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KOG CONNECTION

Events, News and Insights
from King of Glory Lutheran Church

THE JOY OF LIVING IN GENEROSITY

KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Through Your Generous Giving . . .

Our Miracle Offering Sunday has reached \$700,000 in pledges and one-time gifts. This will not only enhance the facilities and ministries of King of Glory, but also reach outside ourselves through the ELCA World Hunger and North Dallas Shared Ministries programs. Through Miracle Offering Sunday giving and specific contributions from members, KOG has contributed close to \$80,000 to each of these ministry partners. Thank you for your stewardship of resources both here at King of Glory and for the building of God's Kingdom.



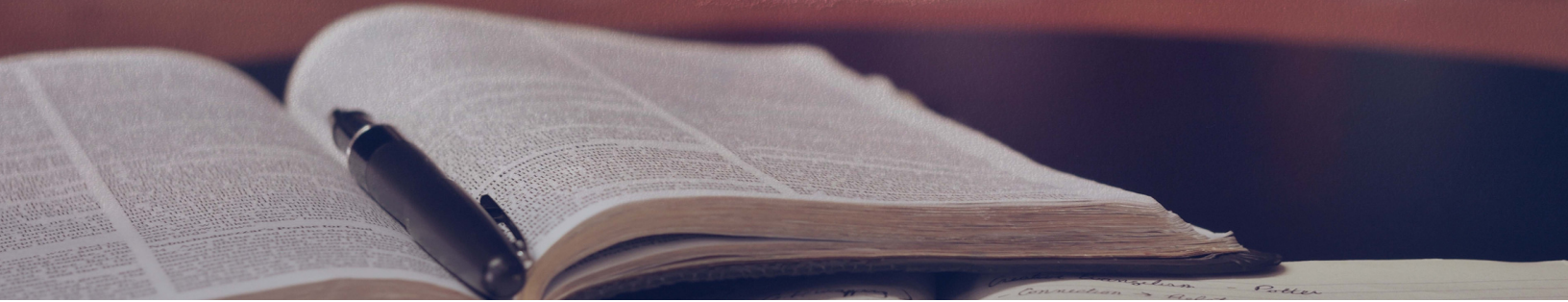
Thank you!

During the
Christmas Offering,
we collected
\$6731.50 which will
be sent to ELCA
Disaster relief for
Kentucky Tornado
Victims.

JUMP BACK IN!

KING OF GLORY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATION CLASSES:

STARTING BACK UP ON JANUARY 9



Sanctuary Choir is Back

All are welcome to participate in choir as we lift our voices to God! Starting January 9, all are welcome to gather in the choir room on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. to join in singing for Worship at 11:00 a.m. There is no Wednesday night commitment for now; let's get singing!

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

It's pretty easy to read a scripture and think about someone else who needs to hear that (wink, wink!), BUT guided by the Holy Spirit, the scripture shows US something WE NEED each time we read it. This is the essential question posed in Colossians: who is Jesus—really! And what did his death and resurrection have to say in 55 AD when this book was written. And what does it say to us today. Here's the spoiler—everything in our lives needs to be transformed by this Messiah—and that includes being a parent or a child, being an employer or being an employee, being a man or a woman. Come and study it with us and see what life in this crucified and risen Jesus means for us today in our mixed-up, chaotic, and contentious world today.

This is the Church?

Is KOG a question or an exclamation? As we anticipate the arrival of our new Lead Pastor, we will study the letters to the Corinthians. What can we learn about ourselves and our church from what occurred in Corinth? What are our challenges and what are our celebrations, and so much more! "First and Second Corinthians has more to say to churches today than any other books in the Bible. 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.

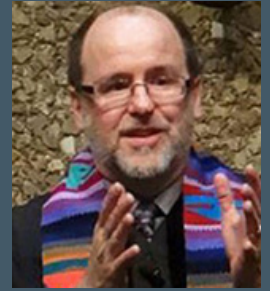
Listening to the Voice of God

As part of Destination KOG, Adults will begin the New Year with 4 evenings of prayer, presentation, and conversation led by Pastors Jon Lee and Beth Taylor. The class will be based on the book *What God Wants For Your Life: Changing the Way We Seek God's Will* by Frederick W. Schmidt. We encourage participants to purchase the book. You can click on the button below to purchase from Amazon.

Thank you Pastor Don!



Pastor Don Haven finished his term as King of Glory's Lead Interim Pastor on December 26, 2021 to finish out our Advent Season! Thank you for all you do and God bless you in your future endeavors as you move into the next chapter that God has for you!



Welcome to our New Interim Pastor!

Dear King of Glory

I am very excited to join you as the interim Lead Pastor, and I appreciate very much the hospitality that everyone has shown in welcoming me to this church family. As I mentioned in a previous letter, my wife Michelle and our daughter Madeleine visited King of Glory several years ago as part of the HEROES program. Michelle is also looking forward to attending and being part of the King of Glory family. We also have a 24-year-old son, Andrew who, with Madeleine will worship as time and schedule permit.

Over the last several weeks I have been impressed with and strengthened by the witness of this vital and faithful congregation, especially how King of Glory has found ways to serve amidst the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic.

During this time leading up to beginning my service as interim Lead Pastor, I have also been uplifted spiritually through the full communion between the ELCA and the UMC. Community and communion are central to the Christian faith, and communions between denominations model not only the call of Christ to His church but also the Communion that is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is exciting and faith affirming for me, and I hope for everyone.

As with any new year, we hope 2022 will be a year of health, growth, joy, and other blessings. We pray and hope that all the world will move through the wilderness that has been Covid and all the other challenges that seem to, in the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 22, "circle us like strong bulls." But, we are also reminded in Psalm 22 that "dominion belongs to the Lord" who is always with us and as John reminded us this Sunday, "shines in the darkness" to comfort, guide, and offer life.

I join in the prayers for the next settled Lead Pastor and the call process. I also pray for the great work and ministry King of Glory is currently offering in the community while also discerning the ministry to which God is calling and equipping this community of faith for the coming year and years.

Thank you again for your hospitality and welcome and I do look forward to serving with and getting to you.

Rejoice In the Lord Always,
Pastor Kenny

We had an amazing Advent Season this year! So many showed up to Celebrate the Birth of Christ with us at our Christmas Eve Outdoor Family Service, and BOTH of our Candlelight Evening Services! Thank you for being a part as we celebrated this Christmas Season!



Reminder!

Our third and fourth Convergence Zoom Meetings will be on Tuesday, **January 11 at 6:30 pm** and on **Thursday, January 27 at 6:30 pm** The registration link(s) will be in our *weekly Friday Email* so be sure to Register if you wish to join!

**THIS IS THE DAY
THE LORD HAS MADE**