

KOG Connection—July 2020

Pastor's Corner

Dear King of Glory friends and family,

I have used my recent articles to share news of KOG with you, but for this month, I wanted to offer more of a devotion. I hope it brings you strength and peace in whatever you may be facing.

The first Sunday in July has as its assigned Old Testament reading, Zechariah 2:9-12.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

You may recognize some of this text as it was considered a prophesy for how Jesus rode into Jerusalem “humble and riding on a donkey” to shouts of triumph and victory. What is striking about this text is not only that Zachariah spoke and wrote these words 520 years before Jesus’ birth but that he wrote them to the Jewish people as they lived in exile from their holy lands under the rule of the Babylonians. After having been a great nation, they were divided and conquered and deported. It is into this apparently hopeless situation that Zechariah had the audacity to tell God’s people to rejoice. In the midst of their servitude to another nation, in the midst of their anger and pain, in the midst of feeling betrayed by their God, Zechariah tells them that the instruments of war will be cut off and the peace of God’s reign will come. Zechariah says they will be set free from their prisons. And then he speaks the final line from the voice of God, which I find most astounding: “Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.” Such an amazing turn of phrase is found in this final verse. The people of Israel, imprisoned by the Babylonian king, are declared by God to not be Babylonian prisoners but to instead be prisoners of hope. With God as their stronghold, the only thing that can take hold of their hearts is the hope that comes from God.

In these days it can feel as though there are many conquering powers around us. Despair and anger and fear are very real due to the global pandemic and a new surge in cases, the racial unrest and protests, the loss of jobs and worshipping in our sacred spaces, and the political rancor that appears to have our nation more divided than ever. But into our potential prisons of despair, anger and fear, God continues to speak. God’s goodness, mercy and peace will be victorious once again. God calls us to follow the trodden path of Christ, to follow in his footsteps of humility and gentleness. God calls us to place our hope in God alone for God is the only one that can truly serve as our Stronghold. Brothers and sisters in Christ, let no one and nothing else enslave your spirits. Choose with me instead to be prisoners of Hope. A better day will come, a day of rejoicing. Do not lose heart. God’s faithful covenant with us through Christ stretches to the ends of the earth and to the end of time.

Serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Kinndlee

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#kogkids June 2020

Summer Programs:

Join us in our "Flat Jesus" adventures! Check out the website for more details!

[KOG Kids Web Page!](#)

JULY Summer Dates!

Pre-K to 5th grade

Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm on [Zoom](#)

June 17th, July 1st, July 15th & July 29th

Confirmation/ Middle School

Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm on [Zoom](#)

June 17th, July 1st, July 15th & July 29th

Kid's Time Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 am on [Zoom](#)

EVERY WEEK!!!

High School Youth Group

Sundays @ 12:30 pm on [Zoom](#)

June 28th, July 12th, & July 26th

[Read more on our KOG Kids webpage!](#)

Blessing to you and your family,

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Preschool News

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

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.

Women of the ELCA Events

(Information regarding Women's Ministry)

WELCA Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting is Monday, September 14 at 7 pm in Little Ed. We do not meet during July and August.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, July 27 at 9:30 am. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort about this study.

Faith Circle: Saturday, July 25 at 10 am, on Zoom. Please contact Catherine Marcum for the Zoom meeting details.

****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:

Blessings from your church's prayer warriors.

As the sun rises, Lord, let your light shine on us. The warmth of your presence. The brightness of your love. The radiance of your joy. The shining of your hope. Let your light shine on us. As the sun rises Lord let your light shine on us. Amen.

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, July 16 and 30. 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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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

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—July 11:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, July 11, at 9 am. We meet in Little Ed for coffee, donuts, and work assignments. 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.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—July 16 and 30:

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.

Saved by Grace Covenant—July 19:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, July 19, 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 4 of "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People" by Randy Frazee with Max Lucado.

Facility Task Force Meeting—July 21:

The Facility Team will be meeting on Tuesday, July 21, at 7 pm and **will be held on Zoom**. If you wish to attend, please contact Alan Marcum for the Zoom link. 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.

Newsletter Deadline—July 22:

The deadline to submit articles for the July newsletter is Wednesday, **July 22**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

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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.

NEWS FROM KENYA

Go and Do Likewise—GAD Kenya

Greetings! Usually during the year, I step in front of the congregation to give an update on what is happening in Rionchogu. This year, I am instead sitting at my computer to share the news. —Lynn Gaede

COVID-19

In Rionchogu, already a very poor community, the effects of COVID-19 dominate life. Community members are being restricted in their movement during the day, markets are closed, and there is a curfew from 6 PM to 5 AM.

These restrictions have affected the livelihoods of the villagers. Not being able to operate their small businesses, many are experiencing food insecurity. In addition, the curfew has increased criminal activity, and robberies have increased.

Because of the curfew, even being a good Samaritan poses risk of arrest. Pastor Kiefa has had to violate curfew in order to help those with medical emergencies and other serious problems and fears being arrested. He and GADKenya are doing their best to take care of the local population with limited resources, yet fear and jealousy from the larger community create tension over how to allocate limited resources.

What is the community doing during this time of crisis? Pastor Kiefa is part of a subcounty group that is raising awareness about preventing and reducing

the spread of the virus. He has solicited funds to buy food, mostly corn, to feed the community. Go and Do Likewise has contributed to buying food.



The women of Rionchogu have set up a small operation to make masks,

which they are giving away. The latest from Pastor Kiefa is they are running out of material to make them and need funds to purchase materials. The community is trying to survive within the restrictions given them.

UPDATE ON ERIC

Some good news! Eric Okello, supported by Go and Do Likewise and GADKenya, received his college degree, obtained his teaching credentials, and started his



career. He has married Janet Osebe, and they have a beautiful son, Ricky.

As for many of us, Eric's teaching has been interrupted, as the schools are closed until September. He finds himself with a new family and no income, confined to Nairobi without being able to leave. Yet, Eric remains firm in his trust in God, and his faith is unshaken.

YOUNG MOTIVATORS INITIATIVE



Eric is determined to continue with the motivational and mentoring gatherings of YMI as soon as school and travel are continued. I have been able to attend one of these all day events where graduates, who are all successful professionals, make presentations to aspiring students to guide and motivate them in their school. Topics range from developing good study habits to how to navigate the temptations of young adulthood. Eric always needs help to fund transportation and other expensed for these events.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pastor Kiefa has a heavy burden to bear and asks that we pray for him, his family, Rionchogu, and all of Kenya. We *pray* for your continued support as it is more vital now than ever.

Please *visit*:

- Go and Do Likewise/GADKenya website (<https://www.gadkenya.org/>)
- Facebook page (GADKenya Group)
- Eric's YMI Facebook page (Young Motivators Initiative).

If you are is interested in supporting YMI, you can designate a *contribution* through King of Glory to Go and Do Likewise/YMI.



July Birthdays...

Charles Murphy	3
Charlie TeGantvoort	4
Kinndlee Lund	6
William Ault	14
James Dennis Sullivan	15
Glenn Osterode	15
Emily Wight	15
Karen Patterson	16
Robert Nimmer	17
Mandy Adair	18

Rohry Mangan	20
Kim Sweeney	20
Stephen Schwarz	24
Sharon Stout	25
Robert Flowers	26
Laurie Schleicher	27
Charlotte Outman	28
Alex Soria	31
Amanda Frederick	31

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Sally and Robert Nimmer 55 years on July 3
Heather and David Schautschick 23 years on July 5
Judy and Gary Bartz 53 years on July 8
Catherine and Alan Marcum 22 years on July 11
Linda and Dave Arnett 58 years on July 14
Jane and James Harrison 17 years on July 14

Peggy and Darryl Nance 44 years on July 24
Lynda and Carlos Soria 38 years on July 24
Laura and Todd Warren 45 years on July 26
Karie and Bruce Frederick 42 years on July 29
Sharon and Gerrit Windhorst 32 years on July 30
Vanessa and Phillip Bonds 5 years on July 31

Happy Anniversary!

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