

KOG Connection—September 2021

Pastor's Corner

Dear KOG friends and family!

If you're like me, you have a few choice podcasts that you subscribe to with aspirations of listening to them "someday" when you've got the time. This past week, my phone alerted me to the fact that one of my favorite parenting podcast has a new episode available, and the episode is titled, "Decluttering the Parenting Mind." This caught my attention because **1)** I love anything having to do with decluttering (huge Marie Kondo fan, if you didn't know), **2)** it reminded me of a verse from Romans 12 that has always fascinated me:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and complete,"

and **3)** it reminded me of the small group study we are planning for this fall. Deacon Leah and I poured over lots of different possible book studies, but nothing seemed to be quite right for this very particular "season" of life that we are experiencing in the church and the world, that is, until I heard about a new study written by an ELCA pastor. The study is called "Thriving Beyond Covid." That is exactly what I and Deacon Leah felt KOG needed. (You can read ahead to Deacon Leah's article for more info about the study itself.)

In my opinion, our minds and hearts have become very cluttered by Covid. They are cluttered by the fear, the politics, the anxiety, the frustration, the divisiveness, the relentlessness, the you-name-it that this year and a half has brought. The study "Thriving Beyond Covid" is an invitation to process some of what has gathered in our collective subconscious as well as our collective spirits, basically all the stuff that needs to be cleared out and decluttered, so that we can be more open to the renewing and transforming power of Christ. Doesn't that sound great? Although we want to continue to be safe and careful in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, we don't want to be conformed to the Covid-mindset that has set upon our world. We need to free ourselves from the pessimism, the cynicism, the isolationism so we can truly thrive as the Body of Christ. This is especially important as we start discerning King of Glory's direction and focus for its next 5-10 years of ministry. In order to prayerfully discern God's good and complete will, as Romans says, we need to be in a healthy place as a community emotionally, mentally and spiritually. So please, join us for our fall study. No book reading necessary. It's only a 4-week commitment. And it's free! Plus, if you're unable to join a small group, you are more than welcome, of course, to work through the study on your own.

Most importantly, as we look toward this fall and winter, may our hearts and minds be renewed and transformed by the grace, love and hope of Jesus Christ. Our Back to School and Bring a Friend Unity Sunday service had that very goal in mind, and what an awesome gathering it was! Thank you to all who volunteered to make that day possible (Council for allocating the money to make the food truck free, Amanda, Deacon Leah, our musicians, our worship servants, Michele and

Elyse Elvander for baking the awesome cupcakes, and all the volunteers that stayed late to clean up. King of Glory, you are awesome! And we have such an amazing future ahead of us. I have no doubt that through God's faithfulness and our commitment to Christ's mission, we will continue to thrive for many more years to come.

Serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Kinndlee

From the Deacon

September 19 - Training for Home Communion Ministers **Sunday, 9:30am, Library**

Would you like to participate in taking communion to those who are homebound or sick? Would you like to find out more and learn the steps of home communion?

Join Deacon Leah in the Library on Sunday morning, September 19 between services. We will review the purpose, goals and procedures of this very special ministry. Everyone is invited, bring your questions.



Secondly...

Beginning September 26 - Fall Growth Groups - Four Sessions **Thriving Beyond COVID**

Are you ready to move forward into the future that God has prepared for King of Glory beyond this pandemic? *Thriving Beyond COVID* is a four-part Bible study written by Pastor Jeff Linman, a retired ELCA pastor who is part of the coaching ministry of the ELCA. Pastor Linman has developed this study as a gift to the church to help us all move beyond the fear, anxiety and doubt of the last year and a half and into the future with faith and hope. It's really an opportunity to "reboot" our faith journey by finding space to talk about those fears together, to expose them to the light of Christ, and to allow the Holy Spirit to renew our call to love and serve God and our neighbor.



Groups will be established both in person and via Zoom. We encourage everyone to consider taking part in one of the fall groups which will meet every other week beginning the end of September. This is a great opportunity to share how we have been affected by this pandemic and what a *THRIVING* future looks like!

Be a part of King of Glory's future faith, hope and love as we partner with Jesus to accomplish his mission. Join in!

Please contact Deacon Leah with your interest and preferred meeting schedule so we can establish groups. There is NO COST for these groups.

Memorial Team - Caring for Each Other in Difficult Times

Worship services have resumed at KOG, including Memorial Services. Many memorial services are followed by a reception in Big Ed. Being available to our grieving families at this time is an act of care. Would you like to serve your fellow members by setting up / cleaning up the facilities or helping with food service? The added hands are always very appreciated by our families. Please contact Deacon Leah if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Leah Lind, Deacon for Congregational Care
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#kogkids September 2021

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 second Monday of the month and our next Board meeting is Monday, September 13 at 7 pm in Little Ed. We are looking for new board members.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Karen Ronchetti at jhbower@verizon.net.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, September 27 at 9:30 am in Little Ed. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort for more information.

Faith Circle: Saturday, September 25 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

From the Prayer Warriors:

As the months pass by, we take time to enjoy the seasons. We are into fall now. Fall can be a season of change, a season of transition and a season of renewal. Leaves are transforming from deep summer shades of green to brown ones, floating down from the trees. There is something fun about hearing them crunch as you step on them. That's God saying don't forget me during your schedule; kids to school, college students away, and just being busy with everyday life. Set aside time daily to pray for each member of your family and the friends you hold dear. If you find in your heart that praying for others comes easy then join us Mondays at 3 o'clock in Little Ed. Or ask for a prayer information sheet to be sent to you so you can pray at home, on your own time, for the church community. Thank you and God bless.

Blessings to all from the prayer warriors!!

Property Upkeep:

Our September Property Workday is Saturday, the 11th at 9 am We meet in Little Ed for work assignments. God's Work, Our Hands is the following day, so I hope we don't work you too hard.

There are only a couple of the pampas grass clumps remaining at the south end of the parking lot. Hopefully we can make sure they are put in the dumpster and are finally gone! We plan to continue with the weed removal from the parking lot islands. As usual, the patio and parking lot are in need of some sprucing up.

Once again, we didn't get to installing the drip emitters in the north Patio planter.

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 beautiful and ready for use.

By now, many of you have heard that Catherine and I are in the process of buying a new home in Dewey, AZ and are preparing to sell our home here. We think the move will likely happen in October. With that in mind, our congregation will be in need of someone to lead the facility team. Please pray about it and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Alan Marcum

"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:

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.

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

Prayer Warriors—September 6, 13, 20 & 27:

If you find in your heart that praying for others comes easy then join us Mondays at 3 o'clock in Little Ed.

Property Workday—September 11:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, September 11, 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.

KOG Connection Deadline—September 15:

The deadline to submit articles for the **September** KOG Connection is Wednesday, **September 15**. 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—September 16 & 30:

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.

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Happy Hands—October 6

Happy Hands will meet the **FIRST** Wednesday in October, in Big Ed at 10:00 am. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Marecek or Pat Gordon.

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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.

September Birthdays...

Karla Bjorklund	2
Cynthia Thornburg	2
Brooke Balo	8
Darlene Gould	11
Christopher Osborne	11
Thomas Nemec	11
Joanne Moore	15
MaryLou Morey	15
Katie Badertscher	15
Debora Luken	16
Cheryl Cormack	18

Catherine Fullerton	18
Todd Warren	19
Shannon Williams	19
Brent Cooper	20
Nancy Jaeger	21
Linda Dunkelberger	22
Jean Fisher	26
Christy Borack	26
Robert Lipot	27
Brent Gable	29
Catherine Fullerton	18

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Lauren and Danny Harper 10 years on September 04
Teresa and Jared Blackburn 4 years on September 08
Debbie and Dan Tesla 37 years on September 08
Mary and Chuck Balo 36 years on September 14

Charlyn and Glenn Travers 54 years on September 16
April and Steve Bollinger 23 years on September 19
Stephanie and Andrew Marcos 10 years on September 23

Happy Anniversary!

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