

KOG Connection—June 2020

Pastor's Corner

Dear KOG family and friends,

It is hard for me to believe that it's been 10 weeks since we last worshipped in-person together, though for some of you it may feel like it's been much longer. Although many have been worshipping, connecting and keeping updated through our Sunday KOG online worship services, coffee hours, and weekly email blasts, I wanted to send out a letter to give you some important summaries and updates on the following: 1) the May 4 Congregation Meeting, 2) our current financial standing, and 3) plans for when we will return to KOG's campus.

MAY 4th SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING SUMMARY

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our Special Congregation Meeting on May 4th. We had nearly 3 times that of a quorum which is pretty great attendance for our first ever electronic congregation meeting! At the meeting, several things were voted on and approved and all by a vast majority, with the final vote permitting the congregation to receive the federal PPP loan. There were a lot of good questions and thoughts shared regarding this, and I'm sorry if you wanted to make a comment but were not able (we definitely have room for improvement regarding virtual meetings). Most important in my mind is simply to reiterate that 1) your elected Council representatives as well as the called and hired KOG church staff are doing everything we can to make sure that we use these dollars to support the church's ministries and employees while closely abiding by the loan's parameters, and 2) if there are any dollars remaining at the end of our loan period and if the Council thinks it prudent to keep the money as a low-interest loan, another special congregation meeting and vote will be held, so that members can make that decision. I and our current Council value so much your input and the importance of transparency, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us, if you have any questions.

CURRENT FINANCIAL STANDING

Following the Special Congregation Meeting on May 4, I had a great conversation with two of our long-time members, and one thing they raised was that they felt "out of the loop" regarding KOG's current financial standing; thus it was hard for them to know how necessary this loan was for KOG. That was when I realized that our usual way of communicating KOG's fiscal health (the monthly Council meeting minutes in the Welcome Place and the Weekly Connection budget and spending numbers that we began including in February) are no longer accessible to everyone. Thus, I am taking this opportunity to share a fiscal update. Preschool tuition and Sunday plate offering comprise around 75% of KOG's income. As you can imagine, closing our preschool on March 16th and discontinuing our in-person worship dealt quite a blow to our finances. Our Offering is down about \$12,000 and our Preschool Tuition Income is down \$47,000 from budget. Below is our current fiscal standing from March (prior to the closure's full effects), from April, and our Year-to-Date (YTD) Actuals through the end of April.

2020 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TOTALS					
General Fund & Preschool	March Actuals	April Actuals	April Budget	YTD 2020 Actuals	YTD 2020 Budget
Income \$	102,461	39,903	97,000	329,938	388,000
Expense \$	102,037	57,565	96,913	361,026	387,654
Income – Expense \$	424	-17,662	87	-31,089	346

RETURNING TO CAMPUS & CONGREGATION CONVERSATION ON JUNE 1st

As our federal and state governments ease safer-at-home restrictions and are now allowing houses of worship to resume limited gatherings, we have heard questions from a few of you regarding when KOG will resume worship in our Sanctuary. First, let me say that we will continue to abide by all state and health regulations and recommendations. Second, although Governor Newsom has allowed for churches in general to resume meeting, there are significant guidelines and restrictions that have to be followed (from the CDC, local counties, Cal/OSHA, etc.) before gatherings can resume legally, safely, and with liability protection should an outbreak occur. Third, in addition to simply meeting the state’s requirements to hold limited gatherings, there are many complicated aspects of worship to navigate in order to keep one another safe, such as how, if at all, can Holy Communion be administered amidst 6 feet distance regulations, how to meet requirements that restrooms be sanitized after each use, how to physically distance while entering and exiting the campus, and whether singing should be allowed due to its documented increased spread of aerosolized virus particles.

With all of these complexities in mind and in knowing the deep longing many feel to return to in-person gatherings, we would like to have a **“Congregation Conversation.”** This conversation will take place on **Monday, June 1st, from 6:00-7:00 PM via Zoom.** Yes, this is soon, but we feel the urgency is appropriate. This time will be an opportunity to hear everyone’s concerns, desires and questions about resuming our campus gatherings, and it will be a chance to hear Council’s approach to get us there safely, expediently and faithfully. Please consider joining us for this conversation via computer or phone. The zoom link and phone numbers are below and will also be emailed out again prior to the meeting.

I would like to conclude with words from Isaiah 41:10 where God says, “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you by my victorious right hand.” (NRSV) Although there is much fear and anxiety around the future and what it will hold, remember that there is One who holds us in the midst of it: our loving and faithful God. God holds us close to God’s own heart and close to one another, even as we are physically apart. And God will be with us, helping and guiding us, as we do our best to discern how to continue lovingly and safely caring for one another, especially the most vulnerable, in addition to all of our neighbors, as we bear witness to God’s love and care for the world through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Kinndlee

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88572959564>
Meeting ID: 885 7295 9564
Call in Numbers: +1 669 900 6833, 88572959564# US
or +1 253 215 8782, 88572959564# US

From the Deacon

Hello dear King of Glory friends and happy June!

This week, pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders from around the Pacifica Synod met via Zoom to discuss what returning to worship might look and feel like in the future. I was most struck by the consistency in the answers to the first question we discussed, "What is your congregation's central desire to want to return to in-person worship, and whose needs are being met in doing so?"

Without fail, responses centered around one theme, communion. Dictionary.com defines communion as: the celebration of the Eucharist; a group of persons holding a common religious faith; a fellowship; intimate communication; the act of sharing/participation. I believe all of these definitions apply to what we are missing – our connections with God through the Lord's Supper, our personal connections with each other, and the sense of communion as the Body of Christ, gathered and sent.

Yet the Bishop reminded us that we continue to be the Church at this time. We are not closed down and we are still the Church, a communion of saints, united in faith through Zoom and YouTube and the phone. We are more than a building or the rituals that bind us together. The separateness that we endure is to protect the most vulnerable among us, the same people Jesus called us to care for in our daily lives. As we consider how to safely return to worship and to partake in the communion we miss, please be praying for wisdom and guidance, so that all of our actions reflect the mind of the One who lay down his life for the sake of the world.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns, needs or just to say hello! I look forward to seeing you on Sunday – whatever that looks like in our brave, new world!

Peace,
Deacon Leah Lind



Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids June 2020

Hello KOG Kids and Families,

Now that we are in the thick of this pandemic, I have worked on recreating our KOG Kids programs to be online. We have been meeting over the past few weeks it has been awesome so far.

Below you will find the weekly events and times along with the ZOOM link in BLUE to log in and join the fun! Each time we meet it is approximately 1 hour and parents joining is optional. Yes, I will entertain and teach your kiddos for you! If you have joined in the past, please use these links as they have changed.

I will be updating the [KOG Kids web page](#) weekly with any changes so please check it out regularly. I will also be adding a few events for our KOG Kids who will be

graduating or being promoted in 2020 along with some outreach opportunities and a VBS game plan. So, keep checking for updates!

Another way you can stay connected with the KOG Kids program is through social media!

Follow us on: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)

I know firsthand how hard learning a new “normal” has been for myself, my daughter and family. I also know that connecting with a church family is so important for our children during this time to keep their hearts and spirit filled. All are welcome to come and meet with us even if this week is your first time!

Also, please don't hesitate to reach out if you are in need of anything or if you have any questions! I am here for you!

Blessing to you and your family,

Amanda Pulos

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

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Mondays

- KOG Kids Monday Craft Hour with Macey @ 3:00 pm on [Zoom](#)

Macey Williamson is one of KOG's 7th grade students and is an amazing artist. She has been doing crafts over zoom with my daughter, Danielle. She has offered to open this up to all of KOG Kids. This week they will be meeting and creating hand turtles. Macey will be taking the lead on this project and I will be supervising.

Wednesdays

- Preschool Chapel Live @ 10:00 am on the [Preschool Facebook Page](#)
- 3-5th grader @ 1:30 pm on [Zoom](#)
- Pr-K to 2nd grade @ 3:30 pm on [Zoom](#)
- Confirmation & Middle School Group @ 5:30 pm on [Zoom](#)

Sundays

- KOG Kids Time Sunday Morning Worship @ 11:30 am on [Zoom](#)
- High School Youth Group @ 12:30 pm on [Zoom](#)

Preschool News

Please visit our website calendar for future dates and more information about the preschool: <https://kogchurch.org/preschool/>

May 26-29 was Teacher Appreciation (Quarantined) Week style:





More children are joining us in June. Pink, Brown and Purple students are enjoying their classroom zoom time at home with their teachers.

Athinia Huber, Preschool Director

Adult Education – Virtual Bible Studies

Mixed Group:

The Story, by Randy Frazee, 1:30 pm, Wednesdays, contact Debbie Bise.

Small Group Studies:

You'll Get Through This by Max Lucado, video and book study, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, contact Karen Wallace.

Men's Study Group:

This bible study has been suspended due to lack of participation. If you are interested in leading the men studying the Word of God, please let Deacon Leah know.

Women of the ELCA Events

(Information regarding Women's Ministry)

WELCA Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting is Monday, June 8 at 7 pm in Little Ed. All women are welcome to attend. ***This will depend on whether we are allowed to gather.***



Events and Dates to Remember: (Depending on whether we can gather.)

Joy Circle: Monday, June 22 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, June 27 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:

June is finally here. What does that mean in our world now? We are still here God please keep us safe from health issues. Praising and pausing to dig deeper into God's word will give us the strength we all need. For, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."* Psalms 24:1. Sometimes it is easy to forget who we are in Christ. When the world or circumstances and others threaten us. But we can cling to the truth of our identity in Christ. We are known and loved!

Blessings to you and your family and friends!

"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, June 18. 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, KOG's church management system software. 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.

Other Upcoming Events

Happy Hands:

There will be **no** meeting in June. If anyone is interested in sewing together a quilt top at home, we have many cut and ready to sew. Also, we do have a few quilts that need to be tied and labels hand sewn on the quilts. If you would like to help with any of these projects, we can deliver the fabric, quilts, needles and thread for tying to your home. Please call Nancy Jaeger at 714.846.6593 if you are interested.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant Group:

SSiC is not meeting at this time, they will resume again as soon as we are able to meet as a group in person. The study is "Every Day Deserves a Change" by Max Lucado. For updates and information call Marlys Buckey at 714.746.1224.

Property Workday—June 13:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, June 13, at 9 am. We meet in Little Ed for coffee, donuts, and work assignments. ***If our facility remains closed, the Property Workday will be canceled.*** We will try to wrap things up around noon and 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.

Saved by Grace Covenant—June 20:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, June 20, at 5:30 pm, on Zoom. The link to the meeting will be shared by Alan Marcum. Our study this month will be from chapter 3 of "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People" by Randy Frazee with Max Lucado.

Newsletter Deadline—June 24:

The deadline to submit articles for the July newsletter is Wednesday, **June 24**. 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—June 18:

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, when return to serve at tables, being a table host chatting with our guests.

Facility Task Force Meeting—June 23:

The Facility Team will be meeting on Tuesday, June 23, at 7 pm in the Library. ***If our facility remains closed, the Facility Team meeting will be held on Zoom.*** 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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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.

June Birthdays...

Charlyn Travers	1
Cliff Nelson	2
David Myhre	3
Carl Lind	4
Gwen Woloshun	6
Stan Outman	6
Andrew Johnson	6
James Peterson	8
Bev Nelson	8
Darren Wight	10
Emily Gordon	11
Michael Johnson	14

Zachary Luken	14
Andrew Marcos	17
Gerrit Windhorst	19
Glenn Travers	20
James Harrison	21
Wyatt Heise	21
Sandra Williamson	22
Dale Siegele	23
Arlene Luhman	24
Jane Harrison	26
Diane Myhre	28
Loretta Blain	29

Happy Birthday! ...and Anniversaries

Laurie and Wayne Schleicher 46 years on June 08
Kelly and John Lipot 13 years on June 09
Linda and Peter Vanderplas 42 years on June 10
Anie and Brent Cooper 15 years on June 11
Barbara and Richard Martyn 50 years on June 13
Margot and James Peterson 22 years on June 13
Lynn and Gerald Marecek 47 years on June 16

Muriel and Tom Fitzsimmons 64 years on June 23
Sandra and Tom Kelly 28 years on June 27
Tina and Jim Dubuque 34 years on June 28
Judy and Mark Goodman 46 years on June 29
Nancy and Ed Cotta 21 years on June 30
Tara and Dan Hytrek 30 years on June 30
Muriel and Tom Fitzsimmons 64 years on June 23

Happy Anniversary!

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