

KOG Connection—December 2018

Pastor's Corner...

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful and (ful)filling Thanksgiving with family and friends! Advent is finally upon us and I wanted to take a minute to introduce our theme for this Advent . . . Home for the Holidays! This month we will be reading the entire nativity account from Luke's Gospel, with a section each Sunday, culminating with the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve. Also, my sermons will each explore this theme and how God brings us all home for the holidays through the birth of Jesus. In addition, our giving focus for this month will be an organization many of you are familiar with, one that helps others have a home for the holidays: Habitat for Humanity. In the Narthex you will see a tree covered in "Habitat Ornament Tags." Please choose which one you want and then make that special offering to KOG (either in the offering plate or at the church office) with a note that it is for Habitat. We'll then keep a running tally of how much we raise (maybe in terms of nails and hammers 😊) and we'll let you know each Sunday how we're doing. This is also a great gift idea for that person in your family who doesn't need anything or is really hard to shop for. Why not buy them a symbolic sink, set of hammers, or even a Lo-Flo Toilet?!?! It would be a Christmas to remember, for sure! As donations come in, we will be "constructing" a symbolic home in the sanctuary as a reminder of how your generous donations are helping make possible a new home for someone in need. Won't you join us these Sundays in December and even invite a friend or neighbor to join you as you come home to your faith family at King of Glory for the holidays!



On a different but related note, I wanted to take a moment to say, "Thank you." Thank you to all of you who took the time to write notes to me and my family for Pastor Appreciation month at KOG. I was really moved by your words and well wishes, and Jules had a great time helping me rip open the envelopes! 😊 Thank you especially to Lynn and Gerry Marecek for organizing the whole effort! And thank you all so much for sharing your love and support, your patience and grace, your open-mindedness and passion for Christ, with us over these last (almost) 4 years. You have really helped us to feel "at home" at King of Glory!

Finally, I wanted to give you an update on last month's Stewardship Program, "We Are the Church." As of this last week in November, we have almost \$340,000 pledged for 2019. This is great news. With just another \$15,000 (maybe one family pledge or 5 families pledging \$3,000) we could exceed last year's final number. Most important is the number of new households making commitments—13!—and the number of folks increasing their commitment—38! Plus, only 8 more commitment cards are needed to surpass last year's total number for cards received. Well done, good and faithful servants, and keep it coming! Let's see if we can top last year in these next couple weeks. It's so fun to see how all of you have stepped up to be the church together!

May you have a blessed Advent as you prepare to receive again, Christ our Lord, into your hearts and into your homes.

Christ's peace,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know...

#kogkids December 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: 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!

Please visit our website calendar for future dates and more information. <https://kogchurch.org/preschool/>

December Dates to Remember:

9 – Christmas program and party with church

14 – Christmas program at 10:30 am

24, 25 and 31 – closed for the holidays

Athinia Huber, Preschool Director



From the Choir Director

Rehearsals have begun and take place 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, December 10, at 6 pm
Rodrigo's Mexican restaurant on Goldenwest St.,
Huntington Beach.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Advent Event: December 1 in Big Ed, registration at 8:30 am, 9:00 am
Breakfast, business meeting and craft. Contact Karen Ronchetti
for more details.

Joy Circle: Monday, December 10, 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, December 22, 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:

Everyone is invited to join us on Mondays at 4:30 to raise up names of those in need. Come if you can we can always use more voices. For positive encouraging religious music tune in to 100.3 FM!!!

Council Communication and Technology Liaison:

I have the honor of serving as the communication and technology liaison for our congregational council in 2018. My role is to "optimize communication and brand, ensuring that software, hardware, and analog equipment and processes support that focus." The following are some of the things we have either completed or are in process.

- Sophos Hardware Firewall to improve network security.
- KOG was finally able to obtain fast internet service. And, our internet and telephones switch resulted in a savings of over \$450 a month.
- A new church management system is in the works to simplify and improve recordkeeping and report generation. In addition, we will soon have the capability of online event registration, individual contact information for each family member, and online and text giving.

This is my final year as a council member. It has been an honor serving our congregation and I look forward to serving our church in other ways in the future.

Thank you,
Alan Marcum

Council Preschool Liaison:

It has been my pleasure to serve King of Glory as the church council liaison for the preschool for the past two years. There is always something fun and exciting going on at preschool. Athinia, our director, works continually to provide a loving environment for our little ones, to look forward, and to make improvements. For example, as of September our preschool has expanded the offering – we now provide care for babies as young as 6 weeks old! So, we now provide care for 6 weeks to pre-kindergarten!

In case you don't know about the preschool here are a few details:

- Morning preschool is 8am to 12:30pm
- Extended Day care is 7am to 6pm
- Ages 6 weeks to 6 years
- Small class size
- Potty training is available
- Qualified child care

A few things on the immediate calendar:

- ❖ Cookie dough orders arrive December 6
- ❖ The Church and preschool Christmas program is December 9 at 10am with a party following the service
- ❖ The preschool Christmas program is Friday December 14 at 10:30
- ❖ December 19 the Wednesday chapel ends for fall
- ❖ Preschool is closed for the holidays December 24, 25, 31

We are blessed to be surrounded by the energy and excitement of little ones...and we have room for more! So please share with anyone that might want to place their child in a Christian preschool environment. If you have any questions, please reach to me or to Athinia.

Peace,
Deb Cooper

"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, December 20. Cooking and set up begin at 4:00 p.m. and we are wrapped up by 8:00 pm. Our guests are with us from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Your presence will be a blessing to you and others!

Please support our BLESSINGS TABLE with donations of personal hygiene items, household cleaners and socks. All 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.

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Karen Wallace: 714.501.2807 / wallacepark@sbcglobal.net
Karla Bjorklund: 714.757.3134 / uccolor2@gmail.com

Peace and Blessings!

Family Promise in December:

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.

We will be hosting our next group of guests from Family Promise from December 9 through December 15. I will be available after services on the patio Sunday, December 2 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.

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

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity in Budapest, Hungary: June 22-30, 2019:

Lend your heart and your hands — make a world of difference

Joshua 24:15 "...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

I thought about—and prayed for—the family that would live here. I prayed they would find peace and comfort here; that this is the new beginning they need. — Donna Hein, volunteer, Thrivent Builds Worldwide

You can make a world of difference for a family, just like Donna.

Join Lynn and Gerry Marecek as they lead a build team to the beautiful and historic city of Budapest, Hungary where the team will renovate municipality owned, run-down and vacant apartment buildings. You can make a world of difference for a family, by providing a "hand up" by working with them to build a simple, affordable, and decent home. You will also enjoy amazing cultural experiences in the city of Budapest.

The cost to participate in a trip to Budapest, Hungary:

- ✓ Thrivent Financial Benefit Member: \$1,015, plus airfare
- ✓ Nonmember: \$1,515, plus airfare
- ✓ Fundraising is a possibility

As a not-for-profit membership organization, Thrivent Financial through its 2.4 million members multiplies the impact of Habitat for Humanity by providing resources of volunteer time and talent, as well as financial contributions.

For more info contact team leader
Lynn Marecek at 714.393.6642 or lynn.marecek@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity in Solola, Guatemala: June 30-July 7, 2019:

Join A Habitat for Humanity Build in Solola, Guatemala: June 30-July 7, 2019. The central American country of Guatemala has a housing deficit of over 1.6 million. The country's Habitat for Humanity organization is very actively working to respond with over 100,000 homes built. Guatemala is a beautiful country and very friendly to American tourists. Rev. Ron Baesler will be leading a Habitat Build to the highlands of Guatemala next summer. For more information: baeslers@sbcglobal.net. You will receive information regarding costs, registration and procedures. Make a difference!

KOG Weekly Food Donations to Lutheran Social Services:

The need for weekly food donations to feed the homeless and low-income families in our community continues to grow and is URGENT during the winter months. 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.

King of Glory Recycles:

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

Other Upcoming Events...

Saved by Grace Covenant:

Saved by Grace Covenant will meet NOT be meeting in December. Merry Christmas one and all, praying this time with your families will be blessed beyond measure. We will meet again on Saturday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m. in Big Ed., starting the evening with our potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share), followed by our study using Ray Vander Laan's video series *In the Dust of the Rabbi*.

Facility Task Force Meeting—December 4:

The Facility Task Force meets on the Tuesday before Property Work Day at 7:00 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—December 8:

The start time is 9:00 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 Group—December 9:

Single Sisters in Christ covenant will be meeting on Sunday, December 9 after second service in Big Ed. Discussion will be on Chapter 10 of Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion.

Family Promise—December 9-15:

Paul Wallace will be available after services on Sunday, December 2 to answer questions, and receive volunteer signups. Volunteer opportunities include dinner preparation, homework help and 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.

Happy Hands and Hooking KnitWits—December 12:

Our holiday meeting date is Wednesday, December 12 at noon in Big Ed. We begin with a potluck luncheon, bring your favorite dish to share. For those who wish, bring 2 dozen cookies, we will eat what we want for dessert then exchange what is left to have a variety of cookies at home. Next, we will have a white elephant gift exchange. Remember white elephant is something from home that you don't want anymore. For those that bring a gift, we draw numbers and open and swap presents. If we have enough time, we will tie a few quilts, I know we have about 6 to be tied.

Come join us for the fellowship and maybe you will join us another time. Call Nancy Jaeger at 714.846.6593 for more information.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—December 20:

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—December 19:

The deadline to submit articles for the December newsletter is Wednesday, **December 19**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

Dates to Remember in 2019

Family Promise:

January 20-26, June 2-8, September 22-28 and November 17-23

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity:

January 6, 2019, Ron and Lin Baesler will be hosting an informational meeting for all of you interested in the Guatemala Habitat for Humanity build, June 29-July 7, 2019.

Time: 4 pm-6 pm.

Place: our home, 150 Anned Drive, Placentia, CA.

Pizza will be served.

Feel free to invite a friend!

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity:

June 22-30, 2019, Budapest, Hungary.

Have a blessed month of December!

Heather Justine Stolte

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December Birthdays...

Leticia Alkire	1
Sandra Kelly	2
Rod Patterson	3
Marlene Watton	3
Debra Bise	4
Elyse Tesla	6
Zach Sham	7
Jon Kompara	7
Kelly Lipot	9
Kimberly Nemec	9
Bryan Schwarz	9
Mary Balo	11
Josh Baesler	11
Virginia Anderson	12
Catherine Marcum	14
Allyson Wallace	16
Gwen TeGantvoort	21
Roger Bise	21

John Borack	21
Rachel Kolster	21
Carrie Salts	22
Ann Lipot	22
April Bollinger	23
Judy Goodman	24
Andrea Martin	24
Mary Gonzales	25
Carol Tonjes	25
Barbara Siegele	25
James Stout	26
Nancy Cotta	26
Sherry Reid	27
Brynne Tesla	27
Barbara Chakos	28
John Schuler	29
Sara Bandurian	29
Barbara Cormack	30

Happy Birthday! ...and Anniversaries

Deloris and Bob Bixler 52 years on December 10
Dale and Joanne Woolley 52 years on December 21

Amanda and Dan Pulos 3 years on December 31

Happy Anniversary!

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