

WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 2011 KOG CONNECTION

“This is for us the hardest point, not so much to believe that He is the son of the virgin and God himself, as to believe that this Son of God is ours.” Martin Luther (from the “Annunciation” in The Martin Luther Christmas Book)

With deep gratitude for the privilege of serving you, we wish you all a most blessed season of Advent and celebration of Christmas. May we all know that “this Son of God is ours”.

Your KOG Staff,

Advent and Christmas at King of Glory

November 27: First Sunday in Advent – We begin the new church year with a fresh liturgy and the continuation of our Advent Sunday School Class, which is led by Debbi Luken. Christmas Program rehearsals for our Sunday School children will also begin.

December 4: Second Sunday in Advent – Regular Sunday morning schedule and our Senior Chapel Service at 1:00 p.m. The message for the day is “God Brings Us Home”, which focuses on the return to the heart of God that God desires and accomplishes for us. Rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas Program continue.

December 11: Third Sunday in Advent – Pastor Carole preaching at the 8:00 a.m. worship service. The ever engaging and creative Sunday School Christmas Program will present the message at the 10:30 a.m. service.

December 18: Fourth Sunday in Advent – The 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services bring the season of Advent to a close by focusing on the willingness of Mary to be God’s servant and to accept her role in the unfolding story of God’s salvation. The Advent Concert, featuring the music ministry at King of Glory, takes place at 4:00 p.m.

December 19: Shut-In Christmas Caroling – A wonderful tradition of kindness in our congregation! We meet in Little Ed at 9:00 a.m. for goodies, fellowship and warm-up singing. We depart for our various locations at 10:00 a.m. and should be done between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – These powerful services are centered on the reading of the Christmas story and the message “What God Is This?”

- The 5:00 p.m. service will be led by our KOG Worship Band
- The 7:00 p.m. service will be led by our Sanctuary Choir with Gwen Woloshun at the organ.
- The 11:00 p.m. service will be a more contemplative worship experience with piano and organ.

Choose the time and service that fits best for you, invite your family and friends, and join us in worship.

December 25: Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 a.m. – Join us as we gather in the quiet of Christmas morning to ponder the prologue to the Gospel of John and the mystery of the Word made flesh. Please note that this is a departure from our normal Sunday worship schedule.

Council Highlights and Updates...

Highlights for the Congregation Council Meeting held on November 15, 2011

(These are summarized highlights only. Full copies of the minutes, once approved by the Congregation Council, are available from the church office or can be reviewed in the notebook in the Welcome Place.)

1. The Council discussed the financial challenges that we face and directed Pastor Tim to send a letter to the congregation giving an update on where we stand.
2. The Council discussed KOG's ongoing relationship with GAD Kenya, affirming the leadership and passion of Bud Potter in being a champion for this ministry and celebrating that it will continue to be embraced and supported as one of the many ministry partnerships at KOG.
3. The Council established a policy regarding undesignated bequests. When we receive undesignated bequests, the distribution shall be as follows: 30% to the Endowment Fund, 30% to the Facility Renewal Fund, 10% for debt reduction, and 30% into a dedicated account to be used at the Council's discretion.
4. The Council approved the re-financing of our mortgage with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, reducing our interest rate from 5.875% to 4.63% and reducing our monthly payment from \$4,317 to \$3,888.
5. The Council heard a report from Susie Rairie on a risk management seminar that she attended, which has made us aware that we are not in compliance with labor laws concerning the exempt versus non-exempt status of some of our employees. Susie, Pastor Tim, and KOG member Gerry Marecek will be working on a proposal to bring us into compliance, which the Council will act on at its December meeting.
6. The Council reviewed and discussed a preliminary draft of the 2012 budget.

Ministry News...

The KOG Families in Need Fund—Our Extra-Mile Giving Recipient for December

*(*The Extra Mile Giving Program encourages gifts over and above our regular offering in support of important ministries within and beyond our congregation.)*

For several years it has been our tradition to gather funds in the month of December to be placed in a dedicated account to help families who are in need during the holidays and throughout the year. Often these families come from within our congregation, but sometimes they come to us from our community. As a matter of good stewardship, if the family is not known to us, a screening process is used (usually through Lutheran Social Services) before help is given. We have a strict no cash policy for assistance from the church office.

This year we have added a new opportunity to support this important fund, through the Tamale Fundraiser. Fresh, homemade tamales will be sold by the dozen with an option of chicken, pork, or mixed. Cost is \$12 per dozen. Orders must be prepaid and will be

delivered for pickup on December 18. Pick up an order form on Sunday morning or from the church office during the week.

Extra Mile Giving for 2012

At their December 20 meeting, the Congregation Council will discuss and approve potential Extra Mile Giving partners for 2012. Do you know of a ministry partnership that you would like the Council to consider? If so, please contact a member of the Council or Pastor Tim to submit information for the Council's consideration.

From Your Church Council President:

Dear King of Glory Family,

I don't know how you feel, but it seems to me that 2011 has flown by. It has been another blessed year for King of Glory and that is due to the love, commitment, and generosity of the congregation, along with the abundant blessings from God. We have enjoyed another year filled with the usual fun and joyful events: Easter including soup suppers, Chili Cook Off, Oktoberfest, and Fall Festival just to name a few events. As well as some new ones like the Thanksgiving Feast and concert. All of these events on top of our usual Sunday services and Sunday school. Thank you to everyone who has given their time and talents to make KOG the special and loving place we like it to be. God is good.

In addition to these blessings I want to recognize everyone responsible for the day to day operations of KOG -- our wonderful staff, without whom our church would suffer greatly. Their love for the Lord and our church are quite evident through their tireless efforts and dedication. I praise and thank God for the wonderful staff He has blessed us with.

It is my hope and wish that every member, when given the opportunity, says a word of thanks to each member of our staff. In addition to a written or verbal thank you, it has become a tradition at KOG to show our appreciation during the month of December with a monetary staff gift. The funds collected are evenly distributed to our staff. Your gift can be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday during the month in an offering envelope marked "staff gift". Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated by Pastor Tim, Pastor Carole, Jeanne, Susie, Jeff, Jill, Tom, Gwen, and Amanda.

Thank you for your love and commitment to KOG and may God bless you this Christmas season.

Peace and Blessings,
Paul Wallace, Church Council President

The Nominating Committee is at work!

The Nominating Committee has begun its work in seeking candidates for the Congregation Council, Foundation Board, and the 2012 Pacifica Synod Assembly in Irvine. King of Glory has an open nominating process, so we welcome hearing from

members who would like to submit someone's name for nomination (you should have the individual's permission before you do so). You can submit your own name as well.

The deadline for nominations is December 15. The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Pastor Tim, Rich Bandurian, Judy Persons, Catherine Marcum, and Don Johnson. Please contact any of the committee members if you would like to submit a name!

W-ELCA (Women of the ELCA) elections are almost upon us.

Did you know that if you are a female member of our congregation, you are a member of W-ELCA? We will hold our yearly elections at Advent Night (December 2). We invite all women to join us for Bible study, women's ministry events (Happy Hands, Hooking Knit Wits, Advent Night, Convention, etc.) and a variety of other events throughout the year. If you are interested in holding a position on the W-ELCA board to help with the decision-making process, please contact Sandy Poteet @ **(714) 418-1862** for descriptions and positions available.

Hooking KnitWits

Greetings.

We have started meeting once a month (off-site) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We will, however, not meet in December but will begin again in January 2012. May I take this opportunity to say that I pray your Thanksgiving was a good time for family and friends and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Blessings,
Your Sister in Christ,
Catherine Marcum
714.892.1981

A Prayer of Dedication upon Beginning a Prayer Shawl

Blessed are you, Creator God, for you wrap your creation in the warmth of your loving kindness. As I take up my yarn and my tools to begin this shawl, I ask you to bless my hands and my heart. Let my small skill and compassion be a hint of your own as I craft this yarn into a tangible prayer of healing, peace and comfort. I dedicate the work of my hands to your service, loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose mother has been depicted knitting with him by her side. Amen.

A Prayer of Blessing upon the Completion of a Shawl

Blessed are you, compassionate God, for you wrap your creation in the softness of your loving kindness. May the prayers for healing, peace and comfort I have worked into every stitch rise to you and come back to the shawl's recipient a hundredfold. I ask you to bless the recipient of this shawl and all your children with your peace, which passes all understanding. I make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GADL News - Go and Do Likewise

A big thank you to the KOG Sunday School for their participation in providing a full year of schooling for Macloud Magara in Kenya. Because Macloud is very smart he has been admitted to a highly regarded school in Kisii which is a long ways from his village and so he must board there. He has found it very difficult in some ways. This support is a great encouragement for him. Because of the status of the school and the costs involved for this school the annual cost for Macloud is much higher than the "normal"; it is expected his school fees will reach \$1200.00 for the year. With this in mind the Sunday School members took on the challenge. It is an amazing situation when this kind of courage and commitment is walked in without knowing how it will turn out. In this case the Lord answered swiftly; a KOG person, who chose to remain anonymous, came forward to support our Sunday School kids with a donation for their student of \$500.00. Like Abraham "not knowing where" the Sunday School went forward "not knowing how" and the Lord has provided that which confirms their journey and makes their commitment possible.

With this in mind I will remind everyone that we still have 30 students who do not have personal sponsors. It is a commitment to support one of these kids without knowing the outcome of the effort or that child's ultimate future; there are so many different stories and circumstances involved. The regular cost for a student is \$360.00 per year, that is \$30.00 per month and most simply done through our website. All school fees are due in January so it is a yearend struggle as each year we have unsponsored students. A simple gift during the holiday season, this may take sacrifice but not as great as the sacrifice which was given for us, changes the future for a child and most likely that child's family. What greater gift to someone who has nothing than to give them a chance. We currently have 19 sponsored students and will have around 50 applicants. You can do the math.

On another subject, Go and Do Likewise is once again hosting the Christmas party for the girls from Florence Crittenton Services. As in the past the evening is held on the Electric Riverboat Angela Louise which is donated by Captain Rick Garcia who is also the owner. A full dinner is served and gifts given. This evening has become a regular event which the staff and girls enjoy a great deal. An appeal for the gift items was made to KOG as we expect an increased number of young participants this year. Sam Parsons is our roving minstrel and of course Santa is among the guests. Singing, laughing, sharing the Christmas story and the One who came amongst us are all pieces of the evening. Just a great reminder of who we are and what we are called to be.

Be blessed King of Glory Lutheran Church, you have been blessed that you might be a blessing, and you are.

New Website for Lutheran Disaster Response

There is a new LDR.org online! The new site uses a different kind of software which will function more like a blog than a traditional website. Our hope is for more frequent interaction between LDR staff and you—our partners—who serve as volunteers, donors and supporters.

Go to www.ldr.org to check out the new site. Some new features are an enhanced version of the Volunteer Map as well as new information about ordering LDR Resources. They invite you to register as a site user, which will allow you to comment and ask questions on blog posts. To register, just click the "Register" link in the upper right—hand corner on any page.

This new site will continue to grow and change, and LDR needs your feedback to make it better. Is there something you want to know more about? Is anything missing? Tell us about it! You can contact them by email at disaster@elca.org, or post on our Facebook page (which you already "Like", of course!) to let us know how the site can best serve you.

Thanks for your continued support of Lutheran Disaster Response. Together, we are bringing help and hope to disaster survivors!

An Update from the Lutheran Partnership of Habitat for Humanity

We have just heard that we have been awarded a 2012 Thrivent Builds grant! The home will be in Santa Ana and construction will begin in spring of 2012. This is wonderful news following on the heels of our "Blitz Build" in Huntington Beach. We won't have to wait long for more construction opportunities. Go to www.habitatoc.org and click on the video at the bottom of the home page to see a really fun video of our HB site. Very cool!

The Huntington Beach construction is moving along at a rapid pace and most construction dates are filled. If you can build during the week, even one day will help. Contact jaymie@habitatoc.org.

Dedication is planned for Saturday, December 17. Watch the Weekly Connection for further details.

Calling all coffee lovers:

Fall is here with Winter close behind. Calling on all Coffee Lovers to help us replenish the supply for Sunday morning coffee. We are also in need of both creamer and sugar. Don't worry about space to put the coffee; if we can't keep it all in the Grumbly Dog Café, we will make room in the office to store it. We run out of regular more often than decaf.



Pictures of KOG Events:

Stephen Schwarz has been faithfully photographing our recent events. If you would like to have access to the website where the pictures are stored (shutterfly), contact him and he will send you an invitation to join up. Once you have received the invitation, you can then set up log-in information, and will be able to view (and download) pictures from the site. You can contact Stephen by sending an email to stephotovideo@gmail.com or calling him at (714) 962-0475.

New and Returning Chancel Assistants Needed!

Looking for an essential but simple ministry? Chancel assistants set up and put away communion for both services and refuel our candles. The pair divides clean-up, depending on which church service they attend. This service takes a few hours a month. Training will be available at your convenience: either at your first set up or on a Sunday between services. Pictures and directions are in the chancel room. Sign up at the Welcome Place with an experienced assistant or pair up with a friend. Thank you. (Questions? Call Sharon Windhorst at 714-964-9902.)

Questions regarding your Olan Mills' order?

If you have any questions regarding your Olan Mills pictures, please call 1-800-596-3731, ext. 5. This phone number will give you a live person who can answer any questions you may have (about delivery, for example) with regard to your pictures.

The Prayer Corner

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the son of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he became a wandering preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of those things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a trial. He was executed by the state. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that **One Solitary Life**.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Isaiah 11:9b: [F]or the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

The Art of Gift Planning

Sometimes giving a gift takes more than just going to the store and picking out the gift, or more than simply writing a check. Most often when we give a gift we first think about what would be the appropriate amount to give. Then we might also consider when would be the best time to give the gift so that it would have the most impact. We also think about how the gift should be wrapped and what to say on an accompanying card. There really is a great deal to consider.

Giving a gift to your church or favorite ministry may also take some considerable planning. What is the appropriate amount, when to give it, how to package it, and what to say about your gift are just a few of the considerations. You also may want to think about whether or not you want the gift designated for a specific purpose or for general use. You also need to consider which is the most tax efficient way to give the gift. Using current and changing tax strategies can get quite confusing.

Fortunately, there is help. Greg Shepherd, our congregation's gift planner, can help you plan both tax advantaged gifts during your lifetime as well as bequests left through your will, trust, or other financial instruments. Greg has over twenty years of gift planning experience. You may contact Greg by phone at: (909)910-6823; or by email at: gregory.shepherd@elca.org

Youth On The Go, Grow & Know...

(KOG Youth and Family News for December)

Youth Advisory Board Meeting: December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Little Ed. Come and be a voice in youth ministry.

Youth Community Service Project: During the month of December the youth community service project is "TEENS HELPING OTHER TEENS". The youth will be putting together care packages for teens in the foster care system. We would love for our KOG family to help us out to make Christmas special for these teens by showing God's love.

Some items that are on their wish lists are the following...

- * Sports Equipment
- * Gift Cards: Visa, Master Card, Target, Walmart, for movie theaters, etc.
- * Clothing, ankle socks
- * Arts and craft materials
- * Curling & flat irons
- * Perfume, cologne
- * Hairstyling products
- * Make-up kits
- * Personal hygiene items: soap, shampoos, lotion, Nair, etc.
- * Journals, backpacks, purses

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **December 4**
 - *4-6pm—Praise the Roof Practice & Dinner
 - *6-6:30pm—Youth Advisory Board Meeting
 - *6:30-8:30—Youth Group
- **December 8:** 6-8:30pm—Praise the Roof Practice (Mandatory)
- **December 10:** 9am-4pm—Santa's Helpers! Child Care for parents that need some time to get their holiday "to do" list done! This is a Fundraiser for the 2012 National Youth Gathering!
- **December 11**
 - *10:30 Service—Praise the Roof leads worship & Sunday School Children's Christmas Program
 - *6:30-8:30—Youth Group
- **December 16:** All Nighter with LCR (More details to come)
- **December 18:** 6:30-8:30—Youth Group—Baby Jesus' Birthday Party!
- **December 31—January 1:** 8pm-9am—New Years Eve Pajama Jam All Nighter!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **December 7**
 - *6:30-7:30—Youth Group
 - *7:30-8:30—Confirmation
- **December 14**
 - *6:30-7:30—Youth Group
 - *7:30-8:30—Confirmation
- **December 17**
 - *1-5pm—Cookie Fundraiser—Don't forget to pre-order your cookies for Christmas!!!
- **December 21:** 6:30-8:30—Youth Group—Baby Jesus' Birthday Party!!!
- **December 28:** 6:30-8:30—Youth Group

Recycling: Good for the environment, good for our youth: Bring your cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles to King of Glory for recycling. We currently have one container in Big Ed, with two more on the way. Money from the recycled goods will go towards funds for the National Youth Gathering; help send us to New Orleans in July 2012! If you would like to contribute cans/bottles from home, we will be collecting them the last week of every month. Please do not bring them in before then as we do not have room to store them on campus. Thank you for your support.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me (Amanda Plascencia, KOG Director of Youth and Children's Ministry) on my cell at (714) 604-3373 or by email at Amanda@kogchurch.org.

Coming Events...

(The following information has been provided by various ministry leaders at KOG)



Tamale Fundraiser for Families in Need—now through December 11

THEY ARE ON THE WAY...Fresh, homemade, delicious tamales right in time for holiday celebrations. We will be taking orders for fresh tamales starting November 27 and continuing through December 11, with delivery on December 18. This is a fundraiser to support our Families in Need Ministry, which is very active

throughout the year due to the economy and is especially active during the holidays. Look for more information and order sheets at the Welcome Place.

Facility Task Force Meeting—November 29

The Facility Task Force will meet on Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. 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 interested in new partners in this ministry. If you are interested, please join us!

Women's Ministry News—December



Advent Night is December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in Big Ed: Crafts, Carols & Cookies - Instead of making something for ourselves, this year we will be doing a service project for Lutheran Social Services. LSS is in need of blankets and hygiene kits. Adults will tie blankets for the homeless and put together hygiene kits. Fabric for the blankets is being provided by Thrivent. There will not be a cost to attend this year, but admission will be a personal size hygiene item (shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, brush, comb, etc.) There will be a craft project for the children and carols to sing. Bring your favorite cookies to share and drinks will be provided. There will be a short (very short) business meeting to elect WELCA board officers for the new year and then we will get busy tying blankets and assembling kits. Please come and bring you children, grandchildren, friends & neighbors. (If you get this after the 2nd – thank you to all who participate. It is never too late to donate to Lutheran Social Services; just bring your gift to KOG.)

Pull Tab Collection for the Ronald McDonald House: As always, we will continue to collect aluminum pull tabs from soda cans and select other aluminum cans. Please place them in the 'Ronald McDonald House' in the Welcome Place. This is really a worthwhile cause and so easy to do. Just pull your tabs, bring them to church and a donation to help others is made. We do appreciate all your support.

WELCA Board Meeting: December 12th – 6:30pm potluck to 'welcome' the newly elected board members and say 'thank you' for all the hard work of the outgoing officers. Board meetings are open to all women of KOG and this is a good time to offer suggestions for upcoming events.

2012 Events: Your input matters!!!

The newly elected WELCA board will be planning the events for 2012. Be sure to submit your suggestions at Advent Night December 2nd or at the December 12th board meeting. Call our president Harriet Bower at (714) 842-3750 or leave your suggestion at the church office. You, the women of KOG, are the first priority of our ministry.

December - Bible Study Dates:

"gather For Faith and Action"—This magazine includes our Bible study: "To Follow & To Serve" The Gospel of Mark.

Monday, December 12th – Joy Circle – 9:30 a.m.: Conference Room

Saturday, December 17th – Faith Circle – 9:30 a.m.: Conference Room

Tuesday, December 20th – Harmony Circle – 7:00 p.m.: Library

Choose the date that works for you and join us as we strengthen our faith.

Upcoming Events: "Souper" Bowl Sunday

Blessings

Charlyn Travers (vice president)

KOG Christmas Craft Fair—December 4 & 11

Come to our Christmas Craft Fair, featuring items made by King of Glory members. The fair will take place after each worship service on December 4 and 11 over in the Fellowship Hall. A portion of the proceeds will be donated in support of our ministries at King of Glory. What a great way to support the family!

A wonderful way to start the Christmas season!

Lutheran Colleges are known for their music programs and St. Olaf in Northfield, MN is one of the tops. Their Christmas Festival Concert will be Simulcast Live in several area theaters on Sunday, December 4, at 1:00 p.m. Century 20 Theater in Bella Terra (Huntington Beach) is one of them. You can go online to order tickets in advance. Visit stolaf.edu/simulcast for more information and a brief video clip.

Property Work Day—December 5

The next Property Work Day will take place on Monday, December 5. We need YOU to help keep our church property maintained and in good repair. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this important ministry. Meet in Little Ed at 9:00 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and work assignments. Please contact Alan Marcum or Ernie Butler if you have any questions.

The 50th Anniversary Planning Team Needs You! (next meeting – December 6)

An initial meeting of those interested in planning our 50th anniversary festivities was held on November 1. We determined that we would like to have our celebration take place on a single day, March 4, which is the actual day of the anniversary.

We brainstormed ideas for the celebration and determined some initial areas where we will need working teams: publicity, decorations, food, displays, and program.

If you would like to work with the Anniversary Planning Team in any of these areas, please email Pastor Tim or sign up in the Welcome Place. The next meeting of the Planning Team will be held on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Concert at St. John's Lutheran Church—December 10

On Saturday, December 10, at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., St John's Lutheran Church will present *The Sounds of Christmas*. The Jubilate Choir, St. John's adult choir of 60 voices, along with a festival orchestra, will join in presenting the beautiful music of Christmas. In addition, St. John's handbell choir will present three inspiring arrangements.

The sanctuary is located at 185 South Center Street in downtown Orange. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Childcare is available for children under the age of 5. For more information, please call 714-288-4433.

Children's Christmas Program – December 11

Come join the Sunday School as they tell the story of the birth of the baby Jesus! This year's Christmas Program is scheduled for December 11th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. See you there!

Happy Hands—December 13

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. It's our special luncheon, cookie exchange, and elephant gift exchange. We will begin by tying quilts before lunch. If you are not able to tie quilts, help coordinate some fabric for a new quilt or just socialize.

Bring your favorite food to share for our potluck luncheon. Drinks and place settings will be provided. If you are interested in exchanging cookies, bring two dozen and we will divide the cookies after we test them for dessert.

After lunch we will have an elephant gift exchange. Wrap something from your house that you no longer want. We draw numbers and open and swap presents.

Come join the fun, remembering these quilts go to those in need. December is a great month to enjoy the fellowship. Call Nancy Jaeger (714-846-6593) for more information.

Jeff on vacation a few days:

Jeff Perkins, our custodian, will be on vacation Thursday December 15, Thursday December 22, and Wednesday December 28. If anyone can stop by to help us with the cleaning of the campus it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Susie and let her know.

Newsletter Deadline—December 16

The deadline to submit articles for the January newsletter is Friday, December 16. Please send your articles to Jeanne@kogchurch.org or drop them by the office.

Covenant Celebration—December 17

How often do we try to tackle the challenges of life and ignore the greatest book of advice...God's Word? If you are ready to gather with friends, make new friends, study the Bible, enjoy a potluck, laugh and pray, we have just the opportunity for you. Do you notice in the bulletin or in the church newsletter the listing for Jaeger, Travers or Saved by Grace Covenant and wonder just what that is all about?

Before I became a member of a Covenant, I was curious about what a covenant group was and if it was something I would feel comfortable in. I can say with confidence and praise that I am glad that I accepted the invitation to join a small group Bible study that met monthly in a member's home to study the word, share fellowship, pray for one another, and not feel intimidated that I might be at a different level in my spiritual life or Bible knowledge than those in attendance.

Because of the interest being shown by some of you to be in a covenant group, we invite you to join us for a holiday combined Covenant celebration on Saturday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. @ KOG for a traditional Lutheran potluck (includes Jell-O...yummy), hymn singing, brief overview and sharing about a covenant group.

Please sign up at the Welcome Place so that we can prepare enough food for all. Studying is important in understanding God's word and learning how to apply it in our lives. As Christians, it's a major way that we draw closer to God. Come check us out, we're a FUN way to grow in the Bible and in our relationships with one another.

Joy Mangan, Ministry Coach

Blood Drive – December 18

Mark your calendars. The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at KOG on Sunday, December 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Blood shortage is critical during the holidays. If you donate, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be generally in good health. If you have questions, please call Judy Goodman at (949) 760-7551, or the American Red Cross at (800) 843-2949, ext. 7066.

"Sing Out Earth and Skies"—December 18

King of Glory's First Annual Advent Concert

Come celebrate songs of Advent and Christmas with King of Glory's sanctuary choir, worship band, handbell choir, soloists, special guest musicians, and more! Join us on Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Concert will be followed by a festive soup supper! A free will offering will be taken.

December Birthdays...

Letty Alkire	December 1	Carole Parmeter Dyer	December 20
Sandra Kelly	December 2	Roger Bise	December 21
Pete Moenter	December 2	John Borack	December 21
Don Szabo	December 2	Gwen TeGantvoort	December 21
Rod Patterson	December 3	April Bollinger	December 23
Marlene Watton	December 3	George Jaeger	December 23
Debbie Bise	December 4	Jack Watton	December 23
Steve Boback	December 7	Judy Goodman	December 24
Jon Kompara	December 7	Andrea Martin	December 24
Zach Sham	December 7	Mary Gonzales	December 25
Mark Goodman	December 9	Ann Olmstead	December 25
Bryan Schwarz	December 9	Barbara Siegele	December 25
Mary Balo	December 11	Carol Tonjes	December 25
Pankaj Saurastri	December 11	Nancy Cotta	December 26
Virginia Anderson	December 12	James Stout	December 26
Catherine Marcum	December 14	Sherry Reid	December 27
Susie Rairie	December 14	Ruth Janus	December 29
Erica Bauer	December 15	Marshall Belgen	December 30
Terry Dunkelberger	December 17	Barbara Cormack	December 30
		Roger Anderson	December 31

...and Anniversaries

Robert and Deloris Bixler
45 years on December 10

Dale and Joanne Woolley
45 years on December 21

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NRSV)</p>				<p>1 5:30-7:30 Bell Choir Practice (BE) 6:00 – 9:00 pm Praise Band rehear. 6:30 pm Men's Cursillo Grouping (CR) 7:00-8:30 pm F.A. (LE) 7:00-10:00 pm Private Event (BE) 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm Brazil. Study (FH)</p>	<p>2 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Grief and Loss Support Group (Library) 7:00 pm W-ELCA Advent Night (BE)</p>	<p>3 9:00-12:00 Organ practice in Sanctuary 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>
<p>4 Second Sunday of Advent 8:00/10:30 am Worship Christmas Craft Fair (FH) 9:15 am SS/Adult Education 1:00 pm Senior Chapel 4:00 pm Youth Band Practice (& Dinner) 5:30 pm Bowling League 5:30 pm Brazilian Ministry (FH) 6:00 pm YAB Meeting (LE) 6:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group (BE) 8:00-9:30 pm AA (CR)</p>	<p>5 9:00 am Property Work Day 6:00 pm Prayer Warriors (CR) 7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study (CR) 7:30 pm Troop 442 (BE)</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Foundation Board Meeting (@ Coco's) 9:30-10:45 am PS Gym Stars (FH) 11:00 am – 2:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting and Potluck (BE) 12:00-1:00 pm Fitness Class (BE) 7:00 pm 50th Anniversary Planning Team Meeting (CR)</p>	<p>7 9:30 am Preschool Bible Time with Pastor Tim (Sanctuary) 9:45-11:00 am Preschool Dance (FH) 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (LE) 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group 6:45 pm Men's Bible Study (LE) 7:00 pm Women's Cursillo Grouping (off-site) 7:30 pm Confirmation class 8:00 pm AA (BE)</p>	<p>8 5:30-7:30 Bell Choir Practice (BE) 6:00 – 8:30 pm Praise the Roof Youth Band Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:30 pm F.A. (LE) 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm Brazil. Study (FH)</p>	<p>9 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Grief and Loss Support Group (Library) 6:30 pm Jaeger Covenant</p>	<p>10 9:00-12:00 Organ practice in Sanctuary 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Santa's Helpers Childcare (BE & Preschool)</p>
<p>11 Third Sunday of Advent+ 8:00/10:30 am Worship Christmas Craft Fair (FH) 9:15 am SS/Adult Education 10:30 am Children's Christmas Program & Cookie Fellowship 1:30-4:30 Piano Recital (Sanct/LE) 5:30 pm Bowling League 5:30 pm Brazilian Ministry (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm Pack 400 Meeting (Lib) 6:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group (BE) 8:00-9:30 pm AA (CR)</p>	<p>12 9:30 am Joy Women's Bible Study Circle (CR) 11:00 am – 2:15 pm Private Meetings (Library) 6:00 pm Prayer Warriors (CR) 6:30 pm W-ELCA Dinner & Board Meeting (LE) 7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study (CR) 7:30 pm Troop 442 (BE)</p>	<p>13 9:30-10:45 am PS Gym Stars (FH) 10:00 Happy Hands (BE) 12:30 – 3:15 pm Private Meetings (Library) 12:30 pm Al-Anon (LE) 7:00 pm Internship Committee Meeting (off-site)</p>	<p>14 9:30 am Preschool Bible Time with Pastor Tim (Sanctuary) 9:45-11:00 am Preschool Dance (FH) 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (LE) 6:30 – 7:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (FH) 6:45 pm Men's Bible Study (LE) 7:30 pm Confirmation class 8:00 pm AA (BE)</p>	<p>15 10:00 am Preschool Christmas Program (9:30 – 12:00 Sanct/BE) 5:30-7:30 Bell Choir Practice (BE) 6:00 – 9:00 pm Praise Band rehear. 6:30 pm Men's Cursillo Grouping (CR) 6:30-9:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 400 Meeting (BE) 7:00-8:30 pm F.A. (LE) 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm Brazil. Study (FH)</p>	<p>16 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Grief and Loss Support Group (Library) Time TBD – High School All Nighter with LCR (off-site)</p>	<p>17 9:00-12:00 Organ practice in Sanctuary 9:30 am – 12:30 pm All Musicians Practice (Sanctuary) 9:30 am Faith Women's Bible Study Circle (CR) 6:00 pm Covenant Fellowship Night (BE)</p>
<p>18 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Blood Drive 8:00/10:30 am Worship 9:25 am Adult Education 3:00 pm Dress Rehearsal 4:00 pm Advent Concert followed by dinner (Sanctuary/BE) 5:30 pm Brazilian Ministry (FH) 6:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group (YR) 8:00-9:30 pm AA (CR)</p>	<p>19 9:00 am Church Christmas Caroling 6:00 pm Prayer Warriors (CR) No Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>20 9:30-10:45 am PS Gym Stars (FH) 12:00-1:00 pm Fitness Class (BE) 12:30 pm Al-Anon (BE) 6:30 pm Council Meeting (CR) 7:00 pm Harmony Women's Bible Study Circle (Library)</p>	<p>21 9:30 am Preschool Bible Time with Pastor Tim (Sanctuary) 9:45-11:00 am Preschool Dance (FH) No Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 – 8:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (FH) 6:45 pm Men's Bible Study (LE) 8:00 pm AA (BE)</p>	<p>22 5:30-7:30 Bell Choir Practice (BE) 6:00 – 9:00 pm Praise Band rehearsal 7:00-8:30 pm F.A. (LE) 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm Brazil. Study (FH)</p>	<p>23 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Grief and Loss Support Group (Library)</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Band Practice 5:00 pm Service (worship band) 7:00 pm Service (organ and choir) 11:00 pm Service 8:00 – 11:00 pm Portuguese Services (FH)</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day 10:00 am Worship 5:30 pm Brazilian Ministry (FH) 8:00-9:30 pm AA (CR)</p>	<p>26 Church Office and Preschool Closed 6:00 pm Prayer Warriors (CR)</p>	<p>27 Church Office and Preschool Closed 12:00-1:00 pm Fitness Class (BE) 12:30 pm Al-Anon (BE) 7:00 pm Facility Task Force Meeting (CR)</p>	<p>28 Preschool Closed 6:30 – 8:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (FH) 6:45 pm Men's Bible Study (LE) 8:00 pm AA (BE)</p>	<p>29 Preschool Closed 12:00-1:00 pm Fitness Class (BE) 5:30-7:30 Bell Choir Practice (BE) 6:00 – 9:00 pm Praise Band rehearsal 6:30 pm Men's Cursillo Grouping (CR) 7:00-8:30 pm F.A. (LE) 7:30-9:00 pm Brazil. Study (FH)</p>	<p>30 Church Office and Preschool Closed 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Grief and Loss Support Group (Library)</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve 10:00 pm – 2:00 am – Portuguese Worship followed by fellowship time (FH) 8:00 pm – 9:00 am (1/1/12) HS All Nighter (all but FH)</p>
<p>Last day to submit giving for end of the year—December 25</p>						