

KOG Connection—June 2021

Pastor's Corner

Dear KOG friends and family,

Psalms 130 was one of our lectionary readings for this upcoming Sunday. Although we aren't reading it in worship, I wanted to share it here:

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

²Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

³If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

⁵I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶I wait for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the
morning,
more than watchmen wait for the
morning.

⁷Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

⁸He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

It's a short but lovely Psalm, isn't it? And I think it speaks so well to our current circumstances. For over a year, we've all been in this holding pattern. We've all been waiting, as it says in verse 6, more eagerly than the watchmen wait for the morning. Have you heard the phrase "building the plane while flying" to describe the constant adaptations our world has undergone in this last year? Then maybe in a contemporary analogy our waiting would be that we have been waiting more eagerly than passengers stuck on a tarmac for several hours wanting to deplane. (If you've ever been there, you know what I mean!) We have been fervently waiting to get off this flight and return to life as "normal."

Out of Christian duty to put our own desires aside for the love and service of our neighbor, King of Glory has been closely following CDC and state guidelines during the pandemic. As California nears its June 15th deadline for removing most COVID-19 guidelines, we again find ourselves waiting eagerly to see what will be next. And we have also been getting questions from some of you as to what this will mean for our worship. Will we stop requiring masks? Will people no longer need to sit distanced from one another? Will we separate vaccinated and unvaccinated people to protect the immune compromised and younger children among us? What will communion be like? Will singing now be allowed? Will we return to two services? And if so, which service will be live-streamed? And these are only a few of the many considerations we are needing to make, once we find out what new guidelines California has, if any, for worshipping communities. We are also aware that many of you are asking the same questions, but for vastly different reasons. Some folks have been holding off returning to worship in-person, until it is as it used to be, with no masks and lots of singing. 😊 Others who have been worshipping with us in-person for some months are saying they will need to stop worshipping in-person if masks are removed and guidelines are lifted. In the coming weeks, we will be prayerfully discerning how best to faithfully accommodate as many of your needs and concerns as possible, while also waiting and watching to

see how the reopening goes in our wider communities. One thing is likely, however, and that is that we will not be returning to two services for at least another month, but that has little to do with the pandemic. Our beloved organist/pianist Mark will be on vacation for the last half of June, so it makes most sense to not undergo a transition back to an earlier traditional service until he returns to us in July. If all goes well with the reopening, our attendance numbers continue to improve as they have these last two months, and we have the worship volunteers we need, my hope is that we will soon be back to our two-service schedule (and maybe the early one will even be a little later!). 😊 One thing everyone agrees on is that it sure is nice to be able to worship with the music and style that leaves you feeling fed and nourished.

As always, if you have thoughts or concerns weighing on your heart, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of Council. Though we may not be able to completely return to "normal" immediately upon the state's reopening; the good news is that we have made it this long by putting our hope in the Lord, and the "morning" is closer than it has ever been. Remember, God's unfailing love in Jesus Christ continues to be that and only that which uplifts, redeems and sustains us.

Serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Kinndlee

Deacon's Corner

Dear KOG friends and family,

I hope that you were able to be a part of our worship service on May 16 when the Care Ministry Team spoke about the many care ministries available to you. If you missed that Sunday, I encourage you to go back and watch the service on YouTube. For me, the most exciting part of that Sunday was how enthusiastic our Care Ministers are about the many ways they lead and serve. As they shared that morning, often this service was borne out of a personal experience of the care of the Church.



We are all called to care for each other as the body of Christ. Whether you are interested in serving on one of our ministry teams or are in need of help yourself, we are here to bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2). Please let me or any of our Care Team know how we can help you to join a care team or utilize any of the ministries. Pastoral Care; Stephen Ministry; Home Communion; Respite Care; Grief Ministry; Meals; Prayer; Cards.

So – let's talk! Shoot me an email or call my cell – we are all in this together!

Deacon Leah
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Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids June 2021

Before everyone's schedules start filling up, here are some dates to put on your calendar so you can stay connected to your church family!

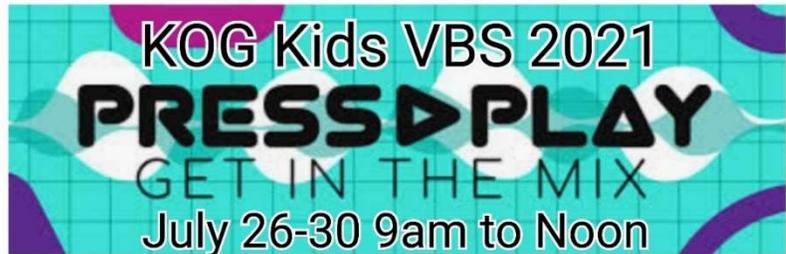
SAVE THE DATE



PRESS PLAY: GET IN THE MIX REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Something remarkable can happen when a child starts learning to see themselves the way God sees them. To us that's real confidence.

In 2021, we're planning a VBS that encourages every child to know that because of Jesus, they can have confidence because . . .



- ❖ They are known.
- ❖ They belong.
- ❖ They are forgiven.
- ❖ They can change.
- ❖ They can make a difference.

MEMORY VERSE:

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12, NIV

DAY 1 Bible Story: Who is Jesus? John 10:14 and John 14:6 (Gospels supporting)
Bottom Line: I can have confidence because I am known.

DAY 2 Bible Story: The Calling of the Disciples, Luke 5:1-11, 27-32
Bottom Line: I can have confidence because I belong.

DAY 3 Bible Story: Zacchaeus, Part 1, Luke 19:1-9
Bottom Line: I can have confidence because I am forgiven.

DAY 4 Bible Story: Zacchaeus, Part 2, Luke 19: 8-9
Bottom Line: I can have confidence because I can change.

DAY 5 Bible Story: The Story of the Lost Sheep, Luke 15:1-7
Bottom Line: I can have confidence to make a difference.

REGISTRATION COST: On or Before June 27th is \$25.00
After June 27th is \$35.00

Fill out one form per child and click submit.

Please make note that our registration is non-refundable.

VBS is for children preschool age (no longer in diapers or pull ups) to 6th grade in the fall of 2021.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are 7th grade through high school or even an adult there is a place for you at VBS too!

Fill out one form per volunteer and click submit. (If you are under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must fill the form out for you!)

Thank you for your commitment to KOG Kids! Without you there would be no VBS!!!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER!](#)

Staying Safe! We will be meeting in person on campus! Please remember to bring a mask!

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to the safety measures, view our KOG Covid-19 Guidelines for all of our meeting times or would like to make other arrangements for an online element for your student, please let me know!

Amanda Pulos, kogkids@gmail.com, 714-604-3373

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 are held the first Monday of the month and our next Board meeting is Monday, June 7 at 7 pm in Little Ed (the then-current safety rules permitting).



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, June 28 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort for more information.

Faith Circle: Saturday, June 26 at 10 am, at the home of Linda Arnett. Please contact Catherine Marcum for 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

Ministry Highlight:

Karla Bjorklund - we celebrate YOU for your dedication!!



Thank you for your vision for our front office garden, the latest in the series of garden spaces - planters in our patio area and in front of the Fellowship Hall. A special thanks also to Alan Marcum, Roger Bise, Rich Bandurian, and Glenn Osterode to name a few, who have all spent many hours planning and creating our beautiful spaces.

From the Prayer Warriors:

In June we say, "thanks, dad!" ... for all you do and have done! Like keeping us levelheaded. And being a wonderful mentor and best friend.

But to the greatest dad of all...our Lord. We say that you are amazing. You are a rock we can lean on. You believe in us and show us the way. You bring words of wisdom to our world. You bring love and happiness to our lives. Praise to Abba!

Blessings to all!

Council Liaison Report – Administration and Health, Safety, & Security:

The specific liaison areas for which I’m responsible are Administration and Health, Safety, & Security.

In the administrative area, I help congregation leadership with employment and human resources topics, both pro-actively and reactively. This basically means providing training and support on legal or other issues (such as sexual harassment or the employee handbook) or, along with supervision, addressing employee concerns. I also help with insurance and benefits.

The Health, Safety, & Security topics will receive a lot of attention this year. We’re reviewing campus security, legal requirements for health and safety, and other concerns in these areas. Volunteers have stepped forward to ensure we have an accurate Injury and Illness Prevention Program. This means that you will likely get the “opportunity” to experience an earthquake drill and an evacuation drill this year.

If you have skills that would serve our members well in case of an emergency – active-duty police officer, nurse, EMT or the like – please consider volunteering to help in case of a medical or safety emergency. We’ll be formally polling for interest in the near future.

Peace,
Gerry Marecek

Current Financial Standing:

Thank you to everyone who has diligently supported King of Glory Lutheran Church and Preschool! Here is a snapshot of our financial standing at the end of April 2021.

2021 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TOTALS					
General Fund & Preschool	April Actuals	April Budget	YTD 2021 Actuals	YTD 2021 Budget	YTD 2020 Actuals
Income \$	80,063.07	70,854.16	248,747.44	283,416.72	329,937.53
Expense \$	65,685.62	73,261.62	279,171.25	293,046.04	360,954.82
Income–Expense \$	14,337.46	(2,407.46)	(30,423.81)	(9,629.32)	(31,016.29)

Property Upkeep:

Returning to in-person worship has been great! It is so much better seeing our church family members face to face rather than on a computer screen.

Our next monthly Property Workday is Saturday, June 12th. Some of the tasks we hope to complete are drip emitter installation in the Patio planters, weed removal at the south end of the Parking Lot, and cleanup of the Patio and Parking Lot.

We have also been asked to install a sail shade at the south end of the Fellowship Hall. It will be used to provide shade for the Preschool Infant Classroom.

We will be meeting at 9 am in Little Ed for work assignments and hopefully some light refreshments. If you aren't available that day, but have other available times, please let me know. Thank you again for all you do to keep our facility available for use.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Alan Marcum](#). Hope you can join us for our next Property Workday on Saturday, June 12th at 9:00 am.

"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

KOG serves up a free meal to anyone in need on the third and fifth Thursday of every month. Volunteers gather at 4:30 pm, and our "take and go" dinner is served at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. We are grateful for the support from KOG members who support this ministry with their prayer, service and financial support through Thrivent Action Teams. You can help from home by providing us with 30 PB&J sandwiches, baked goods, fruit, packaged snacks, laundry soap, toiletries or bottled water. Contact Karen Wallace for more details.

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming King's Kitchen Meals:

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!

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.

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.

Happy Hands—June 9:

Our April gathering was such a success that we are excited for our June meeting!
Wednesday, June 9th, at 10:00 am in Big Ed

At the meetings we tie the quilts that have already been assembled. If you can tie a knot, you can tie a quilt and we'd love to have you join us.

We are also in need of sewers. We have "kits" that are ready for assembly. The squares are cut, and the design is complete—all that is needed is straight stitch sewing that can be done on your own time. Contact Lynn or Pat and we can deliver a kit to you!

Please RSVP for the meeting with Pat Gordon 714.707.7265 or Lynn Marecek 714.393.6642. We want to have the tables set up and the supplies in place before you arrive!

It will be so nice to see everyone! Everyone is welcome.

Property Workday—June 12:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, June 12, 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.

Facility Task Force Meeting—June 15:

The Facility Team will be meeting on Tuesday, June 15, at 7 pm and **will be held on in Big Ed**. 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.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—June 17:

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.

KOG Connection Deadline—June 23:

The deadline to submit articles for the **July** KOG Connection is Wednesday, **June 23**. 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!

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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	June 01
Cliff Nelson	June 02
David Myhre	June 03
Carl Lind	June 04
Gwen Woloshun	June 06
Stan Outman	June 06
Andrew Johnson	June 06
James Peterson	June 08
Bev Nelson	June 08
Darren Wight	June 10
Emily Gordon	June 11
Michael Johnson	June 14

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

Happy Birthday! ...and Anniversaries

Anie and Brent Cooper 16 years on June 11
Nancy and Ed Cotta 22 years on June 30
Tina and Jim Dubuque 35 years on June 28
Muriel and Tom Fitzsimmons 65 years on June 23
Judy and Mark Goodman 47 years on June 29
Tara and Dan Hytrek 31 years on June 30
Sandy and Tom Kelly 29 years on June 27

Kelly and John Lipot 14 years on June 09
Lynn and Gerry Marecek 48 years on June 16
Barbara and Richard Martyn 51 years on June 13
Margo and James Peterson 23 years on June 13
Laurie and Wayne Schleicher 47 years on June 08
Linda and Peter Vanderplas 43 years on June 10

Happy Anniversary!

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