

**King of Glory
Lutheran**

Church and
Preschool

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What a
Friend
we have
in **JESUS**

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:30am

Sunday School at 9:45am

Adult Bible Study 10:45am

**King Glory 2012
Council**

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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 @ 6:45pm

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,

As I pray and plan for our times together in February, the image that keeps coming to mind is that of unwrapping a wonderful present...one wrapped in white paper and tied with a huge red bow—a PRESENT OF TRUTH AND BEAUTY! Yes, I realize that as I write, it's cold and rainy outside, the middle of winter, and the news today lists the "7 best ways to beat the 'blahs' of the season"—but we at King of Glory have a lot to look forward to.

This month we celebrate our Seminarians—the new leadership of the Church for many years to come. We rejoice with **Natalie Faltin** who has officially been **Advanced to Candidacy** by our Synod. **Congratulations Natalie!!** Seminarians from PLTS will lead worship on 2 different Sundays and I know we will rejoice with the passion, skill and love of our Lord that they will bring to our worship. **On Seminarian Sunday** we will offer our prayers and financial support for our 2 current Seminarians, Natalie and Sharon. We are so grateful that they are willing to study and prepare so well to lead and serve in the Body of Christ.

We also Celebrate our Preschool—it has come of age—21 years on February 4!! Congratulations to our Staff, our Preschool families and Alums, and the KOG people who continue to support it so faithfully!! We appreciate you with all our hearts. You are a tremendous outreach to the community. Last week I attended a social gathering at a home in Newbury Park. A wonderful young man and his twin sisters answered the door and took our coats for their parents the hosts. I was so impressed with those children—and do you know as we chatted throughout the evening, I found out they had attended KOG Preschool! Your influence spreads far and wide.

Valentine's Day always reminds us that we are involved in a labor of Love—Our loving God teaches us about the 2 movements of love—the willingness to breathe in the revitalizing air of the Holy Spirited and the readiness to breathe out in servanthood the product of God's good work in us and for us. So let the middle of this month remind you to daily **take in** that loving relationship with our Lord and let God give you whatever you need to fill you with gratitude and heal the hurts of your soul—and then be willing to **release** that peace and joy to serve those around you.

As the end of the month approaches, we are reminded that Jesus comes in truth as well as love—And so, on Ash Wednesday as well as throughout the Lenten Season, we allow God to search us and know us—and we allow ourselves to wait and pray and be turned back toward God in our confession and honesty. We look forward to beginning the Season with you in worship on Ash Wednesday and to having you join us for our Wednesday Soup Suppers in the fellowship hall and our special Lenten Worship times—and a few surprises!-- in the Sanctuary. On two evenings we will host our POPs group and there will be child care provided each evening.

During the Lenten Season we will also launch our new Worship Group "**Discovering Jesus Today**" which is specifically designed for those who are newer to faith. It will be informal, brief and family friendly. It will meet in the Sanctuary on Sundays from 11:15 to noon. Look for more information, pray for those who need to be with us and be ready to INVITE!

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord"! Psalm 122:1

May the Lord bless you and keep you, Warmly, *Pastor Sage*

Worship

	<i>Worship Season/Color</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
2/5	5th Sunday after Epiphany	Dick Schwartz	Janet Hinderer in memory of Pete Hannickel	Karen Malotte	
2/12	6th Sunday after Epiphany	Karl Hinderer	Tom & Nancy Dawes for Kathy Provenzano's Birthday Sue Meser in Memory of Lee Evans	Karen Malotte	
2/19	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Renate Lee	(Remember to honor loved ones; sign up on the flower chart)	Karen Malotte	
2/22	Ash Wednesday	Jim Weber		Karen Malotte	
2/26	1st Sunday in Lent	Sue Meser	Pat Meredith & family in Loving Memory of Hope Suppan & Happy Birthday for Hailey Suppan's 5th Birthday	Karen Malotte	

Council Highlights.

In 2011, I focused in this column on giving thanks to God. There is so much to give thanks for that it is hard to move on, but in 2012, the focus shifts to what Jesus asks us to do. Grace, for sure, is freely given when we accept God's love and forgiveness. Ah, but we have to choose, and we can't fool the Sovereign Lord in pretending to choose God. When we choose God, it shows in our lives. With thanks for Grace, we are looking for how God wants to be a blessing.

The KOG council met for a Council Retreat in January (thank you, Malottes). Council also met for our regular monthly meeting. Council elected Carole Johnson as secretary, and Renate Lee will begin as our Financial Secretary. We have guest preaching planned for February 5 and 12 with seminary students, Stephen Jahn and Sharon Amundson. On February 12, we will take a special offering to support our KOG seminarians, Sharon Amundson and Natalie Faltin. Please continue to think about how we can widen our 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



February 2012 Preschool News

Happy 21st anniversary, King of Glory Preschool! We are once again reminded of the joy and blessing we have in being a part of the King of Glory Family. Over the years, we have had many magnificent families attend our school and we are grateful to have served them.

In February we will learn about community helpers, dental health and Valentines' Day. Our On-Campus Field trip for February is a visit with Jennifer Graves, D.D.S., to learn about how and why it is important to take good care of our teeth. Our Christian themes for the month will include God's Helpers, and Loving One Another.

Mark Your Calendar, Wednesday, February 8th, is King of Glory Church and Preschool Night at the Alamo Restaurant, 4:00pm - closing. Thank you for your support each month at our "Family Fun" preschool restaurant nights. We love seeing everyone.

We will begin Open Enrollment to the Community for Fall 2012 classes on Wednesday, February 15th, at 7:00 am. If you have a friend or neighbor who is planning to send their little one to our preschool please have them call for information and a tour. The preschool phone number is (805) 498-0567.

The Preschool will be closed Friday, February 17th, and Monday, February 20th, in observance of Lincoln and Washington's birthdays.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Ministries

MOPS (Mothers' of Preschoolers)

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 9:15 am and will be a "Meet and Greet" and planned activity. Childcare will be provided. Please join us, all are welcome. Bring a light breakfast item to share.

For more information, please contact:Christi Marriner 805-341-6373

POPS (Parents of Preschoolers) during the Lenten Season Celebration: Please join us on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at 6:00 pm, for a light Lenten "Soup Supper," followed by a informal Lenten Celebration upstairs in the Sanctuary (soup supper donations will be accepted). Hope to see everyone there!

For more information, please contact: Christi Marriner, 805-341-6373

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Sunday Services 9:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

King of Glory Women's Bible Study (LIFT)

Our February Bible Study will look at Jesus' relationship to the ancient commandments of God; we will discuss together tough questions about the nature and demands of Christian discipleship and examine what servant-leadership means for those who follow Jesus. -- Come and study with us the gospel of Mark - Chapter 10. We will meet on the second Monday of the month; i.e., February 13th, at noon at Janet Hinderer's (805-498-4742) --- Bring a friend and a sack lunch !!

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 Sunday Feb. 12:

We will celebrate our Seminararians Natalie Faltin and Sharon Amundson. Sharon will preach that day. We will renew our pledge to support them and pray for them and will receive a special offering to help with Seminary expenses. If a gift is specifically designated for one or another of our Candidates, that gift will go to that Candidate. Gifts designated simply as "Seminararians" will be divided equally between Natalie and Sharon.

Natalie Faltin has now advanced to Candidacy with the Synod. Congratulations, Natalie!!

Get ready for OUR 37th (yes, thirty-seventh) WOMEN'S RETREAT!



We will be studying CHRISTIAN JOY with our (highly recommended) speaker KAREN MARIE ERICKSON... Expect being pulled into the circle of women as we listen to and experience Christian Joy - being alive in Christ and alive to praise Him!

Here are the details: Where: Casa de Maria, Montecito - When: May 4th - 6th, Cost: \$180 (KOG member), \$200 (guest) and \$75 for those who can only come on Saturday. (\$100 due March 1st; balance due April 1.) (Scholarships for newcomers are available - talk to Karen Malotte).

Most of the women of King of Glory have attended one (or all!) of our retreats - ask anyone of them what they took away from these weekends, how they became closer to each other and how their faith was strengthened - you'd be surprised what you hear.

YES, YOU ARE INVITED! (Look for the registration sheets in the Welcome Center.)

Nancy Dawes, Retreat Leader



Renate Lee, Assistant

Seminarian Update

If you'd like to keep up with Natalie Faltin's experiences at seminary, she's created a blog: <http://bachatschool.blogspot.com/> where you can read about her progress. Also, she and our other current KOG seminarian, Sharon Amundson, have rooms next door to each other in the dorm! Address for both 2770 Marin Ave. Berkeley, CA 94708.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

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 January 21, we served Meatballs and brown gravy, rice, fruit salad, green salad, vegetable dish, 2 gallons 2% milk, 3 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: February 18.

Hear the Good News and Respond!

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, which is February 22nd this year, and lasts for 40 days. The forty days of Lent recall the 40-day fast of Jesus in the wilderness after his 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 and preparation.

Some principal themes for Lent are penitence; baptismal renewal; prayer, fasting, and service; and confession of sin rooted in the promise of God that comes through the cross of Christ. Our liturgical color is purple, suggesting somberness and solemnity, and Lent is also a season of simplicity in our worship environment, with plain cacti and desert plants.

Because of the penitential character of this Lenten season, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days, since this is a period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life. The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The joyful nature of "alleluia" is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when we can sing with full and jubilant voice, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" We use an alternate gospel acclamation for Lent that omits the alleluia.

The beginning of Lent gives us the occasion to admit that we will die and that we are sinners. On Ash Wednesday, we are marked with ashes—a sign of our death and of our sorrow for sin—but the ashes trace a cross on our forehead, where the baptismal water first marked us with God's grace.

The three disciplines of Lent—prayer, fasting, and service—have been useful for many of Christ's disciples through the centuries. 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. In the Second Reading from Ash Wednesday, Paul reminds us there is no time like the present: "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!" The beginning of Lent is a reminder of how Christians are called to live every day of



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 February birthday lunch on Tuesday, February 14th, for Jeanne Bailey'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, February 3rd, at the home of Anna Borrego, at 60 Marty Circle, 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 Wednesday, February 15th, at Patty Lebow's, 3374 Montagne Way, Newbury Park, (805-492-1113), to discuss *The Buddha In The Attic* by Julie Otsuka. Please join us.

King of Glory Church and Preschool Night

This month, be at the Alamo Mexican Restaurant, on Wednesday, February 8th, to be part of the KOG Fundraiser Night at the Alamo, just eat-in or take-out any time after 4:00pm. You won't need to bring a flier to the restaurant, just come and have a fun-filled dining experience.

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.

Next Preschool Recycle Date: Thursday Feb. 9

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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!

Wednesday—February 8: The Alamo Restaurant, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. A portion of all food sales that night, eat-in and take-out, will go to King of Glory Church and Preschool. Thank you Alamo for your community-building generosity!!

Other dates to *put on your calendar*:

Wednesday, March 7: Rubio's Restaurant, 2 p.m. -9 p.m. 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!!

Lenten Soup Suppers and Program

Lent will begin with Worship and imposition of ashes in our Sanctuary on February 22 at 7 p.m. Pastor Sage will also be in the Sanctuary from 12:30 to 1 p.m. for anyone, including Preschool Families, to receive ashes if they wish to receive them earlier in the day or they cannot attend the evening service.

The following 5 Wednesdays, February 29 and March 7, 14, 21 and 28 we will enjoy our Lenten Soup Suppers followed by a special program in the Sanctuary. The soup-suppers are a time for sharing a simple meal appropriate to the season and sharing in fellowship. The Parents of Preschoolers Group will be our special guests on February 29 and March 28.

We look forward to a time of song, sharing and dramatization around the scriptures of the season, and prayer and spiritual growth. It will make our Easter Celebration so much more joyous and meaningful!!

Please join us.

YOU ARE INVITED!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO YOU WILL INVITE!

"Discovering Jesus Today"

When: Beginning mid-March, 11:15-noon Sundays

For: Anyone, especially newer Christians and their families

What: Informal (wear your jeans!) Worship and introduction to the life of Jesus and what he says to us today

Based on the Gospel of Mark

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!



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Sunday Schedule:

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