

KOG Connection—February 2020

Pastor's Corner

Dear King of Glory friends and family,

Happy February! Although Valentine's Day is considered a secular holiday, I also wanted to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day! I hope your month is filled with opportunities to love others and be loved by others. And I hope above all else you are reminded of and experience ever more deeply the love of our God. May that love nourish you and radiate out from you toward others. For just as the writer of I John says, "We love because He first loved us." (4:19). I encourage you to see Deacon Leah Lind's article in this newsletter for a thoughtful reminder of how this secular holiday and our upcoming Lenten season intertwine.

There are a few news items I wanted to share with you as well as some thank-yous. First, in case you were not able to join us, you should know that we had a fabulous Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, January 26 (with really great attendance!). We passed our new budget, we elected new folks to serve on Council, the Endowment Committee, the Nomination Committee and as Pacifica Synod Assembly representatives. We learned about the new church database system called Breeze. And we heard great comments from members about the amazing things you all are accomplishing through Christ's mission and ministry here at KOG. Special thanks to Catherine Marcum for all her work in preparing the Annual Report (which she does as a volunteer) and Alan Marcum for his many hours spent preparing Breeze to be introduced to the congregation. We hope you all will take advantage of this new online directory resource! And if you missed this year's Annual Meeting, there is always next year! 😊

The other really exciting thing I wanted to share with you is that we are starting signups this Sunday for our new Lenten Growth Group series, "The Grace of Les Misérables." It is based off, of course, Victor Hugo's 19th century novel by the same name, which has had many film adaptations. In addition to hopefully offering a film viewing evening prior to our study's beginning, we are also hoping to offer an opportunity for congregation members to purchase tickets together and attend as a group the stage performance of the musical "Les Misérables" which will be playing at the Segerstrom Center in May! This classic story, film and musical is so well-known and beloved, our Lenten study is the perfect chance to invite that friend, neighbor or coworker you've been wanting to introduce to KOG to join you. On Wednesdays, we will be having our traditional schedule of sharing soup, having a brief worship where we watch a short video from our study, and then break into Growth Groups for further discussion. The schedule is below. And please don't forget to sign-up for Growth Groups either online or on the patio Sunday, Feb. 2, 9, or 16 and to join us for our Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 25 prior to our Lenten schedule beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

5:30 – Soup Supper
6:15 – Worship
6:45 – Growth Groups

Lastly, I wanted to inform you of your newly elected Executive Council members. We will also be listing all Council members as well as their liaison positions

as a Sunday worship insert next month, once assignments have been made. Thank you to the following faithful leaders willing to serve:

Council President: Paul Wallace
Vice President: Deb Cooper
Secretary: Jeanne Steinebrunner
Financial Secretary: Steve Schubert
Treasurer: Stephen Schwarz

Blessings to you all and thank you for your ongoing commitments to Christ here at KOG and in our wider community. May all that you do share His love with the world.

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Deacon's Corner

Dear King of Glory friends and members,

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day, that time when we take special care to remember and demonstrate the love we share with our closest friends and family. It's 24 hours of champagne and chocolates and roses. But later in the month we gather to remember and celebrate a different kind of love, the agape love of our Lord. When we gather for Ash Wednesday worship on February 26, we are reminded of our own mortality, that we come from ashes and to ashes we will return. But unlike the 24-hour limitations of Valentine's Day, the good news of our Lenten journey reminds us that God's love triumphs always, and that death is not the final word. We draw closer to God in these 40 days, through the enthusiasm of Palm Sunday, the drama of Holy Week, and finally to the empty tomb and the joy of Resurrection Sunday, Easter morning. It is in every respect a journey of love, a love that surrounds and fills and moves us to love one another. 1 John reminds us that God is love, extravagant and unquenchable, and that we are made to love one another as He loves us.

The leaders of the Care Ministry team are developing fabulous new plans to share that love with King of Glory and our community. Look for a grief support group this spring. This group is actively visiting and bringing communion to our homebound and ailing members. Discussions are underway for other opportunities like guest speakers, meal ministry, and transportation ministries.



There are others who are sharing their love through caring for our facilities and our administration. The office is now working with up to date computers and software. Our Breeze database is open for you to login and see your giving or update your profile. Our chartered Boy Scout troop sanded and re-stained the benches in front of the church. The U.S. Census Bureau will train staff here on our campus which is also home to 15 community groups, our preschool, and our many ministry programs! In January, the

council voted to make King of Glory a non-smoking campus, for the health and safety of our children and everyone who worships or meets here. The Spirit is moving in all kinds of exciting ways to perfect God's love in us.

May you be blessed this month by the love of God, by those who love you, and by the love you have the responsibility and privilege to share with the world.

Deacon Leah Lind

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:7-12)

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids February 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/>

February Dates to remember:

Feb 10 – Registration begins for currently registered families

Feb 17 – School closed for Presidents Day

Save the Date:

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, February 10 at 7 pm in Little Ed. All women are welcome to attend.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, February 24 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, February 22 at 10 am, at the home of Linda Arnett.

Women's Retreat: Save the date for our newest women's retreat with Lynn Prechel, "Praying with Color," on March 28 at 9 am in Big Ed. FREE childcare will be available when requested in advance.

****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:

God's love is immeasurable, unmistakable and unending! Opening our hearts, we are glorified in His love! We, ourselves, expressed love in many ways, such as acts of service, kind words, commitment, selflessness, and friendship. Love is unending with God's help. Love and Blessings from the prayer warriors!!

Youth and Family Council Liaison

Amanda's leadership is exemplary. Her goals were met this past year, and in many instances were exceeded: Weekly: kid's time at 10:30 services, Confirmation, Middle School and High School groups met weekly. Graduation activities, Fall Festival, Backpack and briefcase blessings, as well as preschool chapel weekly gave students opportunities to perform during services. Many times, KOG kids decorated and cleaned up after activities. In several instances, charity events such as the "Change for Chickens" exceeded financial goals. Mexico Mission Trip is rescheduled until November of 2020 and is a goal that students set for themselves. Bob Stolte, Council Representative for Youth and Family Leader.

"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, February 20. 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:

Shirley Talcott, Ike Isaksen.

Other Upcoming Events

Property Workday—February 8:

Our next Property Workday will be Saturday, February 8th 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—February 9:

Attention all single ladies! Are you looking to increase your fellowship with other single women? Come and join us in Big Ed on February 9, 2020, at Noon. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 21, no need for a book, just come, read and discuss God's word and join in playing games, for a fun afternoon.

Happy Hands—February 12:

Our first meeting this year will be Wednesday, February 12, 10:00 am. We had a Saturday sewing day on the 18th so we have some quilts to tie and labels to hand sew. We also have fabric cut to sew if you would like. These can be taken home to sew or done on site because we do have a sewing machine.

Come join the fun, remembering all items made go to those in need. Call Nancy Jaeger, 714.846.6593 for more information.

Newsletter Deadline—February 19:

The deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter is Wednesday, **February 19**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—February 20:

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—February 22:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, February 22, at 6:00 pm, PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE, 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—February 25:

Our next Facility planning meeting will be Tuesday, February 25th 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.

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Save the Date for WELCA Retreat Day:

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Gather at 9:00 am, program begins at 9:30 am; bring a sack lunch; tea, coffee and water provided. FREE childcare will be available when requested in advance.

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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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.

February Birthdays...

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| Linda Hill | 1 |
| Gary Poteet | 7 |
| Marian Westerhold | 8 |
| Don Johnson | 8 |
| Karie Frederick | 9 |
| Karen Ronchetti | 9 |
| Debbie Tesla | 9 |
| Ruth Clausen | 10 |
| Joanne Woolley | 10 |
| Flo Mayfield | 13 |
| Elisa Jordan | 13 |
| Malinda Willmore | 14 |
| Suzanne Kusik | 15 |

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| David Still | 16 |
| Amanda Burwell | 16 |
| Bruce Frederick | 17 |
| Amanda Pulos | 20 |
| Trisha Gable | 20 |
| Michele Jensen | 23 |
| Keith Watton | 23 |
| Bud Potter | 25 |
| Deenna Eley | 25 |
| Craig Vercnocke | 28 |
| Lisa McCrory | 28 |
| Judy Bartz | 29 |
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Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

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| Patricia Hann and Steve Boback 37 years on February 05 |
| Barbara and Steve Chakos 39 years on February 14 |
| Edythe and Nick Muse 59 years on February 18 |

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| Shery and Stephen Schwarz 40 years on February 22 |
| Marie and Robert Lipot 41 years on February 24 |
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Happy Anniversary!

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