronic transfer (ACH) from your checking account.

The registration process is easy and once you are setup, a transaction can be completed in seconds. To use this feature, you simply text the word "Give" to 714.874.4777 and follow the prompts. Also, there will be complete instructions available on our KOG website. The contribution can be given to the General Fund, Facility Fund, or other funds selected depending on current church activities.

If you're currently enrolled in an electronic giving (transfer of funds) program with KOG such as Vanco or Simply Giving, there is no need to change over to text giving as there are additional fees associated with text giving.

King of Glory Recycles:

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

In Memoriam:

Jerilyn O'Campo on July 05; Joyce Ackermann on July 21.

Other Upcoming Events

Property Workday—August 10:

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 outreach. Email Roger Bise at rdbise@verizon.net so you can be added to the email group where we share upcoming tasks.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group—August 11:

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 August 11, 2019, at Noon. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 16, no need for a book, just come, read and discuss God's word and join in playing games, for a fun afternoon.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—August 15 & 29:

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.

Facility Task Force Meeting—August 20:

The Facility Task Force will be meeting on Tuesday, August 20 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!

Newsletter Deadline—August 21:

The deadline to submit articles for the September newsletter is Wednesday, **August 21**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

Saved by Grace Covenant:

Saved by Grace Covenant will not be meeting again until on Saturday, September 21, at 6:00 pm 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*.

September Dates To Remember

Annual Day of Service "GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS"—September 8:

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Calling All Campers—September 27-29:



Our Semi-Annual Campout will be at the KOA in Chula Vista (San Diego area) September 27-29, 2019. (Note date change requested by the KOA Campground).

Sign-ups will be in the Welcome Place through **September 13, 2019**. Sites also available 2 days before and 1 day after the event, if interested.

All are invited to spend a weekend of fun, relaxation and great fellowship.

Cost for the weekend (includes Friday dinner) is as follows:

RV and Trailers: \$160.00

Tents: \$138.00

1-Room cabin (full bed and bunk beds): \$214.00



If you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact Karen Ronchetti (Wagonmaster) (714) 654-8919.

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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.

August Birthdays...

Betty Jacobsen	1
Bea Rea	7
Teresa Blackburn	9
Chuck Balo	12
Nikki Busch	12
Victoria Bise	14
Edward Buerk	15
Alan Marcum	15
Alissa de Koning	16

Wayne Schleicher	19
Ryan Bise	21
Dan Hytrek	21
Tom Rasmussen	23
Steve Chakos	25
Paul Wallace	26
Angela Jaeger	27
Jeanne Steinebrunner	31

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Jeff and Michele Elvander 21 years on August 01
John and Christy Borack 23 years on August 04
Donald Beane and Lisa Delany 11 years on August 09
Don and Tish Johnson 38 years on August 09
Ned and Darlene Gould 59 years on August 12
Lisa and Todd McCrory 17 years on August 17

Richard and Vicki Bandurian 31 years on August 20
Roger and Judy Doty 32 years on August 22
Joy and Erik Myers 23 years on August 25
Cynthia and Doug Thornburg 41 years on August 26
Rod and Alene Patterson 59 years on August 27

Happy Anniversary!

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