

# ***KOG Connection—July 2021***

## ***Pastor's Corner***

Happy July, King of Glory friends and family!

What's on your summer bucket list? I recently got an email from a company called Prepare Enrich whose curriculum I use for premarital counseling. The email talked about the summer months being upon us, full of potential, and a great no-pressure approach to maximizing that time as a couple is to create a bucket list of things you can do with your partner (or best friend). The idea was that instead of just having a personal bucket list, you create one together to help you grow in your relationship through creative activities that you wouldn't necessarily do on a normal afternoon or evening together. That got me thinking, what about creating a bucket list for our faith? What would be on your bucket list of things you would like to do with God? Have you ever thought about that? No? Me neither. Creating a summer bucket list with God might be great way to deepen your faith and strengthen your relationship in fun and unexpected ways.

Now, the thing about a bucket list is that it can't just be run-of-the-mill stuff. A bucket list is different than a to-do list. A bucket list consists of bigger things or out of the ordinary things that might require some planning or may take some spontaneity. A bucket list is things you would find enjoyable or exciting but wouldn't normally think of or make happen. The bucket list examples for partners that Prepare Enrich included were things like hitting up a baseball game or the zoo, having a picnic, eating at a food truck, seeing a parade or watching a sunset/sunrise.

So, what could be on your bucket list with God? Remember, it can't be just your regular day-to-day faith activities. That means if you are a regular church attender, that shouldn't be on your bucket list. Or if you do a regular daily devotion or bible reading time, that also shouldn't be on your bucket list. But you could put a spin on those regular faith activities to make them bucket list worthy. For example, you could say one time this summer, I want to do a devotion in a new place, maybe take your bible to the beach or sign up for a podcast on faith to listen to while you walk or drive to work. Maybe you could plan to listen to a sermon with your loved ones on a family trip and then discuss what each one of you takes from it? Maybe you could take a prayer walk around your neighborhood and pray for your each of your neighbors. I used to have skydiving on my life bucket list until I accomplished that goal as few years back (before I had kids . . . and yes, it was awesome!). What would the faith equivalent be for you? What leap of faith could be on your bucket list? Maybe start researching and planning for a pilgrimage you've always been fascinated by. Or a spiritual retreat or family bible camp adventure? Maybe you could share your testimony at a church service for the first time (for some, skydiving would be more appealing than that 😊)? Or getting out of your comfort zone and volunteering at a Kings Kitchen event or local Habitat for Humanity build could be your leap of faith. The possibilities are endless. I encourage you this summer to consider what two or three things you might put on your faith bucket list. And don't forget to consult God in prayer, as God may have some ideas too. Afterall, the purpose of the bucket list is to build your relationship together. And if

you have a good experience that you don't mind sharing, tell us about it on our Facebook page and maybe you'll spark some ideas for someone else.

Blessings on these summer months! Safe travels during any vacations you may have planned. We look forward to seeing you in worship whenever you can join us!

Blessings,  
Pastor Kinndlee

## ***Youth On The Go, Grow & Know***

#kogkids July 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:  
July 24-28, 2022**



### **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:** \$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](mailto:kogkids@gmail.com), 714.604.3373

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

## ***Preschool News***

The Preschool is now letting families back inside the building! Adults are required to wear a mask, and temperatures are checked at the front door. We have reopened our final classroom, Purple Room. Ms. Francis is excited to be back in her classroom and her students are having a wonderful experience in their new environment. Ms. Deanna has joined our team and is our new Orange Room teacher. We are thankful to have another passionate teacher join our school. Unfortunately, we have 3 teachers out on medical leave, please keep them in your prayers for speedy recoveries. We are preparing our garden behind the school so the children will be able to start gardening again very soon.



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 second Monday of the month and our next Board meeting is Monday, July 12 at 7 pm in Little Ed.



### **Events and Dates to Remember:**

Joy Circle: Monday, July 24 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort for more information.

Faith Circle: Saturday, July 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**

### **Wanna Help KOG Save \$\$ and Look Good?**

We're looking into using court-ordered community service workers to work on the KOG campus on a weekly basis. It's likely we'll choose Saturday, either the morning or all day.

If you could serve as a supervisor for the group, on a regular or regularly recurring schedule, we welcome your involvement! That would entail getting tools ready for the group to use, signing them in and out, and closing afterward. The facilities team would prepare the "to do" list, which would primarily be yardwork or inside cleaning. If we fail to get enough supervisors, we'll pass on this opportunity.

If you're interested, please contact Gerry Marecek at 310.977.8486 or [gerry.marecek@gmail.com](mailto:gerry.marecek@gmail.com).

### **From the Prayer Warriors:**

Freedom! It is a word that describes all kinds of situations, cherished liberties and emotions. However, the freedom we find in Jesus is one of the greatest gifts our God brings to us. We can experience this real freedom if we make Jesus our Lord, devote ourselves to God's word and are then filled with the Holy Spirit, allowing him to direct our lives.

*You, my brothers were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather serve one another in love.*

Galatians 5:13

Blessings to all!

### **Property Upkeep:**

The monthly facility planning meetings have not been effective, so we have asked our church council to prioritize the projects. We are in the process of obtaining bids

on the more difficult projects, such as main water valve replacement. We are also looking at what it will cost to improve Big Ed's heating and cooling. There are eight units in the walls, but those are starting to fail, and most HVAC companies will not work on them.

Our July Property Workday is Saturday, July 10. Some of the tasks we hope to complete are drip emitter installation in the north Patio planter, weed removal from the Parking Lot islands, drywall repair under the Little Ed Kitchen sink, and cleanup of the Patio and Parking Lot.

We are still in the planning mode for the installation of a sail shade at the south end of the Fellowship Hall.

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, July 10 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:**

July 15 & 29, August 19, September 16 & 30, October 21, November 18, December 16 & 30

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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.

**Scam Warning:**

This is a friendly reminder about SCAMS. Here is a link to a document prepared by the Federal Trade Commission you can read to help recognize and avoid phishing scams.

**[FTC - How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams](#)**

## ***Other Upcoming Events***

**Laughing for Health—July 5, 12, 19 & 26:**

Led by Gwen TeGantvoort. "I just want to share this fun cardio building and endorphin elevating activity I found during self-isolating! Come and have some healthy fun!!" [Contact Gwen TeGantvoort for info](#)

**Property Workday—July 10:**

Property Workday will be on Saturday, July 10, 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](mailto: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 15 & 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.

**Facility Task Force Meeting—July 20:**

The Facility Team will be meeting on Tuesday, July 20, at 7 pm and **will be held in Little Ed**. We are looking at projects, both big and small, that we can accomplish in 2021. Contact Alan Marcum at [wb6rqm@gmail.com](mailto:wb6rqm@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you would like to be added to property workday email group.

**KOG Connection Deadline—July 21:**

The deadline to submit articles for the **August** KOG Connection is Wednesday, **July 21**. 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](mailto: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.

## ***July Birthdays...***

Charles Murphy	July 03
Charlie TeGantvoort	July 04
Kinndlee Lund	July 06
William Ault	July 14
Glenn Osterode	July 15
James Dennis Sullivan	July 15
Emily Wight	July 15
Karen Patterson	July 16
Robert Nimmer	July 17

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

## ***Happy Birthday! ...and Anniversaries***

Linda and Dave Arnett 59 years on July 14
Sally and Robert Nimmer 56 years on July 03
Judy and Gary Bartz 54 years on July 08
Laura and Todd Warren 46 years on July 26
Karie and Bruce Frederick 43 years on July 29
Lynda and Carlos Soria 39 years on July 24

Sharon and Gerrit Windhorst 33 years on July 30
Heather and David Schautschick 24 years on July 05
Catherine and Alan Marcum 23 years on July 11
Jane and James Harrison 18 years on July 14
Vanessa and Phillip Bonds 6 years on July 31
Carrie and Darren Wight 1 year on July 18

## ***Happy Anniversary!***

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