

KOG Connection—October 2021

Pastor's Corner

Dear KOG family and friends!

I know I normally look ahead to the upcoming month with my letter, but this past month of September has me still thinking about something: interruptions. September was a month of interruptions for me. We had a lot of unexpected things come up on our campus, such as flooding in Little Ed on multiple occasions, internet and phones going down repeatedly, several teachers being out on bereavement, unanticipated visitors needing prayer and support, etc. I also had a few unexpected interruptions in my personal life, such as the stomach flu making its way through our household. What was your September like? Did it also feel like a month of interruptions? But if we're being honest, it's not just September that has had interruptions, it's the whole last 20 months, right? COVID has been one long disruption to our daily lives. I think we are all longing for the day when that interruption has passed.

Amongst church professionals, we often say that ministry happens in the interruptions. Often God takes our best laid plans and turns them upside down in order to help us get out of our heads or out of our boxes and be more open to the true needs of the world and the true desires of God's heart. The Bible is after all full of examples of such holy interruptions: Abraham and Sarah being called to uproot their family, Moses and the burning bush, Jonah and the whale, Esther being asked to save her people, Mary and her unexpected baby, Saul on the road to Jericho ... the list goes on and on of one interruption after another. As Proverbs 16 says (NIV),

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

We can make all the plans in the world, as I especially like to do, but ultimately it is God who guides us and even God who sometimes sends interruptions into the midst of our best laid plans. It can be frustrating. It can be disheartening. It can be downright infuriating. But we know through God's word and promise that it is always for our good. One could say that the ultimate disruptor himself was God's son, Jesus Christ, as he disrupted the powers of this world and the path that sin would have set us on. Jesus interrupted that path once and for all. That is one disruption that I am most grateful for! Now the challenge for us followers of Christ is to continue being open to the ongoing interruptions of the Spirit, to be open to where God might be leading us next, especially when it isn't where we had intended to go. And our job as Christians in the world, as the hands and feet of Christ, is to continue disrupting the powers of death--things like greed, selfishness, pride and hate--so that God's course of redemption and reconciliation can be experienced by all of God's people, one step at a time.

Will you join me in being a disrupter? ☺

Serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Kinndlee

From the Deacon

Dear KOG family,

Jesus cares about us - body, mind, and spirit. His ministry was about healing and wholeness, both individually and communally. Did you know that the Greek word for salvation is "sozos?" "Sozos" means healing, wholeness, shalom. At King of Glory we want to be instruments of that healing ministry of Jesus.

Get your
FLU  **SHOT**
not the flu.

To help make that happen, we have partnered with Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian's Community Health Ministry program. This partnership will help provide resources of healing for us at KOG. Our first program will be providing free flu shots at church on **Sunday morning, October 31 in the Fellowship Hall**. This is the same flu shot you would receive at your doctor's office or local pharmacy, it is FREE, and our own KOG nurses will help make the day happen.

So, save the date, mark your calendars, wear your best Reformation red or Halloween costume, and come get your shot, not the flu! Limited supply available, adults over 18 only.

Contact Deacon Leah Lind or Rhonda Fisher, RN, (rhondafisher@socal.rr.com) with questions.

Blessings,

Leah Lind, Deacon for Congregational Care
deacon@kogchurch.org or 949.295.6228

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids October 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, October 11 at 7:00 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, October 25 at 9:30 am in Little Ed. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort for more information.

Faith Circle: Saturday, October 2 at 10:00 am, at the home of Linda Arnett. Please contact Patricia Hann or Linda Arnett 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:

October brings oranges and blacks to color our stores and offices and some homes, too. With thoughts of candy filling some children's minds. But October 31 is more than this. It is our Reformation Day. Here we understand God's grace through faith. Enjoy Ephesians 2:8,9: *"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."* Blessings from the prayer warriors!

Clergy Appreciation Month:

October is Clergy Appreciation month! King of Glory is blessed to have two rostered leaders in both Pastor Kinndlee and Deacon Leah. Both are committed to serve us and the Lord with their caring, kindness, love, and tireless efforts. I don't think just a single month of appreciation is enough, so we will need to do our best to make sure they know how much we appreciate them.

Our leaders have answered a higher calling, *"And how can they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:15)*. Our leaders not only preach and serve us on Sunday but do so many other things to make sure our church is the best it can be. This is a tremendous commitment that they have taken on and we should be especially thankful for all they do. *"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)*

So, what can we do to show how much we honor their calling to serve the Lord in this place? My hope and prayer is that every member of KOG takes the time and effort to share a personal expression of gratitude. Your words of encouragement in person, written notes, emails, or phone calls will be a blessing to them. Let them

know you love and appreciate them, and that you are praying for them. You can also share their work of ministry by seeking out ways to volunteer your time and talent.

We will be honoring and recognizing our clergy on Sunday, October 24th. This will give us an opportunity to share how much we love and appreciate all that they do for us individually and as a church.

I personally want to thank Pastor Kinndlee and Deacon Leah for everything they do to make KOG the special place that it is. You model the love of Christ in so many meaningful ways. Thank you for sharing your talents and gifts so generously.

I hope and pray everyone at KOG will join me in sharing their heartfelt thanks to our leaders, because you want to, and not just because a month has been set apart for this purpose. Remember, October is only 31 days long. If you miss out on this opportunity, there are another 334 days for you to make it up.

Peace and Blessings,

Paul Wallace
King of Glory Congregation President

Council Liaison Report-Preschool:

The first Principal I worked for used to say our high school was the "best kept secret in the Inland Valley." I am now going to borrow this statement and say our Preschool at KOG is the "best kept secret in the OC". This is greatly due to our amazing Preschool Director Kelly Ramirez, her wonderful teachers, staff and the commitment of KOG.

Kelly and her staff have quickly reestablished the preschool program after having been shut down for Covid-19. Since Kelly was hired in September 2020 enrollment has increased from 33 to 89 students. I also want to extend a huge "Thank You" to Pastor Kinndlee and Deb Cooper for all their time and effort in developing the Covid guidelines and procedures for the Preschool prior to it being reopened. Their work was instrumental in allowing the Preschool to reopen.

Kelly, along with Amanda and our youth, reorganized the staff copy/workroom to create a warm & welcoming environment in the staff lounge. Thank you to Amanda and the youth for sharing your time and talents!

Upcoming...

KOG has plans to hire an Assistant Preschool Director in the near future which will also greatly benefit Kelly, teachers, students, and staff.

There are also plans in the works to update the playground. We are planning on having the wood chips replaced with a rubber type of wood chip.

Finally, the Preschool hosted a BOOKFAIR FUNDRAISER for parents in the lobby of the preschool Sept 29 -Oct 1st from 3- 5 pm.

Have a wonderful month!
Nikki Busch

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.

Property Upkeep:

The October Property Workday is Saturday, October 9 at 9 am. We meet in Little Ed for work assignments.

The patio and parking lot are always in need of some sprucing up.

We still didn't get to installing the drip emitters in the north Patio planter. So, I plan to focus on that.

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.

There is still a need for 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:

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

Estate Sale—October 2-3:

WHEN: Oct. 2-3, 2021, 8am – 3pm

WHERE: 20701 Beach Blvd #239

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

WHAT'S FOR SALE?

- Tools
- Drinkware
- Christmas trees & decorations
- Furniture
- And so much more!

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.

Prayer Warriors—October 4, 11, 18 & 25:

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—October 9:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, October 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.

KOG Connection Deadline—October 20:

The deadline to submit articles for the **November** KOG Connection is Wednesday, **October 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—October 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.

Flu Shots—October 31:

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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.

October Birthdays...

Bobbie Miller	01
Courtney Keith	01
Tom Fitzsimmons	10
Edwin Ignacio	13
Doris Marilyn Williams	16
Karin Lengsfeld	17
Kristin Vercnocke	19

Muriel Fitzsimmons	20
Michele Elvander	25
Vicki Murrell	26
Sharon Windhorst	27
Judy Doty	27
Dave Arnett	29
Shahara Jacobs	31

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Kristeena and Morgan Ellson 12 years on October 10	Pamela and Bob Flowers 50 years on October 15
Pita and Vinh Tran 1 year on October 10	Catherine and Sam Fullerton 11 years on October 23

Happy Anniversary!

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