

KOG Connection—April 2018

Pastor's Corner...

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

“He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!”

How lovely it is to hear those Easter tidings once again ring through our ears and our church. What joy fills my heart to hear this exclaimed from the pews. But . . . after the Easter baskets are pillaged and the eggs have been turned into egg salad sandwiches, where does this past Lenten season and glorious holiday leave us? I hope that you have found a deeper walk with God. I hope that you have grown in your faith. I hope that your life is filled with a newfound resurrection peace and purpose. All those things I hope for, but I also know that reality can be a bit different than our hopes. I know that we are all going back to our busy lives, disheartening headlines and a seemingly more and more divided world. So how do we keep shining the light of Easter amidst the everyday darkness and struggles that we face? How can we keep proclaiming, “He is risen,” when the consumer and conceit-driven world around us seems to yell more loudly words of hate, fear, and despair?

If Easter teaches us anything at all, it should teach us that God is all about those come-from-behind victories. To an objective observer looking at the history of Israel (continued turns to idolatry and selfishness coupled with one defeat and exile after another), betting on Israel would seem like a fool's errand. Any savvy business person seeing what happened to Jesus (betrayal, arrest, torture and crucifixion), would conclude that this whole “Kingdom of God business” is a terrible investment. And to a casual bystander watching the declining attendance in American churches today and the apparent increase in violence and contempt among many different groups in our culture, it would seem a reasonable thing to ask whether humanity is worth saving at all. But as I said, Easter reminds us that God is all about those come-from-behind victories.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's declaration to the world and to each one of us that when things look most dire and bleak, when it feels as though we must be in our final hour, that is when God is doing God's best work. Easter is proof that Jesus' death on the cross did not bring down the curtain on God's plan for us; in fact, it began the new and amazing Final Act of God's salvation story. Our human and worldly problems will never defeat God's holy and wonderful purpose for us. When all is lost . . . is when God's redeeming work is found. Because of Easter, we know we can keep believing and betting on God. We know that ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph, and healing and wholeness will once again come to God's creation. The odds may look long to some, but to us Easter-believing Christians, we know it's a sure thing. So, brothers and sisters, I invite you to say with me once more, “He is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!”

Easter tidings of hope and peace,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know...

#kogkids April 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 "Pray-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

Preschool News!

Dates to Remember:

April 10 – Story time at the Library

April 11 – Spring Pictures

April 16 – Week of the Young Child

April 16 – Wacky Sock Day

April 17 – Puppet Show \$5

April 18 – Drive in movie

April 19 – Spring open house @6:30 pm & School Spirit day

April 20 – Bounce House & Ice Cream

April 22 – @10:30 am service WOYC recap and children singing



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 is continuing to lead an adult education Bible class focusing on each Sunday's scriptures in the Fellowship Hall Library at 9:30 am.

Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study is on hiatus until April 11. 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, April 9, at 7 pm in Little Ed.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, April 23, 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, April 28, 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...

Discipleship and Mutual Ministry Liaison

Greetings King of Glory family,

Each month the Newsletter will feature a short informational piece on the various liaison positions within the Church Council. It is my privilege to be the first to give you the information on the two ministries that fall under my responsibilities.

The first is **Discipleship: Education and Spiritual Formation**. The ministry is focused on developing programs that will help educate and "grow" our congregation and guests in their relationship with Christ and each other. Some samples of these are adult education, small groups, Cursillo, adult Bible studies and WELCA. It encompasses any ministry that builds up and strengthens our relationship with Christ to help us live out our second and third pieces of our Mission Statement; **KNOW, GROW and GO**.

If you are interested in an existing Discipleship group or would like to consider starting a new one, then I am the person to see for help and guidance. I am excited about getting people involved in areas they are passionate about and want to help them on their journey to know Christ and their role in His kingdom.

The second liaison position is **Mutual Ministry**. In Mutual Ministry, I participate in a committee serving in confidence as a support group and thought partner for our pastor. Our purpose is to provide a regular and supportive vehicle for our committee to pray, advise, share congregational concerns and encourage our Pastor as she leads the many aspects of our ministry at KOG.

I hope this gives you a little insight into my two liaison positions within the council and I welcome any questions or suggestions you might have for me. I can be reached by email at: wallace3251@att.net.

In His Service,
Paul Wallace

"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

Volunteers and donations are needed for our upcoming King's Kitchen Community Outreach Meal on Thursday, April 19. Donations of personal hygiene items, household cleaners and socks may be dropped off in our collection basket in the narthex. Volunteers are needed both days from 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for as long as you can stay. We need help preparing the meal, setting tables, making our guests feel welcome, serving and clean up. You can find more details in our binder in the Welcome Place kiosk. This ministry occurs on the 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, so please plan to join us when you are available. Please also consider activating one of your Thrivent Action Teams to cover the cost of food and supplies. Please see Karen Wallace for questions.

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!

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.

Other Upcoming Events...

Floor Covering Replacement Preparation in April:

Calling all painters, touch up artists and anyone willing to help make the KOG campus a little bit nicer! In early May Little Ed and Big Ed are scheduled to get new flooring and carpeting. But before it all gets installed we want to repair & paint ceilings and walls as needed. So, we're asking for all those who can help to sign up and join in the fun of texturing & painting ceilings, painting walls and touching up trim in both Little & Big Ed.

Watch for sign up for working a couple Saturdays of April and possibly some week days in April for you retired folks ☺ (prep, baseboard removal & ceiling texture & painting, overall painting & touch up).

Easter Sunday—April 1:

We invite you to be part of the "Flowering of the Easter Cross", an ancient and meaningful tradition. As you prepare for Easter worship, pick fresh flowers from your garden or yard and bring them with you to church. During worship, you will have the opportunity to stand before the large cross and place your flowers upon it. Each flower represents our personal hope in Christ. Eventually the cross will be covered in beautiful flowers in a brilliant array of color, light and lovely fragrance. A symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. Together, we can transform the cross and help make this Easter a celebration of new life.

Spring Campout—April 6-8:

KOG's 86th Campout will be held at San Diego Metro KOA in Chula Vista. If you wish to visit for the day on Saturday, we would love your company. For more information, please contact Alan or Catherine Marcum.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant—April 8:

SSiCC will be meeting in Big Ed after second service on April 8. Discussion will be on Chapter 24 of Max Lucado's book *Cast of Characters*. Bring your own lunch and drink. New members always welcome.

Facility Task Force Meeting—April 10:

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—April 13:

The "All Are Welcome Covenant Group" has a different day to meet this month. Here is the new article: Due to the camp-out being on April 6 & 7, the All Are Welcome Covenant Group will meet on Friday, April 13 at 7pm in Big Ed. We are continuing with our study of Animate Faith Practices. We meet at 7 pm for the study with coffee/tea and dessert. Please plan to come. You may contact Charlyn Travers or Jeanne Steinebrunner with any questions.

Property Work Day—April 14:

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.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—April 19:

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—April 20:

The deadline to submit articles for the May newsletter is Friday, April 20. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to office.manager@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

Saved by Grace Covenant—April 21:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in Big Ed. 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*.

Community Day of Service—April 21:

PROJECTS INCLUDE: Rise Against Hunger—Hearts and Hands; Mile Square Park—Friends Helping Friends; HB Central Park—Welcome Home—Handy Helpers; Huntington Beach Youth Shelter; Circle View Elementary School; Huntington Beach Wetlands

For more information WWW.GHBIC.ORG Volunteer on Justserve.org- search CS2018

April Birthdays...

Vivian Bradford	30
Harriet Bower	14
Marjorie Talsma	27
Barbara Hehn	22
Gary Kakert	8
Deloris Bixler	5
Pamela Flowers	8
Shery Schwarz	21
Mike Gordon	17
Paul Scauzillo	27

Bernd Steinebrunner	7
Valerie George	7
Shelly Leeson	19
Eric Steinmetz	24
John Trumpler	30
Bethany Jeffrey	10
Patrick Nance	23
Heather Murphy	4
Zachary Jaeger	15
Marrissa Garza	18

Happy Birthday!!

...and Anniversaries

Robert and Joan Frey 12 years on April 01
Jim and July Bryan 25 years on April 03
Andrea and Doug Martin 27 years on April 06
George and Gwen Woloshun 52 years on April 17

Ted and Vicki Anderson 47 years on April 17
Alan and Debora Luken 42 years on April 24
Art and Jenny Cole 21 years on April 26
Susan and Pankaj Saurastri 33 years on April 29

Happy Anniversary

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