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COUNCIL NEWS

**Let us run with perseverance....looking to Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith**

Hebrews 12: 1-2

Perseverance. An important word for us – as individuals, but especially as individuals who believe. We are also called to persevere in our congregational life. When faced with challenges, it is important to persevere. And who should we look to as a guide? Jesus. In what ways is KOG being challenged and how we are “running with perseverance”?

Mission, Values, and Vision

As people who are GROUNDED in the love of Christ, GROWING in faith, and GENEROUS in serving and giving we boldly share the Grace of God with the world.

Thanks to all who joined us on March 20th for our collaborative work to answer questions about our future. With over 100 of us celebrating over a meal AND talking about our future, we crafted some exciting and challenging future considerations for who King of Glory can be. Thanks to our meal preparers, table facilitators and our outside consultants, Cameron and Mariah, for making it a day full of the future. We persevered!

The visioning team is now working hard to bring an implementation plan to life. Please plan to meet in small groups during late May to review this plan that will help us activate a bright future. In late May/early June, we will affirm our plan as a congregation.

Be on the lookout for additional meetings as we collectively see where God is calling us to serve and be in today's world.

Worship Reflection – and Additional Enhancements Coming

This is being written on Easter evening – what a beautiful celebration in worship today! Thanks to all who helped make it happen: Pastor Kenny, Harold, Monica, the King of Glory Choir, the King of Glory Ringers, the Imperial Brass, and the dozens of people ushering, assisting with communion, reading, acolyte and crucifers, greeting, etc. Most of all, a huge thank you to Marilyn Cupp. Marilyn does an amazing job making sure every detail is covered. We are blessed to have her helping ensure that we have a beautiful Holy Week as well as orchestrating worship every Sunday.

Over the past two years, we have persevered through many changes in our worship experience. We have embraced a hybrid worship experience and see both online and in-person as viable for King of Glory as we step towards our future.

We hope you have noticed the return of passing our offering plate during worship and sharing the peace. Along with that, we have relaunched “Faithful Ones,” celebrating our missional intention as King of Glory.

You will also see additional changes coming. For example, we will continue the use of bagged wafers for now, but will begin to kneel at the altar rail for communion at both the 8:30 and 11 am service.

As we summer begins, we will embark on a new worship schedule with one service at 10 am preceded by Adult Study at 9am. We look forward to gathering as one body each and every week.

As always, we are in need of volunteers for many roles during worship. This is one more way you might see if God is calling you to serve.

Synod Representatives

The NT/NL Synod will hold its annual meeting at King of Glory on April 29th and 30th and we are looking for volunteers to assist with this important gathering.

King of Glory delegates will be: John Laine, Becky Brakke, John Mathis, Valarie Remmers and Tad Doering. We are looking to Jesus to guide our thoughts as we prepare to represent KOG. Please reach out to any of us if you have a question or comment you would like to share.

Senior Pastor Call Committee:

The call committee continues to persevere and meet weekly, and we are currently debating adding the word “patience” to the prayer we recite during our Sunday services. Our Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod’s leadership has kept us grounded, knowing that the average time to find a pastor for a church of our size is two years. We continue to work with the synod office to evaluate avenues for finding new candidates, including the possibility of reviewing potential candidates from our communion partners.

With the synod’s assistance, our committee has begun a networking process with the presidents of the seven ELCA seminaries in addition to directors, board members, and committees of those seminaries to ask for candidate referrals. We hope these new avenues will lead to promising candidates for our synod office to review and, eventually, find our future leader.

As mentioned in previous Council News, it is normal and common for new pastors to be found through the relationships and knowledge of a congregation, and it is worth reminding everyone of this opportunity to help.

If you know of a pastor who might be a good fit, regardless of his/her current interest in moving or taking a new call, let the committee know by sending an email to **PCC2021@kingofglory.com**. Often pastors are thinking about a new next step, and we might be a welcomed call. Please remember, this is a delicate and highly confidential process for a pastor, his congregation, and KOG. Please do not reach out directly to anyone other than our call committee. The synod and committee work within very specific guidelines to ensure the integrity of the process. We appreciate you! The Senior Pastor Call Committee covets your continued prayers for wisdom and innovation (and patience) as we wait for God's timing in this search process.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

I-635 Corridor Redevelopment:

In March, the City's Consultant Planning team conducted eight visioning meetings and two Community-wide meetings with 290 in attendance (King of Glory's Activity Center was a host location for two of the visioning and one community-wide meeting). After gathering the opinions from the surrounding homeowners, it became clear they are not in favor of apartment buildings or any structure higher than what is already in place along the frontage road on the south side of LBJ.

The next step is for the consultant to recommend the best use of this land and work with the neighborhoods to co-develop a vision plan. This task will be completed by the end of May. To learn more about this, select the link below. You can also view Weekly updates **[HERE!](#)**

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle or Steve Hild at hildchitchat@att.net.

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So reflect on how you can “run with perseverance” in your faith – and in expressing your faith in the life of King of Glory.

One Additional Consideration:

Please consider volunteering to help with all of our ministry needs. There are many opportunities. You can be a sound and streaming helper, a greeter, communion assistant, usher, altar guild. All are valuable ways to serve King of Glory.

- Your Church Council