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KOG CONNECTION

Events, News and Insights from King of Glory Lutheran Church

TRANSITION

By Pastor Don Haven



A word about transition. The word itself means a shift, change or modification. It can also mean "passage". As your Transition Lead Pastor, I am called to be with you to provide leadership during this "passage" as King of Glory prepares for a transition to new pastoral leadership. The truth is that transitions and changes are difficult for most of us to experience. We long for familiarity and consistency. And yet, it is during change that we quite often find new direction, new energy and renewed hope for the future.

In addition to the transition in our congregation, we are also in transition as a community and as a nation.

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Nursery Available on Sundays 8:15 am to 12:15 pm

Children are always welcome in worship. If parents prefer the nursery, it is open during all worship serves and Sunday School classes for infants through Kindergarten.

We Have a King of Glory Handbell Choir

Open to older youth and adults, the Ringers participate in worship 1 to 2 times a month, September-May. No prior handbell experience is necessary - they'll teach you everything you need to know!

Contact Jan Fisher at for more information.

Mission/Values/Vision UPDATE

By Tad Doering, Council President

We continue to move our work forward. We are currently conducting a number of interviews with leaders in the broader community regarding their perception of community needs. We expect those to be completed by the end of next week. Our consulting firm, Convergence, is analyzing the data from our congregational survey. Their survey is structured to provide them with information regarding trends and issues in congregations across the nation. Convergence is also learning more about who we are as a unique congregation by interviewing many of our members and will engage all of us in conversations still to come.

In early November, the Council will receive initial assessment reports. Our consultant will then conduct a series of educational and discussion sessions for the entire congregation. This will be a great time to understand what the data said but more importantly, what we can do and how you can provide input into the process. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us to ask who we really are and where God is leading us in the next season.

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We're emerging from a pandemic that literally turned life upside down for millions of people. Many of us are longing to get back to "normal" but also realize that life may not ever be what it once was.



We are experiencing transition in our ministry team, too. Veronika Czutor left our staff in July to pursue a Pastoral Internship as a Vicar at Christ Lutheran Church. Kerri Macy left in September to use her gifts as a high school teacher preparing young people for the next steps in their journey. Lynn Sullivan will be leaving in December to join her husband Mark as they continue to grow their business together.l want to assure you that all these transitions are perfectly normal and healthy! Our gifted Ministry Staff members and Church Council leaders are resilient and deeply committed to keep our ministry moving

forward at KOG in as many ways as possible! We're also very excited to welcome our newest staff member, Trisha Parker, who will serve as our Administrative Assistant and who will be your primary contact when you call or visit the church office.

Now, transitioning to another topic (see how that works!), I want to say a huge THANK YOU to this congregation for its incredibly generous response to our Miracle Offering Sunday!! To date, we have received over \$632,000 in gifts and pledges. And 20% of that total will shared with the ELCA World Hunger program and North Dallas Shared Ministries in addition to another \$40,000 gift for both ministries. Thanks be to God! The funds given to the Miracle Offering fund, along with some of the proceeds from the sale of the rental house earlier this summer, will enable KOG to complete nearly all of the much-needed facility upgrades and maintenance items. A couple of people have asked if we are pleased with the results – and the answer is, ABSOLUTELY YES! For a congregation coming out of the "exile" of the pandemic and many just now returning to worship, education and service opportunities, this is truly a remarkable response. So many, many thanks to you!!

Thank you for offering me the privilege to serve as your pastor during this time of transition. I appreciate your support and your willingness to join with one another in Boldly Sharing the Grace of God with the World! Music is basically an outpouring of joy and even in pain
knows no pessimism.Josef Rheinberger

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

On this feast of All Saints and All Souls on November 7, we will honor our loved ones lost with a special Requiem mass during Worship at 8:30 and 11:00.

The music of Josef Rheinberger's D minor Requiem provides the thoughtful backdrop for this reflective day. Requiem literally means "rest," and the use of the traditional Requiem components throughout our Worship services will ground us in our remembrance and help us look forward with hope.

On this day we will also honor those who have gone before us by creating an Atrium of Remembrance. Whether you have lost someone this past year or many years ago, we invite you to share with us a photograph of a loved one you would like to remember. We will display these photographs throughout the day to give us all the opportunity to remember those that remain heavy on our hearts and minds.



1. Bring a framed photograph or a copy of an unframed one (no larger than 8 X 10) to King of Glory. Make sure your name and phone number are on the back of the image. The pictures can be retrieved beginning Monday, November 8.

2. You can also email a photo that we will print for you. Email to Lynn Sullivan.

3. Photos can be dropped off in the designated spot in the Atrium. **All photos and emails must be received by Monday, November 1.**

If you have questions, please contact <u>Monica Berney</u>.



KOG SERVES WEEKEND

As a grace-filled people, King of Glory Lutheran Church strives to share God's grace with others, caring for one another and our neighbors so that our actions and our relationships share the joy of God's love with all people.

On November 13 and 14, 2021 we will have an opportunity to live out our vision with a KOG Serves Weekend. There are 2 opportunities to participate on Saturday, and 5 opportunities to participate following the 8:30 and 11:00 am Sunday worship services.

All activities will adhere to Covid protocols. Look for details and registration information next week.

DESTINATION KOG

By Harold Huddleston

Destination KOG is off to a great start! Confirmation has been meeting on Wednesday nights, IN PERSON and it has been amazing!

Sandra Morris has been preparing the meals and they have been fantastic. A very big thank you to her for leading that ministry. We feed about 25 people dinner and then have our Confirmation time where we get up to about 30 folks in all. The energy has been great and we are enjoying being together!

We are masking and maintaining social distancing as best we can and it has not slowed us down in any way. Being able to eat together and experience Confirmation together IN PERSON has been an absolute blessing.

And, the blessings continue! Starting November 3, Sr. High School students will also begin meeting on Wednesday nights. They will join us for dinner



then move to their own separate activity time. We are very excited to take this next step in growing Destination KOG. Perhaps we will soon be adding some more adult activities to Destination KOG...? I hope so!



KOG Refugee Resettlement Ministry

Two new families have moved into the area — a family of 5 from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and another family of 5 from Afghanistan. The RRM team once again jumped into action to ready three apartments.

Thank you so very much to all those who donated items, cleaned, shopped and prepared the apartments. Once again, King of Glory is a generous and welcoming community.

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Turn in Your 2022 Annual Generosity Pledge

Through joyful giving, we are able to accomplish more together in mission than we ever could as individuals.



Introducing Tricia Parker

When you stop by the King of Glory staff office, you will see a new face at the reception desk. Tricia Parker is our new Administrative Assistant/Receptionist.

Tricia, and her husband Bruce have 4 children ranging in ages 15-23. She has a Bachelor's in Bible & Theology from Wheaton College and has a background working with urban ministries, specifically in the Fair Park area. She enjoys floral design, drawing and is ready to begin traveling again.

We are excited to have Tricia joining us on staff. If you get a chance, please stop by and introduce yourself.

KOG Front Desk Hours

Monday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm