

KOG Connection—March 2020

Pastor's Corner

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

I keep seeing online (and maybe you've seen it too) a new commercial for the Apple iPhone 11. It advertises the phone's ability to take beautiful pictures in the dead of night, to capture what would normally be missed by other smart phone camera lenses. Unfortunately, the song from the commercial is what has really stuck in my head. It's the song by the Smashing Pumpkins called "We Only Come Out at Night" (a very catchy chorus). It's strange that this has so stuck in my mind, because, as a Droid user and a fairly frugal person, I typically ignore (with a little disdain, I confess) Apple advertisements, but I couldn't shake this one. Not just because it's a pretty darn good commercial, but because I think the Spirit was trying to tell me something through it.

The church season of Lent, which we began this past week, is all about how we are called to "come out at night." (Perhaps some of you remember when we did a sermon series with Resurrection Lutheran Church and Newport Harbor Lutheran Church on Barbara Brown Taylor's book "Learning to Walk in the Dark"?) This is the time of the year where we are called to mark our foreheads with black ashen crosses and wander into the spiritual darkness of our hearts as we face our brokenness, our faults, our despair, our selfishness, and our apathy. This is the time of the year when we are called to reflect on how we have ignored or added to the pain of others and how we can do better caring for those in need (which is why we end every worship service in Lent by saying, "Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.") Most importantly, this is the season of the church year where we are called to also gaze upon the darkness that surrounded Jesus in his final days on this earth, ending upon the darkest night of all, when he died upon the cross. Lent is the season where God asks us to not be afraid, to come out at night and face the darkness together. We are challenged to learn from the darkness in ourselves and our world. How have the dark times in your life led to unexpected freedom or transformation? As the Smashing Pumpkins song says, it is at night that we "wander through the empty space . . . through the secret places of the heart." But unlike the song which says we "walk alone to find our way home," as Christians we know that we never walk alone, neither during Lent nor during any season of our life. We walk together as a community of faith and we walk always with God.

This Lenten season, may you have the courage to "come out at night" and see what growth can be gained by embracing the darkness in our world with Christ. May you be enriched by our study of "The Grace of Les Misérables" which on the surface feels like a story full of darkness and despair, but also holds within it such power, redemption and hope. And may you get a glimpse during these next 40 days of the mysteries and beauty that would otherwise be lost when viewed through a different lens or even the bright sunlight of day.

Lenten peace and blessings,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids March 2020

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/>

March Dates to remember:

March 2 – community registration begins for summer & fall

The preschool is looking for volunteers twice a month to help keep the weeds under control. If you have a little extra time, please contact the Preschool office. Thank you.



Athinia Huber, Preschool Director

Adult Education

Sunday Adult Education Class:

For Pastor Lund's adult education bible class – please check the calendar or Weekly Connection for details each week.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study:

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study meets 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, March 9 at 7 pm in Little Ed. All women are welcome to attend.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, March 23 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, March 28 at 10 am, at the home of Linda Arnett.

Women's Gathering: Saturday, March 7. Synodical Women of the ELCA Gathering at Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert. See information on table near Welcome Place.

St. Patrick's Dinner: Saturday, March 14. Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm. Good food, great fellowship and fun entertainment! Cost \$15/per person. Signups on the patio. Childcare also available. Proceeds to benefit the kitchen cabinet renovation project. Any questions, see Karen Ronchetti or Pat Gordon.

Women's One-Day Retreat: Saturday, March 28 at 9 am. WELCA one-day Retreat "Praying in Color" with special guest leader, Lynne Prechel. Continental breakfast and lunch provided by KOG WELCA. Doors open at 9 am, program starts at 9:30 am to 2 pm. Free childcare with reservation. Cost: FREE! Sign up at WELCA table on patio. Bring your Bible.

****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:

What does the word "luck" mean? "Circumstances that lead to a favorable outcome". But Lutherans like to call it by another name - God's blessing. Jesus Christ is our 'pot of gold.' He is the maker of the rainbows, the gold, and the shamrocks. The Shamrock has been used to represent the Trinity. With a four-leaf clover symbolizing God's melting the old Irish beliefs with the Trinity of Christian beliefs There is one four leaf clover to approximately 10,000 three leaf clovers growing. Psalms 124:1-2 We adhere to a steadfast faith that is not based upon matters of sheer luck. So, blessings to you and know that we are rooted and grounded in the truth that God's sovereignty rules and reigns within the people who are called by His Great Name! Love and Blessings from the prayer warriors!!

Library at KOG opened again Sunday February 23, 2020:

Thank you to all the KOG Librarians and Volunteers from years past. A big thank you to past volunteers Cynthia Thornburg, and Sharon and Jim Stout for creating the KOG version of the Dewey Decimal System and categorizing and shelving all the books. There are over 1,100 adult books, and more than 200 books for toddlers, young adults, and teens. Cynthia guided us to the library binder, check out box, and

computerized listing of books. The library is remembered as a place for a quiet read away from the busyness of the day; to gather and have fellowship; to get material to read at home, to study; to find resources for many different topics regarding faith; a meeting place for the Prayer Warriors, and spiritual counseling.

With the increased enrollment in the pre-school, the library is not available for use during the week.

The Library re-opened for book check-outs on Sunday, February 23, 2020, just in time for the season of Lent. You can visit the library between 1st and 2nd service, and after 2nd service until Noon. The library cart will have a curated selection of books based on the season. You are welcome to browse the shelves to find books in a variety of categories. Just inside the library, you'll find a framed legend on the wall of what subjects are available. Inside the black binder, you'll find a list of the books, by author, by title, and by category.

Each book has a pocket in the front cover with a check out card; books can be borrowed for 4 weeks; fill in your name and phone# on the card; bring the book back on Sunday's when you are done.

If you have a library story or an interest in volunteering to work a shift, re-shelve books, or catalog new donations, please contact Carolyn Miller, cmi36844@socal.rr.com, or find her after 8:00 am service most Sundays. Happy Reading Everyone!

"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, March 19. 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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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, KOG's church management system software. 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.

Other Upcoming Events

Lenten Growth Groups—March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1:

Growth Groups are now in full swing. The study is "The Grace of *Les Misérables*." In *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle takes a look at the classic *Les Misérables* in a new way—through the lens of faith. In six sessions *The Grace of Les Misérables* study looks at the following themes:

1. Grace Well Received: The Story of Jean Valjean
2. When Grace and Justice Collide: The Story of Javert
3. The Poor Are Always with You: The Story of Fantine
4. The Gift of Love: The Story of Marius and Cosette
5. Building the Barricade: The Story of Les Amis
6. The Blessed Garden: A Hopeful Vision.

Property Workday—March 14:

Our next Property Workday will be Saturday, March 14 beginning at 9:00 am, and we try to wrap things up around noon. We are specifically looking for volunteers interested in weekly upkeep of the planters on the right side of the Preschool entrance. We meet in Little Ed for donuts, coffee and work assignments. Please join us, even if you only have an hour or so. Contact Alan Marcum at wb6rqm@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you would like to be added to property workday email group.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group—March 15:

All single ladies of all ages are welcome and invited to join in the studying of God's Word. A few changes have been made for this year. The meeting date has been moved to the third Sunday of the month at noon, after the second service in the Fellowship Hall Library. We will be studying a new book starting on March 15, "Every Day Deserves a Change" by Max Lucado. Please remember to bring your lunch and drink. For information call Marlys Buckey at 714.746.1224.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—March 19:

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—March 21:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, March 21, at 6:00 pm, beginning with a potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share), and followed by our

new study "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People" by Randy Frazee with Max Lucado.

Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Information Meeting—March 22:

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday March 22nd at 3 pm at the Mareceks. Come and get all your questions answered for this worthwhile cause. See you there!

Facility Task Force Meeting—March 24:

Our next Facility planning meeting will be Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm in the Library. We are looking at projects, both big and small, that we can accomplish in 2020. Contact Alan Marcum at wb6rqm@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you would like to be added to property workday email group.

Newsletter Deadline—March 25:

The deadline to submit articles for the April newsletter is Wednesday, **March 25**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

WELCA One-Day Retreat—March 28:

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Gather at 9:00 am, program begins at 9:30 am; morning refreshments, tea, coffee, water, and lunch will be provided. FREE childcare will be available when requested in advance. Invite a friend to join you and don't forget to sign up so we can prepare appropriately.

Do you like color? Can you doodle? Do you sometimes struggle with a short attention span when praying? Do you sometimes need help getting out of your head and into your heart when you talk to God? Come and see how a simple process can lead you into a relaxed and deep place of prayer. Absolutely no artistic skills required! This approach is, based principally on Sybil MacBeth's book, *Praying in Color*, a wonderful way to pray for others, enriches and deepens your prayer with scripture, and can be used for discernment, praise, and many other prayer focuses.

What to bring: Your open mind and heart, and a willingness to be surprised. All other materials are supplied for you.

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SAVE THE DATE

KOG Camping News—2020 Spring Campout:

SAVE THE DATE: April 17th to April 19th, 2020 (Thursday is also available)

PLACE: KOA Temecula/Vail Lake

Signups are March 15th to April 5th, 2020. We have 16 RV spaces. Each space can hold an RV with full hookups and a tent or two. Watch for more information in the Welcome Place and the Weekly Connection.

NEEDED: Wagon Masters to help with the balance of the plans.

Contact: Karen Ronchetti @ 714.654.8919

Habitat for Humanity / Thrivent Build

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



Joshua 24:15 "...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Partners in building better futures

You can make a world of difference for a family in need of a safe, decent place to call home. Join my Habitat and Thrivent Worldwide team to Hoa Binh, Viet Nam.

The build will take place in the beautiful mountainous Hao Binh province of Viet Nam. We will assist in building new homes for local families in need.

We will provide a "hand up" to a family by working with them to build a simple, decent home. Like all Habitat homeowners, they will buy their home with sweat equity and a no-profit loan.

You'll be trained and provided with all the tools you need to complete the trips projects. In addition, our team will be immersed in a new culture and share an experience like no other!

Dates: September 19-27, 2020

Cost to participate in this trip to Hoa Binh, Viet Nam:

- Thrivent Benefit Member: \$1020 plus airfare.
- Nonmember: \$1520 plus airfare. (It's easy to become a member!)

Together, Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity help families in need of a safe and decent place to call home. Be part of the solution to sub-standard housing by getting involved.

Make time for this life changing experience. Visit [Thrivent.com/Worldwide](https://www.thrivent.com/worldwide) for program details. For more information on this specific trip, or to join the team, contact:

Lynn Marecek at lynn.marecek@gmail.com.

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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.

March Birthdays...

Keith Dahlen	01
Richard Bandurian	06
Alex Loeffelman	06
Hilda Saavedra	08
Lee Staffa	09
Alysia Soria	10
Deborah Cooper	11
Lisa Delany	11
Anie Cooper	12
Dan Tesla	15
Roni Stubban	16

Ray Rea	21
Jim Dubuque	21
Steve Bollinger	25
Alison Wessler	26
Sally Nimmer	27
Kristeena Ellson	27
David Gee	28
Edwin Gould	31
Barbara Martyn	31
Cathy Badum	31

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Carol and Edward Buerk 56 years on March 7
Deenna and Mike Eley 26 years on March 19
Rhonda and David Fisher 19 years on March 24
Pat and Mike Gordon 45 years on March 22

Diane and David Myhre 63 years on March 23
Sandy and Gary Poteet 29 years on March 23
Bea and Ray Rea 14 years on March 25

Happy Anniversary!

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