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# KOG CONNECTION

Events, News and Insights  
from King of Glory Lutheran Church

## King of Glory's Vision for the Future

To Boldly Share the Grace of God with the World



Our vision is that we are fully living out our mission in alignment with our core values as follows:

- **Grounded in the love of Christ**, we are a deeply relational community. We boldly share the grace of God by loving one another and intentionally welcoming new persons into our community. *(Page 3)*
- **Growing in faith**, we boldly share the grace of God by prioritizing faith development as we design ministries of worship, education, prayer, support groups, small group studies and outreach. *(Page 4)*
- **Generous in giving and service**, we are boldly sharing the grace of God with our ministry partners in the wider community. *(Page 5)*

## Day of Thanksgiving and Recognition for Pastor Olin This Sunday!

One of the many things we didn't get to do in 2020 due to the covid shutdown was to celebrate Pastor Olin's retirement from paid pastoral ministry in May 2020. Olin had been on the KOG staff as our Parish Care Pastor, providing comfort and care for many of you over the 6 years of his ministry here. **Join us after each service this Sunday, September 19** as we say thank you for all the ways he shared his gifts with us and throughout 48 years of pastoral ministry.



**This Sunday**  
**8:30 am & 11 am**



## Seeing the Unseen

My prayer for each of us is that we can lean on God's spirit to help us see – really see the one who may be invisible to most eyes...the lonely one who deserves a welcome or the quiet one whose life we light up with a simple greeting and acknowledgment.

» [\*\*Worship Guides\*\*](#)

Over the past few years, several capital improvement, maintenance, and repair needs have arisen on our campus which are above and beyond our Budgeted Annual Ministry funding. **Addressing these issues is vital to the current and future ministry of King of Glory.**

In addition to our responsibility to be good stewards of all we have been given, we are also called to love our neighbor. As we see more signs of homelessness, hunger, and despair, **we are compelled to make a difference beyond our own walls.**

**In place of launching a major capital campaign, the KOG family will be invited to experience the Joy of responding to God's Grace and Abundance during a Miracle Offering Sunday by making a monetary gift in support of KOG's capital needs for future growth and ministry.**

So that these gifts will go to meet both internal needs and external needs, **20% of the funds received for Miracle Offering Sunday** will be given to North Dallas Shared Ministries and ELCA World Hunger.

Prioritized by our leaders, your donated funds will be vital to the future ministry of King of Glory. Thank you for being a part of God's Miracle of Abundance and Generosity!

**Click Here** to make an online donation today or pledge to donate an amount over the next several months.

If you have not yet received the information packet, please **click here** to go to the online version.



**September 26, 2021**



## Grounded in Love

Did you know we have these support systems at King of Glory?



### NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION GROUPS

Small town churches enjoy a sense of neighborliness large city churches sometimes lack. But not KOG! Although King of Glory members live throughout the metroplex, geographically clustered neighborhood cells offer a vehicle for members to connect with their King of

Glory neighbors. Neighborhood Connection Groups provide a way to get to know members of our faith community who live near to you, to enjoy one another's friendship and to pray and care for one another when needs arise.

YOU are already assigned a neighborhood and are represented by a leader who is there for you. Hosting in-person gatherings in our neighborhoods has been hindered by Covid precautions but your neighbors are still right there – willing to pray for you, to bring food during illness or help with transportation and other needs. Your leader is also a good person to call if you'd like someone to pray for you or if you'd like them to pass on a prayer need to the pastors for you.

**If you have any questions, contact Michelle Hild at [hildchitchat@att.net](mailto:hildchitchat@att.net).**

### STEPHEN MINISTRIES

There are times when it helps to have someone to walk through life with us. Someone who isn't there to fix us, but to listen and to care while keeping things entirely confidential. Maybe it is a time of grief or major life change like a medical crisis or divorce. Maybe it's a financial or relationship crisis. Stephen Ministers are highly trained members of King of Glory who provide a high level of emotional and spiritual support during a wide range of life difficulties. It's free, it's confidential.

Contact Pr Don Haven at [dhaven@kingofglory.com](mailto:dhaven@kingofglory.com) or Betty Keefe at [usdallasgal137@gmail.com](mailto:usdallasgal137@gmail.com).

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

Being a caregiver can be a blessing. It is also a struggle – a struggle that is shared by many of us. Gathering with others in a safe space to share those struggles is good for the soul. The group meets once per month (currently via zoom) for about an hour to allow each person to share, to seek input from others and to connect between meetings as needed for resources or ideas. It is facilitated by a licensed social worker.

**Join this group or ask questions by contacting Melanie Hoffman, LCSW, at [mjh4107@att.net](mailto:mjh4107@att.net).**

### CARE TEAM

The Care Team reaches out to those who are homebound, isolated, or in need of someone to visit, listen, offer communion or provide resources and other care.

Working closely with our pastors and NCG leadership, members are here to support you in illness and longer-term care needs. They share love in visits, bringing communion, calling on the phone and other ways of reaching out to let you know you are not alone – your faith family is here for you.

**If you or a loved one would like to be paired with a Care Team member, contact Vernell Shuey at [vshuey@swbell.net](mailto:vshuey@swbell.net) or Pastor Beth at [btaylor@kingofglory.com](mailto:btaylor@kingofglory.com).**



## Growing in Faith

Adult Education began last Sunday. Both of these classes were well attended but there is always room for more! Classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:45am and you can attend in person or join us online!



### RETURNING FROM EXILE

As we return from our quarantine to corporate worship, we are much like God's Covenant People returning from their exile in Babylon. But there is much work to be done—externally and internally. Rebuilding the Temple, Restoring prodigal lives. Reclaiming Hope! We too have been stuck physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

To the Old Testament faithful and to us today, God raised up three prophetic voices: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. See how their message remains timely for our return to being the church and our class together, our mission in the world, and our own personal struggles.

*The teaching team includes Kathy Bean, Pastor Don Berg, Wesley Johnson, Paul Jentz, Carolyn Knudsen, Linda Ladd, Pastor Jon Lee, David & Becky Pederson, and Dan Reckmeyer.*



### THE CROSS FIT LIFE

We are called to be disciples of Christ. But, what does that actually look like in our daily lives? Join our intergenerational class focused on exploring how to live as a follower of Christ. We'll explore a wide variety of topics and perspectives, looking both to the Bible, modern faith leaders and our own experiences.

This Fall, the Cross Fit Life class explore the greatest commandment: Love God and love your neighbor. Join us as we learn together through Bible study, discussion, and practical life application. Class participants are invited to use The Reservoir weekday devotional as a part of the class.

*Teaching team includes Michael Daniels, Jessica Gluck, Laura Huddleston, Wendi Khan and Nancy Wolff.*



**REGISTER TO ~~ATTEND~~ ONLINE**

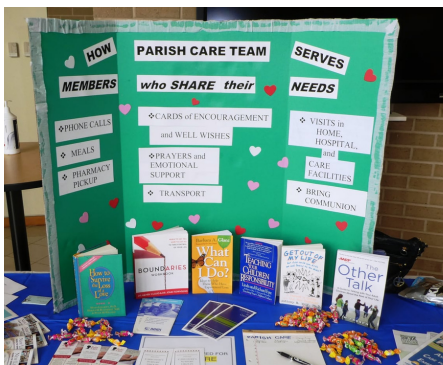




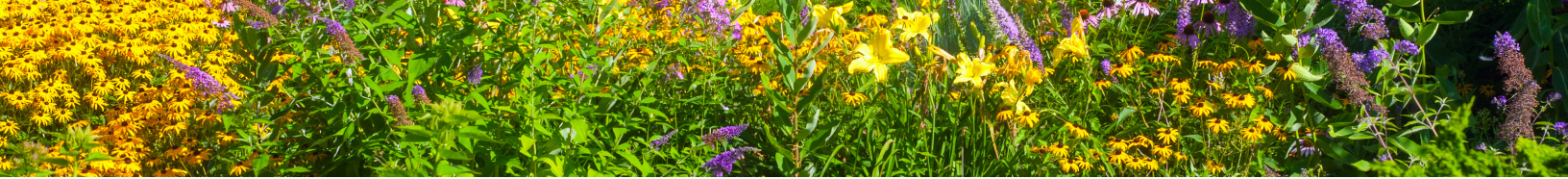
## Generous in Serving and Giving

We are boldly sharing the grace of God with our ministry partners in the wider community.

It was exciting to see so many of you for Fall Ministry Kickoff Sunday. Thank you to our Care and Serve ministries that were present in the Atrium sharing information about some of the ways KOG is serving and giving in our community. If you were unable to attend or would like to learn more about all of the ministries of KOG, go to our website at [kingofglory.com](http://kingofglory.com).







# If You Build It, They Will Come!

By Amanda J. Schulz

You might have noticed that a few new plantings are coming along nicely on the slope outside of the Activity Center. KOG has recently dedicated this space as the spot for our new pollinator garden! Volunteers have spent a few workdays, over the past several months, getting the space into shape and kicking off the planting. The goal for this garden is to attract butterflies, bees and various other pollinators, as well as provide full butterfly habitats for several species. I took my family outside to look at the progress last Sunday and was very pleased to see that we are building it, and they are coming! That's right...our Orange Butterfly Weed is budding, AND we already have Monarch eggs!!! This begins the initial step in the life cycle of the first species to call our garden home, and hopefully we will get to see the entire process unfold. Orange Butterfly Weed and various other Milkweeds are the host plants for Monarch caterpillars. In case you weren't aware, God designed each species of butterfly to feed on very specific plants. A butterfly instinctively knows those plants on which to lay its eggs, so that the infant caterpillars will have immediate nourishment. As we follow this process, also keep in mind that Dallas is in the flyway for Monarch migration from September through the end of October, so watch for Monarchs in your neighborhood! Believe it or not, around 500,000 Monarchs migrate through Texas each year!!!

What an honor it is for our congregation to play a part in providing nectar and plant nourishment for this crucial species and I encourage you to check out the pollinator garden when you are at church.

May we notice and appreciate God's majesty in the world around us!



Watch for any upcoming announcements on our next garden workday, which should be scheduled for late October or early November.