

# ***KOG Connection—February 2018***

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

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you all on a very successful Annual Congregation Meeting. As one of the members wrote me in an email, "good humor" appeared to be the "general demeanor" of the meeting, which is actually quite remarkable. Thank you all who attended, contributed, and participated. King of Glory truly is such a special church!

Now, let us turn our eyes, minds and hearts to the season at hand: Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 14th (Valentine's Day!). It may seem strange to some of you to have these two days combined, but in actuality, I would propose the exact opposite. In truth, at the very heart of the season of Lent is love. Lent is the season in which God calls us back to Godself, and as it says in I John, God is love. One singer/songwriter has captured this sense of Lent better than I ever could. His name is Steve Bell, and in his album titled "Pilgrimage" his songs sing of and imagine the relationship between the people of Israel and God as the relationship between two lovers. (And mind you, there is much basis for such a metaphor in the Bible. Just think of all the talk about God as the bridegroom and Israel as the Bride, for example.) In Bell's song, "Big Mistake", he depicts the people of Israel in the wilderness after their Exodus from Egypt. They have been wandering for years and are wondering if their love affair with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was a mistake. Here, Bell imagines their feelings of insecurity and doubt as they begin turning away from God:

*You mistook me for the worthy, you mistook me for the free  
You mistook me for the lover that you wanted me to be  
But I'm leaving your fold  
On a calf made of gold  
And it's all been a big mistake*

Then in the song, "Lenten Lands" we hear the voice of God as the lover, who with tear filled eyes, responds to Israel's infidelity, their wandering away from Him, with these words:

*And will she turn, oh will she turn again  
I hold my arms out wide upon a tree  
And will she see me yearn to her through the pain  
And turn again, and turn again to me?*

You see, Lent is all about love. It is the season in which God calls out to us, God's people, once again, asking us to return, to return to God. This is the season we reflect upon and repent from the idols that we have loved in place of God, the false and fleeting things of this world to which we have given our time, energy, allegiance and love. This Lenten season, in our Growth Groups (or our small group ministry) we will be reading "Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller, which is a deep dive into Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Like the prodigal son and like the wayward people of Israel, I pray that you too will hear God's voice calling out to you to return. Loving arms await you, as Bell's song sings, "arms held out wide upon a tree." Please join us on Wednesday evenings for food, fellowship, worship and study, and hear again the pull of God's spirit upon your heart asking you to "turn, turn again to me."

Lenten blessings,  
Pastor Kinndlee

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

#kogkids February 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.

## 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:**

February 12: - Registration begins for current families

February 19: - School closed for President's Day

February 26: - Guest reader week – Dr. Seuss theme

March 1: - Registration begins for community

Please see the Preschool Calendar at <https://kogchurch.org/preschool/> for more calendar details.



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](mailto: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, February 4.

### **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, February 12, at 7 pm in Little Ed.



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

**Souper Bowl:** February 4: During both services: We ask each member to give a dollar for the hungry. Look for a WELCA member before for after service on Feb. 4, and don't forget your dollar. Thank you.

**Pacifica WELCA** March 3: *Christ Within Us* at Gloria Dei Lutheran, Dana Point  
**March 2018 Event:** Special Program: Performance of Women in the Bible with Daneen Pysz.

**Joy Circle:** Monday, February 26, 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

**Faith Circle:** Saturday, February 24, 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:

#### ***PRAYER***

*What is prayer? How to pray? Why to pray?*

*Prayer is being and speaking to God and listening as He speaks to us.*

*Prayer is opening our hearts and minds to God.*

*Prayer is a loving response to God's presence.*

*Prayer can be a reflection of our day and how has God interacted with us.*

*Prayer is reflecting on God's Word as the Spirit leads us.*

*Prayer is accepting that God the Father, God the Spirit and God the Son are with us all the time, anxious to hear from us and waiting for us to listen to them.*

The King of Glory Prayer Warriors meet each Monday to review your prayer requests and lift the requests to our God's consideration.

Please feel free to join us on Monday afternoons, 4:00 to 5:00 pm. in Little Ed.

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](mailto: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...***

**All Are Welcome Covenant Group—February 2:**

NEW NAME! NEW DATE! NEW TIME! NEW PLACE! The "All Are Welcome Covenant Group" will meet on Friday evening, February 2nd on the KOG campus (Big Ed) at 7pm. It will be a Bible Study and dessert. We will no longer have a potluck. We are beginning our study of Animate-Practices facilitated by Jeanne Steinebrunner. We will continue to meet on the first Friday of each month. As our new name indicates 'all are welcome' so please plan to join us. Any questions, please contact Charlyn Travers.

**"Souper Bowl" Sunday—February 4:**

WELCA is once again sponsoring "Souper Bowl" on February 4. While we enjoy our snacks during the games, as Christians, we remember those who lack even a bowl of soup. We ask each member to give a dollar for the hungry. Proceeds will be sent to Lutheran Social Services in Garden Grove. A dollar by itself is fairly insignificant, but a dollar from each of us will buy a lot of soup. Look for a WELCA member before for after service on Feb. 4, and don't forget your dollar. Thank you.

**Facility Task Force Meeting—February 6:**

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!

**Property Work Day—February 10:**

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—February 11:**

SSiCC will be meeting in Big Ed after second service on February 11. Discussion will be on Chapter 22 of Max Lucado's book *Cast of Characters*. Bring your own lunch and drink. New members always welcome.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner—February 13:**

As King of Glory prepares for the Lenten season, please join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Big Ed on February 13. Suggested donation to cover costs: \$5 per person; \$10 per family. Bring your appetite, bring your friends and join us for our final feast before the discipline of Lent begins.

**"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—February 15:**

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.

**Saved by Grace Covenant—February 17:**

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, February 17, at 6 p.m. at the home of the Roger and Debbie Bise. 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*.

**Office and Preschool Closed—February 19:**

The church office and preschool will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents Day.

**Newsletter Deadline—February 21:**

The deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter is Wednesday, February 21. 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.

**Pacifica WELCA March 2018 Event—March 3:**

*Christ Within Us* at Gloria Dei Lutheran, 33501 Stonehill Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629.

Community Service: FAM – Families Assistance Ministries - helping homeless women and children in Orange County.

Special Program: Performance of Women in the Bible with Daneen Pysz. To know more about Daneen's performance visit: <http://www.biblesbadgirls.com/>

To register contact Beverly Covey: e-mail: [beverlycovey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beverlycovey@sbcglobal.net) or phone: 858.278.6538

**Family Promise Charity Golf Tournament—March 16:**



Join us for the inaugural Spring Swing Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, March 16, 2018, at Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

Foursome: \$720

Singles: \$180

Shotgun Start, Scramble Format @ 10 am

For information and registration please visit FPOC's website [FamilyPromiseOC.org](http://FamilyPromiseOC.org).

# February Birthdays...

Linda Hill	1
Amy Worth	2
Ryan Bobar	3
Gary Poteet	7
Marian Westerhold	8
Don Johnson	8
Karie Frederick	9
Karen Ronchetti	9
Debbie Tesla	9
Ruth Clausen	10
Joanne Woolley	10
Flo Mayfield	13
Elisa Jordan	13
Jenny Cole	14

Suzanne Kusik	15
Amanda Burwell	16
Bruce Frederick	17
Barbara Keene	19
Amanda Pulos	20
Trisha Gable	20
Michèle Jensen	23
Keith Watton	23
Bud Potter	25
Deenna Eley	25
Barbara Frederick	26
Craig Vercnocke	28
Lisa McCrory	28
Judy Bartz	29

*Happy Birthday!!*

*...and Anniversaries*

Patricia Hann and Steve Boback 35 years on February 05
Ike and Evie Isaksen 67 years on February 11
Wayne and Kim Merkle 29 years on February 11
Steve and Barbara Chakos 37 years on February 14
Nick and Edythe Muse 57 years on February 18

Stephen and Shery Schwarz 38 years on February 22
Robert and Marie Lipot 39 years on February 24
Wayne and Virginia Anderson 61 years on February 26
John and Darleen Berens 65 years on February 28

*Happy Anniversary*

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