

JULY 2022

COUNCIL NEWS

**You do well if you really fulfill the royal law...,
"You shall love your neighbors as ourselves."**

James 2:8

These are such wise words. The call to love our neighbors is at the very foundation of our Christian faith. How do we live it out in our personal, and congregational lives? Something to ponder.

Who Are You:

Name Tags: Have you ever had that feeling in church – where you know someone's face but you can't remember their name? Some of us can blame memory! Sometimes, however, you may have only met someone once and just can't place the name. They could even be a visitor or new member of KOG.

What if ALL members wore their name tags, creating an environment where we could all more easily welcome and celebrate visitors?

As we march towards our fall programming, we encourage all our members to pull that name tag out of the drawer or underneath their car seat and start to wear it.

If you simply can't find it or yours is worn and you need a new one, please call or email the church office and ask to have a new one made.

On August 28th, let's see all members proudly wearing their name tags!

Attendance Pads: August 28, we will re-implement passing attendance pads down the pew. This is important for two reasons:

- With our new church management software, it will help us keep better track of visitors and our members.
- With this information we can more effectively follow up with folks.

If you are interested in helping enter information in the church management system on Monday mornings, please let Phil Thomas in the church office know.

So, join us – and we can ALL know “who you are”. What simple way to show love to our neighbors!

65th Anniversary:

The first couple of meetings of KOG's 65th Anniversary Committee (2023) have been held – the team is excited about plans to celebrate the life and impact KOG has had in this community. A big thanks to Dawn Rosenquist for agreeing to lead this initiative. Members include:

- Dawn Rosenquist - Chair
- Roger Anders
- Jim Haynes
- Sonya Hohlt
- Shawna Reckmeyer
- Jon Schultz
- Phil Thomas (Staff Member)
- Lorna Weir

If you have ideas on how to celebrate all that is KOG, please let one of the members know and we will see what we can integrate. What a wonderful way to celebrate not only the past but also celebrate the future impact of KOG. Thanks to this gifted team and their willingness to help us recall and also challenge us to love our neighbors.

Generous in Giving:

Be on the lookout next week for your personalized statement of contributions for the first six months of 2022. We want to thank everyone for the outpouring of generosity following our recent budgetary shortfalls.

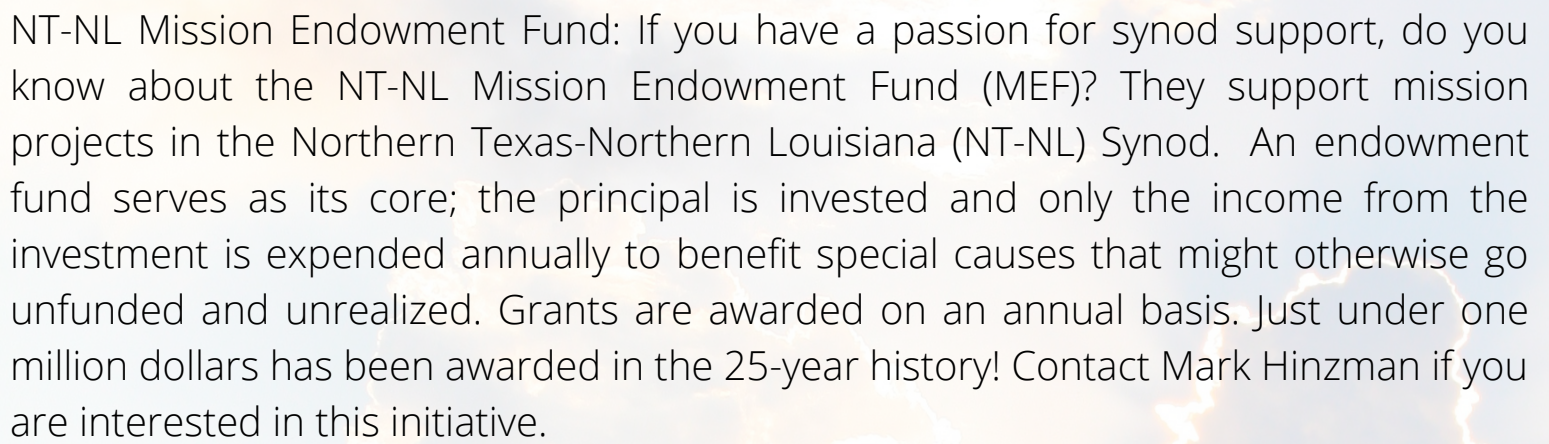
Thanks to your generous giving, we are catching up, but, as of June 30th, we are still behind our budgeted contributions by \$50,000. Your continued support and generosity are important as we move through the end of summer and towards the exciting activities planned for the fall and beyond.

All funds help us reflect love for our neighbor – and allows us to *Boldly Share the Grace of God with the World*.

Generous in Making a Difference:

Did you know you have several opportunities to think about long-term giving to various congregational and Lutheran initiatives?

King of Glory Foundation: Thanks to clear thinking and planning of KOG members many years ago, the King of Glory Foundation is a wonderful way that estate gifts can ensure the long-term viability of our congregation. The Foundation provides vital financial support to the ministries of KOG – both within and beyond. It provides energy and financial resources as KOG lives out its mission to celebrate, discover, and share the love of Christ in the community, city, and world beyond. If you are interested, please check out www.kingofgloryfoundation.com.



NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund: If you have a passion for synod support, do you know about the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund (MEF)? They support mission projects in the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synod. An endowment fund serves as its core; the principal is invested and only the income from the investment is expended annually to benefit special causes that might otherwise go unfunded and unrealized. Grants are awarded on an annual basis. Just under one million dollars has been awarded in the 25-year history! Contact Mark Hinzman if you are interested in this initiative.

Both of these opportunities fundamentally reflect our call to show love for our neighbors within and beyond the walls of KOG.

Miracle Sunday Offerings and Rental House Sale Proceeds at Work:

Steve Brookover, the Property Committee, and the KOG staff have been busy at work ensuring funds are being spent wisely and appropriately.

Rental House Sale Proceeds:

LED light fixtures have been installed in the parking lot, providing better and more energy-efficient lighting. The fixtures are controlled by an app, which will allow us to dim them overnight. This will create a more secure campus without disturbing our neighbors. There is still programming of the fixtures to be finalized. Additionally, a new pole and fixture were installed on the west driveway, replacing the pole damaged by a delivery truck several months ago. The electrical feed was also restored to this location, after being cut many years ago due to a vehicular accident.

A new fire door has been ordered and should be in sometime in late August.

Painters will be on-site the last week in July. The scope will include the Atrium, the corridor between the Atrium and Narthex, the Narthex, Living Room (Rm. 116), Conference Room (Rm. 216), and corridors/Friendship Circle on the Lower Level.

We ask for your patience as the rooms are disassembled for the work to be done, painting begins on all three levels, the baseboards are reinstalled on the lower level, and the updated look begins to reveal the vibrancy of King of Glory. Thank you to the Facilities Committee for making this happen!

Furniture replacements in the Atrium, Living Room (Rm. 116), and Conference Room (Rm. 216) will be ordered in late July. The new furniture is intended to provide better functionality, a flexible layout, and a more cohesive look. Delivery is expected sometime in late October.

Miracle Offering Sunday Proceeds:

The Tower restoration is complete! Repairs were made to damaged concrete, a new roof coating was applied, holes and minor cracks were filled on the underside of the dome and each leg, and the entire structure was spray washed and sealed. The Facilities Committee is reviewing options to restore lighting to the Tower and the cross at the top of the Tower will receive a new coat of paint at some point in the future.

Design for AV improvements in the Living Room (Rm. 116) and Conference Room (Rm. 216) are wrapping up. The goal is to have infrastructure in place before the painter arrives at the end of the July with final equipment installation after painting has finished.

Design is ongoing for the children's, youth, and playground areas. The team is working on final specifications that will allow us to better understand pricing and communicate with contractors about the projects. More to come on these in the coming weeks!

As we continue to improve our campus and facility, it allows us to use our facility to demonstrate love for our neighbors, expand our programming for those within the congregation, and as a vehicle to share God's grace with those in our community.

Digital Sign:

Some have noticed the first couple of letters missing in the header. We wanted to let you know that it is being addressed and should be repaired soon.

Bishop Visit with KOG

We are blessed with a bishop in the NT-NL Synod who cares about the congregational experience. Bishop Erik Gronberg will be joining us on August 14th for worship and an open forum afterwards. Please join us on August 14th, when he will update us on how the synod is doing, how the call process is being supported by the synod, and more.

Neighborhood Connection Groups (NCG):

NCGs are here for you! This is a great way for KOG to show how we love our neighbors! It has been a while, but everything is still in place for these groups to assist you. Types of assistance include: meals, prayers, errands, transportation to church on Sunday mornings, etc. If you are in need of assistance, please let your leader know.

Don't remember your leader? Contact **Michelle Hild** at **972-342-0726** (**hildchitchat@att.net**), or **Vernell Shuey** at **972-726-8833** (**vshuey@swbell.net**), and they can get you connected.

Senior Pastor Call Committee:

Patience continues... We have not received any new candidates to review. Yes, while frustrating, we are truly blessed. We, as a committee, continue to have faith and patience in this journey with the guidance of our Lord and Savior!

We have an outside-the-box idea that the committee will pursue in the next several weeks and we hope we will have news to share with you. Stay tuned and, in the meantime, please continue to provide those prayers – we all need them!

pcc@kingofglory.com (email update).

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3

- Your Church Council

