

KOG Connection—January 2021

Pastor's Corner

Dear KOG friends and family,

I realized something recently. I realized how much of life is dictated by timing. Success and failure. Life and death. Timing is critical to all our endeavors, all our achievements. So much of what we find meaningful is dependent on time. I marvel these days at how Kenjah is rolling over, with less than 5 months under his belt. Once he learns how to time his arm movements with his leg movements in one coordinated action, crawling will commence, and all our lives will change. 😊 Yesterday, Jules and I took out his new Christmas soccer ball, and I was trying to teach him how to kick the ball into the goal after I passed it to him, an action for which timing is critical. A couple weeks ago, in a meeting with the Endowment Committee, we were commenting on how many of us wished we personally had had a little better timing with the declines and gains in the stock market this past year. Cooking and baking are dependent on timing. The correct execution of music depends on accurate timing. So many skills depend on learning the right rhythm, timing of things. Doing them not too early or too late, but right on time.

I read a devotion for the new year that mentioned how Pastor Rick Warren in his book, *A Purpose Driven Life*, reflected on the importance of timing in the sport of surfing. Good surfers learn to have impeccable timing. Catching a wave is all about timing. Surfers spend a lot of time waiting. They let many waves pass by, because the timing isn't right. But when that perfect wave comes along, they paddle faster and faster to catch it at the right moment, standing at the right time and riding it, and then getting off at the right moment, before wiping out. Indicative of this is the surfing phrase, "catch a wave." Surfers don't say, "I'm going to make some waves," they say, they are going to "catch some waves." Surfers can't create their own waves, they simply have to wait for them and discern when is the right time to catch them.

Such is also the life of faith. So much of our faith journey is dictated by timing, but not our timing, God's timing. Many verses in the book of Ecclesiastes discuss this, the most famous being 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven." (NRSV) Ten verses later it says, "[God] has made everything suitable for its time," and Ecclesiastes 8:6 states, "There is a right time and a right way to do everything, but we know so little!" (GNT) When Jesus appeared at Lazarus' tomb, everyone said he was too late, but in fact, his timing was perfect. It enabled him to display God's power, glory and compassion by raising Lazarus from dead. As Christians we often feel we understand so little of God's timing, and that is true, but our job is not to understand God's timing, it is to trust in God's timing. Like the surfer, we are to wait patiently and expectantly (sound like Advent to anyone?) and then paddle furiously to join in God's activity when that wave of God's kingdom activity comes our way.

This past year has been one where everyone's plans and timing went out the window. We were caught by some very unexpected waves, some desired and some

not. We had to learn new timing, new rhythms, but God was still present and active in them. In this new year of 2021, I invite you to devote some time to pondering God's timing in your life. Do you struggle waiting for God's timing? Do you try to make your own waves or get swept away by the waves of the world instead of catching God's waves? What can you do to better discern and paddle alongside God's activity in the new year? No matter what this new year brings, I pray that we, as a church community, will continue to be caught up in the waves and rhythms of God's kingdom: loving God, loving one another, and serving the neighbor in need.

Surf's up! Happy 2021 KOG!
Pastor Kinndlee

Deacon's Corner

Dear KOG Friends,

This is my favorite verse in all Scripture. For me it encapsulates God's mission to redeem the world, the cosmos, and each and every one of us. God's Spirit is continually working in our lives to make all things new, and we can either cooperate with or resist that invitation. I'm not sure that our world has ever been more in need of God to powerfully break into our world and make all things new. So, as we enter 2021, rather than making a list of resolutions to add or delete from my life (those never last that long anyway), I want to be more sensitive to God's leading. I want to be able to "see" where He is already at work making all things new. What will that mean for me personally, or for you? What will that mean for King of Glory as we look for the opportunities that grow out of the plentiful "fertilizer" of 2020?!

Certainly, this will be a year to regroup, to get our bearings after having stretched and flexed our way through this last year. Perhaps that mental / spiritual exercise has been a crucial warm up, limbering us up for the work to come. I invite you to join with me in praying for clear eyes and ears and mind and heart to see and hear and understand and trust that the journey will take us to new places, never backwards, but always somewhere new. God assures us that in this He is trustworthy and true. How exciting!

Wishing you all the joy of *new things* in 2021, and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:5

Deacon Leah Lind



Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids January 2021

KOG Family and Friends,

As we wrap up December I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has been a part of our first ever quarantined advent season! We had an amazing turn out with the Children's Digital Christmas Play and the Who-Ville Car Parade! It was so great to see so much joy in our KOG family!

Please continue to stay connected as the new year begins! We will be having a drive-in movie at the end of the month and returning back to our normal group meetings in the middle.

I look forward to seeing what God has planned for 2021 and your beautiful smiles!

New year blessings,

Amanda Pulos

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

For more information about KOG Kids Ministries please visit the website <https://www.kogchurch.org/community/cyf-2-3/> or email me at kogkids@gmail.com!

Preschool News

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

Kelly Ramirez, Preschool Director



Women of the ELCA Events

(Information regarding Women's Ministry)

WELCA Board Meeting:

Board meetings have been moved to the first Monday of the month and our next Board meeting is Monday, January 4 at 7 pm in Little Ed, the then-current safety rules permitting.



Events and Dates to Remember:

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

Faith Circle: Saturday, January 23 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:

HOPE

The future can be a scary thing, with so many uncertainties. But no matter how dark our circumstances and difficult our path we are never alone. Real hope gives us purpose now and forever. When we have faith in Christ, we have hope not only in this life, but the next. The future, while uncertain can be entrusted in God, and He will help us through!

*"A thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."*

"For if God is for us who can be against us?"

Blessings to all!

Discipleship and Mutual Ministry Liaison:

Hello King of Glory family,

This month's Council liaison position informational piece will be covering two positions. The first is **Discipleship: Education and Spiritual Formation**. This ministry is focused on developing programs that will help educate and "grow" our congregation and guests in their relationship with Christ and each other. Some samples of these are adult education, small groups, Cursillo, adult Bible studies and WELCA. It encompasses any ministry that builds up and strengthens our relationship with Christ to help us live out our second and third pieces of our Mission Statement; KNOW, **GROW and GO**.

If you are interested in an existing Discipleship group or would like to consider starting a new one, then I am the person to see for help and guidance. I am excited about getting people involved in areas they are passionate about and want to help them on their journey to know Christ and their role in His kingdom.

The second liaison position is **Mutual Ministry**. In Mutual Ministry, I participate in a committee serving in confidence as a support group and thought partner for our pastor. Our purpose is to provide a regular and supportive vehicle for our committee to pray, advise, share congregational concerns and encourage our Pastor as she leads the many aspects of our ministry at KOG.

I hope this gives you a little insight into my two liaison positions within the council and I welcome any questions or suggestions you might have for me. I can be reached by email at: wallace3251@att.net.

In His Service,
Paul Wallace

Property Upkeep:

Thank you for your support of our monthly Property Workdays. In December we were able to do some general cleanup, installed a new light fixture at the steps to the Office, and we installed two new microphone connections at the west end of the altar.

There are a number of ceiling fluorescent light fixtures in need of new tubes and maybe even new ballasts. If this type of work interests you, please let me know by email at wb6rqm@gmail.com.

Alan Marcum

Happy Hands:

Well, we hoped to meet in December, but now that we are in the Purple tier of the governor's Covid-19 classification, we cannot. So, let's be optimistic about our next scheduled meeting in February.

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.

Many blessings to you over the holidays and the New Year. Stay safe!
Lynn Marecek, lynn.marecek@gmail.com

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:

January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15 & 29, May 20, June 17, July 15 & 29, August 19, September 16 & 30, October 21, November 18, December 16 & 30

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—January 9:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, January 9, at 9 am. We meet on the patio. 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—January 20:

The deadline to submit articles for the **February** newsletter is Wednesday, **January 20**. During this time, it is particularly important to inform your ministry participants of any changes. Please submit your articles in a timely manner and please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org. Thank you!

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—January 21:

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—January 26:

The Facility Team will be meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 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 2021. 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.

January Birthdays...

Ruth Skort	03
Kelli Bower	06
Roger Doty	08
Marlys Buckey	10
Michael Franta	11
Sandy McCormick	11
Laura Poole	14
Dale Woolley	16
Sam Fullerton	18
Robert Stolte	19
Melissa Balo	19

Emily Bartz	20
Rhonda Fisher	25
Susan Keith	27
Tina Dubuque	27
Edmund Cotta	28
Mary Schuler	29
Marie Lipot	29
Leah Lind	30
Carol Buerk	31
Alene Patterson	31
Craig Landsverk	31

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Leticia and Jason Alkire 33 years on January 02
Rachel and Jeffrey Kolster 5 years on January 02
Yvette and Eric Steinmetz 23 years on January 03
Bev and Cliff Nelson 38 years on January 15

Jeanne and Bernd Steinebrunner 29 years on January 25
Joy and Rohry Mangan 32 years on January 27
Sharon and David Gee 17 years on January 31

Happy Anniversary!

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