

KOG Connection—February 2019

Pastor's Corner...

Dear King of Glory family and friends,

First of all, I just have to say thank you for all you each did to make our Annual Meeting so fabulous! (And I never thought I would hear myself say that about an Annual Congregational Meeting!) I have heard comments from so many of you regarding how positive and heartfelt the meeting was, with all of the words of thanks that were shared toward various members for all they do, and to the church at large for the lives it has touched, and I couldn't agree more!!! Thank you!

Last Sunday, I was going to do my devotion on the I Corinthians passage we read in worship, but I had a last-minute change of heart. In light of all that was shared at the meeting, I now want to revisit and share a few thoughts about that passage from Paul. As you may know, the church in Corinth was a church that struggled. It struggled with lots of division and rancor amongst its members. There were disagreements that stemmed from the Greek class system, from economic disparity, from ethnic and racial tensions, and from theological differences. In many ways, you might say they had the cards stacked against them as a worshipping community, but Paul believed that they had been led together by the Spirit and called to be the Body of Christ, each with a special role to play, and that is why Paul wrote his now famous letter to the Corinthian church, of which we read just a piece last Sunday. The section we read from chapter 12 was about how we are all like members of a body, each contributing to the overall wellbeing of the body. So, what do we learn from Paul and the Corinthian churches that is still applicable to our life together in Christ today?

- 1. All the different roles we play in the church are necessary.** Have you or the ministry you have been serving ever felt you're the appendix or the gallbladder? Often overlooked and discounted with people asking, "So what is it that you do, anyways?" If that's the case, hear Paul's words to you today: You and your gallbladder ministry ARE important and essential, even if not everyone realizes it. What you do helps this church be the Body of Christ every day. Thank you!
- 2. Our differences are our strength not our weakness.** Just as the various parts of the body are meant to look and function differently, so are the members of the church. We are all called and united by Christ's spirit with our different gifts, perspectives and experiences. God unites us not despite these differences, but because of them. Or as one Christian writer put it: *Our Christian witness is not found in our ability to agree on all things. We are not called to be a church of mindless clones. That is the witness of human culture, which forces individuals to choose between agreement or exclusion. Instead, our Christian witness is found in the fact that we are one body of many disagreeing parts. Our witness is found in our diversity, in our humility, in our graciousness, in our love for God, and in our love for one another. This is something the world cannot offer, for only God can hold together such a messy, marvelous body. (Reflections on Unity, The Colossian Forum.)* It is our diversity that enhances the strength and health of the body and allows us to witness more fully to the world around us.
- 3. If you haven't found a role or are unhappy with the ways you currently serve, find a new one!** Paul points out there are so many ways to serve the Body of Christ and God's world. Ministry is not meant to be a spectator sport, nor

should you let yourself get stuck in a serving rut. The Body of Christ needs you to contribute your gifts cheerfully, so it can function at its best, and so many of you do this freely and generously. Thank you! And don't be shy in inviting others to serve along with you.

In closing, I just want to say that it has been a privilege to serve with each of you these last four years, and I have enjoyed getting to know the rich and diverse members of this Body of Christ. Blessings to you for all that you do in service to God's grace and love toward one another and the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Kinndlee

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know...

#kogkids February 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 website—<https://kogchurch.org/community/cyf-2/>
- 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/>

February Dates to Remember:

Feb 18: Preschool closed

Feb 19: Registration opens for currently enrolled preschool families

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's adult education bible class will start again on February 3rd 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 meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Fellowship Center Library. Bring your bible in the format of your choice and join in the discussion as we study the book of Genesis. 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 11 at 7 pm in Little Ed.



Events and Dates to Remember:

Joy Circle: Monday, February 25 at 9:30 am, in Little Ed.

Faith Circle: Saturday, February 23 at 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:

Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

Father God, thank you for revealing to us how to live in your kingdom here on earth. Help us to honor and show your amazing love in all we do. Amen.

Come join us in raising prayers up to God for our church Community. We meet every Monday at 4:30.

"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, February 21. 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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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

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...

Facility Task Force Meeting—February 5:

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!

Family Winter Camp—February 8-10:

See Amanda Pulos for more details.

Property Work Day—February 9:

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—February 10:

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 February 10, 2019, after the second service. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*, chapter 11, 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.

Happy Hands and Hooking KnitWits—February 13:

Happy Hands and Hooking KnitWits have decided to meet every other month to get more work done. Our first meeting this year will be Wednesday, February 13, 10:00 am. Please note the time! We are going back to 10:00 a.m. to see if we can get more participation. We have over 12 quilts to tie and hand sew a label on. We also have fabric cut to sew if you would like, these can be taken home to sew. We will teach you anything you need to know about the process. There is yarn, needles/crochet hooks, fabric and a sewing machine available.

Come join the fun, remembering all items made go to those in need. Call Nancy Jaeger, 714.846.6593 or Catherine Marcum 714.328.9975 for more information.

Saved by Grace Covenant—February 16:

Saved by Grace Covenant will meet on Saturday, February 16, 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*.

"The King's Kitchen" Community Meals Outreach—February 21:

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—February 20:

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

Have a blessed month of February!

Heather Justine Stolte

Office.manager@kogchurch.org

February Birthdays...

Linda Hill	01
Amy Worth	02
Ryan Bobar	03
Gary Poteet	07
Marian Westerhold	08
Don Johnson	08
Karie Frederick	09
Karen Ronchetti	09
Debbie Tesla	09
Ruth Clausen	10
Joanne Woolley	10
Elisa Jordan	13
Alex Vercnocke	13
Malinda Willmore	14

Jenny Cole	14
Suzanne Kusik	15
David Still	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
Craig Vercnocke	28
Lisa McCrory	28
Judy Bartz	29

Happy Birthday! ...and Anniversaries

Patricia Hann and Steve Boback 36 years on February 05
Ike and Evie Isaksen 68 years on February 11
Steve and Barbara Chakos 38 years on February 14
Nick and Edythe Muse 58 years on February 18

Stephen and Shery Schwarz 39 years on February 22
Robert and Marie Lipot 40 years on February 24
Wayne and Virginia Anderson 62 years on February 26

Happy Anniversary!

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