

KOG Connection—October 2020

From The Deacon

Dear friends,

A group of us just finished a five-week book study on N.T. Wright's, "God and the Pandemic: a Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath." We had five weeks of wonderful study together on lament, prayer, the Old and New Testaments, and Jesus, in light of the pandemic. I want to share this beautiful prayer of lament written by one of our members. It may help to know that you that you are not alone in your pain and grief.

*What happened? I am so confused.
I was close to God, He was close to me.
The sun was shining, all was lit up.
The world was smiling and happy!*

*Then...
The fog slowly and quietly drifted in.
I didn't see it until it was too late.
All went slowly to dark and it was hard to see.*

*"God, are You still there? I can't see You."
All is quiet, I feel so alone, I hurt deep within.
Nothing I do makes any difference.*

*"Lord, you are near. I can feel You.
But it is still dark, and I am still confused."*

This last week of the study we discussed what we had learned, how we had grown, where we saw God at work, and where God was calling us as His Church into the future. When discussing the relevance of the Church to our society, one of our members made this comment:

I think the Church is too quiet right now.

When we discussed what she meant the group was uniformly in agreement. The Church is too quiet right now – meaning not this building, but the voice of the Church around the world. Have we let the voices of science, politics, etc. drown us out? We also had to acknowledge that we, ourselves, *are* the Church – and that perhaps we are *all* too quiet right now.

I think there is a lot of value in wrestling with this question individually and as a congregation - not from a perspective of guilt - but with the knowledge that God continues to call all of us into his mission to bring his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. It is an exciting and important question.

I ask you to reflect on these questions as we listen together to the Spirit call us to be active participants in God's mission:

*Is the Church too quiet right now?
What would it look like to be a noisy Church?*

I'd love to hear what comes up for you. Share it with me by email or speak with a councilmember. As N.T. Wright says, "Those of us who watch and wait and pray for our leaders in Church and state must use this time of lament as a time of prayer and hope."

(Wright, T. *God and the Pandemic*. (2020). Zondervan: Michigan. p. 75).

Wishing you time for prayer and the hope of our living God,

Deacon Leah Lind (deacon@kogchurch.org)



From The Congregational Church President

Clergy Appreciation Month

October is Clergy Appreciation month! King of Glory is blessed to have two rostered leaders in both Pastor Kinndlee and Deacon Leah. Both are greatly committed to serve us and the Lord with their caring, kindness, love and tireless efforts they show each day. I don't know about you, but I don't think just a single month of appreciation is enough. There are another 334 days of the year that I think we should be saying "thank you" as well.

Our leaders have answered a higher calling, "*And how can they preach unless they are sent?*" (Romans 10:15). Our leaders not only preach and serve us on Sunday but are "on call" to serve almost 24 hours a day. This is a tremendous commitment that they have taken on and we should be especially thankful for all the time and effort they put in. "*Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.*" (Hebrews 13:7)

So, what can we do to show how much we honor their calling to serve the Lord in this place? My hope and prayer are that every member of KOG takes the time and effort to share a personal expression of gratitude. Your words of encouragement in person, written notes, emails, or phone calls will be a blessing to them. Let them know you love and appreciate them, and that you are praying for them. You can also share their work of ministry by seeking out ways to volunteer your time and talent.

We will be honoring and recognizing our clergy on Sunday, October 18th. This will give us an opportunity to share how much we love and appreciate all that they do for us individually and as a church.

I personally want to thank Pastor Kinndlee and Deacon Leah for everything they do to make KOG the special place that it is. You model the love of Christ in so many meaningful ways. Thank you for sharing your talents and gifts so generously.

I hope and pray everyone at KOG will join me in sharing their heartfelt thanks to our leaders, because you want to, and not just because a month has been set apart for this purpose. Remember, October is only 31 days long. If you miss out on this opportunity, there are another 334 days for you to make it up.

Peace and Blessings,
Paul Wallace, King of Glory Congregation President

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids October 2020

HEY KOG KIDS WE'RE BACK!

It feels like it has been forever since we have been able to meet in person! I am so excited to tell you that in September we started meeting back in person. For right now we are meeting outdoors when the weather permits us to do so and are looking forward to when we get to meet in our spaces again. Even though things may look and feel different than they did in May let me reassure you that the same loving God that we serve is still the same! Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Throughout the past 6 months this verse has definitely played a huge role in my life. Even as everything feels as if it's changed, I know that Jesus is the same and loves me and you!

Here are some things that will look different for the KOG Kids ministries:

- Young adults' group!
- Temperature and symptom check at every meeting.
- Covid-19 waivers signed
- Masks being worn
- Social distancing at all times (Don't worry we have a ton of fun games still)
- No shared items or supplies

Here is what is the same...

- A loving and nurturing environment for your children and youth to grow in their relationship with God
- Weekly or bi-weekly meetings with other students your age
- Monthly family events
- Opportunities to serve others
- You ARE a child of God

As you can see there have been some changes and adjustments to our program however, I feel that the meat and potatoes of being the church is very much still there!

I look forward to seeing how each and every one of our kiddos grow during this next season of life. I know that it has not been easy and there have been many bumps in the road, please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

Blessings to you and your family,
Amanda Pulos, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

For more information about KOG Kids Ministry please visit the website at:
<https://www.kogchurch.org/community/cyf-2-3/>

Preschool News

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

Kelly Ramirez, Preschool Director



Adult Education – Virtual Bible Studies

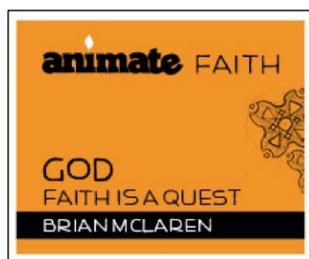
Mixed Group:

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.

Animate Faith Fall Bible Study:



Are you interested in engaging with a group this fall in a new and fun Bible study? We are planning to offer the "Animate Faith" series which blends some of today's leading Christian voices with animated illustrations to generate thought-provoking discussions.

This series covers topics such as: *God; Religion; Jesus; Salvation; the Cross; the Bible; and the Church*. Great topics!

\$15 Animate Faith Journal.

Leaders: Paul and Karen Wallace; Jeanne Steinebrunner.

If you are interested in participating in an online group study beginning early October, please email Deacon Leah Lind as soon as possible.

Women of the ELCA Events

(Information regarding Women's Ministry)

WELCA Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting is Monday, October 12 at 7 pm in Little Ed, the then-current safety rules permitting.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, October 25 at 9:30 am, on Zoom. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort for the Zoom meetings details.

Faith Circle: Saturday, October 24 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:

Whatever today brings, I will let God handle it!!

When having trouble letting go of problems or challenges delve into the Bible and read God's promises. God is never standing around wondering what to do. From the smallest to the biggest problem, if we let go of our worries and let God handle them, God always comes through.

Dear Lord, help us to cast our cares on you, knowing that when we let you handle them, you always have the best solution. Amen.

Blessings to you, your family and friends!

Fall Festival:

Le(t's)Go Make Disciples of All Nations.



Fall Festival will feature a socially-distanced Lego building competition after worship on Sunday, October 25. Each family either will receive a bag with Legos at the event or are invited to bring their own. Seating will be one household per table. Bring your own lunch and decorate your table. Each family will be invited to write down a theme, one of which will be chosen by the judges and used as the theme for the competition. Families will choose a team name and have the option to decorate their table to win a prize.

Each participant will have the opportunity to explain their finished design to the judge(s) and there will be prizes awarded!

There is no wrong way to build your creation. God tells us to use what God has given to create bridges. We would like to make donations to Lutheran Social Services to show that even though we have been apart from our neighbors, we haven't forgotten them. Our donations are one of the bridges between King of Glory and the people in need in our community.

We will be asking everyone to bring donations of "anything warm or dry" (new or lightly used coats, jackets, gloves, scarves or rain boots; socks; sleeping bags, blankets, comforters, tarps) or hygiene items to donate to Lutheran Social Services.

Fall Festival is supported through a Thrivent Action Team and your donations to Lutheran Social Services.

Stay tuned for sign ups!

Amanda Pulos and Jeanne Steinebrunner

God's Work, Our Hands Continues:

Thanking Our Essential Workers!

This year King of Glory has chosen to recognize those people who have been on the front lines during this pandemic. They are the people who haven't been able to stay home, but have been hard at work providing transportation, healthcare, mail delivery, groceries, care for our littlest children, etc.

Karla Bjorklund has designed a beautiful "thank you" note that you can personalize and hand to those you encounter every day who have been consistently using their hands to serve God's people - let's take this opportunity to use our hands to thank them for their service.



Cards are available in the church office or in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Donate to Lutheran Social Services

9:00 – 10:00 am, Tuesdays, King of Glory

Want to help others during the COVID-19 crisis? Rich Bandurian will be at the church every Tuesday morning from 9 – 10 am to collect any donations of non-perishable food, diapers, etc. Click [here](#) for a list of needed items.

Thank you to all who continue to care for those in need in our community.

Contact Rich Bandurian if you have any questions.

Happy Hands:

The Happy Hands group has been busy during quarantine. Quilts are made in several stages. One stage is to sew the quilt top together, and several women and one man have filled their quarantine time sewing together quilt tops. We still have many "kits" available if you'd like to sew a quilt top at home. You only need to do straight stitches. Each kit has all the squares of the quilt already cut and ready to be sewn together. Contact Lynn Marecek if you'd like a kit and directions as to how to sew the pieces together.

Our Happy Hands group meets to "tie" the quilts. While we have several quilts that need to be tied and so completed, the Covid-19 regulations have not allowed us to meet as a group. If you'd like to tie a quilt at home, contact Lynn Marecek. While we hoped for an October meeting, that is not possible. Let's hope all goes well and that we will be allowed to meet in December.

Happy Hands is a warm and welcoming group and we'd love to have you join us. We have tasks for anyone who wants to help. Sewing skills are great assets but being able to tie a knot is all you need to do!

Update on the December meeting as soon as we are able to make the decision within the newest guidelines.

Lynn Marecek, lynn.marecek@gmail.com.

"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

King's Kitchen is a ministry that means a lot to KOG and our community. Given the current ever-changing health and safety recommendations from those in authority, we are doing our best to find a way to continue our meal program while protecting the wellbeing of our guests and volunteers. Faith, love and hope have not been cancelled, and neither is King's Kitchen!

If you feel comfortable volunteering with us this week, we would love to have you! We have hand sanitizer and gloves, and we will do our best to maintain safe social distances. Everything is outdoors except for gathering our supplies and putting the meals together.

We will open our doors at 5:30 as usual and provide each guest with a "Take & Go" meal. We will also have our "Blessings Table" open for guests to choose needed items from. We will only have limited items available to minimize touching and possible contamination. We would love to be able to offer individual rolls of toilet paper and hand sanitizer or soap (if you are considering a donation).

We will not be having fellowship or time of dining together in Big Ed.

"WE NEED YOU!!! You are blessed to be a blessing, and we hope you will share that blessing with us and our community.

Cooking and Set Up begin at 4:45 🙌 p.m., and we are usually cleaned up by 8:00 p.m. Come for any portion of the event that you are able to share with us. We have tasks and responsibilities for anyone willing to help. Don't worry if you didn't sign up, just show up!

Dinner is served from 5:30 to 7:00.

BLESSINGS TABLE DONATIONS NEEDED: Toothpaste, Lip Balm, Bar Soap, Dish and Laundry Detergent, Large Back Packs or Large Reusable Shopping Totes, Cologne/Perfume, Sleeping Bags, Bandages, Feminine Hygiene, Shavers, Socks, etc. We have recently added a door prize drawing for larger items, and it's been a big success! We are adding our larger items to this "pick your prize" drawing, as well as \$10 gift cards (Walmart, fast food, gas).

We are also looking for Thrivent Action Team dollars to fund upcoming meals.

Thank you again for stepping out in faith with us and sharing the love of Christ with our community! If you are not able to join us this time, please mark your calendar to join us at one of our upcoming events on the 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month.

**Mark your calendar now for these upcoming King's Kitchen Meals:
October 15 & 29; November 19; December 17 & 31**

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

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—October 10:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, October 10, 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 to sand and prime the trash enclosure gates. We meet in Little Ed for donuts. 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—October 15 and 29:

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

Saved by Grace Covenant—October 17:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, October 17, 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—October 20:

The Facility Team will be meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 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—October 21:

The deadline to submit articles for the November newsletter is Wednesday, **October 21**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

Fall Festival—October 25:

Our Fellowship and Children's Ministry teams are planning a special and safe gathering for Reformation / Confirmation Sunday.

Mark your calendars and plan to stay after worship and celebrate!

Contact Jeanne Steinebrunner or Amanda Pulos.

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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	01
Courtney Keith	01
Dan Shaffer	02
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

Kristeena and Morgan Ellson 11 years on October 10
Pamela and Robert Flowers 49 years on October 15

Catherine and Sam Fullerton 10 years on October 23

Happy Anniversary!

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