

**King of Glory
Lutheran**

Church and
Preschool

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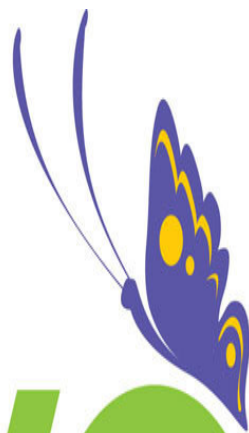
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Mission Statement of
King of Glory Lutheran Church:
**Uniting People,
Uniting Purposes,
Uniting Paths in Christ**

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



I can't get it out of my head—and I don't really want to!! The drums, the pandas rolling around on the screen doing their antics, the teen and adult leaders dancing and singing, and the excited voices of all those amazing bright-eyed children singing: **"He's Wild, He's Wild, God is Wild about us—God sees us...God hears us...God is right here with us...!!!!"**

This is life at its best—church at its best—a congregation of people from the very young to over a hundred (yes, Venice was with us every day enjoying and encouraging us on!!!) all contributing a little or a lot of their time, talents, resources and energy to serving the community and spreading the love of God to everyone we meet--united in purpose—with a plan—everyone excited and chipping in. For VBS week many were here every day; the church community was our center, and we were centered on Christ and His work among us that day. We were great **stewards** of all the gifts God has given us.

I'm sure the bright eyes and cheerful voices of all who left here each day after VBS was noticed by people in the grocery store and in our neighborhoods who wondered, "What secret of life does that person know that I don't?" That secret is imprinted in our hearts and visible in our lives. We know God loves us, and we love God and place the life of Jesus at the very center of our lives as a model; we listen to the Holy Spirit and move in God's power, not ours alone. Let's tell someone!!

The characteristics of Healthy Churches are well known and worth thinking about and we will look at a few of these in the months to come. One characteristic of a healthy church is vital Stewardship—our understanding of God's Grace and Graciousness toward us—and our resulting generosity toward each other and toward people who are still outside our congregation. The more we grow spiritually, the more we are moved to give. We will think about our **Stewardship and Spiritual Growth** in September and October. Please also consider some of the other characteristics of Healthy Congregations in a separate Newsletter item.

As we head into September, we come back together and throw ourselves into our fall programming; we think about how we can be willing and enthusiastic stewards of each moment, each talent and interest, each breath of energy, each dollar God gives us. Let's make our lives count to the max and center our hearts on God's work.

May God bless you richly this invigorating fall season,

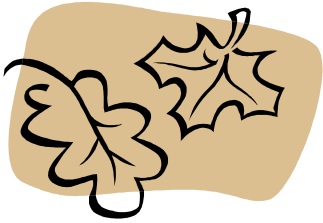
In Christ,

Pastor Christine

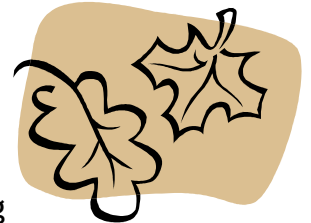
Worship

	<i>Upcoming in Worship</i>	Readers	<u><i>Flowers</i></u>
9/4	12th Sunday after Pentecost	Tom Dawes	Pat Meredith with love to grandsons Ryan & Mark Meredith & Daniel Suppan's Birthday
9/11	13th Sunday after Pentecost	The Chandlers	Bob & Chris Stine for Robbie's 15th Birthday
9/18	14th Sunday after Pentecost	Jim Weber	Jeanne Bailey for Amber's 21st Birthday
9/25	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Sue Meser	Christi Marriner's Birthday

KOG Church Council met August 18. We heard what a wonderful week of VBS about 80 children experienced. Thank you to the volunteers that heard God's calling and made the VBS experience a possibility. Thank you to the volunteers that set up and cleaned up. Thanks to the group that spruced up the grounds for VBS. Thanks to Pam and the preschool teachers that helped, and thanks to the children for singing. Council heard that the Call Committee has been hard at work. Finances are meeting budget. Thank you to those who work on the call committee and to Tom for keeping our finances in order. The Worship Committee is planning a special worship again this Sunday. Thank you to our musicians and worship planners. Thank you to those who help in the office, take food to the food pantry and flowers to shut-ins. Thank you to those who prepare and serve for the Community meal. Did I forget anyone? If so it is because there is so much going on to be thankful for. Do you want to take part in the fun and joy of these activities? Contact anyone on Council including me, your council president - Walt Chandler. We need your help, and want you to join us as we give our time and talents to God.



September 2011 Preschool News



We trust everyone has had a wonderful and relaxing summer. The preschool has been busy with our Summer Fun Program. The children have had a good time with our “Water Fun” and “Land Fun” themes and they especially enjoyed the VBS program “PandaMania”. We are still having fun playing the VBS music, singing the songs and performing hand motions.

Thank You, Lynn, for such a great experience for our kids.

The 2011-2012 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 6th. We are looking forward to seeing our returning students and to welcoming our new families to King of Glory Preschool.

The preschool still has openings for our fall program for all age groups,

- Three Year Old Class: 2.9 years and up (potty trained)
- Pre-K : 4 years - 6 years
- Parent Participation Toddler program, 18 month and up.

If you know anyone looking for a great preschool experience and would like more information on our preschool or toddler programs please contact Pam Gushue in the preschool office at 805-498-0567.

Mark Your Calendar. Our annual “Fall Masterpiece Cookie Dough Sale” will begin on Monday, October 3rd. Start planning your Holiday Baking now and help support your preschool and church too! The more you bake the more we make.

Bring on the Kids; Let the New School Year Begin!!

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 Billiard Catholic Church.

On August 20th, we served meatballs & gravy, baked beans with hotdog slices, mashed potatoes, fruit 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

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

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 the 1st Wednesday this month only because of Labor day. September 7th Wednesday, at Country Harvest in Newbury Park at 11:15am. We celebrate birthdays in September for Christi Marriner. RSVP to Joann Krebs, (805) 498-6029.

Bunko

This group will be meeting the 2nd Saturday, September 10, at the home of Anna Borrego, 60 Marty Circle, Newbury Park, at 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 Wednesday, September 21st at Pam Chandler's to discuss HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET by Jamie Ford. It is the book that was chosen for the ONE CITY ONE BOOK by the Thousand Oaks Library. Please join us.

Our book for October 19th is SARAH'S KEY by Tatiana de Rosnay.

KOG Choir

Our wonderful choir starts up again after a well-deserved summer break. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 6, at 7PM, in the Music Room at KOG. We're always open to new members, so if you love to worship God through sung prayer and want to have fun with great people, talk to Music Director Carol Browning, at (310) 463-3233, cell, or email: outoftheway@earthlink.net, or find her in church on a Sunday morning.

Save the Date: The 2012 Women's Retreat will be the week-end of May 4th again at our favorite spot: La Casa de Maria. Save the date and look for more information in the monthly King's Courier.

LIFT Study (Women's Bible Study)

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

Bible Study at Noon - LIFT will meet on Monday, September 12th, at Renate Lee's home (805-375-1901). This year's study is based on the Gospel of Mark - "To Follow and to Serve". Our first month's study is called "Traveling Mercies" - our focus on health will be: Walking wonders. Sounds interesting! We invite **all women and their friends** to come and join us. Bring your lunch!

Men's Breakfast

The **Men's Breakfast** will now meet **monthly**, and the next meeting is **Wednesday, September 21, 7:30am**, at Old New York Deli & Bakery Co. at 2700 Teller Rd. (Wendy becomes Teller East of the 101) at the corner of Teller & Hillcrest. A look at this week's scripture. Invite a friend! Please contact Ed Carloni for more information. Day: 805-557-5260, Evening: 805-494-1605.

MOPS/POPS MEETINGS

MOPS—Mothers of Preschoolers/POPS—Parents of Preschoolers

Meetings are on the **second Wednesday morning of the month at 9:15 a.m.** and again the **last evening of the month at 6 p.m.** at King of Glory Welcome Center.

Meetings involve food, fellowship, programs involving **activities and/or a speaker**, and interaction with caring Mentors. We are blessed to be a part of the National MOPS organization.

Our energetic and creative local co-coordinator is Christi Marriner—thank you Christi! Contact her at any time: (H) 805-499-9690 (C) 805-341-6373 bobnchristi@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING looks great!

MOPS: Wednesday, September 14 at 9:15 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Kandice Marshall-Cananan, IMF, presenting "Survival Techniques for Moms." Bring your questions. *Childcare provided.* Please join us for coffee and *if able* bring a light breakfast item to share.

(New!) POPS (Parents of Preschoolers) including MOPS, Dads, Single Parents, and families:

Wednesday evening, September 28 at 6 p.m. Families please join us for a light dinner of Pizza & Salad. Our guest speaker will be Amy Ray, **Pediatric Physical therapist**. Amy will give a presentation on "Child Development Milestones." Parents please bring your questions. *Childcare for Preschoolers and your older children* will be provided.

Dads, we encourage you to come and participate in the presentation and/or activities—and of course, the eating!! The activity of the evening will be a game of Horse Shoes at our new "**Horse Shoe Pit**" provided by our DAD Erin Walker, Contractor. **THANK YOU Erin!!**

We hope to see you all there at one or both meetings!

Rally Day, Sunday, September 11, 2011

You are probably asking what is "Rally Day"? It is when we rally together because of God to start the new school year activities of the clubs, education (including Sunday School) and interests at our church. We usually have a dedication for the preschool teachers and the other teachers at our church at the 9:30 AM church service, then have a root beer float after the service to celebrate at about 10:45 AM as we've done the last two years. Please come.

This year we want to include traveling a short distance at about 11:15 AM to All Stars Athletics Batting Cages, 711 Rancho Conejo Blvd., Newbury Park, CA 91320., Telephone: (805) 498-6200. It is where Borchard changes its name to Rancho Conejo so its very near and across from Amgen. This would be great for the preschool parents to join us because there are the regular batting cages but also a t-ball area for younger boys and girls. This could be a bonding experience and also great fun. Parents as well as grandparents or guardians with the child could take a whack at some baseballs. It is very inexpensive. It's \$2.00 to hit 20 balls plus a \$1.00 for a plastic card you swipe to start the machine. Anyone who joins us gets a certificate saying you are an "All-Star" in our eyes. If you have any other questions call Pam & Walt Chandler at (818) 991-8465.

After a teacher dedication during the church service and a root beer float afterwards, we need your help. Immediately after that, the All Star Batting Cages across from Amgen will allow the Dad's to use the T-ball area for preschoolers and youngsters in early elementary school for no charge. But All Star is hoping to defray the cost by having many adults and older children use the batting cages costing \$2.00 plus \$1.00 for the plastic swipe card. Lunch is optional; we will order pizza as a group for interested parties. Please come!

Are you the person we are looking for? The last couple of years, we have had very successful rummage sales at church. We would like to continue this tradition, but we need **YOU TO ORGANIZE IT**. There will be many helpers, but we need a person taking charge. If you have the time and space to store the items ahead of the rummage sale date, we would be grateful. Last year's proceeds helped pay for a portion of the Women's Retreat costs. We hope to share this year's proceeds with MOPS and are looking forward to their involvement. Please contact anyone on the Retreat Committee (Nancy Dawes, Renate Lee, Karen Malotte) and give us the good news that **you are the person we are looking for!**

OKTOBERFEST - OKTOBERFEST - Sauerkraut, Rotkraut (red cabbage), BBQd Wuerste (sausages) !!!!! Coming up! September 24th, at the Lees' home! This yearly party has always been fun and everyone is looking forward to it. So mark your calendar. The party starts in the late afternoon (bring a sweater?!) and ends when we are ready to go home. You bring your own 'adult beverage' - everything else will be provided. The cost will be \$12 per person - kids free - or give as you are able. Please invite your friends and let them get to know the wonderful people of KOG! If meeting around a good plate full of food isn't a Lutheran tradition, I don't know what is! Let's celebrate being Lutherans!



VBS PANDAMANIA

based on *PSALM 139*

We began each day together in Church singing songs with hand & body motions and funny skits and more. This is where the kids learned who the Bible Buddy was for that day and the Bible Point. We had Wild Bible Adventures to help us experience the Bible point of the day, watched an exciting video during Movie Mania and shared God Sightings, made fun crafts related to our Bible point, got wet at Bamboo Blast Games, and ended the day at Rowdy Wrap-up with more singing, fun and craziness.

An Opportunity for the kids to serve others was offered through our Operation Kid to Kid program. We asked the kids to bring school supplies to share with other kids who need our help as they may not have things they need to start a great school year. The school supplies we collected will be distributed to local kids through Many Mansions. Our kids and families responded with great generosity.

It takes a family of God loving servants with open & sharing hearts to make such a joyful time happen.

Thank You, God !

PRAISE GOD FOR ALL THESE AWESOME VOLUNTEERS DURING VBS WEEK:

Natalie Faltin, Karle Koerbling, Kathy Provenzano, Tom and Nancy Dawes, Sue Meser, Arnie and Gail Widofsky, Carol Fogel, Joann Krebs, Rosemary Ostling, Pam Chandler, Pat Meredith, Karen & Darryl Malotte, Amanda & Jennifer Malotte, Una Rhodes, Janet Hinderer, Melody & Dave Faltin, Bonnie Bartlett, Linda Lian, Nanci Frederick, Sue Premo, Renate Sutton, Renate Lee, Mikaila, Clint & Brock Barton, Jerry Xu, Bryce, Sarah Amundson, Tony Borrego, Amanda & Donovan Tokyama, Daniel Suppon, Carole Johnson, Jeanne Bailey, Bob Marriner, Carol Browning, Anita Schmidt, and Lynn Fallis. Pastor Sage was with us each day to lead the opening prayer and provide great enthusiasm and support to the kids and volunteers. (I sure hope I didn't miss any of these special folks).

Joining us from the Preschool as Crew leaders for the Preschool kids were Patti Strohmeier, Paulette Maiden, Dawn Snow, Lori Galvez, Lynda MacDonald, Robin Ligon, Beth Camarillo and Lauri Halas.

Big Thanks & Praise to all our KOG family who provided donations, loan of items, monetary help, and prayers that were so essential to the success and blessings we experienced and were able to share with so many youngsters.

We enjoyed having 72 kids as Pandamania crew members and 9 wonderful young folks as helpers.

Be an Angel to someone whenever you can.

Christmas Stockings for Our Troops

Many of you have worked crafting Christmas Stockings for the overseas Troops the last several years. Thank you! Our military needs and values our prayer and support especially when they are away from loved ones throughout the holidays.

On Sunday, August 14th, we acknowledged the work and financial contributions of the congregation toward this project last year. We received a beautiful Certificate and the deep appreciation from the Army Division who received last year's stockings.

Some of you have already started cutting, gathering, and planning for us to make more stockings this year--and I can't wait to see how they are put together and what they look like!!

Janet Hinderer is helping organize this effort—thank you, Janet! Please contact her at 805-498-4742 if you have questions.

We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, August 24th, at 7 p.m., here at church in the Music Room to get organized and start our work for this year. Some stockings will be all ready to be sewed so some of us will need to bring machines. If we bring more fabric and scissors, we could cut others and decide on decorating ideas. If you cannot make this meeting, please let us know what afternoons or evenings or what places we could have our next meetings that would be more accessible for you.

Please invite your friends to help. This is a great way to let others get to know us.

We will dedicate the stockings in church in late September. We have someone who will send them off. We will ask Council if we can collect funds for materials and mailing costs.

Please let us know your questions and ideas.

Every stocking we manage to make will be a great blessing to someone who needs our encouragement and prayers this year.

Thank you and blessings,

Pastor Sage and the Stocking Team



KOG Preschool: *Preschool begins again on September 6th.* Be sure to invite your young friends, relatives, and neighbors to be part of our wonderful KOG Preschool Family.

Sunday school: will begin the Sunday after Rally day, Sunday, September 18th. Our teachers are Lynn Fallis and Janet Hinderer. You will be looking forward to returning friends and making new friends. Come and join our KOG Sunday school.



SIGNS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

Much thought and observation has gone into what makes the Body of Christ Healthy. At least once a year we need to have a “check-up” and take our vital signs—how’s the blood pressure? The pulse? The flexibility? The energy level? Do we need to change our diet or get more exercise?

Here are a few of the many signs of a healthy church to think about. More next month!

*The choir is filled with a lot of amateurs.

*Children are noisy and all over the place, including worship.

*The place is full of losers—People who have lost their loved ones, people who are struggling with family problems and life-changes, people who know they can’t make it on their own. People who are losing, but also finding their lives in receiving and giving a lot of love, for Christ’s sake.

#Healthy congregations welcome diversity of ideas and functions. We have different gifts and value one another’s gifts and we work at maintaining this diversity.

#Healthy congregations focus on their strengths and foster a caring spirit. They know who they are. They have members who are spiritually growing; spiritual growth starts with prayer.

** adapted from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Shreveport, Louisiana*

#adapted from analysis of Peter Steinke’s books by Clark Williams

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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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