

**King of Glory
Lutheran**

Church and
Preschool

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The King's Courier



LENT

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:30am

Sunday School at 9:45am

Adult Bible Study 10:45am

**King Glory 2012
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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

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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 family,

While Jesus was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Mark 14: 3

As I write, it is “fat Tuesday” and tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. And so I have been thinking, how will I mark this season personally—beyond the disciplines and commitments of helping lead our community through this time of preparation for Easter?

For each of us, our journey to Easter will be different. It starts with searching our hearts for the dry spots, the hard spots, the dark spots...honestly allowing God’s spotlight in to show us where we need life and growth. I have had a strong urge to seek out wild spring flowers recently—just one tiny flower pushing up in a wild and abandoned area gives me great joy and hope.

And so I have been searching for signs of hope and healing for some of my dear friends who are experiencing much pain and sadness—and I have stepped out to follow up on any glimmers of light and life. We do these things out of our love for Jesus Christ. We are called to pour the expensive perfume and pray that Jesus will act in ways that only the God of the Universe can act.

We also have many signs of blooming life and love here at KOG. During this Lenten Season we look forward to several **Baptisms**, to **Welcoming New Members**, and to rejoicing with several children who will receive their **First Communion on Maundy Thursday**. Let’s choose to journey through Lent carefully tending and nurturing every flower that pushes up through the winter ground—and by Easter we will have a wonderful bouquet to offer to the Lord!

Have you ever wondered what might be going through the minds and hearts of some of the people who witnessed the trial and death of Jesus? What questions and insights they may have had? Join us as we fellowship at our Soup-suppers on **Wednesday nights during Lent** and then gather in the Sanctuary to join in the conversations and thoughts of such people as Barabbas ,Mark, Pilate, Mary and Simon of Cyrene.

Have you ever wanted to help reach out to people who are interested in knowing more about Jesus but who might be more comfortable in an informal setting than in a formal Lutheran Worship service? Invite your acquaintances to our new fellowship time **“Discovering Jesus Today”** beginning on **Sunday March 11** at 11:15 when we will take about 45 minutes to discuss a Gospel passage, sing, pray and share Communion. *Pray for those who need to be with us.*

The King of Glory is bringing forth life and love all around us this spring—and we can enjoy and celebrate that together.

In Christ’s love and grace,

Pastor Christine

Worship

	<i>Worship Season/Color</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
3/4	2nd Sunday in Lent/Purple	Nanci Frederick	Keith & Pastor Christine Sage	Renate Sutton	
3/11	3rd Sunday in Lent/Purple	Linda Lian	Tom & Nancy Dawes in Loving memory of sister Virginia	Renate Sutton	
3/18	4th Sunday in Lent/Purple	Jim Weber		Renate Sutton	
3/25	5th Sunday in Lent/Purple	Erik Olson	The Meredith family for Mon's Birthday	Renate Sutton	

Dear KOG Members and Friends,

In 2012 in this column I am thinking about what Jesus asks us to do, again not forgetting that Grace is ours when we accept God's love and forgiveness. Jesus sends us out to tell others this good news. How can we tell others about God's love in a way that they will welcome? At King of Glory we open our doors each Sunday to invite people in, and that is good. Council members are planning to offer a more relaxed teaching and worship experience, and that will be good too. We also reach out with MOPs, POPs, community events (thing Egg-plosion), and by asking friends and acquaintances.

In [Matthew 22:37-40](#) Jesus said, "'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two **commands** are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them." So if we love others how can we avoid telling them about Jesus' saving grace – the gift we have chosen for ourselves?

I picture KOG members with other Christians in a lifeboat reaching out to those in the water. Picture yourself - are you reaching out to pull someone back into the boat? Reaching is great, but can you think of a way to throw a lifebuoy to a neighbor? Use every means available to invite people into the boat.

Please continue to think about how we can extend our KOG reach – and in the meantime, invite your friends, family, and neighbors to worship.

Please check out activities on the updated calendar on the KOG website.

Walt Chandler



Preschool News March 2012

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

We will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day on March 15th & 16th with a gold hunt and the wearing of the Green each day & a special Green Snack. March 19th-23rd is Spring Break for the preschool. We will, however, be open from 7:00-5:30 for our day care program. Cornerstone Photography will be on campus March 28th & March 29th for Spring School Pictures.

Our annual See’s Candy fundraiser sale dates are February 27th – March 12th. Completed order forms with money need to be turned into the preschool office by Monday March 12th. 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 and classroom teaching materials.

It was so nice to see so many KOG faces at the Alamo Night Fundraiser on February 8th. Our next preschool Family Fun Night will be at Rubio’s Fresh Mexican Grill in Newbury Park on Wednesday March 7th. Watch for the flyers in your mail boxes. In April our Family Fun Night will be at the Newbury Park IHOP on Tuesday April 10th.

Registration for the 2012/2013 school year is now underway. Children ages 2.9 thru 6 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 please call Mrs. Pam in the preschool office @ 805-498-0567.

Ministries

What a great group of your parents that attended MOPS-Mothers of Preschoolers and POPS-Parents of Preschoolers. Many have signed up for "Feeding the Less Fortunate," some are attending church, some have volunteered to bring soups during the Lenten Season, some have built horseshoe pits as well as some have offered to lend their king-size tow-able barbecue for the Palm Sunday Easter Egg Celebration, scheduled for Sunday, April 1st, at 12:00 pm (noon).

Please donate your time to help mentor families during the "Discovering Jesus Today," Fellowship at 11:15 am, beginning mid-March.

King of Glory Lutheran Church and Preschool will host the annual:

Egg-plosion Community Egg Hunt and Bunny Jumper

Sunday, April 1, 2012

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Please donate your time to help mentor families during the "Discovering Jesus Today," informal service at 11:15 am followed by Egg Hunt.

The "Donation Bins" will be in the "Welcome Center" at Church during the month of March for CANDY AND COOKIES. We would like to get a "JUMP" start on filling the plastic eggs with candy prior to the event. Also, two banner PVC frames are needed to be built to display event banners which share with the community what's going on at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Preschool and the Palm Sunday Celebration. Please contact Christi about donating your time, talents, donations, ideas, etc!!!

Christi can be reached at 805-499-9690.

We are inviting members to participate in a Horseshoe game with the young dads, so they get to know us. Carole Johnson has already volunteered to bring un-dyed eggs for kids to color (one of the activities). We will have a Jumper, a hot dog barbecue, and much more. Please join us for this fun filled event.

Adult Bible Class

Following our successful Christmas Season Bible study on the **Birth of the Messiah** the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will start **The Death of the Messiah** the first Sunday in Lent. Fr. Raymond Brown traces the Passion Narrative from right after the Last Supper through Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial. We will compare the discussion in all four Gospels side by side. This study will take the entire Lenten season and may extend as far as Pentecost. As usual we encourage a lively discussion as we study in detail this final most important period in the life of our Lord.

Seminarian Update

.Seminarian Sunday—We appreciatively enjoyed the worship leadership and preaching of Seminarians Stephen Jahn and Sharon Amundson in February. Thank you Stephen and Sharon! We also thank all of you who so generously supported our current Seminarians, Sharon and Natalie, on Seminarian Sunday. We are so grateful in being able to help prepare leaders for our future church

Natalie Faltin is serving in her Teaching Parish for the next year on the Worship Team as Assistant Minister at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in San Mateo. Follow her by going to www.standrews.org and clicking on the Newsletter link. Way to go Natalie!!!



OUR 37th WOMEN'S RETREAT!



Our 37th Women's Retreat is almost here. Mark May 4th - 6th down on your calendar. Our speaker Karen Marie Erickson will be guiding us through Christian Joy that has been freely given to us from Jesus. Jesus brought that spirit of great joy to all Christians at his birth. Christian Joy makes hard days easier. It is the twinkle in a person's eye that reflects the Joy in the heart. Rediscover the Joy that we all possess in our hearts as Karen Marie Erickson guides us through this study.

Join us May 4th-6th at Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara. Cost will be \$180 (KOG members), \$200 (guests), \$75 for those who come only on Saturday. The first deposit will be due March 1st and with the balance due April 1st. Scholarships are available. Contact Karen Malotte for information.

Look for registration forms in the Welcome Center and bring a friend to share the Joy of Christian Fellowship.

God's grace and peace be with you all.



Retreat Committee

CROP Walk

Get your pledge envelopes after church now at the CROP Walk table. CROP Walk Sunday is the afternoon of March 4th. It begins and ends at California Lutheran University Sports Complex. Turn in pledge envelopes at 12:00 noon and remember if you got online donations, list those too. Walk starts at 1:00 PM. It is a 6.2 or a shorter 4.5 mile walk (or a 20 minute campus stroll) involving about 700 caring community people (whole families or just single people) will raise funds for those in need throughout the world and our own Conejo Valley. Our goal is \$55,000.00 to reach beyond last year. With our hearts, our feet, and our generosity, we CAN do it. CROP is an arm of Church World Service, an organization which designates where the funds are to be used in the world. (Communities Reaching out to Overcome Poverty). Be informed that 25% of the funds raised by this community stays right here for our 4 local hunger agencies - MANNA, Meals of Wheels (Conejo and Westlake) and Lutheran Social Services, which deals with the homeless food and shelter.

Walt & Pam Chandler

YOU ARE INVITED!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO YOU WILL INVITE!

"Discovering Jesus Today"

When: SUNDAYS, Beginning MARCH 11, 11:15-noon

For: Anyone, especially newer Christians and their families

Based on the Gospels

Simple songs, prayer, discussion of your questions,

Communion CHILDREN are included and will have a special activity during the time that adults are sharing around Scripture.

We look forward to having you or your friends and family join us!

KOG Music Ministry—Make a Joyful Noise!

We are so blessed at King of Glory to have a dedicated, faithful, and talented group of volunteers who lead us in sung worship each week. Many of our members have been with the choir for several years, but we're also grateful for the new singers who have joined us fairly recently, including our newest member, Emily Chandler. There's always room for more! If you love to sing or if you play an instrument, please contact Music Director Carol Browning, outoftheway@earthlink.net, or (310) 463-3233, cell.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Program

What could have been going through the minds of Malchus and Mark, Barabbas and Caiaphas, Pilate and his wife, Simon of Cyrene and the Centurion, Mary and John, and the two thieves who were involved in the events of the Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus? **Did they have some of the same thoughts and questions we have today?**

We look forward to *Overhearing* some of the **Conversations by the Cross** each Wednesday night during Lent (**February 29 and March 7, 14, 21 and 28**) as we share in Worship in our Sanctuary at **7 p.m.**

Before Worship we will enjoy our Lenten **Soup Suppers at 6 p.m.** The soup-suppers are a time for sharing a simple meal appropriate to the season and sharing in fellowship. Pitch Pot Donations will benefit some of our ministries such as Women's Retreat, Choir, and MOPS/POPS. The **Parents of Preschoolers Group** will be our special guests on February 29 and March 28. Let's welcome them!

We look forward to fellowship, singing, scripture, prayer and spiritual growth as we thoughtfully prepare for the Celebration of Easter.

Please join us.

Transitions

Una Rhodes, dear sister in Christ, passed from this life to more life on February 6. There was a celebration of her life on February 12.

David Bartlett, passed from this life to more life on February 15. We mourn with his family and friends, including his parents Phil and Bonnie. There will be a celebration of his life in Ventura on February 24.

Rebecca Park was **Baptized** at King of Glory by Sharon Amundson on February 12. Congratulations to Rebecca on this holy answer to God's call in her life

Fellowship

Birthday Lunch

Because of all the changes this month and all the people that will be out of town on the 1st Monday, we will have the March birthday lunch on Thursday, March 8th, for Pat Meredith's birthday celebration, at Country Harvest in Newbury Park at 11:15am. More info, call Joann Krebs, (805) 498-6029.

Bunko

This group will be meeting the 1st Friday, March 3rd, at the home of Nancy Dawes, 281 Eagle Ridge, Newbury Park, 6:00pm. Any questions, call Carmen Barton at (805) 376-2164.

King's Readers Book Club

King's Readers' Book Club will meet at 7 PM on Thursday, March 15, at Ann Lane's to discuss APE HOUSE by Sara Gruen.

We will meet on Wednesday, April 18, at Rosemary Ostling's to discuss HEAVEN IS FOR REAL by Todd Burpo & Colton Burpo.

Please recycle and support our Preschool!

Preschool Recycling: Preschool is collecting *CRV plastic bottles* and *Aluminum Cans* 2 times a month. The proceeds go to renovating and maintaining the preschool gardens. The gardens have proven to be a fabulous outdoor teaching tool. Collection times are 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. on the preschool play yard parking lot on the collection dates.

Recycling proceeds are adding up fast. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Recycling dates: March 8 (Th.), 28 (Wed.)

April 12 (Th.), 25 (Wed.)

May 10 (Th.), 23 (Wed.)

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member who still has not yet directed your yearly Thrivent Choice Dollars, please go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice (look for "my Thrivent choice activity") or call 800-847-4836 (say Thrivent Choice) and direct your dollars - may we suggest you choose King of Glory Church and Preschool? Thank you

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Preschool Fundraisers: The Preschool Fundraiser evenings at various local restaurants have become not only a fabulous way to support our Preschool but also a great **family-fun social event!** Children and parents have met while eating out and church members have found it a great way to get to know some of the Preschool families.

So, don't be left out—join in the fun!

Other dates to *put on your calendar*:

Wednesday, March 7th, will be at Rubio's Restaurant, in Newbury Park, 2pm-9pm.
Flyer required

Tuesday, April 10 International House of Pancakes, 1 p.m. - 10 p.m. Flyer Required.

September 11: IHOP again! More details later.

Thank you everyone! Enjoy!!

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 18th, we served Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, fruit salad, green salad, vegetable dish, 2 gallons 2% milk, 2 gallons of juice, rolls or bread, and dessert. Many thanks to the many hands that cooked and served. Last month we had 47 attendees, we prepared for 50 this month.

Please remember to sign up in the church Welcome Center to bring an item for the next meal: March 17th.



Worship-Lent

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, on February 22nd, when we were marked with ashes—a sign of our death and of our sorrow for sin—but tracing a cross on our foreheads, where the baptismal water first marked us with God's grace.

The Ash Wednesday scriptures provided a great opening into the three **disciplines of Lent**—prayer, fasting, and service—that have proved useful for many of Christ's disciples. To increase one's giving to the poor, to increase one's attention to prayer, and to decrease one's focus on the self: the idea is that such disciplines open up the self to God and to the neighbor.

Consider adopting a Lenten discipline such as attending our Midweek Soup Supper and Service. Or find a way to support those who are being prepared for baptism. Pray for a specific petition, person, and/or concern. You can serve our community through CROP Walk (March 4th) or the community meal (the third Saturday of each month—March 17th).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Holy Week begins April 1st

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 1, 2012, 9:30 A.M.

We begin outside with a procession of palms, hear the story of Jesus' passion and death, and receive Holy Communion.

The Three Days

On the evening of Maundy Thursday, April 5th, we end our Lenten observance and join Christians around the world in celebrating the Three Days of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. At our Maundy Thursday worship, we are challenged by Jesus' commandment to love one another and to follow his example of washing the feet of his disciples. We receive Jesus' body and blood in Holy Communion, in remembrance of him. On Good Friday, April 6th, in a beautiful Tenebrae service of light, we hear the passion account from John's Gospel, interspersed with hymns and choral anthems, proclaiming Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. Finally, on Easter, April 8th, we celebrate the glorious and saving news of the resurrection and Christ's triumph over death.

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012, 7:00 P.M. Worship
Good Friday, April 6, 2012, 7:00 P.M. Worship
Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012, 9:30 A.M. Worship
(with our KOG Brass and Winds)
followed by Easter Brunch

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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

Newsletter Deadline:

18th of the month