

KOG Connection—September 2019

Pastor's Corner

Happy September, King of Glory!

We are officially back to school and into our fall season: woohoo! This is such a fun time of the year and so many great things have been planned. Allow me to just highlight a few of them. “**God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday**” is coming up on Sunday, Sept. 8. There will be a 10:15 gathering in the Sanctuary, which Deacon Leah will lead. Please come and be blessed and then sent out for our morning’s service activities! The following weekends include a guest speaker from the Young Adults in Global Mission program of the ELCA and our annual campout. Then on Sunday, **Sept. 22**, we will be starting our fall **Growth Group** series with the **Red Letter Challenge** by Zach Zehnder. This is a great collection of 40 daily devotions accompanied by simple ways to practice your faith. If you’re looking for something that simplifies Jesus’ message and the Christian life into 5 clear and relatable themes, and then gives you tools for implementing them in your daily life, this is the book for you! I’ll be preaching on this book every Sunday from Sept. 22 to Nov. 3. See Paul and Karen Wallace on the patio after services, if you haven’t yet, to sign-up and get your book (we’re charging only \$10 due to a Thrivent Action Team grant) to read on your own or with a Growth Group. As usual, Growth Groups will be assigned and will set their own schedules, but the KOG campus will be open on Wednesday afternoons and evenings and Sunday mornings, if you’d like to meet here.

Now, to switch gears back to this being the month where everyone goes back to school, this is a crazy time for many of us—parents, teachers, church workers, anyone who drives on the interstate! But I recently read an article that reminded me this can be a sad time for some, especially those who have lost children or struggled with having children. This season can be a reminder of that pain. This past year at King of Glory, I have heard so many stories from various members about struggles with infertility. It is one of those very common yet socially stigmatized experiences that people are reluctant to talk about. If you or someone you know has struggled with infertility, please know there are resources out there. I bought a few Christian books for my office (a devotion, a memoir, and book on the biblical perspective), which I am happy to loan out and I hope will bring support and healing. Also, I think as a community we could be more sensitive to this issue. For example, I have been asked countless times over the past year if I am pregnant (and no, I am not, I just still have some baby weight, which I love having pointed out to me 😊) or when will Josh and I be trying again? I know these comments and questions come from a place of love and care, so I typically respond with a smile and a laugh but asking such questions can be hurtful. What if we were struggling with secondary infertility (i.e. difficulty in having a second child, a common experience for parents)? What if we had miscarried and wanted to keep it private (also very common)? Or what if I were pregnant, but it was too soon to share the news? Such questions can at best create awkward situations and at worst open up very painful wounds. As I have heard stories from friends, family and church members about their struggles, I have learned to be more careful with my comments, questions and assumptions, as even the most well-meaning words can deepen those wounds.

During seasons like this where we are especially focused on school and children, let us remember that for some, it brings mixed emotions. Let us strive to be more sensitive and supportive to one another in every walk of life. Families come in all shapes and sizes, stripes and colors, biological, adopted, fostered and even friends who become our family, and rarely do families come in the timing or way we want or expect. The good news is that in the Bible

too, families came in all kinds of shapes and sizes and often had struggles (and even scandals) in their lives together. But God was and is always eager to bless every family, and every type of family, and God seeks for all families to prosper in their love, respect and mutual care of one another. May God bless you and your family this fall, as well as our King of Glory family, so that all people may have a place and a purpose and be profoundly loved.

May the LORD give you increase, both you and your children.

May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 113:14-15

Serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Kinndlee

Deacon's Corner

Greetings dear members and friends of King of Glory,

As I write this first newsletter article, I have finished my first two weeks here at King of Glory. When I came for the "meet and greet" in July, someone asked me a great question, "What do you know about us?" I can say that I know more now than I did two weeks ago, and also that I still have a lot to learn!

I know that KOG is a welcoming church. From the very first day of being greeted with smiles, flowers and a lovely breakfast, I have felt your welcome and support. I appreciate how you have reached out to introduce yourselves on Sunday morning, responded to emails or calls with helpful information, and stopped into the office to say hello. I also appreciate that your care for each other as the body of Christ is very real.

I know that KOG has a fabulous staff. Each person who works here loves the Lord and honors him with their faithful service. They work as a team to make KOG a place where God's mission is the most important thing. A very special thanks to Pastor Kinndlee and Gerry Marecek for their time and efforts in this transition!

I know that KOG is blessed with leadership that goes above and beyond. A council that is engaged and visionary. Volunteer office help that fills vital roles in the administration of the church. And ministries, studies, and outreach programs that involve the community and empower people to KNOW, GROW and GO into the world to serve. In other words, I believe that KOG really does take seriously it's mission of "Every member a minister."

I appreciate your patience and support as we get to know each other and move into God's future together. As I get up and running, if you would like to connect about a campus administration issue, or if you would like to schedule a time for me to stop by for a home visit, please feel free to contact me in the church office or at deacon@kogchurch.org.

Blessings,
Deacon Leah Lind (but please, just call me Leah!)

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids September 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/>



September dates to remember:

September 2 – school closed

September 3 – first day of school year

Save the date

October 12, 6-9 pm – Oktoberfest

October 18 – teacher in-service, school closed

November 6, 6/6:15pm – CPR & First Aid certification, free to join us to renew

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.



Events and Dates to Remember:

- Joy Circle: Monday, September 23 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.
- Faith Circle: Saturday, September 28 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:

"Where were you when 9/11 happened this?" This is a question that seems to come up in our September months these days. Most remember exactly where they were, and most likely calling upon God for understanding and guidance. Praying is a mighty way to connect with God!!! Come be a prayer warrior!

We meet every Monday at 4:30 in little Ed. Or if you would be able to work at home and pray, call Cynthia Thornburg at 714.540.2152 for more information!

God's blessings to all!!

Our annual Day of Service:

On September 8th, after the single early service, our KOG volunteers will serve God's Work, Our Hands at several project sites.

- **HB Youth Shelter** will again benefit with new flower boxes, power-washing the building, landscape refreshing and in-home tasks. There is a need for 12-15 volunteers. Roger Bise, coordinator.

- **Lutheran Social Services/OCFood Bank** collections at Albertsons grocery Stores in FV. Volunteers will suggest for shoppers to buy an additional non-perishable item and donate as they leave the store. Very generous amounts were received in past years. Need 12+ volunteers. Rhonda Fisher, coordinator.
- **Home project in Big Ed:** we will be making clothing protectors(bins) and “fiddle pads” for Alzheimer patients. Includes cutting, sewing, ironing, various items. Lots we can do to brighten someone’s day.

Some tell me that doing an outreach project on Sunday is not compatible with their schedules. Be encouraged to serve any time or any day. Project availability will be available to choose from.

Blessings to all God’s servants.

“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, September 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.

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!

Family Promise in September:

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 Sept 22nd through Sept 28th. I will be available after services on the patio Sunday Sept 1st, Sept 8th, and Sept 15th to answer questions and receive volunteer sign ups. This is earlier than usual because KOG will be hosting this week without the help of LCR. LCR will be back to help the next week we host but are unable to this week. 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

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:

Peter Schmidt; Hans Stuckemeyer; Berndt Steinebrunner's mother.

Other Upcoming Events

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group—September 8:

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 September 8, 2019, at Noon. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 17, no need for a book, just come, read and discuss God's word and join in playing games, for a fun afternoon.

Property Workday—September 14:

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.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—September 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—September 21:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting 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*.

Family Promise September 22-28:

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Habitat and Thrivent Worldwide Build Highlights—September 22:

So, what happened at the Habitat and Thrivent Worldwide build in Hungary? Find out on Sunday September 22nd at 9:15 as Gerry and Lynn Marecek (and a few other team members) present their amazing story of the build in beautiful Budapest Hungary. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the treats as you join us between services in Big Ed. The plan is to also announce the location of the 2020 build! See you there!

Facility Task Force Meeting—September 24:

The Facility Task Force will be meeting on Tuesday, September 24 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—September 25:

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

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.

September Birthdays...

Karla Bjorklund	2
Cynthia Thornburg	2
Brooke Balo	8
Darlene Gould	11
Thomas Nemec	11
Christopher Osborne	11
Ike Isaksen	14
Katie Badertscher	15
Joanne Moore	15
MaryLou Morey	15
Debora Luken	16
Cheryl Cormack	18

Catherine Fullerton	18
Todd Warren	19
Shannon Williams	19
Brent Cooper	20
Nancy Jaeger	21
Linda Dunkelberger	22
Christy Borack	26
Jean Fisher	26
Harry Klitzner	26
Robert Lipot	27
Brent Gable	29

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Danny and Lauren Harper 8 years on September 4
Jared and Teresa Blackburn 2 years on September 8
Dan and Debbie Tesla 35 years on September 8
Chuck and Mary Balo 34 years on September 14
Glenn and Charlyn Travers 52 years on September 16

Steve and April Bollinger 21 years on September 19
Jack and Marlene Watton 55 years on September 19
Dale and Barbara Siegele 58 years on September 22
Andrew and Stephanie Marcos 8 years on September 23
Glenn and Claire Hoxie 16 years on September 28

Happy Anniversary!

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