

KOG Connection—October 2019

Pastor's Corner

Dear King of Glory friends and family!

Happy October! Another fall is upon us, as is another season of Growth Groups. I hope you all have been enjoying the Red Letter Challenge ("RLC") book and sermon series. As a part of the RLC, we will be focusing on 5 different themes for 5 weeks: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving and Going. Now normally during the fall we also spend 3-5 weeks or so talking about how we steward the resources God has given us (time, talents and tithes), but this year, due to the RLC schedule, we are doing things a little differently. During the Giving week of the RLC only, we will discuss lots of different ways to give back to God what God has first given to us, rather than have a full-blown, month-long stewardship program this fall. However, there are a few elements from previous years' stewardship campaigns that we will still be doing. First, we will still be asking you to turn in Commitment Cards (you should have received those in the mail this week). Please bring those with you to worship on Sunday, Nov. 3. Secondly, we will be having our annual Commitment Sunday Unity Worship Service as well that same day, Sunday, Nov. 3. The Unity Service, which we are referring to as our Red Letter Rally Sunday, will start at 10:00 am. Thirdly, we wouldn't dare do all of this without topping it off by hosting our delicious and beloved Free Celebration Lunch in Big Ed following the Red Letter Rally Sunday Unity Service. Please don't forget to RSVP for the free catered lunch by either calling the office, responding to our Evite, or by signing up after worship some upcoming Sunday. We truly hope everyone will be able to join us in celebrating the end of the Red Letter Challenge and our deepened trust in God through our 2020 financial commitments.

Another event I wanted to have you mark on your calendar that will also be tying into our RLC series is the Fall Festival. This year's Fall Festival will take place after our 10:30 Reformation and Confirmation Service on Sunday, Oct. 27. As we finish up our RLC theme of "Going", our Fall Festival theme will be "Oh the Places You'll Go!" from Dr. Seuss. All are invited to dress in red and white (think the Cat in the Hat plus Reformation colors :), decorate their cars for our Trunk or Treat, or just enjoy the good food, candy and games that will follow the service.

The last bit of information I wanted to pass on was about a Resolution that was passed at the recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly naming the ELCA as a Sanctuary Church. Unfortunately, the word "Sanctuary" has become quite politicized, so I wanted to spend a minute or two here explaining what exactly this means for us. Basically, this resolution was not meant to say anything political or policy oriented. This resolution does not ask or require churches to do anything that they are not already doing or that they are uncomfortable doing. What this resolution does do is it uses the term "Sanctuary" to state that we are a church that advocates for the safe and humane treatment of all people. It affirms the biblical mandate for all Christians to not only love our neighbors but to also love the stranger, and the rich and numerous biblical stories where God sent people away from their homes and into strange lands as a means of protecting them (including Jesus, Mary and Joseph). The resolution recognizes that our current immigration system is broken and there have been many troubling reports of mistreatment of people seeking asylum and refuge. And it also acknowledges that policies and practices that ask our border patrol and ICE agents to treat others inhumanely are equally damaging to those agents and their humanity. So, in summary, this Resolution is not intended to be a political statement. It is one of faith and compassion. It calls for all ELCA churches and members to pray for and

advocate for the safe, humane, respectful and dignified treatment of all people affected by the immigration system: immigrants, including parents and children, asylum seekers, border patrol agents, ICE agents, lawyers and judges, social workers, and all other local and federal government employees that work in this area. I will be holding a time to share more information on this resolution as well as on what the ELCA is doing in some of the home countries to which immigrants are being returned in order to help them find gainful employment and discourage them from attempting to emigrate again (another wonderful thing our Mission Support to the ELCA makes possible). If you're interested in being a part of this non-partisan discussion, it will be held between worship services on my first available upcoming Sunday, which is Sunday, Nov. 10 (the Sunday after our big RLC Rally Day and Celebration Lunch). I hope you'll join me.

Blessings to you and yours on this wonderful month of October! So much is going on and ministry opportunities abound. I am honored, as always, to be serving with you in Christ's name.

Pastor Kinndlee

Deacon's Corner

Dear King of Glory friends,

Last month I was getting my feet wet and shared with you some of what I was learning about this wonderful congregation. Over the last month I have been meeting and visiting with many of you and enjoying the opportunity to understand the operational functions and care ministries of King of Glory. I look forward to working with you as we create a vision to encourage, support and grow those ministries to the glory of God. In anticipation of the October 12 installation service with our Bishop Andy Taylor, let me tell you a little bit about my background in case you missed our "meet and greet" in July.

I was initially commissioned as an Associate in Ministry in the ELCA in 2008 at Mission Lutheran in Laguna Niguel. I served on the staff at Mission for 12 years providing administrative support, pastoral care, parish nursing, Stephen Ministry leadership, and equipping the saints. Mission is where I was baptized alongside my children, so I know the power of the local congregation to change people's lives. Both of my children attended preschool, Sunday school, confirmation and youth groups at Mission, so I also know the power of the local congregation to help our children develop lives of meaning and faith. Since leaving Mission in 2014, I have served two churches in administrative roles under synod call, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tustin and Laguna Presbyterian Church in Laguna Beach. In May I completed my Masters in Pastoral Care through Fordham University, and now I am so delighted to utilize those administrative and caring skills in this call to ministry with you here at King of Glory.

I hope to see you October 12 at 4:30pm for our Installation Worship service, and then to celebrate with you with brats and Oom-Pah music at our Oktoberfest party!

In His Service,
Deacon Leah Lind

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids October 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/>



October dates to remember:

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 resume following our current *Red Letter Challenge* Growth Group series. Check each Sunday's Weekly Connection for further details.

Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study group will resume following our current *Red Letter Challenge* Growth Group series. Check each Sunday's Weekly Connection for further details. If you have any questions, please call Alan Marcum at 714.328.9968 or send an email to wb6rqm@gmail.com.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study:

Meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm in Little Ed. Our current study is the *Red Letter Challenge* Growth Group series 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, October 14 at 7 pm in Little Ed.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, October 28 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, October 26 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:

Every season has its own way of displaying the beautiful handiwork of God. The changing seasons such as autumn show change giving us the opportunity to reset and reform our daily spiritual life. Prayer can be done anytime, anywhere. It can last a minute or much longer. But the trick is to follow through and the treat will be how great you feel.

Come Mondays at 4 pm (new time) in little Ed, to help us pray for our church community. Thank you!

God's blessings to all!!

Congregation Council Facilities Liaison:

Glenn Osterode here. I am the council facilities liaison with an update on what's happening around KOG. To our delight Alan Marcum came aboard as the facilities lead and is doing a great job! We have a volunteer facility team that meets once a month to discuss past, present, and future projects/needs. We do our best to prioritize the tasks needed and the second Saturday of each month we gather at KOG 9 am to chip away at the list. As of now it's small group and we welcome anyone to join in! There are always things needing attention. I would also like to acknowledge Karla Bjorklund as she spearheaded a movement clean up and beautify the patio planters. Lots of hard work and attention to detail paid off nicely! The great thing about these planters is most everything in them were donated cuttings and décor from KOG members' home gardens. We do not have a service to maintain these so if you see weeds or debris feel free to help keep them nice.

Next, I would like to mention our parking lot improvement/maintenance. As noted in the Weekly Connection, the parking lot will be closed to vehicle access Friday, Oct 18th and Saturday, Oct 19th to resurface and restripe. It will be reopened Sunday for normal operation. If you have a need to use the campus during this time put this on your calendar!

Again, I would like to invite anyone to come and help out on property workday. No experience required as there are all sorts of things to be done! Coffee, donuts, fellowship, meeting and working with people you recognize but maybe don't know.

The next work day will be Saturday Oct. 12th, 9 am to noonish.

King of Glory is our Church home and if anyone has a concern or suggestion please feel free to make it known. We don't and can't see everything.

Glenn Osterode

Our annual Day of Service:

Thank you ALL for supporting our God's Work, Our Hands outreach efforts on September 8th. We accomplished our goals in gathering food at Albertson's for the OC Food Bank and LSS. The volunteers that came to sew bibs were amazing. Such team work!... and beautiful finished items to brighten the lives of those who need them. Over 60 made!!! Also, great teamwork at the HB Youth Shelter where we again fixed and primed the facility. Be proud in serving others. Let's start planning next year.

"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, October 17 and 31. 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:

Bernd Steinebrunner's mother, Lester Zimet, Mary Gonzales, Colene Lange, Joana Pietersma (Stan Outman's mother).

Other Upcoming Events

Happy Hands—October 9:

Our next meeting date is Wednesday, October 9 at 10:00. We have a lot of quilts to tie and hand sew labels on the back. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. All are welcome, come see what we are up to and view all the lovely quilts ready to give to those in need.

If you are interested in learning to sew a quilt, just show up. We have a sewing machine and fabric already cut to get you started. Call Nancy Jaeger, 714-846-6593 for more information.

Property Workday—October 12:

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—October 13:

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 October 13, 2019, at Noon. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 18, 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—October 17 and 31:

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—October 19:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, October 19, 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*.

Facility Task Force Meeting—October 22:

The Facility Task Force will be meeting on Tuesday, October 22 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—October 23:

The deadline to submit articles for the October newsletter is Wednesday, **October 23**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

Date to Remember:

Habitat and Thrivent Worldwide



Partners in building better futures

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."

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: \$920 plus airfare.
- Nonmember: \$1420 plus airfare.

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.

First Information Meeting: Sunday, October 13th at 4 pm at the Marecek's home. Contact Lynn for the address.

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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.

October Birthdays...

Bobbie Miller	1
Courtney Keith	1
Dan Shaffer	2
Glenn Hoxie	5
Tom Fitzsimmons	10
Susan Grihalva	11
Edwin Ignacio	13
Ted Andersen	15
Doris Marilyn Williams	16
Karin Lengsfeld	17
Kristin Vercnocke	19

Muriel Fitzsimmons	20
Hannah Fuhrman	21
Michele Elvander	25
Vicki Murrell	26
Sharon Windhorst	27
Judy Doty	27
Peggy Nance	28
Dave Arnett	29
Johnita Tyson	30
Shahara Jacobs	31

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Morgan and Kristeena Ellson 10 years on October 10
Robert and Pamela Flowers 48 years on October 15

Harry and Ann Klitzner 63 years on October 20
Sam and Catherine Fullerton 9 years on October 23

Happy Anniversary!

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