

KOG Connection—November 2021

Pastor's Corner

Happy November King of Glory friends and family!

In our home, we try to do grace before each meal, whenever we have a chance to all sit down together. Normally, Jules gets to choose the grace and he has recently veered from his past favorites (the "Jaws Grace" and the "Thank You, Jesus" grace) to a new style of blessing our meal. For the past week or so, Jules has chosen to lead a spoken prayer where he opens by thanking God for several things and then he invites whomever else is at the table to each individually share something they are thankful for. It's been a lovely, unexpected change, and something I'm guessing he picked up at preschool.

This new table grace (along with the month of November which already has me thinking Thanksgiving), has made me reflect more lately on what I'm grateful for, so I thought I would share my current list with you. Of course, this isn't exhaustive, but it's some of the more recent things that come to mind. Some items you could easily have guessed but others may be a surprise:

- Two energetic and hilarious boys
- A loving and supportive spouse who puts up with me on my best and worst days
- A roof over our heads and place to call home
- A reminder of my own limitations and life's heartaches
- New resources on conscious leadership that have captured my mind (<https://conscious.is>)
- A staff that is incredibly skilled and dedicated to the church's work
- A new stewardship and budgeting season that has me fired up (yes, for real, I love a challenge!)
- The possibility of sitting down to a delicious catered meal in-person as a church family!!!
- A future that is wide open and unknown (both scary and exciting because the possibilities are endless, and it is in these times of uncertainty that true creativity and Spirit-led dreams arise)
- An Advent theme, based on the classic E.B. White novel, which I hope to be fun and illuminating and am currently calling (but may change)— "The Perfect Word: A Charlotte's Web Christmas"
- A pandemic that appears to be winding down (fingers crossed)
- Serving with a church (that's you, KOG!) that truly makes me feel appreciated and loved. (Thank you for all the cards, gifts and words of encouragement. I am blessed to be your pastor!!!)
- A recent reminder to not take life too seriously (as I tend to do) and make time to play 😊
- And a God whose promises are faithful and sure and whose love is unconditional and everlasting

So those are the things at the top of my list on this first day of November. What is on the top of your list? What would you share as a part of a table grace and

what causes of gratitude would you whisper only to yourself and God in the confines of your heart? In the past we have posted a "Gratitude Calendar" listing one item to be grateful for each day of November. (You can easily find ideas online). I hope that no matter what the month brings, you will be able to take some time to remember and reflect on what you are grateful for.

A few more noteworthy items:

This Sunday we will be starting our new stewardship program called STARS. You should be getting a mailing this week with more information. Please be sure to RSVP for our Celebration Lunch!

This Sunday (Nov. 7) is also All Saints Sunday, so please pray for all those who have lost loved ones this past year, and if you are joining us for worship, feel free to bring a picture of a loved one that has passed to be placed near our altar.

We had a wonderful Reformation and Confirmation Sunday and Fall Festival and Flu Shot Clinic last Sunday! Congrats to Cat and Macey, our two confirmands! Attendance between the two services was well over 200 and, boy was it fun! Thank you to all who made the day possible, including our preschool teachers and Youth and Family Director, Amanda Pulos, our nurses: Rhonda Fisher, Karla Bjorklund, Bobbie Miller and Deacon Leah Lind, our grillers: Dan Pulos and Jim Dubuque, our bakers: Elyse and Michele Elvander, all the folks that stayed to help clean up (Nikki and Jodi, the Ellsons, Lisa Evertt, the Elvanders, the Wallaces, the Puloses and anyone I missed!) and all of our regular Sunday worship servants. You are all amazing!!!!

Our Thriving Beyond Covid Growth Groups are finishing meeting up this coming Sunday. Thank you to our group leaders and to all who participated in the study. Please be sure to share your group comments with Deacon Leah and myself and continue praying for KOG as we navigate an unknown but exciting future together! Remember we have nothing to fear, because God's promises are faithful and sure, and God's love in Jesus Christ is unconditional and everlasting.

Much gratitude and many blessings to you all,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know

#kogkids November 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, November 8 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, November 29 at 9:30 am in Little Ed. Please contact Gwen TeGantvoort for more information.

Faith Circle: Saturday, November 6 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:

Be thankful!!

"This is the day that the lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." Psalm 100:4

"Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 106:1

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gifts!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

"And on that day we will say, Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples, make them remember that his name is exalted. Praise the Lord in song, for He has done glorious things, let this be known throughout the earth." Isaiah 12:4-5

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day from the Prayer Warriors

Family Promise Restart in November:

Family Promise is a partnership of local churches, working together to shelter and encourage newly homeless families, on the journey to gainful employment and a new permanent residence. Each week of hosting is a new opportunity to connect and share Christ's love with families that could really use our help.'

I am very excited to announce we are scheduled to restart our hosting program for Family Promise November 28th through December 4th. I will be available after services on the patio Sunday November 7th, 14th and 21st to answer questions and

receive volunteer sign ups. Volunteer opportunities include dinner preparation, fellowship time, Saturday morning breakfast preparation, lunch and breakfast food donations, laundering of linens and overnight chaperones. Please see me to sign up for any Family Promise volunteer opportunity. If you are not able to catch me at church I can be contacted by email at wallace3251@att.net.

Family Promise is finalizing their Covid protocols, and I will have them available during sign ups. They are taking many precautions to make the hosting of guests as safe as possible. They are also limiting the hosting to two families to make the restarting of the program less stressful.

We will be assisted by two support congregations, Lutheran Church of the Cross (LCR) and Radiant Church. As a result, we will need to fill volunteer positions for Sunday 11/28/21, Friday 12/3/21 and Saturday 12/4/21.

As always, I am looking forward to meeting our new guests and the opportunity to work alongside my brothers and sisters of KOG as we model the love of Christ together. If you are contemplating helping, I encourage you to trust in Christ and His guidance as we serve in this community outreach program. You never know how much this can be a blessing to you as well as the families we will be serving.

In His service,
Paul Wallace

Chancel Guild (Communion) Volunteer NEED:

Help for chancel! Communion is a **vital** part of our worship. Thank you to those who have kept the Lord's table set these past 18 months. KOG needs volunteers to set up the wine and wafers, tend to the candles, and clean up between services. This works best with a partner and serving for a month. Set up is on your schedule, Friday or Saturday. Instruction will be given. We have a volunteer for November. Sign up for chancel with or without a partner on the church website (<https://www.kogchurch.org/2019/06/sunday-servants/>) or call Sharon Windhorst (714.783.6261)

Property Upkeep:

The November Property Workday is Saturday, November 13 at 9 am. We meet in Little Ed for work assignments.

There is still a need for someone to lead the facility team. Please pray about it and contact Morgan Ellson, the Council Property Liaison, 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

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. In addition to our usual need for volunteers, we would like to collect gently used coats (adult sizes only). Contact Karen Wallace for more details.

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

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 an important reminder that Pastor Kinndlee will **NEVER** send an email or a text asking for donations of **ANY KIND**. Please contact the church office or Pastor directly if you are unsure about any email or text purportedly coming from her.

This is also 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.

How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams - FCC

Worshippers Targeted by Gift Card Scams - FCC

Other Upcoming Events

Prayer Warriors—November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29:

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—November 13:

Property Workday will be on Saturday, November 13, at 9 am. We meet on the patio. Please join us, even if you only have an hour or so. Contact the church office if you have any questions or if you would like to be added to property workday email group.

KOG Connection Deadline—November 17:

The deadline to submit articles for the **December** KOG Connection is Wednesday, **November 17**. 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—November 18:

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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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.

November Birthdays...

Barbara Paulson	1
Jeff Elvander	1
Heather Schautschick	1
Gary Keith	2
Gerald Marecek	6
Judy Bisnar	6
Margot Peterson	8
Vicki Bandurian	9
Stephanie Marcos	9
David Schautschick	10
John Bower	11
Karen Wallace	11
George Woloshun	12
Yvette Steinmetz	12
Joy Mangan	13
Penny Bates	13
Edythe Muse	14

Cameron Keith	14
Evie Isaksen	16
Ann Klitzner	16
Jodi Coffman	16
Don Peterson	17
Roberta Osterode	18
Nick Muse	19
Lynn Gaede	20
Thomas Kelly	20
Patricia Gordon	21
Sam Lew	24
Joy Myers	24
Carlos Soria	25
Sandy Poteet	25
Darleen Berens	28
Alan Luken	29
Brigette Johnson	30

Happy Birthday!

...and Anniversaries

Kathy and Bill Ault 50 years on November 6	Charlotte and Stan Outman 25 years on November 16
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Happy Anniversary!

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