

King of Glory Newsletter

We are here to worship the living God, receive Christ's gifts, and share God's love.

Pastor's letter for the newsletter...

Dear Friends in Christ at King of Glory,

This newsletter is a combination of December and January. There is a lot of information in here. It shows how busy and active we are here at King of Glory seeking to fulfill our Mission and our Ministry.

We begin with Advent which is a time to "Prepare the Way". We add Wednesday evening services to our schedule. On Wednesdays December 6, 13 and 20 we gather for a mid-week Advent service. It starts at 6:30 and goes until 7. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer service for that worship.

Advent leads to Christmas. This year on Christmas Eve we will have four services. The 2 and 4 pm services are specially designed for children and families. The 7 and 9 pm services are our candlelight ones. These Christmas services are filled with lots of music and the celebration of our Lord Jesus's birth. (December 24th is also a Sunday, but we won't hold morning services that day as we gather for our Christmas services.)

Then we head into the New Year 2018. Each Sunday will be in the Epiphany season which runs 6 weeks until we reach the Lenten season on February 14th.

Worship is at the center of all we do. When we gather, we hear God's Word and receive Christ's gifts. Those "Means of Grace" bless us for our lives in the world. We are blessed so we can be a blessing to others and to our community.

So, blessed Advent, merry Christmas, and a joyous Epiphany.

God bless you and keep you in His grace.

Pastor James A. Darchuk

Official Notice of a Special Congregational Meeting

Our Board of Directors has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday December 10th at 11:45 in the Commons.

This meeting is to vote upon an updated and revised Constitution, By-laws and Continuing Resolutions. That is the only agenda item for the meeting.

Plan now to join us for that special congregational meeting. For more information contact one of our pastors or our congregational president, Marty Ambuehl.

Mark Your Calendar!!

Dec 3—Advent Festival

Dec 6, 13 & 20—Advent Worship Services

Dec 8—Blood Drive @ King of Glory

Dec 10—Special Congregational Meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Dec 24—Christmas Eve Services @ 2, 4, 7 & 9 p.m.

Dec 31—One worship service at 10:30 a.m.

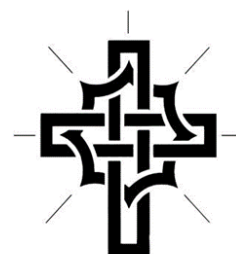
Jan 6—Women's Brunch

Jan. 7—Church Budget Open Forum

Jan 26—"Headin' for Houston Hoedown" Fundraiser

Jan 28—King of Glory Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Feb 14—Ash Wednesday



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Wednesday Advent Services

December 6, 13, & 20 from 6:30—7:00 p.m. This year's theme will be *"Prepare the Way"*. Join us as we worship using the beloved Holden Evening Prayer.

Christmas Eve Worship Assistants Needed

The sign up sheet for Christmas Eve Worship Assistants is now available in the Commons. Families, Singles, Couples, Elders, Young or In Between—this is a wonderful opportunity to take part in our Christmas Eve worship services. Contact Lorrie Maxwell in the church office with questions.



Sunday, December 24th

2:00 p.m. Children's Service

4:00 p.m. Children's Service

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

(There will be no morning worship services on Sunday, December 24 and only one service on December 31 at 10:30 a.m. Please watch for more information in the December bulletins.)



Sign up in the Commons today to provide a poinsettia to decorate our worship area for Christmas. Cost will be \$30.

KOG Advent Festival!!

Sunday, December 3, 5:00-7:00pm in the KOG Commons

All are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun that includes:

Advent and Christmas crafts for all ages to make – NO CHARGE

Outreach project for Tumbleweed

Cookie decorating

Toddler corner with special activities for adult and child to do together

Nativity costume photo opportunity—bring your phone/camera

Devotional booklet for the Advent season

Pizza dinner

Bring the family, grandchildren, grandparents, and friends!



The December & January Worship Assistant schedules will be emailed to those who are scheduled.

Mark your calendar—Ash Wednesday 2018 is February 14th.

Board of Directors November meeting highlights...

- We granted sabbaticals to Pr. Jen and Pr. Ben Quanbeck. These are scheduled for mid-February through mid-May.
- We reviewed our financials. We are a bit behind last year, but we are hopeful that through the “Year-end Challenge” we can end the year well. (Challenge as of 12/1 is \$116,743).
- We continue to work on the 2018 Budget. We held a discussion on our Benevolences and how we would like to distribute our benevolence dollars in 2018.
- We are preparing to do reviews of our three pastors. Pastor Darchuk has already done staff reviews of each of our church employees.
- We made preparations for the Special Congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, December 10th following the second worship service for the purpose of voting on updated and revised constitutional documents at KOG.

Official Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

Plan now to attend the congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, January 28th at 11:45 a.m. in the Commons. The main items of the agenda are: 1) the church budget for 2018; 2) the election of new Board members and other elected offices; and 3) the ratification of our revised and updated constitutional documents. We will hear other reports, too. Come and join us for this important meeting. Annual Reports will be available for you on Sunday, January 21st so that you can review them prior to the annual meeting.

2018 CHURCH BUDGET OPEN FORUM

You are invited to attend the Town Hall meeting to talk about the 2018 church budget which will be held on January 7th. This meeting is designed for congregational members to look at the '18 budget, ask questions, make comments, and forward suggestions to the January 16th Board of Directors' meeting.

The Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 7th at 9:35 a.m. (during the education hour) and will be held in the Fireside Room.

Your input will be helpful in the final stages of budget preparation. The 2018 budget will come before the Board at its January 16th meeting. The Board will take into consideration what they've heard at the Town Hall meeting and put the finishing touches on a proposed 2018 church budget. That proposed budget will then be dealt with at the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 28th at 11:45 a.m. in the Commons.

For more information contact congregational president Marty Ambuehl, treasurer Tim Erickson, or one of our Pastors.

Year-end Financial Challenge

We started this year's financial challenge to end 2017 with a positive balance at King of Glory needing \$150,000. As of December 1st, the amount needed is \$116,743.

Your generous giving can help us meet that challenge. When we meet it, our line-of-credit loan will be repaid, our benevolences will be given, all of our expenses will be paid and we can begin 2018 with a clean slate.

We invite you to do what you can. Thanks.

God's blessings to you!

King of Glory's Executive Committee

Nominating Committee Begins its work

Each year King of Glory has a number of important positions to fill in our congregation. We need some people for our Board of Directors. We need folks to serve in various other places, too.

Members of the Nominating Committee (Al Simonsen, Marty Ambuehl, Tom Thompson, Nancy Molin, and Pastor Jim) are working to invite people to serve.

Should you be asked to serve, count that as an honor. Then, after prayerful deliberation, make your decision whether or not you can serve in that way. If you need spiritual counsel about this, contact one of our pastors. They'll be glad to help.

The election takes place at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018.



Women's Brunch

F o l l o w t h e s t a r

Saturday, January 6, 2018

10:00am - 11:30am

KOG Commons

Friends, sisters, daughters, + neighbors are welcome!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry (Birth—Grade 6)

Sunday School Corner

Can you believe the Sunday School year is a third over?!?!

Thank you to our fantastic teachers and to all of the parents who bring their children on Sunday.

We are still in need of a few more substitute teachers and a snack coordinator. Please let Stephanie know if you have any questions about what needs to be done in these positions.

Mark Your Calendars:

Advent Festival is Dec 3rd 5-7 pm

We will not have Sunday School on December 24th (Merry Christmas) or December 31st (Happy New Year)

Sunday School Schedule

*A snack for all students will be on the main floor in the Commons area from 9:30 to 9:40.

*3yr. olds through 2nd grade, Parents and Teachers will meet in the Sanctuary from 9:40 to 9:50 for music time. Parents, please pick up your children at 10:20 from their classrooms.

*3rd through 5th graders please go to your classrooms at 9:40 . Sunday School ends at 10:20.

Contact Stephanie Stokke, CELL 861-4024 or KOG 652-1690 with questions concerning Sunday School.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL !!

LOGOS

Wednesdays—

5:00—6:30pm

Grades 2-6 Kids & Families

Parents—Please Note: Wednesday Advent worship services begin at 6:30 p.m. If you are not here by 6:30 to pick your child(ren) up from LOGOS, they will be in the worship area with Stephanie Stokke.

Dec. 6th Forgive Us Our Sins

Dec. 13th Caroling @ St Johns

Dec. 20th, 27th & Jan. 3rd **NO LOGOS**

Jan. 10th As We Forgive Those Who Sin
Against Us

Jan. 17th Lead Us Not Into Temptation

Jan. 24th But Deliver Us From Evil

Jan. 31st Superbowl / Favorite Team

Feb. 7th The Lord's Prayer Review

Stephanie Stokke @ scstokkekog@gmail.com

**Have a very Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year!!!**

King's Kids Choir

Grades 2-6th

Wednesdays 4:15-5pm

All are welcome

Kalli Murphy—director

brettkallimurphy@gmail.com

4th & 5th Graders & Family Event—Saturday, December 9th-5:30 p.m.-Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of crafts, dinner & caroling. RSVP before December 4th to Beth Adam, 860-8870 or bethadam.mt@gmail.com.

Middle School & High School Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Confirmation Ministry

Meets Wednesdays Dec. 6, 13, and 20 for Advent worship + small group discussions. 6:30-7:30pm

*Parents Meeting for all Confirmation Parents on Wednesday Dec. 6 at 7:05pm in the Fireside Room.

Confirmation classes resume in January (Jan. 3, 10, 17, + 24).

Wednesday Night Live (middle school youth night) next meets on January 31.

Come for a night of fun activities around the theme of winners + losers.

For 6th-8th graders + friends! Don't miss it!

Sign up on the Youth Board so we have enough drivers. 6:30-8pm

Middle School Youth Group meets Sundays in Dec + Jan from 9:40-10:20 in the Youth Zone!



Connect. Be Known. Laugh. Learn. Belong.

High School Youth Group's Project:Shine on 11/19 - making fleece tie blankets to donate to the NICU at St. V's.

May God use these to warm nurses, babies, and families!

High School Youth Group meets Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, + 17 in the Fellowship Hall from 11:45-1pm. Join us for lunch and conversation!

Our next **Project:Shine** is **Sat. Dec. 9th** — Meet at 8:45am at KOG. We will swing by Heiko bakery for donuts, then to Orchard Elementary to act as human shopping carts, gift wrappers, and bringers of joy!

Sign up on the Youth Board in the Commons or via the website: www.kogfamilies.weebly.com

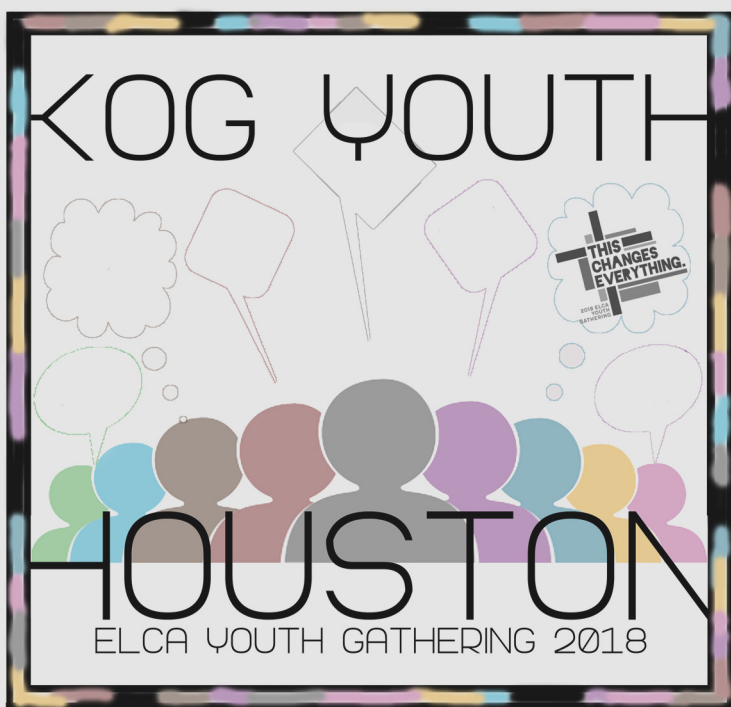
Thank you for all of your donations to support the 32 youth heading to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering in June 2018.

Join us for "Headin' for Houston Hoedown" on Friday, January 26th at 6:00. Tickets are \$30 and include a catered, plated meal and service/entertainment by the Houston Team!



Want 2 Talk? Reach out to Pastor Jen! E-mail: jen.quanbeck@gmail.com Text/Cell Phone: 855-1537

ELCA Youth Gathering 2018



You helped REVEAL the KOG Team for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

THANK YOU for your generous donations through the “envelope wall” that helped reveal our incredible team!

Your gifts totaled nearly \$6,000!

Thank you, Thank you!

You’ve seen their picture. Now come and meet them!

The Houston Team hosts the “Headin’ for Houston Hoedown” Fundraiser on Friday, January 26th at 6:00pm in the Commons.

The Houston Team will be your servers and entertainment!

Tickets are \$30 and go on sale Dec. 17th.



★ MEAL & MORE ★

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th

6:00pm tickets: \$30

benefits houston youth gathering team

Help us meet our \$50,000 fundraising goal! If you or your business would like to sponsor the KOG Houston Team, please contact Pastor Jen for opportunities.

jen.quanbeck@gmail.com

Our prayers and condolences to Guy Rasmussen on the loss of his father, Norman Rasmussen, and to Jyl Story on the loss of her mother, Lucille Anderson. May God's presence comfort you in your grief.

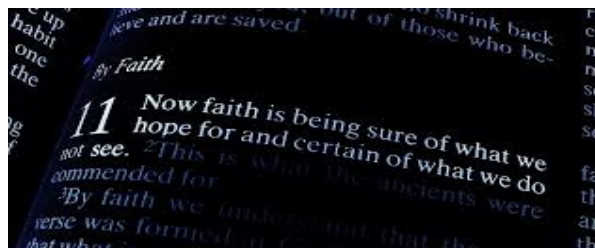


Men's Coffee Group that meets every Saturday, 9:30 am @ City Brew on Grand—join us!

Invitation to Prayer

“Lord, teach us to pray,” the disciples asked. Being practicing Jews, these men knew well the prayers and worship of the Synagogue, but Jesus seemed to pray differently. Following Him, watching and listening to Him, they began to long for the relationship with God that they observed in Jesus. Jesus taught them the simplicity and elegance of the Lord's Prayer. And then He taught them to listen and watch for God's response. To pray is to find the way to a relationship with God. To experience that one needs Jesus Christ and association with a fellowship of praying Christians.

For those who would like a shared prayer experience, please join Connie Wardell from 9:35-10:30 (between services) beginning Sunday, January 14th. We will use Richard Foster's Prayer The Hearts True Home as a guide to new prayer experiences. We will meet in Pr. Jim's old office space. We will pray together as we seek a closer relationship with our God.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

One of the more challenging books of the New Testament, Hebrews has been called a “riddle” in scripture form. Others see this book as one Early Christianity's most carefully crafted sermons. As a church we regularly reference passages from Hebrews as we consider the atoning work of Christ and our life of faith as part of the church. But what does this book mean?

Morning Schedule: (9:30 am)

January 4 – Introduction to Hebrews
 January 11 – Hebrews 1:1 – 5:10
 January 18 – Hebrews 5:11 – 10:39
 January 25 – Hebrews 11:1 – 13:25
 February 1 – Hebrews Concluding Study

Evening Schedule: (7:00 pm)

January 4 – Introduction to Hebrews
 January 18 – Hebrews 1:1-10:39
 February 1 – Hebrews 11:1-13:25 & Concluding study



The Giving Tree is Up!!!!

We received over 60 names from Family Services, School District #2, and Family Promise for our Giving Tree. The ornaments on the tree have the information you will need to help make someone's Christmas a bit brighter. **Please return your wrapped gifts with the ornament attached to the church by Thursday, December 14th.**

We also are collecting gift cards (\$25 to Walmart or gas cards) for Family Promise and checks/cash for the Angel Fund. (The mission of the Angel Fund is to raise funds to provide middle & high school students in need with the tools and basic necessities to remain and succeed in school. Immediate assistance is given to students in the form of gift certificates, goods, vouchers, or services. No students receive cash.) There are gift bags on the counter in the office for your gifts to Family Promise and Angel Fund.

The Lutheran Center is requesting non-perishable items that are indicated on special ornaments on the tree. Please return the items to the collection box by December 14th.

Contact Gary Aasheim or Lorrie Maxwell with questions.

Welcome New Members!

King of Glory is delighted to welcome these new members to share in our mission and ministry. If you have not met them yet please take the time to seek them out and welcome them to our life together.

Bruce & Debbie Erickson



Bruce and Debbie have lived in Billings for the last three years but recently moved to the West End and got connected with King of Glory. Prior to Billings, the Ericksons lived in Watford City, ND. Bruce works for Rocky Mountain Crude Oil, is a former music teacher and directed the King of Glory Choir for a while during his college years. Debbie is a retired Elementary & Special Education Teacher and enjoys reading, baking, and walking.

Andrew & Justina Goldhahn (Ethan & Jackson)



The Goldhahn family moved to Billings this year from Knoxville, TN. Andrew works as a Financial Advisor and Justina works as a Social Worker. Ethan is a 7th grader at Ben Steele Middle School and Jackson is a 4th Grader at Arrowhead Elementary. The Goldhahn family enjoys most outdoor activities and can often be found in the mountains when time permits.

Lamar & Kimberly Hervey (Lawton)



The Hervey family moved to Billings from Katy/Houston, TX only weeks before Hurricane Harvey hit that city. Lamar works as a Banker/Attorney for 1st Interstate Bank. Kimberly is a former Business professor and Antique shop owner. Lawton is a freshman at Central High School. The Hervey's were excited to find a church going to Houston for the National Youth Gathering and signed up for the trip their first week at KOG.



Gary & Sharon Moore

Gary and Sharon moved to Billings last spring from near Houston, TX. Gary served in the Coast Guard for many years so as a family they are no stranger to moving. Both Gary and Sharon are now retired and are glad to be in the same city as their son, Kevin.



Kevin Moore

Kevin moved to Billings from Williston ND a couple years ago and has been worshipping here for most of that time. Having experienced the "Bakken Boom", Kevin appreciates the relatively quiet feel of Billings. Kevin works for the City of Billings as a GIS Analyst and enjoys home repairs and computers.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



JOY Fellowship (Just Older Youth—Men & Women Ages 50+)!

- December JOY get-together—**Tuesday, December 12**

6:00pm – Potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall downstairs!

Please sign-up on the Information Wall, indicating what you'd like to contribute to the meal –crockpot of Sloppy Joes (3 people needed), side dish/salad, or dessert.

7:00pm – Join us for a lighthearted white elephant gift exchange. Each person is asked to bring a WRAPPED gift that is silly, tacky, or holiday-related. You can re-gift a “treasure” you have received in the past OR bring something new (limit \$5-\$10). We'll also sing a few Christmas songs together.



- JOY Fellowship will not meet in January.
- Blog: *Full of Years***—This fall the Montana Synod weekly e-newsletter announced a new blog called *Full of Years* by Bob Sitze, author and congregational consultant. In short written and video entries, Sitze casts his wry eye in the direction of older adult life. Sitze comments on his purpose: “I want to merge devotional thinking with positive approaches to senior living.” Directed towards the daily realities of older adults, the blog serves those already immersed in or approaching their later years—as well as those who care for them. The blogs can be found at www.fullofyears.org with several postings added each week.

Additional Fellowship Groups

Are you interested in exploring the possibility of other fellowship groups? Maybe one for families? One for a different generation than JOY? The sky's the limit! Please contact Lorie (info below). I'd love to have a conversation with you.

Are You Missing Any Serving Dishes?

Serving dishes of all kinds have been left at church over the past year. Please check the marked cupboard under the downstairs kitchen counter for your lost treasured piece.

Contact Information

Please contact Lorie Hughes, Board rep for Fellowship, if you'd like to be part of our fellowship efforts or if you have any questions/suggestions/concerns: glsmahughes@bresnan.net, 656-3552(h), or 861-2078(c).

United Blood Services Blood Drive at King of Glory, Friday, December 8, 2:30 – 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

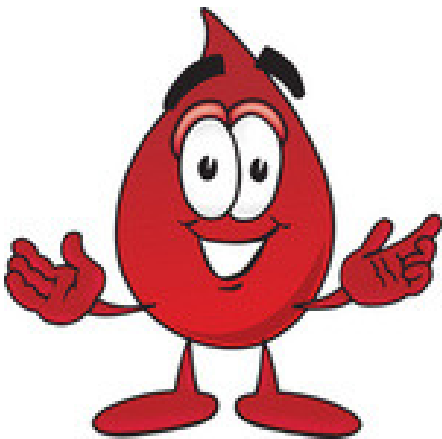
King of Glory members, family members, and friends have an opportunity to donate blood (whole blood or double red blood cells) to benefit patients locally as well as those further afield in our region who are in need due to surgery, illness, or injury.

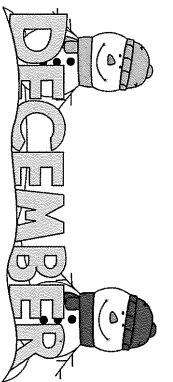
Prospective donors may sign up

- ♦ on the sheet in the KOG Commons on the Information Wall,
- ♦ by calling Lorrie in the church office during the week, or
- ♦ by contacting Gary Aasheim, Outreach Board Chair (M) 698-4138.

Expect your donation to take an hour to perhaps an hour and a quarter from the time you start your donor interview until you leave the refreshment area following your donation.

Gary Aasheim





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30a-Worship 9:40a-Town Hall Meeting 9:40a-Sunday School 9:40a-Middle School Youth Group 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-High School Youth Group 3:00p-Pack 3 Meetings 5:00p-Advent Festival	4 9:00a-Honey Doers 7:00p-Boy Scout Meeting	5 9:30a-Quilting @ Adam Home 11:30a-DAR Meeting 5:30p-Girl Scout Meeting	6 4:15p-King's Kids Choir 5:00p-LOGOS 6:30p-Advent Worship Service 6:30p-Confirmation - Worship & Small Group Discussions 7:00p-KOOG Adult Choir Meeting	7 6:00p-Pastoral Care Team Meeting 6:30p-Glory Ringers Rehearsal	8 2:30p-Blood Drive	9 8:45a-High School Youth Group Project: Shine 9:30a-Men's Coffee Group 5:30p-4th & 5th Grade Caroling Event
10 8:30a-Worship 9:40a-Sunday School 9:40a-Middle School Youth Group 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Special Congregational Meeting 11:45a-High School Youth Group 2:00p-Piano Recital	11 7:00p-Boy Scout Meeting	12 9:30a-Quilting @ Adam Home 6:00p-JOY Meeting 7:00p-Martha Room Reserved	13 12:00p-Staff Meeting 4:15p-King's Kids Choir 5:00p-LOGOS 6:30p-Advent Worship Service 6:30p-Confirmation - Worship & Small Group Discussions 7:00p-KOOG Adult Choir	14 8:00a-Mental Health Christmas Party 6:30p-Glory Ringers Rehearsal 7:00p-Eagle Court of Honor	15	16 9:30a-Men's Coffee Group
17 8:30a-Worship 9:40a-Sunday School 9:40a-Books & Babies 9:40a-Middle School Youth Group 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-High School Youth Group 2:00p-Pack 3 Meetings	18 7:00p-Boy Scout Meeting	19 9:00a-Billings Newcomers Board Meeting 9:30a-Quilting @ Adam Home 5:30p-Girl Scout Meeting 7:00p-Board of Directors Meeting	20 4:15p-King's Kids Choir 6:30p-Advent Worship Service 6:30p-Confirmation - Worship & Small Group Discussions 7:00p-KOOG Adult Choir	21 6:30p-Glory Ringers Rehearsal	22	23 9:30a-Men's Coffee Group
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31 10:30a-Worship						

CALENDAR

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At the November Board of Directors meeting, the Board granted sabbaticals to Pastor Jen + Pastor Ben in appreciation of their 5+ years of service to King of Glory and with hopes for future ministry together.

What is a Sabbatical? A sabbatical provides an opportunity for a pastor to reflect on the call to ministry and her relationship with God and God's people. The renewal leave is expected to be beneficial to the congregation, to the wider church, and to the pastor. While continuing education provides regular short-term opportunities for growth in learning, a sabbatical provides not only rest from labor, but also opportunities for more in-depth learning and renewal. Such a leave should be holistic—in that it includes time for prayer, reflection, and care of the self—as well as offering a time to develop and enhance gifts for ministry. (Montana Synod Sabbatical Guidelines)

What is the agreement between King of Glory and Pastors Ben + Jen? “Any person on sabbatical shall receive full pay and benefits. The time given for sabbatical is in addition to accrued vacation, sick leave, bereavement and other personal leave. Expenses incurred during the sabbatical, however, shall be borne by the person on sabbatical, except that continuing education funds may be used to cover these expenses.” (KOG Sabbatical Guidelines)

Dates for the sabbatical: Pastor Jen and Pastor Ben will be gone Feb. 15 – May 12.

In their absence how will King of Glory provide pastoral coverage? Pastor Jim will continue as Lead Pastor, covering the pastoral duties of leading worship, preaching, providing pastoral care, and officiating at baptisms and funerals. Pastor Jim will teach Confirmation classes in April and May and provide support to ministry groups and the Houston Youth Gathering Team. Fundraising Teams are in place to execute the goals of the Houston Team; and Houston adult leaders (6 of them) will take on the leadership of the monthly Houston Team meetings. The Pastoral Care Team will continue its ministry (guided by John Hanson) and Mentor Teams will continue their ministry alongside our youth.

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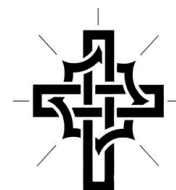
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