

KOG Connection—May 2019

Pastor's Corner

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter, dear friends and family of King of Glory! I hope you all had a meaningful Lenten season and Holy Week, and a joyful Easter! First, I want to thank everyone who helped make this special season of reflection, study and faith development possible. Thank you to the Wallaces for heading up our Growth Group ministry yet again this year. Thank you to all of our small group leaders for giving of their time. Thank you to Nancy Cotta for arranging our Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper speakers and to the folks who helped to set-up, clean-up and bring soup for these lovely suppers. Thank you to Catherine and Alan Marcum for running sound and projection at these Wednesday services and for all others who stepped up as needed to serve during worship. Thank you to Karen Ronchetti for decorating the Sanctuary and to the staff for their extra efforts during this especially busy time. Thank you to all those whom I am not naming here but who also gave of their time and energy. Thank you also to our two staff members who recently announced their resignation—Penny Benetatos and Heather Stolte—both of whom agreed to stay on until the end of the Easter season. We have appreciated so much your efforts and wish you both all the best on your new endeavors! And lastly, thank you especially to our Sunday morning speakers, who were willing to share their personal stories of God's transforming and sustaining Grace in their lives: Ned Gould, Amanda Pulos, Rhonda Fisher, Paul Wallace and Jodi Coffman! You all are amazing and touched many folks by your words.

Recently, there has been a Psalm running through my head, Psalm 30, which is one of our lectionary texts for the first Sunday of May. It has some famous lines in it that many of you have likely heard before if not memorized yourselves: "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (vs. 5b). This Psalm also has some other well-known verses, such as, "You have turned my morning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me in joy." Such juxtapositions as these are common in our faith vernacular, right? I was lost, but now I am found. I was blind, but now I see. I was dead and now am alive. I was a slave to sin, but now I am free. I lived in darkness, but now I see light. What others can you name from scripture or song? Such powerful testimonies of how God's grace can change one's life and perspective. Thank goodness we have people who are willing to share such testimonies, like the writer of Psalm 30 and those who did so in our own congregation during Lent, so that others can be filled with hope and inspired to turn to God in their times of distress.

Even though the Easter season is upon us, times of trial and temptation, times of sorrow, doubt and despair, they still linger, for the day of God's Kingdom has not yet fully come. My question for you is, how have you experienced God's deliverance? What would your testimony be? Below are some of the questions I shared with our Lenten speakers, to help them in their preparations. I share them with you now to hopefully help you as well in naming and articulating your own testimony of how God's grace has effected your life.

1. What biblical story or passage best describes God's grace to you?
2. Max Lucado writes that God's grace changes, emboldens, strengthens, rewires and softens us. Describe a time when you have experienced the power of God's grace.

3. Grace is God's promise that Christ will live not only for us but within us, that a new spirit will be put in us, that we get a "spiritual heart-transplant." When have you experienced Christ living within you? Did you forgive someone who wronged you? Find the strength to choose a better path? Make an unexpected life change? Stand up for others in a way you never expected yourself to?
4. Personally, I like to think of grace as when judgment is warranted, but instead favor/blessing is found. Does that spark any thoughts, memories, realizations for you?

If you have not done so yet, I strongly encourage you to consider what your own testimony about God's grace would be. How has God changed your weeping into laughing, your night into morning, your blindness into sight? You never know who may be needing to hear your testimony today.

Grace, Peace and Easter Blessings to you all from our Risen Lord, who has turned death into life!

Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids May 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.

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

May Dates to Remember:

9 – Mother's Day Brunch 10:30-11:30 am

20 – Teacher Appreciation Week

27 – School closed

29 – Last chapel day

30 – Last day of Webby Dance



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 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 format of your choice and join in the discussion as we study the book of Genesis. 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, May 13 at 7 pm in Little Ed.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, May 27 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, May 25 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:

Whether you're a new mom or mom whose children are grown; or a mom of one, or a mom with many; or a mom who works outside the home or inside the home, you've spent a significant portion of your life cheering your children on. So, on May 12th we cheer for you and send blessings your way for your wonderful devotion! Happy Mother's Day!!

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

Family Promise in June

Family Promise is a partnership of local churches, working together to shelter and encourage newly homeless families, on the journey to gainful employment and a new permanent residence. Each week of hosting is a new opportunity to connect and share Christ's love with families that could really use our help.

We will be hosting our next group of guests from Family Promise from June 2nd through June 8th. I will be available after services on the patio Sunday May 12th and May 19th to answer questions and receive volunteer sign ups. This is earlier than usual as I will be out of town for Memorial Day weekend. Volunteer opportunities include dinner preparation, fellowship time, Saturday morning breakfast preparation, lunch and breakfast food donations, laundering of linens and overnight chaperones. Please see me to sign up for any Family Promise volunteer opportunity. If you are not able to catch me at church, I can be contacted by email at wallace3251@att.net.

As always, I am looking forward to meeting our new guests and the opportunity to work alongside my brothers and sisters of KOG as we model the love of Christ together. If you are contemplating helping, I encourage you to trust in Christ and His guidance as we serve in this community outreach program. You never know how much this can be a blessing to you as well as the families we will be serving.

In His service,
Paul Wallace

"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, May 16 and May 30. 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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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.

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...

Property Work Day—May 11:

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.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—May 16:

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—May 18:

Saved by Grace Covenant will meet on Saturday, May 18, 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*.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group—May 19:

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 May 19, 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.

Newsletter Deadline—May 22:

The deadline to submit articles for the May newsletter is Wednesday, **May 22**. 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—May 28:

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!

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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.

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.

May Birthdays...

Morgan Ellson	04
Kyle Dubuque	05
Patricia Hann	05
Susan Saurastri	06
John Lipot	07
Gary Bartz	09
Lauren Harper	10
Lynn Marecek	11
Lauren Windhorst	11
Joyce Ackermann	14

Sharon Gee	14
Laura Warren	16
Tish Johnson	19
Kathleen Ault	24
Benjamin Poteet	25
Leeann Murphy	26
Lynda Soria	27
Linda Arnett	29
David Fisher	29

Happy Birthday! ***...and Anniversaries***

Brent and Trisha Gable 9 years on May 1
Paul and Karen Wallace 22 years on May 3
John and Mary Schuler 55 years on May 9

Glenn and Roberta Osterode 51 years on May 10
Kimberly and Thomas Nemec 14 years on May 28

Happy Anniversary!

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