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COUNCIL NEWS

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

Peace – this word gives us a sense of calm. God's peace is with us all the time. Scripture tells us that we should not be troubled. However, it is easy to be troubled when we forget God is present and sharing peace with us. During times of change, remembering God's gift of peace is important.

65th Anniversary

Our 65th Anniversary Committee is meeting in late June to begin planning the September 2023 celebration. Members include:

- Jim Haynes
- Dawn Rosenquist
- Jon Schultz
- Shawna Reckmeyer
- Phil Thomas
- Lorna Weir
- Roger Anders
- Sonya Hohlt

Watch for more information as the team formulates ideas and plans. What a wonderful way to celebrate the gift of peace by recognizing God's provision and presence at KOG throughout these 65 years.

Boldly Sharing the Grace of God with the World

Our work with the congregation, supported by Convergence, in mapping out our mission, vision, and values, including future goals and action items continues. Your input has been critical to our work. A team of folks, including our partners at Convergence, have been working diligently over the past two months to flesh out goals, action items, time frames, and owners. Just this past week, we completed a "next to final" review with our Convergence team. Our next steps include Council review and then sharing with all of you. More to come.

Communications Director Search:

We are pleased to kick off the search for a communications director. The Council recently approved a new position description and is currently in the process of asking 4 or 5 congregational members to serve on the search committee with Pastor Kenny and Council President, Tad Doering.

If you know of someone who meets the requirements (click here for the position description), please let Pastor Kenny or Tad know. We embark on our search with the peace that God provides.

Worship and Music Leadership:

This past Sunday, we celebrated Monica Berney as she shared her beautiful gifts with us on her last day as Director of Music and Arts. As you may be aware, Jody Lindh and Josh McGuire will serve on an interim basis as the Council evaluates the next steps to fill the position.

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Generous in Serving:

King of Glory has always been a giving church, in treasures, talent, and time, both within and beyond the congregation. A core focus of KOG has been on making a difference and sharing God's peace with the world around us.

On August 21, we have an opportunity to learn about volunteer needs within KOG and service opportunities beyond our walls. This "Ministry Market" will be a great time to find a place to plug into the life of this congregation, whether it is helping in the office, serving on Sunday morning in worship or education, volunteering with our children, youth, and family ministries, or working within our congregational care ministries. We are each uniquely created and gifted by God for the building of God's Kingdom. We can make a difference in our world – simply by giving of our time. Join us after worship on August 21.

Senior Pastor Call Committee:

Your Council President and two members of the Call Committee recently met with Bishop Eric Gronberg and his call committee coordinator, Pastor Kris Totzke, to reflect on our call process to date. We reviewed the pastors we've met with over the past year, the expanded efforts we've embraced to broaden our reach, additional ideas we might adopt to find more candidates, and the basic challenges we are facing with a shrinking pool of potential Lead Pastors. Trusting in the Holy Spirit and being patient while we continue to search is difficult. Please continue to pray for our work, the patience of the congregation, and the Holy Spirit to work in the heart of our new pastor and his/her family to choose KOG as their next call to serve. Let God's peace surround you as we continue this journey.

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, please 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. Thank you.

-Your Church Council