

# ***KOG Connection—December 2019***

## ***Pastor's Corner***

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! And let me be the first now to wish you a very Happy Advent!!!! We have a really fun and interesting new Advent series we are starting this Sunday, Dec. 1, and it's all about undergarments! Kinda. Maybe I should explain. 😊 During the Christmas season we spend so much time thinking about what to put on our Christmas lists and what gifts to buy for others. Have you ever been surprised by a gift that was under your tree? Have you ever been disappointed? Our Advent season theme this year at King of Glory is **Socks and Underwear: the Story of the Best Gift ever Given.**

Socks and underwear, you are probably thinking, what does that have to do with Christmas? Well, socks and underwear are iconic for being that gift that **no one wants but everyone needs**, and that is exactly what Christmas is about. This Advent, we are focusing on how Jesus was the gift that the world didn't want but truly needed. Our sermon topics throughout this season will be about this theme, with titles such as "An Unexpected Gift, Gift Wrapping, Gift Returns, and the Greatest Gift Ever Given." Our Sanctuary is going to be decorated with socks and underwear and other items of apparel strung on clotheslines (join us on Saturday, Dec. 7 at noon to have a free lunch and to help decorate!). Worship on Sunday, December 8, will be a Unity Service starting at 10:00 AM with lots of music from our different KOG music ensembles and our KOG preschoolers and youth doing a program all about the gift of Jesus. Last, but not least, during this season we will be tying in our mission and giving focus as well. We will have two focuses that come out of our theme: **1)** we are asking folks to bring in **new packages of socks and underwear** to be donated to local organizations for those in need and **2)** we are setting a goal of purchasing a **water well** through Lutheran World Relief (cost \$2500) through special offerings, in order to help our neighbors in another part of the world get access to safe drinking water, an essential need for all.

We hope you will join us for any and all of these aspects of our Advent Season as we explore "Socks and Underwear" and how Jesus is the gift the world didn't want, but the gift the world truly needed.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kinndlee

P.S. One final note regarding our all-congregation church decorating afternoon on December 7 from 12-3:00 PM. We hope you'll come out to join us for food, decorating and other fun activities to help prepare our Sanctuary for the Advent Season. We also are inviting everyone to bring some ornaments from home to help adorn our tree. Since our theme this year is of a more informal, intimate nature 😊 we are hoping for our tree to fit right in with that theme as well. How it turns out will be a bit of a surprise, much like the unexpected gift of Christ.

## **Deacon's Corner**

### **From your Deacon,**

For some people the "happy holidays" can be difficult. We may be dealing with losses, changes, old memories, illnesses, or any number of challenges, and it can be especially hard when it seems that everyone around us is celebrating. Did you know that there are some fabulous groups of folks who care for those in our congregation when times get tough?

At King of Glory our Care Ministry Team is here to help! This group of caring individuals are here to listen, visit, bring communion, and extend the care and healing of the Church to those going through life challenges or difficulties. We are also looking to expand the care ministry teams in the new year, so watch your newsletter in 2020 for more info.

If you or someone you love could use a little extra care right now, please don't feel that you have to go it alone – please contact me at the email or number below. And if you have gifts of care or ideas that you would like to share with your church, please reach out to me.

During this very busy time of the year, may the Light of the world shine into your life with healing and peace.

*Wishing you a Light-filled Advent and a joyful Christmas,*

Deacon Leah Lind

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## **Youth On The Go, Grow & Know**

#kogkids December 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/>

### **December dates to remember:**

Dec 8 – Christmas Program at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Dec 24, 24 & 31 – School closed

Jan 1 – School closed

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:**

Pastor Lund's adult education bible class will resume soon, please check the calendar or Weekly Connection for further details.

### **Men's Bible Study:**

The Men's Bible Study has been going on for many years. I'm not sure when it first started, but I remember the group trying to convince Pastor Dan to give up his Saturday morning to join us. We also used to meet on Thursday evenings during Choir practice. We have met in various locations at KOG. Our attendance was probably 20 at the peak, but most recently has dwindled to 2. Therefore, it is with a sad heart we announce that the Men's Bible Study will not be meeting for at least the remainder of the year.

I personally feel there is a need for men to gather to have an opportunity to learn more about scripture and discover answers for issues men face in the world. Yes, we've struggled coming up with meaningful curriculum, we've tried studies that probably tested the theologically elite, and we've tried studies that were dull and boring.

So, men of KOG, I challenge you to come up with a format that interests men of all ages and levels of biblical knowledge. Perhaps a change of venue might help? As Pastor Kinndlee suggested, perhaps a "Bible & Brews" theme could be tried? Perhaps Wednesday evenings at 7 pm didn't work for too many of you? Would you be willing to work on a survey to send out to the men of our congregation so we can identify something that might work?

Please let me know,  
Alan Marcum

### **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, December 9 at 7 pm in Little Ed.



### **Events and Dates to Remember:**

Advent Event: Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 am, in Big Ed, beginning with registration at 8:30 am, free breakfast at 9:00 am (and a short business meeting) followed by a craft service project. The theme this year is "Pillowcase Dresses for Africa." All supplies needed will be provided, BUT we are in need of sewing machines and scissors. Sign up in the Welcome Place by December 1. If you have any questions, please call Karen Ronchetti at 714.654.8919.

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

Faith Circle: Saturday, December 22 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:**

We rush around so much at Christmas time trying to find the perfect gift for someone. It can be a very stressful time. But remember, every good and perfect gift comes from God the Father. The most important gift being his son-Jesus.

Another wonderful gift is a gift of prayer! It doesn't get old or broken or too small; it fits you perfect for eternity. Use it every day!

Christmas blessing from the prayer warriors. God's blessings to all!!

### **Facility Update:**

A big thank you to those who helped move the monitors on Saturday, November 23rd. The plan is to finalize the electrical before Christmas so the ugly cords will be gone. We will also fill and paint the holes from the original mounting location.

Our next Property Workday will be December 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. Please join us, even if you only have an hour or so. Contact Alan Marcum at [wb6rqm@gmail.com](mailto:wb6rqm@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you would like to be added to property workday email group.

### **"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, December 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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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:**

Vivian Bradford.

## ***Other Upcoming Events***

### **Saved by Grace Covenant—December:**

Saved by Grace Covenant will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 18, at 6:00 pm in Big Ed., 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.

### **Facility Task Force Meeting—December:**

The Facility Task Force will NOT be meeting in December.

### **WELCA Advent Event—December 7:**

Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 am, in Big Ed, beginning with registration at 8:30 am, free breakfast at 9:00 am (and a short business meeting) followed by a craft service project. The theme this year is "Pillowcase Dresses for Africa." All supplies needed will be provided, BUT we are in need of sewing machines and scissors. Sign up in the Welcome Place by December 1. If you have any questions or would like to sign up during the week, please call Karen Ronchetti at 714.654.8919.

### **Christmas Decorating Party—December 7:**

Please join us for a cross-generational Christmas decorating party beginning at noon. Bring your favorite ornament(s) from home for our KOG tree or take an ornament home to decorate and bring back. We will have pizza and salad for lunch, Christmas music and lots of fun as we prepare our sanctuary for Christmas. For those who don't like to climb ladders,

there will be many other fun activities and special crafts for our young members. Please RSVP: [deacon@kogchurch.org](mailto:deacon@kogchurch.org).

**Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group—December 8:**

Attention all single ladies! Are you looking to increase your fellowship with other single women? Come and join us in Big Ed on December 8, 2019, at Noon. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 20, no need for a book, just come, read and discuss God's word and join in playing games, for a fun afternoon.

**HAPPY HANDS (Everyone is invited)—December 11:**

Our holiday meeting is Wednesday, December 11th at 10am. Our December meeting is mostly a party, but we do have around 6 quilts to tie and then hand sew labels. We have a luncheon, cookie exchange and white elephant gift exchange. Please bring something to share at the luncheon.

A white elephant gift is something from home that you don't want anymore. For those who bring a gift, we draw numbers and open and swap presents. For the cookie exchange, bring 2 dozen cookies, we will eat what we want for dessert then exchange what is left to have a variety of cookies at home.

Come join us for the fellowship and maybe you will see how much fun you can have. Call Nancy Jaeger, 714.846.6593 for more information.

**Property Workday—December 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 Alan Marcum at [wb6rqm@gmail.com](mailto:wb6rqm@gmail.com) so you can be added to the email group where we share upcoming tasks.

**Newsletter Deadline—December 18:**

The deadline to submit articles for the December newsletter is Wednesday, **December 18**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to [newsletter@kogchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@kogchurch.org) or drop them by the church office.

**"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—December 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.

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**Date to Remember:**

**Habitat and Thrivent  
Worldwide**



**Habitat  
for Humanity®**



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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](mailto: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.

# December Birthdays...

Letty Alkire	1
Sandra Kelly	2
Marlene Watton	3
Rod Patterson	3
Debbie Bise	4
Zachary Sham	7
Jon Kompara	7
Kimberly Nemec	9
Kelly Lipot	9
Bryan Schwarz	9
Mary Balo	11
Josh Baesler	11
Ginger Anderson	12
Catherine Marcum	14
Allyson Perez	16
Rachel Kolster	21

Gwen TeGantvoort	21
John Borack	21
Roger Bise	21
Carrie Salts	22
Ann Lipot	22
April Bollinger	23
Andrea Martin	24
Judy Goodman	24
Carol Tonjes	25
Barbara Siegele	25
Nancy Cotta	26
Sherry Reid	27
Barbara Chakos	28
John Schuler	29
Barbara Cormack	30

*Happy Birthday!*

**...and Anniversaries**

Deloris and Bob Bixler 53 years on 10
Joanne and Dale Woolley 53 years on 21

Amanda and Dan Pulos 4 years on 31

*Happy Anniversary!*

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