

KOG Connection—November 2020

Pastor's Corner

Hello King of Glory friends and family!

Happy November! Does it seem strange to use “happy” as the adjective of choice in describing this month? Perhaps disappointing or divisive or anxious or mournful would be a better descriptor for you? After all, there are many reasons why this month may be a tough one. First, the pandemic not only continues in our midst but appears to be surging again in parts of our country. Second, many of you are struggling with online or hybrid schooling and/or work-from-home situations that are less than ideal and a state of social isolation that has been going on far longer than any would have imagined. Third, as we head into the holiday season, we all have to grapple with how different a COVID Thanksgiving and a COVID Christmas is going to be. Fourth, the presidential election. Need I say more? I’m sure you all could add additional elements to the list that will make this a challenging month, but I stand by my introductory words: Happy November!

What makes this November a happy one? Well, let me tell you what two of our KOG kids recently said after their first time worshipping back in the Sanctuary. When asked what they thought of their first in-person pandemic service in the Sanctuary, they said, “It was so different, but it felt the same.” And that was my experience too when I first returned to in-person worship at the end of my maternity leave. How can something be different and yet the same? If you have been able to attend in-person worship in the Sanctuary, you may know the answer. It is incredibly different because there is less music and no singing, because there is blended liturgy and no responsive or collective recitation, because there is communion but physically distanced, because there is community but no contact, because there are smiles but they exist under masks. So much is so very different. And yet, it still feels the same. How? Because Faith is still filling the pews. Grace is still grounding our worship. God’s love is still very much alive. And the Body of Christ is still connected. “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1) This is why I can say, “Happy November.” No matter what changes in our world or in our worship, God’s promise of love will endure. Isn’t that something to be happy about?

This November, we are going to be doing a stewardship series titled “In Everything Give Thanks” (I Thessalonians 5:18), and I invite you to be a part of it. Expect to receive our stewardship mailing either via email or postal mail in the next couple weeks with more details. The current pandemic requires that our stewardship program look very different this year, so we are figuring out what exactly that will be. What is certain, however, is the importance of giving thanks for all the good things God and this life still offer.

Blessings to you all and Happy November!
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids November 2020

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/>



Calendar:

November 1 – Week of Eric Carle
November 4, 18 and 25 – Chapel at 10 am
November 8 – Week of Music Mania
November 11 – School Closed for Veteran's Day
November 15 – Week of Rocket to the Moon
November 22 – Week of Give Thanks
November 26 & 27 – School Closed for Thanksgiving.

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:

Animate: Faith Fall Growth Group study. We will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm from October 7th to November 18th. Leaders: Paul and Karen Wallace.

Women of the ELCA Events

(Information regarding Women's Ministry)

WELCA Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting is Monday, November 2 at 7 pm in Little Ed, the then-current safety rules permitting. Please Note: our meeting days have changed to the first Monday of the month.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, November 23 at 9:30 am, on Zoom. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort for the Zoom meetings details.

Events and Dates to Remember:

Faith Circle: Saturday, November 21 at 10 am, on Zoom. Please contact Catherine Marcum for the Zoom meeting details. (Date change due to Thanksgiving.)

****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:

“Preparing your heart for Thanksgiving.”

It is so easy do you hear those words but hard to do during our present pandemic situation.... And with our unknown future.

But God is with us and surrounding us. We have faith in Him to do what He has promised for all who believe. We have a path we can follow to lighten our souls. We are grateful to be able to share our love.

So be thankful and rejoice in the fact that we have God to hold us in his arms.

Blessings to you, your family and friends!

Campus Health & Safety Liaison:

Greetings King of Glory family, my Council liaison position is **Campus Health & Safety**. This ministry is focused on developing, implementing, and communicating programs and processes for the varied elements of safety and security. Some samples of these are AED use, emergency evacuations, Covid-19 procedures and campus safety. I work with the different groups, [i.e. the facilities team, Return to Worship Task Force, etc.] & report their needs to council.

If you are interested in this area or have a concern in regard to campus safety, then I am the person to see. It is important to me that we have a safe campus to worship.

I hope this gives you a little insight into my liaison position within the council and I welcome any questions or suggestions you might have for me. I can be reached by email at: morganellson@yahoo.com .

In His Service, Morgan Ellson

Property Upkeep:

Covid-19 has severely impacted our ability to participate in many things. I am writing to you today about the impact that has occurred to our facility.

As I walked around our property it is very noticeable there has been little usage since March. Outside I see many weeds growing between the concrete and building walls. I see leaves and pine needles piled up in corners. Even though many areas haven't been used, I noticed quite a few fluorescent tubes needing to be replaced. The drinking water filters need to be replaced due to lack of use. Roofs need to be cleaned up before the rains come. Weeds haven't been pulled from Parking lot planters, nor have they been watered.

Some of these issues have been worsened because we haven't had a custodian on staff. However, many have historically been handled by volunteers. Our regular participants are mostly 65 years old or older. We really need to get some younger folks to lend a hand.

Our next Property Workday is Saturday, November 14th. We will gather at 9 am to start addressing issues with the highest priorities. Can we count on you?

Alan Marcum

Happy Hands:

We are excited that we have permission to hold our December meeting on Wednesday December 9th at 10 am in BIG Ed! Let's keep our fingers crossed that everything remains the same as December approaches.

We welcome everyone who might like a morning of fellowship and quilt tying. If you can tie a knot, you can tie a quilt! Please join us.

If you want to sew a quilt top before then, let us know and we will get a kit to you.

Our fabric remnant closet could use some fabric donations to inspire some new designs. If you have any fabric to donate, please contact Lynn.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting in December!

Lynn Marecek, lynn.marecek@gmail.com

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.

"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:
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—November 14:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, November 14, 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.

Newsletter Deadline—November 18:

The deadline to submit articles for the December newsletter is Wednesday, **November 18**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office. The Newsletter will be published early this month, please be prompt submitting your articles. Thank you!

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—November 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, when we return to serve at tables, being a table host chatting with our guests.

Facility Task Force Meeting—November 23:

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.

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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.

November Birthdays...

Barbara Paulson	1
Jeff Elvander	1
Heather Schautschick	1
Gary Keith	2
Gerald Marecek	6
Judy Bisnar	6
Margot Peterson	8
Vicki Bandurian	9
Stephanie Marcos	9
David Schautschick	10
John Bower	11
Karen Wallace	11
George Woloshun	12
Yvette Steinmetz	12
Joy Mangan	13
Penny Bates	13
Edythe Muse	14
Cameron Keith	14

Larry Tyson	15
Evie Isaksen	16
Ann Klitzner	16
Jodi Coffman	16
Don Peterson	17
Roberta Osterode	18
Nick Muse	19
Lynn Gaede	20
Thomas Kelly	20
Patricia Gordon	21
Sam Lew	24
Joy Myers	24
Carlos Soria	25
Sandy Poteet	25
Darleen Berens	28
Alan Luken	29
Brigette Johnson	30
Nick Nance	30

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Johnita and Allen Tyson 26 years on November 5
Kathleen and William Ault 49 years on November 6
Marsha and John MacWillie 22 years on November 7

Barbara and Dan Shaffer 40 years on November 8
Debra and Roger Bise 49 years on November 13
Charlotte and Stan Outman 24 years on November 16

Happy Anniversary!

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