

# ***KOG Connection—January 2018***

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

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

*"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."*

These words are from Luke's Gospel reading on our first Sunday of Christmas. They are a part of Simeon's Song which Simeon, a Jewish elder, spontaneously sings when he encounters the Christ child for the first time at Jerusalem's temple. These are beautiful words. They are heartfelt words. These are prophetic words. These are also words for us, here and now, at King of Glory. These past couple years we have seen many servants dismissed in peace. Many members of our faith family and long-time friends have moved or passed away. Others have become home-bound due to illness and aging which prevents them from joining us in worship. We have also had several staff members leave us as we wished them well in new ventures. And I don't imagine this year will be any different, as this pattern of coming and going, dismissal and arrival, is a simple reality of our mortal life. Many of you have also experienced departures in your lives: friends moving away, children and grandchildren getting married, parents, siblings and spouses coming to the end of their life. The Christian prayer is always that all may depart in peace, whether they journey into a new life stage or into life eternal.

In the midst of these departures, however, we have also seen arrivals. The arrival of God's salvation through Jesus Christ has once again come to us this Christmas. My eyes, and hopefully your eyes too, have beheld glimpses of this glory, through the starting of new ministries and partnerships, the uprising of new leaders, the formation of new friendships and families, and the welcome of new members to our faith community as we have chosen to celebrate the presence of Christ in all peoples. Have your eyes caught these glimmers of God's Spirit of Salvation working in and around us through these new arrivals?

As we enter the New Year, I invite you to consider how you have experienced God's salvation, the "light of revelation" in your life? And what can you do to share that light with others? This, after all, is the church season of Epiphany, where we acknowledge the light of Christ born to us on Christmas Day. In the midst of a society that seems ever more divided and polarized, in the midst of a political scene that appears more partisan than in the past, and in the midst of a world that is experiencing greater disasters, diasporas and humanitarian crises, will you pray with me on how we at King of Glory can be bearers of the light of Christ? How can we, like Simeon, "go in peace?" Not in terms of a dismissal or departure but by way of an even deeper engagement with our world, so that we not only say "peace be with you" but we work toward building that peace that is promised in God's Word and acts as a beacon for God's hope and salvation? How can we "go in peace" in the same Spirit that Jesus says, "Go, make disciples?" Join me in praying for peace, not an easy, superficial peace, but a peace that comes from taking a good look in the mirror and saying "no more" to sin and its manifestations of selfishness, greed, hate, prejudice, and self-righteous pride. Join me in praying for peace, a peace that overcomes divisions and conflict and gives way to mercy and understanding. Do not give up on the peace of Christ. Do not give in to cynicism, polarizing contempt and apathy. Though it is not

yet here in its fullness, Christ's peace is present and it is possible. May we each be instruments of God's prophetic peace, just as Simeon was, wherever God has placed us. May we welcome this peace in our community, in our homes and in our hearts. That is my prayer for this New Year.

May the peace of Christ guide you always,

Pastor Kinndlee

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

#kogkids January 2018

### Every Week

ALL Ages

#### **Sundays:**

Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Elementary Kids' Time during the 10:30 am service

Check out our "Prayer Ground" in the front row of the sanctuary. This is an area for toddlers and preschool children to play quietly while being surrounded with worship.

#### **WELCOME WINTER!!!!**

### Wednesday Nights

Youth Group every week 6:30-8:30 pm

Middle School (Confirmation) 5:30-7:30 pm

### How to find out more information

- Church newsletter
- Weekly Connection
- Social Media—#kogkids
- Contact Amanda by text 714.604.3373 or email [kogkids@gmail.com](mailto:kogkids@gmail.com)

## ***Preschool News!***

### **Dates to Remember:**

January 1: - New Year's Day, School Closed

January 2: - New Year's Eve Observed, School Closed

January 4: - No Webby

January 10: - Speech Screening

January 15: - MLK School Closed

January 24: - Spotlight Kids Photography Fundraiser



Thank you to all the families that participated in See's and cookie dough fundraiser.

Athinia Huber, Preschool Director

## ***From the Choir Director***

It's time for singing! The Sanctuary Choir is coming back, and we need YOU! Yes, YOU! Don't read music? Not a problem! We always have a great time singing together in church. Why not have even more fun singing in choir, too? Rehearsals have started in the Choir Room from 7:30–9 pm on Thursdays. Don't be shy! Come by and see what singing in choir is like. There are no auditions, and you don't need to bring anything except yourself. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns – I would love to hear from you!

Cell: 714.803.7553 – Call/Text available  
Email: kbadertscher08@apu.edu

Katie Badertscher, Choir Director

## ***Adult Education...***

### **Sunday Adult Education Class:**

Pastor Lund will be once again leading an adult education Bible class focusing on each Sunday's scriptures in the Fellowship Hall Library at 9:30 am beginning on Sunday, January 14.

### **Men's Bible Study:**

The Men's Bible Study group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Join us in the Fellowship Center Library. Please call Alan Marcum at 714.328.9968 or send an email to wb6rqm@gmail.com if you have any questions.

### **Women's Fellowship, Prayer Group and Bible Study:**

The Women of Spiritual Character meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm in Little Ed. Our current study is Daily Discipleship which is based on Sunday's lectionary texts. For those who do not like to go out at night, this can be an alternate means for continuing with a Bible Study. Contact Debbie Bise at 714.963.3099 with any questions. All are welcome!

## ***Women of the ELCA Events...***

*(Information regarding Women's Ministry)*

### **WELCA Board Meeting:**

Next Board Meeting is Monday, January 8, at 7 pm at Rodrigo's in Huntington Beach. All women are welcome.



### **Women's Bible Study dates:**

Joy Circle: Monday, January 22, 9:30 am, in Little Ed.  
Faith Circle: Saturday, January 27, 10 am, at the home of Linda Arnett.

**\*\*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...***

### **Food For Thought from the Prayer Warriors:**

By Gwen Woloshun:

Teach me to listen, O God, to those nearest to me –my family, my friends, my co-workers.  
Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear, the message is:  
"Accept the person I am. Listen to me."

Teach me to listen, my caring God, to those far from me – the whisper of the hopeless, the pleas of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.

Teach me to listen, O God – to myself.

Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside – in the deepest part of me.

Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit, for your voice – in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and in doubt, in noise and in silence.

Teach me, Lord, to listen.

Amen

As we gather every Monday to raise your prayer requests to God, we receive joy.

Thank you – Your Prayer Warriors.

Do you or someone you love need prayer for any reason? Fill out the back of the weekly attendance response sheet on Sunday morning and we will go to work!

**“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***

Our community meal outreach ministry happens the third and fifth Thursday of each month. With each meal, we are seeing new guests, new volunteers and an outpouring of grace, hospitality and generosity! Set up begins at 4 pm., and we are cleaned up by 8 pm. Numerous volunteer opportunities are available for all ages, skills and comfort levels. Come for the whole night, or for any portion of the event. See the Welcome Place for more details. This is a great opportunity for your family or Growth Group to serve together.

Your donations to our “Blessings Table” are also needed and are being collected in the narthex. We need pantry food items, laundry supplies, personal care items, pet food, etc. This month, we are especially in need of razors and shaving cream. We are no longer accepting clothing donations.

If you are a Thrivent member and have Action Team dollars available, we are an ideal project for you to put your funds to use. One Action Team grant can purchase enough food and supplies for 120 people!

Thanks again to everyone who is participating in “King’s Kitchen” and helping us to fulfill our church’s mission: To Know Christ, Grow in Christ, and Go in Christ. If you have any questions, please contact:

John Borack: 714.716.7780 / [popdude@aol.com](mailto:popdude@aol.com)

Karen Wallace: 714.501.2807 / [wallacepark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wallacepark@sbcglobal.net)

Karla Bjorklund: 714.757.3134 / [uccolor2@gmail.com](mailto:uccolor2@gmail.com)

Peace and Blessings!

**King of Glory Stephen Ministry:**

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with the confidential, one-to-one Christian care you need to make it through a crisis or help you through a difficult time.

For more information on receiving a Stephen Minister or if you desire to be trained as a Minister, please contact Pastor Kinndlee @ 714.963.5649, Lorrie Blain @ 949.631.4700 or Deenna Eley @ 714.580.3743.

### **KOG Weekly Food Donations:**

The need for weekly food donations to feed the homeless and low-income families in our community continues to grow. The Lutheran Social Services food pantry in Garden Grove has indicated that food donations of any size would be greatly appreciated. Please continue to bring your weekly donations of canned foods, etc. to church on Sunday.

### **Grief Loss Groups Available:**

At one time or another, everyone suffers an emotional loss that produces pain, loneliness, fear, depression, anger or all five at once. The death of a spouse; the loss of a child, parent, or loved one; the end of a marriage, a career or your independence; a health issue that changes every part of your life. In moments like these, consolation, empathy and sensitivity are crucial. Grief and Loss Support Groups provide a safe, healing, loving and hope-filled setting where those who are hurting and ache can share in the presence of people who listen, understand and who genuinely care. You **must** be registered prior to attending. ***You may register and join at any time.***

To register: call Maxine Abbott at 714.534.6450 or email: mabbott@LSSCommunityCare.org

Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 13564 St. Andrews Drive, Seal Beach

Time: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Fridays, with time for individual help

Cost: \$10 per session; \$60 for 8 sessions (10-12 people per group)

### **Thrivent Action Team Bulletin Board:**

We would like to leverage Thrivent Financial Action Team dollars by matching up the needs of our congregation and our community with the passion of our KOG Members (and especially those who are Thrivent Members). Check out the Action Team Match-Up Board currently in the Narthex.

We would also love to know how Action Team dollars are spent and what ministries they support, both within King of Glory and within our greater community. We are asking that those who participate in Thrivent Action Teams self-report to the church office. We would be glad to keep your name confidential if that is your choice. We would love to hear about the projects supported by our King of Glory members with the help of Thrivent's generosity.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Wallace or Catherine Fullerton.

### **King of Glory Recycles:**

**Used Ink Cartridges and Eyeglasses!** Place them in the Welcome Place.

### **Ronald McDonald House:**

KOG collects Pop Tabs/Pull Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Orange. They recycle the tabs and use the funds to offset their operating costs. It takes 1,267 pop tabs to make one pound, but if we all contribute, it makes a difference. A container is located in the Welcome Place. Thank you for your help!

## ***Other Upcoming Events...***

### **Facility Task Force Meeting—January 9:**

The Facility Task Force meets on the Tuesday before Property Work Day at 7 pm in the Conference Room. This task force is charged with the oversight of projects, major repairs, and equipment replacement on our KOG campus. The task force is always looking for new partners in this ministry. If you are interested, please join us!

### **All Are Welcome Covenant Group—January 12:**

NEW NAME! NEW DATE! NEW TIME! NEW PLACE! The "All Are Welcome Covenant Group" (formerly Travers' Covenant) will meet on Friday Evening, January 12 at 7 pm in Big Ed. The

new format does not include a potluck dinner but a dessert will be served after the study. Our 2018 study will be Animate - Practices. In February we will begin meeting the first Friday of each month at 7 pm in Big Ed. As our name indicates "all are welcome" so please join us. Any questions, please contact Charlyn Travers.

**Property Work Day—January 13:**

The start time is 9 am, and things wrap up around noon. We meet in Little Ed for donuts, coffee and work assignments. We are hopeful our younger members will take time to join us once a month as we continue to keep our facility prepared for both worship and community group meetings held for people of all ages.

**Single Sisters in Christ Covenant—January 14:**

SSICC will be meeting in Big Ed after second service on January 14. Discussion will be on Chapter 21 of Max Lucado's book *Cast of Characters*. Bring your own lunch and drink. New members always welcome.

**"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—January 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 being a table host chatting with our guests.

**Newsletter Deadline—January 19:**

The deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter is Wednesday, January 24. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to [secretary@kogchurch.org](mailto:secretary@kogchurch.org) or drop them by the church office.

**Saved by Grace Covenant—January 20:**

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, January 20, at 6 p.m. at the home of the Dave and Sharon Gee. We will start the evening with our potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share), followed by our continuing study of John MacArthur's *Revelation, The Christian's Ultimate Victory*.

# *January Birthdays...*

Robert Dylan Stock	3	Patsy Tuma	25
Roger Doty	8	Rhonda Fisher	25
Marlys Buckey	10	Jeffrey Kolster	25
Michael Franta	11	Beverly Stolte	27
Sandy McCormick	11	Susan Keith	27
Laura Poole	14	Tina Dubuque	27
Dale Woolley	16	Edmund Cotta	28
Sheri Loeffelman	16	Mary Schuler	29
Sam Fullerton	18	Marie Lipot	29
Robert Stolte	19	Carol Buerk	31
Melissa Balo	19	Alene Patterson	31
Emily Bartz	20	Craig Landsverk	31

*Happy Birthday!!*

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

## *...and Anniversaries*

Letitia Alkire 30 years on January 02	Paul and Louise Scauzillo 11 years on January 21
Jeffrey and Rachel Kolster 2 years on January 02	Bernd and Jeanne Steinebrunner 26 years on January 25
Eric and Yvette Steinmetz 20 years on January 03	Joy and Rohry Mangan 29 years on January 27
Cliff and Bev Nelson 35 years on January 15	Dave and Sharon Gee 14 years on January 31

*Happy Anniversary!*