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Mission Statement of

King of Glory Lutheran Church:

**Uniting People,
Uniting Purposes,
Uniting Paths in Christ**

OFFICE INFORMATION

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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

From the President of King of Glory

To the Congregation of King of Glory,

It is with true shock and sadness that we receive the news of Pastor Todd's planned departure from our family here at KOG. We have grown and developed so much with God's blessing of Pastor Todd's presence among us.

We must try to understand Pastor's reasons for his decision and realize that they are personal, and in the best interest of his family. I believe we can all relate, to some degree. Pastor has assured us and we are confident that his leaving is not a result of anything King of Glory has done or not done. His leaving is amicable and he celebrates with us the good things God has done among us in our time together. He has assured us this will be his message to the Bishop and synod office as well.

I want to assure everyone that the Church Council is placing this change as a priority on our agenda. First, we have selected a dedicated individual who knows our congregation intimately to select and schedule our Supply Pastors. Renate Lee has agreed to take care of this for us. We will take every measure to work quickly towards the getting the Call process going. We will meet outside of our normal monthly meetings as many times as necessary to accomplish this. We will be pursuing those we fill would serve well in the Call process. We may be looking for you. Let us know if you feel this may be your calling.

We must all remember that King of Glory has survived through the years, with the many challenges it has faced. We are a community. We have the Spirit working with us. We are stronger now than we have been in years. We need not fear the challenges ahead of us.

Finally, when I first came to King of Glory three years ago, we did not yet have a Pastor. I came back week after week because of the love among it's people. Let us remember the Faith and love that makes King of Glory the wonderful place to continue to grow in the Spirit of Christ.

Rosemary Butler, Council President

	<i>Upcoming in Worship</i>	Readers	<u>Flowers</u>
10/3	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	The Chandlers	Celebrate Jim Meser's Birthday
10/10	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Patty Lebow	?
10/17	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Jim Weber	The Krebs family in Loving Memory of Our on Mike
10/24	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Renate Lee	?
10/31	Reformation Sunday	Phil Bartlett	?

From the Pastor

As you know, I have accepted a call to serve as Pastor for a Lutheran Church in Colorado. My last day with you at King of Glory Newbury Park will be October 17.

As I take my leave and we say our farewells in these first weeks of Autumn, you individually and the community as a whole will begin to hear two questions. You will be asked these questions by synod representatives, by preschool parents, by neighbors and friends, and even by one another.

What happened?

What are we going to do now?

Before Call Committees are formed and Self-Studies begun, we must figure out for ourselves how we will answer these questions, in our own hearts and with our mouths. Figuring out how to answer these questions is the most important task for King of Glory at this moment. You will live into the answers to these questions; the community is defined by the story you tell about yourselves and your community.

Let me say again, as I said in my letter to the congregation, that KOG and I part ways by the work of the Holy Spirit. There has been no precipitating event, no negative feelings or mistreatment by either the church toward me or (I believe) by me toward the church. The Spirit has simply called us in different directions.

The answer to “what happened?” therefore is NOT “we have been forsaken, left behind;” it is NOT “we have done something to drive pastors away.” King of Glory is neither a perpetrator nor a victim, but rather a beneficiary of God’s grace.

We did not know how, or even *that*, the Spirit would bring us together four years ago. We did not foresee the power of God working in my life to bring me to ordination. We did not foresee the work of the Spirit which brought the church together, made us stronger, blessed us with congregational health.

Just because we did not know beforehand doesn’t lessen the truth of the matter: we acted out of faith and God has used our faith to bless us, the Preschool community, and the community here in Newbury Park.

“What happened?” God blessed us with each other. Now, God calls us to new and separate ventures. It is that simple, and that joyful. Yes, I said joyful, for what can we do but celebrate what happened. Sure we may feel a sense of loss over “what might have been,” but we cannot allow “what might have been” overcome *what has been!* And what has been? God’s faithfulness has been at work among us.

“What are we going to do now?” The answer to this question flows from the answer to the other question. *Now* we are going to celebrate. *Now* we are going to be faithful to the call and challenge God has set before us. *Now* we are going to remember God’s faithfulness to us. *Now* we are going to continue to be a community of people who follow Jesus, even when that leads us to the cross, knowing that beyond the cross lies resurrection.

“What are we going to do now?” We will continue with the mission and the vision we have been given. God works in and through you, the community, to bear one another’s burdens, to bring forgiveness, support, healing and hope. These things cannot come and go as Pastors do; these things are the heart of those of us who gather around the Jesus. It is not who is in the pulpit, but who is on the cross.

Now, we are going to continue our work to serve the preschool and its staff, students, and parents. Now, we are going to continue to answer our call to hospitality to those who visit us and to those beyond our walls. Now, we are going to serve the community and grow closer to God in doing so.

These things are the works of those who follow Jesus, not the work of any single pastor alone. These things are the work of Jesus people.

Granted there is uncertainty, but faith is following Jesus in the face of uncertainty. Granted there is fear, but hope is remembering we have been afraid before and yet here we stand. Granted there is sadness over loss, but love bears loss and holds dear all that we have been blessed with.

I leave you now with the words St. Paul left the Corinthians with in his second letter addressed to them:

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:11-14)

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Todd Payne

September is Stewardship Month: Make It Simple

This year we want to try a different approach to stewardship. In the past we have focused on giving, tithing or working towards tithing and occasionally time and talents. This year we want to expand that to include reflection on how we live our lives.

If you're like me, you pray "*give us THIS DAY our daily bread*" in the Lord's Prayer, but in reality I focus on the longer term. Will I have enough "bread" stashed away when I retire so we won't starve? What happens if I lose my job? What about all those other needs such as health care if we become ill and housing? And yes, a little bit extra for the occasional vacation or night out? Certainly that's the responsible thing to do in today's world. But Jesus gives us a different message; don't worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will take care of itself. How do we reconcile these two ideas?

Throughout the history of Christianity, communities of God's people have struggled in various ways with issues related to manner of life. In the Constantinian era, devout men and women, concerned that many Christians were adopting the extravagances of their non-believing neighbors, fled to the desert to pursue an ascetic lifestyle. St. Francis of Assisi rejected the materialism of his father and embraced a simple way of life free from dependence of possessions. Matthew 10:9-10 encouraged him: "Take no gold or silver or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey or two tunics or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food." Martin Luther's Reformation was due in part to the lifestyle excesses of the Medici papacy. Even today we struggle with this. We have so much stuff we occasionally need to donate some of it to charity or have a garage sale or we just throw it away. Perfectly good stuff! Our economy is based largely on consumer spending. If we stop or even slow down our buying as we have in response to the current economic climate, we slow down the economy even more. How do we deal with this dilemma?

One way is to Make It Simple. This is the theme of our stewardship campaign and Pastor Todd's sermons this month. Each Sunday he'll focus on a particular aspect of Make It Simple. These are straightforward ideas in theory but very difficult to put into practice. And each one of us will have a different response. We'll send out commitment cards the last week in September and will ask you to return them on October 3rd as we re-evaluate not only our giving but our living as well. And one will influence the other.

In the meantime I challenge everyone as I challenge myself to think and pray about how we can Make It Simple.

God bless,



Ed Carloni
Stewardship Chair



October 2010 Preschool News

Welcome Autumn! Our general themes for the month of October will be talking about the changing seasons, learning about farms, harvest time, and Halloween fun. Our Christian Theme is God's Gifts - It's fun to pretend, but God loves me as I am.

We will be going to the Underwood Family Farms later this month to learn how pumpkins grow and to pick out our very own pumpkins. This first field trip of the year is always a very memorable event. The dates for this off campus field trip are, October 19th & 20th. We will have our annual preschool costume parades on October 28th and October 29th.

The Kick-Off Date for our fall fundraiser, "Masterpiece Cookie Dough Sale" is Monday, October 4th and sales end Monday, October 18th. Cookie dough sales are pre-order only; there will not be extra items to purchase once the order is placed. The delivery date for cookie dough pick-up will be Wednesday, November 17th (11:00am - 4:00pm), just in time for all your Holiday baking. Our first King of Glory Alamo Night will be on Saturday November 6. Also on November 6, there will be Family Portrait Fund Raiser by Cornerstone Photography. Watch for more details latter this month. We greatly appreciate your continued support of church and preschool's fundraisers.

We are now enrolling for our Toddler Preschool Readiness class which meets on Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:15. If you know any one who is looking for an adult participation class and would like more information please call Mrs. Pam in the preschool office @ 805-498-0567.

We Hope Everyone Had A Wonderful Summer

Upcoming @ KOG Preschool:

9/28 Back to School Night

10/4 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins

10/6 Preschool Chapel Begins

11/6 Alamo Night

Watch for information regarding a new M.O.P.S. program starting soon!

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 September 20th, we served, Polish sausage sandwiches, rolls, fruit salad, green salad, baked beans, potato salad, 2 gallons milk 2%, 2 gallons of juice, and dessert. Many thanks to the many hands that cooked and served

Please remember to sign up in the church lobby to bring an item for the next meal: October 16th.

MARIPOSA LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registrations for our friends' fall retreat are available in the Welcome Center. Friday through Sunday, November 5-7 at the Evergreen Conference Center in Oakhurst. This year's theme: Be Still and Know All women are invited. Questions: see Renate Lee

KING'S READERS BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on Wednesday, October 20 at 7pm to discuss Forgiving Ararat by Gita Nazareth. This is the book chosen for One Summer, One Book by the churches. We are meeting at Una Rhodes's, 3844 Calle Posadas, Newbury Park. Please come and join the discussion. If you have any questions see Bonnie Bartlett or Janet Hinderer.

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Todd's planned bible study scheduled to begin October 3rd is cancelled in light of his leaving us on October 17th.

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This group will be meeting 2nd Sat. October 9th at the home of Anna Borrego's 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 honoree's of the month, mark your calendars and join us on the First Monday of the month (October 4th) at Country Harvest in Newbury Park at 11:15am. We celebrate birthdays, this month for Christy Marriner. Let Joann Krebs know if you are going to be there 498-6029

LIFT Study (Women's Bible Study)

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

Everyone (!!!) Is welcome - bring a friend.

Join us for this year's 'interesting' Bible Study - it will be based on "Lutheran Woman Today" suggested topics. - Here is the topic we will be covering:

People of God; The Body of Christ

If you do not yet get the magazine you can order it at 800-328-4648 (1 year/10 issues \$12).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 @ NOON @ Anna Borrego's Home. (805-498-1247)

Bring a sack lunch - we will have cold drinks, coffee and desert waiting for you. Call Renate if you have questions or need a copy of Session 1 and we will get you a copy.

O k t o b e r f e s t 2010

Yes, it's that time again! Saturday, October 2nd join us for all the good food you have learned to expect: Sauerkraut, Rotkraut (Red Cabbage), German Sausages (grilled to perfection by our 'experienced' chefs), Potato Salad (any volunteers???) and dessert. It is BYOB, but Coffee will be waiting.

Saturday, October 2nd, starting at 5:30 pm Cost will be \$10 per person

Where: at the Lees - 102 La Fortuna (Vallecito Mobile Home Park) Sign-up sheets and directions will be available in the Welcome Center.

The Women's Retreat Rummage Sale

The rummage sale is planned for October 16th. Please mark your calendar and save your donations. This has helped us reduce the cost for all the ladies to go to the retreat for the past two years. Anything helps. If you have any questions, call Rosemary B at 499-9865, Watch for details. Accepting stuff now.

Thank You

I want to thank every one for the prayers, visits, cards, the beautiful flowers, delicious dinners, transportation to physical therapy and Doctors, etc. I have really been blessed. I have missed all of you and looking forward to being back in church. Again, thank you. God Bless each of you.

Love In Christ, Alta Owens

The family of Ken Weidmann Sr., would like to thank everyone at King of Glory that did so much in our time of need. It was just overwhelming. I can't believe how perfect everything was in such a difficult time. We never had to ask for anything ,it just got done. As I've known for many years King of Glory is a very special place.

Love and blessings, Cheryl Weidmann

JOIN IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

During 3 workshops this summer, several KOG members and friends brought sewing machines, pins, needles, and scissor skills together. With Chris Stine's organization and guidance, we made over 90 Christmas stockings to be given to U.S. troops abroad. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project. The stockings will be blessed during a worship service in October that they will bring comfort and cheer to our service men and women during the holidays.

The following service opportunities are coming up in October and November. If you'd like to help, contact me or the person in parenthesis:

October 16 & November 20: Community Meal (contact: Ardath Schwartz)

October date to be announced: Make a Difference Day (contact: Melody Faltin) This will be an opportunity to serve our community.

November 21 & 28 + 2 preschool dates: Alternative Christmas (contact: Walt Chandler) This will be an opportunity to support organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project International, and Fair Trade micro businesses in third world countries

King of Glory Church and Preschool Night at

The Alamo Mexican Restaurant

Saturday November 6th

Eat at the Alamo on Saturday November 6th any time 4:00pm till 10:00pm and The Alamo will donate 15% of the entire night's proceeds to King of Glory Lutheran Church and Preschool.

The Alamo Mexican Restaurant is located at 2311 Borchard Road

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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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18th of the month