

KOG Connection—July 2019

Pastor's Corner

Happy July, dear KOG friends and family!

These summer months remind me of spending time as a child in our garden, in the back yard at my childhood home in Minot, ND. My grandfather, Stan, (the one my Buick was named after) used to come over to our house and help tend our garden, since my dad would spend most of the summer away working at different pipeline sites in Montana and the Dakotas. Actually, both of my grandfathers grew up on farms in North Dakota and loved to garden once they moved into homes in the “big city” of Minot (population 30,000). In fact, Josh’s father, my father-in-law, Ron Baesler (who preaches here on occasion) is also a North Dakota farm boy who now loves tending to his garden here in Southern California. Personally, Josh and I have not had much time to carry on the family gardening tradition, but we hope to one day pass on that mantle to Jules. ☺ What is it about gardening that is so attractive? So appealing? It’s especially great here in California where you can literally garden year-round! There is nothing like eating the fruits of your labor fresh out of your own garden, right?

God enjoys gardening too. Not only in the Garden of Eden, but in every human heart. God desires to grow the fruits of the Spirit in each of us. Just look to Galatians 5:22-23 where the apostle Paul writes, “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control.*” These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit that God plants and waters and tends to in each of our hearts, so that we can taste of their goodness in our lives. Have you ever asked yourself, “What fruit is my life bearing?” or “How can I be more fruitful?”

Well, as I said, I’m only a wanna-be gardener when it comes to physical produce, but spiritual produce is a whole other matter, and one that I’m much more experienced in. I have two tips for you today on how you can be more fruitful, and they’re actually things that any good gardener knows.

First, gardening and growing the fruits of the Spirit are both about partnership. According to Rev. Rick Warren, God uses a two-part process. In Philippians, Paul writes you must “work out your own salvation” and then he turns around and says, “...for it is God who is at work in you.” That seems like a paradox and against Lutheran theology, right? But Paul isn’t saying we have to work for our salvation. That has already been gained by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Just as God is the one who creates the seed that turns into the plant, our salvation comes from God alone. But we can work it out, as in work with it or do a spiritual workout; we work our gardening skills, lift those spiritual weights, to get the most out of what God has already given us and is trying to work in us. If we want to grow the fruits of the Spirit, we need to work at them.

Secondly, gardening and growing the fruits of the Spirit take time and patience. Just as a seed doesn’t turn into a full grown blooming and deliciously ripe tomato plant overnight, our spiritual growth—growth love, joy peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control—takes time and patience. There are no short cuts or quick answers. I’ve heard that some farmers will spray CO2 on green unripe tomatoes to make them turn red right before they go to market, but one bite into those tomatoes and you can tell, right? There’s no comparison to a vine-ripened, fresh out of

the garden tomato, where the inside matches the outside, and has taken it's time soaking up sunlight and water and fertilizer. That's what God desires to grow in us. But we too need to be patient and stick to the task at hand, soaking up God's word, worship, and prayer to help us in our fruit-growing endeavors. This summer, may you grow a fabulous garden or enjoy the fruits of someone else's labors (maybe one of our KOG gardeners!), but above all, I hope that you continue to work with God to grow the fruits of the Spirit in your heart.

Blessings,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids July 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/>



July dates to remember:

4th – School Closed for Independence Day

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.

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.

Watch for more information to come; 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, July 22 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, July 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:

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!

Thank you, King of Glory Family:

Thank you, King of Glory family, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your choir director for the past six and a half years. I am taking away so many different skills and experiences that I have gained while being at this place, and I'm very appreciative of that. Thank you for all the support and love you have shown the choir and me. This is such a wonderful and loving congregation – I am blessed to have been one of your leaders in ministry. May the Lord continue to bless you all and keep you in His loving grace.

-Katie Badertscher

Hear Us Roar for Mission Outreach:

The youth have spoken: we want to do more mission work! In November our youth will sponsor a trip to Mexico where they and adults will work with the children of Mexico with a Vacation Bible School experience and with helping to distribute materials to those children in need. (please see our KOG website for information about KOG's Vacation Bible School in July and sign up to provide materials or to help with the daily events.)

Our youth minister is passionate about extending God's reach to include more young people and families committed to our church and its goals. We can accomplish these goals together as a church family working to extend our reach into the community. To facilitate outreach, Amanda has created a task force of parents and youth to help plan how outreach can become a reality one step at a time. Please join us in this exciting journey to involve our youth and parents for a lifetime of God's work here at King of Glory.

Bob Stolte, Council Liaison – Youth & Family Ministry

"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, July 18. 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.

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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.

KOG Endowment Scholarship Notice and Application Instructions

KOG members who are attending a Lutheran College or University during the 2019-2020 school year are eligible for a scholarship from the KOG Endowment. The application form is available at: <https://www.kogchurch.org/community/endowment/>. Applications must be completed by each applicant and submitted by July 15, 2019. Information regarding the scholarship and process is included with the application on the KOG website. Scholarships will be awarded in early August.

King of Glory Recycles:

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

Other Upcoming Events

Property Workday—July 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 outreach. Email Alan Marcum at wb6rqm@gmail.com so you can be added to the email group where we share upcoming tasks.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group—July 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 July 14, 2019, at Noon. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 15, 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—July 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.

Facility Task Force Meeting—July 23:

The Facility Task Force will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month before Property workday 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—July 24:

The deadline to submit articles for the August newsletter is Wednesday, **July 24**. 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*.

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.

July Birthdays...

Charles Murphy	3
Charlie TeGantvoort	4
Kinndlee Lund	6
William Ault	14
Glenn Osterode	15
Emily Wight	15
Karen Patterson	16
Robert Nimmer	17
Shirley Talcott	18

Kim Sweeney	20
Rohry Mangan	20
Stephen Schwarz	24
Sharon Stout	25
Robert Flowers	26
Laurie Schleicher	27
Charlotte Outman	28
Alex Soria	31

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Robert and Sally Nimmer 54 years on July 3
David and Heather Schautschick 22 years on July 5
Gary and Judy Bartz 52 years on July 8
Alan and Catherine Marcum 21 years on July 11
James and Jane Harrison 16 years on July 14
Dave and Linda Arnett 57 years on July 14

Carlos and Lynda Soria 37 years on July 24
Darryl and Peggy Nance 43 years on July 24
Todd and Laura Warren 44 years on July 26
Bruce and Kari Frederick 41 years on July 29
Gerrit and Sharon Windhorst 31 years on July 30
Jon and Julia Kompara 25 years on July 30

Happy Anniversary!

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