

KOG Connection—May 2018

Pastor's Corner...

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

Happy Pentecost! This month we celebrate the holy Christian holiday of Pentecost. You wouldn't know it, of course, walking down the greeting card aisle of Hallmark or Target. Unlike at Easter and Christmas, you won't find any "Merry Pentecost" cards to purchase and send to friends. But don't let that fool you. Pentecost is only ever so slightly behind Christmas and Easter in its importance to the Christian faith, for it was on the day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit alighted upon the disciples of Jesus thus imbuing them with the ability to share the Good News thus giving birth to the Christian church. Pentecost is the day the fire of faith was lit and it has been burning ever since, which leads me to my question for you . . . how is your flame burning these days?

For some of us, finding faith was an experience much like what the disciples had, a sudden all-consuming blaze. It's like a wild bonfire that burns high and hot and quick and leaves everything changed. For others of us, faith has been more like an ongoing slow burn that has existed as long as we can remember. An ember that keeps feeding a small fire continuously warming and nourishing us. For me, faith has been both of these things, and I see benefits and challenges with either scenario. Bonfire faiths are exciting and leave lasting impacts, for sure, but they're also unsustainable. A blaze of that nature just can't be continued and when it finds all of the available fuel has been consumed, it fades as quickly as it started with disappointment and disillusion. Additionally, bonfire faiths can burn so hot that they scorch others who may be in their path. On the other hand, slow-burning faiths are much easier to sustain in that they are they don't require as much fuel, but for that very same reason, it's also easy for them to grow dimmer and dimmer, even going out, without a believer ever realizing it. Additionally, they can be so small, intimate, and private that only the believer ever knows they even exist and their light and warmth is never shared with others in any impactful way.

The struggle we all face, no matter which flame of faith we have experienced, is one of sustainability. The good news, my friends, is that the solution can be found if we go back to its source. On the day of Pentecost when the fire of flame was bestowed upon the hearts of the disciples, it was done so not in isolation but in community. The church, the community of faith, is the very thing we need to keep our flame of faith burning strong and bright. It is through our relationships with one another in Christ and the combining of our flames of faith that those fires continue to be supported and stoked. We find endless reserves of fuel through worship, the sacraments, communal bible study, fellowship and service. Now is the time for us to ask ourselves, "How is my flame of faith doing these days? Are my embers in need of some stoking? Would I like for my faith to be burning more brightly?" As we celebrate the birthday of the Christian church on Pentecost Sunday, might this time also mark a rebirth for our own flames of faith? On this Pentecost Eve, I dare you . . . commit to attending worship more regularly, explore new service opportunities, or join an ongoing bible study (or even start your own), and then wait and see. See how the Spirit will fan your fire of faith in new and exciting ways.

Pentecostal blessings, Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know...

#kogkids May 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!



Thank you to all who helped in our spring fundraiser so far, we had \$3,200 come in. purchased outdoor items for both yards (mud kitchen, flowing water table and manipulatives).

Please visit our website calendar for future dates and more information.

<https://kogchurch.org/preschool/>

Dates to Remember:

May 10 - Mother's Day Brunch

May 21-25 - Teacher Appreciation

May 28 - School Closed



Athinia Huber, Preschool Director

From the Choir Director

The Sanctuary Choir is 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 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, May 14, at 7 pm in Little Ed.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Mother's Day Celebration:

Saturday, May 12, 11:30 am, in Big Ed. Mother and Child Celebration with a Luau lunch and Polynesian Review. \$10 per person, children under 12 are free. Please sign up in the Welcome Place.

Joy Circle:

Monday, May 28, 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle:

Saturday, May 26, 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...

From the Prayer Warriors:

Remember to write on the Sunday prayer request area any changes in your prayer referrals. We meet weekly on Monday's at 4:30-5:30 pm in Little Ed. Anyone can join us.

Focus on the joy in life instead of on the sorrows. Wear a sunny smile forego the frowns. Greet each other happily with warmth and understanding. And realize life has more ups when you seek fewer downs. God wants us to be joyful and to celebrate each sunrise. Be glad that you are here and you're alive. Thank God for every day you have and celebrate his mercy. With trust and expectations you will not just live you'll thrive. By Trudie Latka

New Email Address:

Please note that Heather Justine Stolte, who is our new Office Manager, has a new email address: office.manager@kogchurch.org. The old email address will be removed. Thank you.

Lenten Soup Supper Volunteers:

Thank you to each group who hosted a Lenten soup supper and to all the extra people who jumped in to help with set-up and clean-up. A special shout out to the members of the church council (Ash Wednesday); All Are Welcome Covenant Group, Alan & Catherine Marcum, Roger Bise and Markus Steinebrunner (2/21); the Property Workday folks (2/28); Music Ministry – Praise Band & Choir (3/7); Ned & Darlene Gould, Gerry Marecek, and all who pitched in to clean up, especially Karen Wallace and Gwen Woloshun (3/14); and, the KOG Kids (3/21).

KOG Endowment Scholarship Application Instructions:

KOG members who are attending a Lutheran College or University during the 2018-2019 school year are eligible for a scholarship from the KOG Endowment. The application form is available at: <https://kogchurch.org/community/endowment/>. Applications must be completed by each applicant and submitted to the church office to the attention of Jeff Elvander, President of the Endowment Board, by June 30, 2018. Scholarships will be awarded in early August.

Hospitality and Fellowship Liaison:

I am privileged to serve as your Hospitality and Fellowship liaison at KOG. The purpose of this position is to support and facilitate the “growth and development of events and programs to welcome the community into the church and enhance members’ relationships with God and each other.” I serve as liaison for the Camping Ministry, for the leaders or annual, volunteer-led events on campus and community events sponsored by KOG, and for King of Glory Ambassadors.

Annual, volunteer-led events include the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, St. Patrick’s dinner, soup suppers, Easter brunch, the summer BBQ, new member luncheons, and Oktoberfest. In addition, KOG sponsors community events such as the Bonner singers’ concerts, synod meetings, and interfaith worship services at Thanksgiving.

Finally, we (Pastor Kinndlee and the church council) are interested in putting together a group of volunteers who would serve as ambassadors for our church. In this strictly volunteer capacity and in coordination with Pastor Kinndlee and myself, KOG’s Ambassadors would assist members of the church and community with certain memorial service details including serving as worship volunteers for the memorial service, assisting with the specifics for a reception, or providing general coordination and making sure nothing has been overlooked. Ambassadors could also assist with coordinating community events (Do we need ushers? Who will open up and lock-up the facility? Will there be a reception and who will be in charge of that?). Serving as an ambassador for our church would not require you to be bound to all the events listed above. If this is a position that sparks your interest, please contact me to discuss where and how you would like to serve. I can be reached by email at germanmama43@gmail.com.

Jeanne Steinebrunner.

“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 April King’s Kitchen was attended by 35 guests, and lovingly served by 23 volunteers. Pastor Kinndlee shared a devotion with us on seeing the heart of God in each of us. We were blessed to hold a special drawing for two sleeping bags we received. With each new event, we have new volunteers and guests; each being added to our ever-growing circle of friends and ministry.

Volunteers and donations are needed for our upcoming King’s Kitchen Community Outreach Meal on Thursday, May 17th and Thursday, May 31st. Cooking and set up begin at 4:00 p.m. and we are wrapped up by 8:00 p.m. Our guests are with us from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Your presence will

be a blessing to you and others! If you are handy with needle and thread, a few of our guests would be greatly blessed by your skills.

Donations of personal hygiene items, household cleaners and socks may be dropped off in our collection basket in the narthex. Our most urgent needs are for laundry detergent, dark color tarps, aftershave, men's deodorant, and sleeping bags. 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!

Spring Campout:

KOG's 86th Campout was held at San Diego Metro KOA in Chula Vista. Seven families spent time quality time together starting on Thursday and ending on Monday – some arrived early and some left later. The weather cooperated despite the threat of rain. We worshiped on Saturday evening and Rachel Wallace made her debut by accompanying our singing by playing her ukulele. Well done Rachel!!

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...

All Are Welcome Covenant Group—May 4:

The "All Are Welcome Covenant Group" will be meeting on Friday, May 4 at 7 pm in Big Ed with our continuing study of *Animate Faith-Practices* and dessert. Please plan to come. You may contact Charlyn Travers or Jeanne Steinebrunner with any questions.

Facility Task Force Meeting—May 8:

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—May 12:

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.

Mother and Child Celebration and Polynesian Review—May 12:

Please join us at 11:30 am on May 12 for W-ELCA's Mother and Child Celebration, Luau Lunch and Polynesian Review. Sign up in the Welcome Place or in the Office and pay by May 10 to be included in the fun.

Synod Assembly (May 18-19) Hospitality—May 16:

As is our tradition, we invite congregation members to bake and bring donations of cookies for our hospitality room at the assembly. These baked goods sustain our voting members and guests throughout our time together. This is a great way to involve those who can't be at the assembly. Please drop off your cookie donations at KOG by 1:00 pm on May 16. Thank you for your faithful baking!

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—May 17 and 31:

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—May 18:

The deadline to submit articles for the June newsletter is Friday, May 18. 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—May 19:

Saved by Grace Covenant will be meeting on Saturday, May 19, 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*.

Single Sisters in Christ Covenant—May 20:

SSiCC will be meeting in Big Ed after second service on May 20. Bring your own lunch and drink. New members always welcome.

Annual Church BBQ-SAVE THE DATE—June 17:

Save the date for the Annual Church BBQ: Sunday, June 17, 2018, following the 10:30 service. More details to come in the June newsletter.

If you would like to help organize the event, are interested in volunteering, or would like to underwrite the function with a Thrivent Action Team, please contact Jeanne Steinebrunner. (Contact information can be found in the church directory or you can leave a note in my council box and I will contact you.)

Have a blessed Month of May!!!!

Heather Justine Stolte

Office.manager@kogchurch.org

May Birthdays...

Morgan Ellson	4
Patricia Hann	5
Marsha MacWillie	6
Susan Saurastri	6
David Adair	7
John Lipot	7
Gary Bartz	9
Lauren Harper	10
Lynn Marecek	11
Lauren Windhorst	11

Joyce Ackermann	14
Sharon Gee	14
Laura Warren	16
John MacWillie	17
Tish Johnson	19
Kathleen Ault	24
Leeann Murphy	26
Lynda Soria	27
Linda Arnett	29
David Fisher	29

Happy Birthday!!

...and Anniversaries

Brent and Trisha Gable 8 years on May 01
John and Mary Schuler 54 years on May 09

Glenn and Roberta Osterode 50 years on May 10
John and Jessica Trumpler 9 years on May 30

Happy Anniversary

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