

**King of Glory
Lutheran**

Church and
Preschool

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LENT BEGINS

Newsletter Deadline:

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Mission Statement of
King of Glory Lutheran Church:
**Uniting People,
Uniting Purposes,
Uniting Paths in Christ**

OFFICE INFORMATION

Hours

Wednesday—Thursday—Friday

10:am – 3:30 pm

Phone: 805-498-4812 Fax: 805-498-7912

Website: www.kog.cc Email: kog@kog.cc

Church Council 3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm

Preschool Board 3rd Thursday @ 5:15pm

Choir Rehearsal Each Tuesday @ 7:00pm

Hospitality Committee

3rd Sunday after worship

Worship Committee

4th Sunday after worship

Dear KOG members and friends,

In January I stated that my New Year's resolution is to count my blessings. The scripture recently included the Beatitudes. I am thankful for all the "blessed are those that" passages, but one of those jumped out. I like the Message translation that says "you're blessed" because it personalizes the passages, and I like the American Standard Version that says:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

I am thankful for peacemakers that can find creative compromises. These talented facilitators help form consensus among disparate groups. They seek to understand all sides and find commonalities. The common ground is often more sound. Everyone that participates in forming the consensus finally is a peacemaker. Imagine if governments worked like that.

I am also thankful for peacemakers create security for us. Are soldiers and police peacemakers? I think they can be, and I am thankful for their peacemaker role. This month we have a heartfelt thank you note from soldiers that were blessed by Christmas stockings. I think the note will be a blessing for all those who helped with the project.

Peace,
Walt Chandler



Fellow Pilgrims in Christ,

Just wanted to drop you a note of thanks for the incredible Christmas stocking our unit received. Though the contents were certainly appreciated, it's the thought and time that went into them that's truly inspiring. Knowing great folks like you are still thinking about us helps keep us going.

Iraq
Feb, 11

May you be blessed ten fold with
good providence in return for your kind
act.

In the Faith,
Paul Male
CDR TFH ARB
GFG

"Grace Notes" from Pastor Sage: "I was a stranger and you invited me in." Mt. 25:35

Thank you so much for your warm reception of me at KOG!! I have so enjoyed getting to know those of you who have shared a bit of your story and your lives with me; I hope it will be my privilege to know more of you in the near future.

Inviting and welcoming into our community and the hospitality that helps people belong is a huge part of what we do to follow Jesus Christ. He always reached out to the stranger: the Samaritan woman, Zacchaeus the tax collector, the Gentile Centurion, the children.

During Lent, how can we make a special effort to "get into the shoes" of someone who may be very different from us, to reach out with warmth, to invite them in?

More next month!

In Christ's Grace, Pastor Sage

Worship

	<i>Upcoming in Worship</i>	Readers	<u><i>Flowers</i></u>
3/6	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Nanci Frederick	Bob & Christi Marriner grandson Robert's Birthday
3/9	Ash Wednesday	Jim Weber	Mark and Michael Meredith's Birthday
3/13	1st Sunday in Lent	Renate Lee	?
3/20	2nd Sunday in Lent	Sue Meser	?
3/27	3rd Sunday in Lent	Karen Malotte	Pam Chandler's Birthday
4/3	4th Sunday in Lent		?





Preschool News March 2011

In March as we move into spring we will be learning about the changing of the seasons. Our themes this month will be Spring Weather, Wind, and New Life/Easter. Our Christian Theme will be "God Gives New Life at Easter-Rejoice and Be Glad."

Our spring school pictures will be taken by Cornerstone Photography on March 1st & March 2nd. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 16th & 17th with a gold hunt and the wearing of the Green each day & a special Green Snack.

It's time again for our annual See's Candy fundraiser sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. They will match up to \$800 dollars in funds raised. The sale begins Monday March 14th. Watch for flyer and order forms in your mail box in the church foyer. Remember the candy sales are Pre-Orders Only, no left over's to sell this year. Completed order forms need to be turned into the preschool office no later than Friday March 25th. The delivery date for the candy will be in time for Easter. The money raised by this fundraiser will go towards purchasing play ground equipment, classroom toys as well as teaching materials for the classrooms.

On Wednesday April 6th we look forward to another *KOG Church and Preschool Night* at the Alamo Restaurant in Newbury Park from 4:00pm to closing. .

Registration for the 2011/2012 school year is now underway. Children ages 2.9 thru 5 years old, and potty trained may attend our Preschool Program. Children 21 months and up may join our adult participation Toddler Program.

For more information on our preschool programs call Mrs. Pam in the preschool office @ 805-498-0567.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Ministry Announcements

Come Help KOG Serve the Community Meal Each Third Saturday

King of Glory supports the Conejo Valley Shelter Program through feeding our less fortunate neighbors on the 3rd Saturday of each month across the street in the fellowship hall of St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church.

On February 19, we served pork loin, rice, vegetable dish, green salad, fruit salad, 2 gallons 2% milk, 1 gallons of juice, rolls or bread and dessert. Many thanks to the many hands that cooked and served

Please remember to sign up in the church Welcome center to bring an item for the next meal: March 19th.

Bunko

This group will be meeting the 2nd Saturday, March 12th, at the home of Nancy Dawes, 281 Eagle Ridge, Newbury Park, CA 91320, at 6:00pm. Any questions, call Carmen Barton at (805) 376-2164.

Birthday Club

If you enjoy a good lunch out, great conversations and an opportunity to wish Happy Birthday to the honorees of the month, mark your calendars and join us on the 1st Monday of this month (March 7) at Country Harvest in Newbury Park at 11:15am. We celebrate birthday this month for Pat Meredith. Let Joann Krebs know if you are going to be there, (805) 498-6029.

KING'S READERS Book Club

The King's Readers Book Club meeting for March will be on Thursday, March 17, because of the Lenten midweek Soup Supper and Bible Study. We'll be discussing *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton, at Janet Hinderer's house.

LIFT Study (Women's Bible Study)

Calling all women for a mid-day bible study and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome to the LIFT ladies Bible Study. You are also encouraged to bring a friend!!

This month's Bible Study discusses "The People of God: Loving Relationships." The study text is Matthew 22:34-40. We will meet on March 14th at Renate Lee's home. Call Renate if you want a copy of the study material - several copies will also be available in the Welcome Center before that day.

Men's Breakfast has resumed on a monthly basis and will be held on March 9th at 7:30 in the Church Narthex and Sanctuary. It will be informal and will include a devotional time. Invite a friend! Please contact Ed Carloni for more information. Day: 805-557-5260 Evening: 805-494-1605

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2011

Thirty- Sixth Annual Women ' s Retreat " Learning from the Wise Women of the Bible "

Speaker: Pastor Marj Funk-Pihi from Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, San Luis Obispo

April 8 -10

La Casa de Maria Retreat Center, Montecito

Friday evening beginning at 7:00PM through Sunday lunch

Weekend: \$175 KOG members/\$195 non-members

Saturday day rates \$70. Financial Assistance available.

Please join us for a wonderful uplifting weekend!

Registration Forms can be found in the Welcome Center by the Retreat poster. Weekend and Saturday only retreaters **PLEASE** fill out your registration forms and get them to Karen Malotte (499-3091), Janet Hinderer (498-4742) or Joann Krebs (498-6029). Remember the remainder of the fee is due March 1st.

Registration Forms are out. If you don't have one, they can be found in the Welcome Center by the Retreat poster. A deposit of \$100 is due by February 1st and the remainder is due by March 1st. If you have questions, see Karen Malotte (499-3091) or Janet Hinderer (498-4742).

Relay For Life of Thousand Oaks

Relay for Life of Thousand Oaks walk to raise funds to fight cancer will be held at Conejo Creek Park South, May 14- May 15, 2011 (10am to 10am).

Look for signups in the Welcome Center or go online and join our team, "Steps for Glory." Tell your friends too, this year's event will be great! Any questions, please call team captain Natalie Faltin, (805) 796-9827.

Soup Suppers

March 16th council

March 23rd retreat

March 30th retreat

April 6th choir

April 13th MOPS

Perform a Miracle: Do two things at once!! On Wednesday April 6th we will have another KOG Church and Preschool Night at the Alamo Restaurant in Newbury Park from 4 p.m. to closing. We also have our 4th Lenten Soup Supper and Bible Study at Church. We encourage you to support both of these events. Some of the food at the Soup Supper will come from the Alamo that night. Thank you for your support of both of these events!



LENTEN WORSHIP

Lent begins on **March 9th, Ash Wednesday**. For those of you who would like to receive ashes early in the day, Pastor Sage will be available in the Sanctuary from 8:45–9:05am and from 12:30 - 12:50pm. There will be brief devotional sheet available. We will have a service at **7:00pm**. that evening, to receive ashes and begin our Lenten journey. The following Wednesdays of Lent (March 16th, 23rd, 30th; April 6 and 13), all are invited for Soup Supper, from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m., followed by prayer and Bible Study, led by Karl Hinderer and Jim Weber, on the Gospel of John. Preschool families are welcome to come and be part of the Lenten supper fellowship and midweek prayer.

Also, for our Lenten environment, we'll use cacti and desert plants. If anyone would like to bring a cactus, jade tree, or similar plant for us to use during Lent, please contact Melody Faltin, (805) 498 -9827.

Lent

Anglo-Saxon: "Spring"

As early as the mid-fourth century, Christians have observed a time of preparation before the Easter Celebration. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9th this year, and lasts for 40 days. The forty days of Lent recall the 40-day fast in the wilderness after baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) and Moses' 40 day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28). It is a time of simplicity, repentance, and preparation. especially baptismal renewal.

Traditional disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and service. Consider adopting a Lenten discipline such as attending midweek soup supper and Bible study. Or find a way to support those being prepared for baptism. Pray for a specific petition, person, and/or concern. Serve our community through CROP walk or the community meal.

Our scriptures for Year A come from the gospel of John, which include the familiar stories of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus, highlighting the baptismal themes of water, light and life.

Color of the Season

Purple, suggesting somberness and solemnity.

Symbols used: Things representing the wilderness, such as cacti and desert plants. Cross, representing our journey with Christ to Calvary.

In the words of Psalm 51, we ask the Lord to "Create in me a clean heart".

Save the Date - Saturday, April 23, 9a.m. - Decorating the Easter Floral Cross

Join the Worship Committee on Saturday, April 23rd, 9a.m., to decorate the floral cross for our Easter service. More details in the April newsletter.

Easter Lilies

Be on the lookout for order forms for Easter lilies, to honor or memorialize loved ones. (Easter is April 24th.)

A NOTE FROM PASTOR WILKER

In response to the Thank-You-Note the congregation sent Pastor Wilker for conducting our worship service as a 'supply pastor' he sent the following note:

"Thank you for the kind note! I have been with King of Glory so often over the last years that I almost feel like they are part of my family. I have always been received warmly and find the members of the congregation open and eager to hear the Word That is a preacher's dream! The family "quilt" that was a part of my exit several years ago serves well to keep me warm when I curl up to read. What a wonderful way to remember the people who comprise King of Glory Lutheran.... The congregation remains in our family's prayer that the Spirit be a strong presence as you take the next steps towards a new shepherd. God does find a way to open doors when we least expect them to open! We just might join you some Sunday morning, however, my pastors sometimes look at me as though I am a stranger at Ascension since I absent myself so frequently.

Pastor Wilker

We just concluded our LIFT study. It was an interesting topic - and we veered away from 'race' and looked a lot at other 'hindrances' to a better understanding of our fellow wo/men.

Quite a bit of discussion centered on the question what if you were Peter (remember we were looking at Acts 10 where Peter meets the Centurion Cornelius) - If not for Peter's understanding that God wanted him to look at all people (not just Jews) to spread the Gospel, where would we be today?

We discussed how we could possibly reach out to our neighbors (non-Christians), how to reach out to non-Christian families at the Pres-school, etc.

Here is what Abraham Lincoln said (the women nodded to this): "I don't like that man. I must get to know him better." -- makes you think!

I was asked to check on many different translations of the Amos 3:3 quote and this week's quote: Acts 10:34-35. So you will hear from me soon about these verses!

We missed many of you, but know that illness and other circumstances kept you away.

Our next LIFT will be on March 14th at my house and on the Monday after Palm Sunday (April 18th) - The second Monday in April is the day after Retreat, so we changed it to the third. April will be hosed by Pam Chandler. Mark your calendars.

With love and thankfulness for your willingness to join us for these studies -
Renate



King of Glory's newly formed "MOPS," group will meet on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at

9:15 am at the King of Glory Church and Preschool, 2500 Borchard Rd, Newbury park, CA.

Everyone is invited to join MOPS. MOPS is open to anyone in the community as well as our very own preschool families. We are looking for experienced Moms (any age) to be mentors. We need a team of folks to help provide child care, snacks and so much more.

What: A presentation by Patty Glick, CRNP, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner on "Women's Health," followed by questions, answers and discussion.

When: Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 9:15 am

Time: 9:15 meet and greet, breakfast potluck/finger foods to share, presentation to follow at 9:30 am.

There is a possibility of a craft project, if one of your mothers would like to take the leadership for the March meeting. You can contact Christine Marriner, MOPS Coordinator at 805-498-4812.

Where: King of Glory Church and Preschool (in the church/sanctuary) Child care will be provided.

Please RSVP to Christine Marriner, Mops Coordinator at King of Glory Church and Preschool Office, 805-498-4812.

Christine Marriner
MOPS Coordinator

Eat at the Alamo on Wednesday April 6th , and they will donate 20% of the entire night's proceeds

To King of Glory Lutheran Church and Preschool. WOW!

You won't need to bring a flier to the restaurant, just show up and have a fun filled dining experience.

Tell your friends and neighbors to join the fun too.

**The Alamo Mexican Restaurant is located at
2311 Borchard Road**

To be part of the KOG Fundraiser Night At The Alamo, just

Eat-In or Take-Out any time from 4:00PM-10:00PM

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9:00am All ages Childcare (until 12 noon)

9:30am Holy Communion Worship

9:45am Sunday school (ages 4+)

10:30am Coffee and Fellowship

10:45am Adult Bible Study

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