

KOG Connection—January 2019

Pastor's Corner...

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

Merry Christmas, King of Glory, Merry Christmas! What a wonderful Advent we had, right? Thank you to all of you who worshipped with us, who “purchased” Habitat for Humanity items as our giving focus (we’ll have a total for you once the end of the month has passed), and who served one of our many services and ministry events over the month. It was a busy month but, boy, was it blessed! And therein lies the challenge: appreciating the blessings amidst the busyness. I hope that your Christmas was full of joy and peace as you celebrated in your own way the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This year, I tried to be more intentional about seeing those blessings by way of a devotional book I received last Christmas titled, “A Moment of Christmas—Daily Devotions for Time-strapped Moms.” The book was written by Anna Rendell, the wife of a friend and colleague of mine in Minnesota, and I would highly recommend it, not only for moms, but for dads too, and really for anyone who at times feels overwhelmed by the holiday season. One of the taglines of the book is this: “Drop perfect. Chase holy.” Isn’t that great??!!! Drop perfect. Chase holy. Although Christmas has now passed, I have been thinking about how great a slogan this is not just for the month of December but for the whole year. It may even be my new slogan for 2019. Drop perfect. Chase holy. I don’t know about you, but in some areas of my life, I’m not really good at this. I don’t even kid myself anymore about trying to be a perfect parent, spouse or pastor, but in the little, day to day things, that subliminal pursuit of perfection still creeps in. I mean who doesn’t wish they could be more perfect at doing daily devotions or accomplishing the to-do list or spending quality time with family and friends or exercising and eating well? That’s what New Year’s Resolutions are all about, after all.

“Drop perfect. Chase holy” affords us a different way of approaching the new year. Instead of setting our sights on perfection, what would it look like to set our sights on holiness? What does “chase holy” mean to you? Perhaps it means focusing on cultivating kindness or humility this year. Or maybe it means setting aside time to practice disciplines of peacefulness, service to others, or gratitude. Or perhaps for you, “chasing holy” means chasing the Holy One. In place of seeking the perfect, you could center your next 12 months around seeking God through worship, bible study and prayer. I invite you, in this new year, to consider how you might “chase holy” in your life.

Rendell’s book ends with a prayer for the New Year, which I would like to leave with you:

Lord, there are so many hopes and dreams laid on this one day—so many people relying on its passing to bring a clean slate. And then in two days when resolutions are already dashed, disappointment rears. God, You said that You provide new beginnings each morning as they dawn fresh with new mercies. Thank you for that. As we enter a new year, I ask You to stay at the forefront of our days, that we may claim those new beginnings and mercies, and that this would be a blessed year. We know it will be because You are already there. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

May your New Year be blessed with days steeped in holiness and the Holy One. And may you be reminded today and every day, that no matter where you are, no

matter who you are, no matter "when" you are, and no matter what you drop or pick up, God is already there and always there with you.

A blessed new day in Christ's peace to you and yours,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know...

#kogkids January 2019

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/>

January Dates to Remember:

Jan 1: Preschool closed

Jan 21: Preschool closed



Athina 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's adult education bible class will be continuing this month in the Fellowship Hall Library at 9:30 am. Each class will be focused on each Sunday's scriptures. Check each Sunday's Weekly Connection for further details.

Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study group will NOT meet on January 2 but will resume on January 9. They meet 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 for 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 13, at 7 pm in Little Ed.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, January 28, 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, January 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:

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!!!

Letter from Council President:

The Congregation Council has re-addressed the topic of unauthorized guests on the KOG Campus.

To remind everyone, earlier this year, the Council created the following guidelines:

"We discourage overnight stays by anyone on our campus unless we can provide adequate supervision and access to at least a toilet.

We recommend, as a congregation, to explore possibilities to help solve the larger homeless issue in Fountain Valley and to investigate partnering with other churches and organizations within Fountain Valley and the surrounding area to help solve this issue. As part of this more comprehensive view we might be able to develop a way to house the homeless on our and other campuses in the city."

Since then, Stephen Schwarz has been working to establish a community group to focus on this topic. We also determined that we needed a specific process to implement our decision. As we discussed this, several additional concerns came to light.

First, we experienced an unfortunate situation in which a visitor to campus, who came to meditate, was asked to leave. While the request was made courteously, the guest was puzzled about our denial of the church campus to a person who wanted to offer prayerful contemplation.

Second, we noted that several homeless men have regularly assisted Rod Patterson in opening the campus for services. They have also reported to us situations of concern they have observed, concerning security and safety. In following up on other reported incidents, they have shared with us that they secrete their wastes into secure containers and dispose of them appropriately, off campus. Given that, we felt that we could safely open our hearts to them, and to a lady who stays on the nights they're here. That still would not create in us a need to expand to include others who have not demonstrated safe citizenship.

Given those circumstances, the Council came up with this additional guidance:

"1. Brief discussion regarding proposed parking permits for pre-approved overnight parking (parking that has been pre-approved by staff or council). Signs will be revamped so that all the verbiage is contained on one sign and not two; wording will also be changed to prevent the unintentional promotion of vandalism.

"2. Signs will say "No overnight camping. Overnight parking by permit only. Violators will be towed." We are not looking at strict enforcement unless there is a problem. Enforcement will be the responsibility of the council and/or church staff and not of the members of King of Glory."

"Only council members are authorized to address unfamiliar people on our campus with the approved talking points or using an appropriate Christian approach. Enforcement by each council member is to be applied as the situation warrants. Members of the congregation and staff are encouraged to contact a council member if there is an unfamiliar person on campus whom they feel needs to be addressed."

The council addressed the fact that "unfamiliar people on our campus" does not include visitors to our worship services.

The guidance on signage and parking is, I believe, self-explanatory. The guidance on having only Council members address those whose presence staff or congregants feel may be inappropriate arose out of two concerns: First, to provide a consistency in approach and messaging (each Council member has a list of talking points); second, to minimize concern for the safety and feelings of those who are on campus when such presence is observed. In short, if you're on campus and observe something you feel is wrong, please reach out to a Council member. If you're on campus and feel immediately threatened, please dial 911.

Should you have questions or want some background information on this process, please ask a member of Council. Thanks for your support and understanding.

Family Promise in January:

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 January 20th through January 26th. I, or another volunteer, will be available after services on the patio Sunday, January 6th and January 13th 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

"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, January 17 and 31. 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!

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

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

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: \$1015, plus airfare.
- ✓ Nonmember: \$1515, plus airfare.
- ✓ Fundraising is a possibility

Information meeting on Sunday, January 20th at 4 pm at the Mareceks' 10498 Sioux River. If you missed the first meeting or if you still have questions, please join us!!!

For more info contact team leader

Lynn Marecek (lynn.marecek@gmail.com; 714.393.6642)

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...

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity Informational Meeting—January 6:

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!

Facility Task Force Meeting—January 8:

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—January 12:

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—January 13:

Attention all single ladies! Are you looking to increase your fellowship with other single women in 2019? Come and join us in Big Ed on January 13, 2019, after the second

service. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 10, no need for a book, just come. Bring your lunch, read and discuss God's word and join in playing games, for a fun afternoon.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—January 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.

Saved by Grace Covenant—January 19:

Saved by Grace Covenant will meet 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*.

Family Promise—January 20-26:

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Newsletter Deadline—January 23:

The deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter is Wednesday, **January 23**. Please be sure to send your articles regarding ministry events to newsletter@kogchurch.org or drop them by the church office.

Annual Congregational Meeting—January 27:

King of Glory's annual congregational meeting will be held on January 27 after the second service. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch with the meeting to follow immediately afterwards.

Save the Date in 2019

Family Promise:

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

Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunity:

June 22-30, 2019, Budapest, Hungary.

Have a blessed month of January!

Heather Justine Stolte

Office.manager@kogchurch.org

January Birthdays...

Ruth Skort	3
Robert Dylan Stock	3
Roger Doty	8
Marlys Buckey	10
Michael Franta	11
Sandy McCormick	11
Laura Poole	14
Dale Woolley	16
Sheri Loeffelman	16
Sam Fullerton	18
Robert Stolte	19
Melissa Balo	19

Emily Bartz	20
Patsy Tuma	25
Rhonda Fisher	25
Beverly Stolte	27
Susan Keith	27
Tina Dubuque	27
Edmund Cotta	28
Mary Schuler	29
Marie Lipot	29
Carol Buerk	31
Alene Patterson	31
Craig Landsverk	31

Happy Birthday! **...and Anniversaries**

Letitia Alkire 31 years on January 02
Jeffrey and Rachel Kolster 3 years on January 02
Eric and Yvette Steinmetz 21 years on January 03
Cliff and Bev Nelson 36 years on January 15

Bernd and Jeanne Steinebrunner 27 years on January 25
Joy and Rohry Mangan 30 years on January 27
Dave and Sharon Gee 15 years on January 31

Happy Anniversary!

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