

King of Glory Newsletter

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



Lead Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ at King of Glory,

As a congregation, we are excited for Pastor Jen and Pastor Ben to return from their sabbaticals on Saturday, May 12. It was easy for me to see that they have been missed. We trust their sabbatical time away has been good in so many ways. Sabbaticals are truly a gift and times of renewal and growth. Pastors find new energy and new excitement for the ministry ahead.

While the Quanbecks have been away, I am glad to report that we, as a congregation, have stepped up to fill the places where we needed help to keep our church going. We learned that we all have a valuable ministry to do at KOG. The youth group leaders are especially to be commended. The Houston Team kept working together toward their summer trip to be with 30,000 other Lutherans at the National Youth Gathering in Houston June 27-July 2. The youth groups we have kept on rolling. We learned we could do it!

As you know, King of Glory is getting ready to implement Ministry Teams to take care of the action of the congregation. New ideas are germinating (to finish the music/multi-purpose room in the lower level). People are getting excited to jump in and do their part. You'll hear much more about this in the days to come. We're glad Pastor Jen and Pastor Ben are coming back to help us make it happen.

I say "thank you" to you all—for your stewardship of your time, your self and your resources. Together, with the Holy Spirit's help, we can make King of Glory the vital congregation God calls us to be! And you have a part to play in that, too!

God bless you and keep you in His Grace!

Pastor James A. Darchuk

Mark Your Calendar!!

May 3—Ministry Team on ministry teams @ 8 a.m.

May 3—Mark Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m.

May 12—Pr. Jen and Pr. Ben return from their sabbaticals

May 13—High School Graduation Milestone

May 20—**Pentecost Sunday (wear Red)**
Sunday School Finale & Recognitions Party in the Commons

May 26—Hughes Wedding

May 27—begin summer worship schedule—one service at 9:30 a.m.

May 28—Memorial Day—church office closed

June 1-3—Montana Synod Assembly in Great Falls

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Letters from Pr. Jim Darchuk and Becky Bey, board president, announcing Pr. Jim's retirement as our Lead Pastor were mailed to congregational members on April 16th and emailed on April 18th. Additional copies are available in the Commons if you did not receive one. Pr. Jim's last Sunday with us will be July 15th. Pastor Jen and Pastor Ben will return from their sabbaticals and be with us in worship on May 13th.

You are encouraged to ask questions, provide input, and become an active participant in this transition. Board contact information is available with the announcement letters.

The Montana Synod Assembly meets in Great Falls June 1-3. We are looking for one male and one female voting member from King of Glory. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINALE & ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS

All are invited and encouraged to join us in the Commons following the 8:30 worship service on May 20th to celebrate our Sunday School Finale, to thank Stephanie Stokke for being our Children's Ministry Coordinator this past year, and to recognize Pr. Jen's and Pr. Ben's 10th ordination anniversary. We will have cake. We will have cupcakes. We will have ice cream. And we will have fun!!!



We will celebrate the Senior Graduation Milestone for our high school graduates on Sunday, May 13th during the 10:30 worship service. Letters were sent to Seth Boyd, Matthew Chernesky, Megan Cornwall, Taylor Frideres, Carter Garsjo, Elizabeth LaRance, Trae Lee, Cameron Maas, Madison Randak, Sophia Randak, Heather Scherr, Michael VanAtta, and Alexander Watterson. If your senior is not included in this list, please contact the church office at 652-1690 asap for information.

Please return the information request form to the church office that was sent by the April 30th deadline in order to have it included in the May 13th bulletin.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry (Birth—Grade 5)

Sunday School News

We have had an outstanding Sunday School year! Together we have grown in our faith and developed Christian relationships! Please join us for the remainder of our Sunday School classes. (There is no Sunday School in June, July and August.) All are welcome to worship at 9:30 a.m. service during the summer!

April 29, May 6 & May 13 All classes will meet.

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Heartfelt Gratitude!

“I thank my God every time I remember you.” Philippians 1:3

Thank You to Our Sunday School Team

We are blessed with very gifted and dedicated teachers, mentors, music and hospitality leaders!

- ★ Beginners/Pre-K: Kristina Bruski & Tawnya Rome
- ★ Kindergarten: Anna LeBrun, Erica Bruen, & Heather Miller
- ★ Grade 1: Sarah Parker & Shari Sears
- ★ Grade 2: Lorie Hughes & Heather McKenzie
- ★ Grade 3: Nicole Petersen & Sarah Rongstad
- ★ Gr. 4 & 5 Mentor Team Beth Adam, Greg Kaye, David Rietz, & Suzi Rietz
- ★ Music Leaders: Kalli Murphy & Sandi Shawhan
- ★ Music Accompanist: Susan Petersen
- ★ Teacher Substitutes: Stephanie Stokke & Cheryl Martin

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians for snacks throughout the year and for bringing your children each week! *Stephanie Stokke*

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry (Birth—Grade 5)

King's Kids Choir

Grades 2-6

Rehearsal Times—May 2 & 9

Wednesdays—4:15-5:00pm

King's Kids Choir will sing:

May 13 @ 8:30 service

Sunday School Choir

Age 3—Grade 2

Music Time

**Sunday mornings, April 29, May 6 & 13—
9:40-9:50 in sanctuary**

Sunday School Choir will sing:

May 6 @ 8:30 service

Contact Kalli Murphy with questions,
brettkallimurphy@gmail.com.



Summer@KOG

Registration begins

SOON!

Preschool VBS: God's a Creator & So Am I

Mondays, June 4, 11, and 18

Ages: 2-4

9:30am-11:30am

Mystery Bus (service projects)

Fridays, June 15, July 13, and August 10

Grades: 4-7

9:00am-1:00pm *bring a bag lunch

Friends are always welcome!

Registration will open at the Sunday School Finale on
May 20.

Our upcoming plans for a summer of fun youth activities are in the works! Information will be provided in our Sunday bulletins, on the Information Wall and on facebook posts. Some surprises await! Don't be late!

Adults & youth (entering Grade 7 & up next fall) interested in serving in various roles, **WE NEED YOU!** Please contact Pastor Jen, Jen.quanbeck@gmail.com.

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

Middle School & High School Youth Groups Schedule:

Sunday, May 6 - Youth Groups meet

Sunday, May 13 - Middle School Youth Group meets. Senior Graduation Milestone @ 10:30 worship— no High School Youth Group.

Sunday, May 20 - Enjoy sundaes in the Commons for the Finale! No Middle School Youth Group today. High School Youth Group meets for year-end celebration at 11:45 a.m.

**youth groups will resume regular meetings in September.

Confirmation Schedule

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

May 2: Letters of the New Testament

May 9: Revelation

May 16: Review

May 23: Confirmation Olympics

The Confirmation Youth will assist with worship on Sunday, May 20th.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 Graduating Seniors:

Seth Boyd
Matthew Chernesky
Megan Cornwall
Taylor Frideres
Carter Garsjo
Elizabeth LaRance
Trae Lee
Cameron Maas
Madison Randak
Sophia Randak
Heather Scherr
Michael Van Atta
Alexander Watterson

As you prepare to begin new endeavors, we look forward to gathering around you as a community of faith to celebrate what God has done in your life and pray for God's blessings on your future. Senior Graduation Milestone is Sunday, May 13th at 10:30 (cake reception follows).

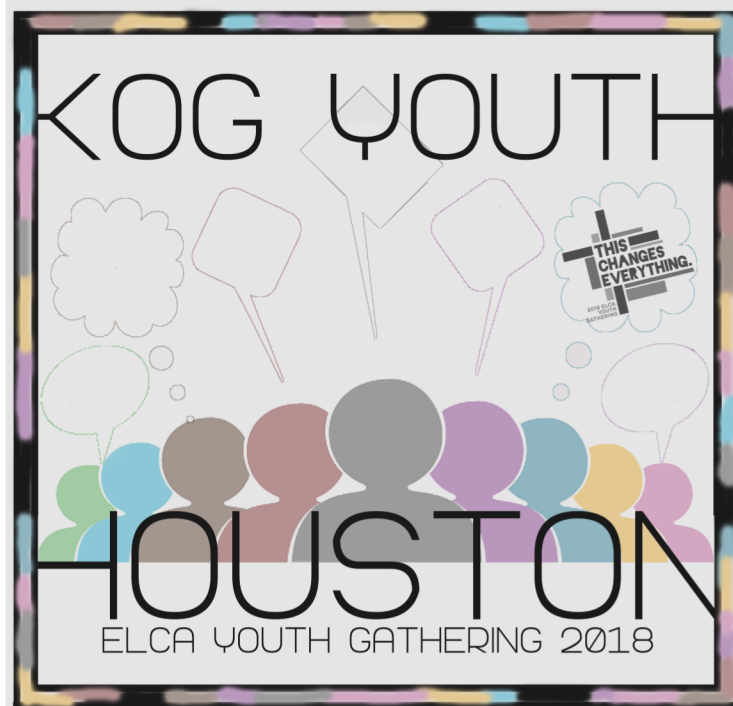
As we wrap up another school year, **we'd like to thank our youth group mentors** for sharing their time and enthusiasm with our youth!!

Middle School Mentors—Stephanie Stokke, Blake Stokke, Cheryl Jones, John Hanson, Matt Groff & Kelsie Norwood

High School Mentors—Paige Jette, Aimee Rust, Lamar Hervey, Nicole Chakos, Sandi Shawhan, & Kent Haaland

God bless each of you!!!!

ELCA Youth Gathering 2018



The Sponsor Campaign continues in May!

Each student is looking for 10 sponsors who will sponsor them for \$50. Your sponsorship of this youth invites you to pray for them (by name!) on a certain day of our Houston trip and includes a photo of your youth and invitations to the Blessing & Sending (6/24) and the Houston Celebration Dinner (after we return, date TBA).

Youth will be seeking sponsors through 5/20.



The Dead Sea Scrolls are now on exhibit through September 3rd at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. "The regional premiere of this exhibition is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see authentic Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient manuscripts that include the oldest known biblical documents dating back over 2,000 years. In addition, more than 600 artifacts from the ancient Middle East will immerse guests in historic traditions and beliefs that continue to impact world cultures today."

Visit the museum's website at www.dmns.org for more information.



Mia Grace Kennedy has been on King of Glory's prayer concern list since 2015. Her parents are friends of KOG members Blake and Stephanie Stokke. Many people have wondered what her story is and how they can help. The following should answer some of these questions.

Mia was born on January 8, 2015 to David and Lisa Kennedy. During her 20-week ultrasound, it was discovered that Mia would be born without kidneys which would hinder the development of her lungs. The Kennedys decided to go through with the pregnancy and place Mia's life in God's hands.

After her birth, it was discovered that Mia had 1/3 of a kidney and holes in her lungs. She was not expected to live long once taken off life support, but God took over. The holes in Mia's lungs began to close, her kidney began to work a bit, and Mia became more and more alert. Mia and her parents were life-flighted to Denver Children's Hospital and the rest of her incredible journey began. During the past 3 years, Mia has undergone now nightly dialysis, a g-tube placement, cochlear implant, heart surgery, countless doctor visits, close calls, and ambulance rides to save her life.

On May 22nd Mia is scheduled to receive a new kidney from her aunt, who is a perfect match! A new kidney for Mia will mean the end of the nightly dialysis routine and hopefully a decrease in hospital visits. Her fight is far from over, but with the continued prayers and God's help, her outlook looks bright.

A go fund me account has been set up at <https://www.gofundme.com/mighty-mia039s-kidney-transplant> to help with expenses or gift cards for food or gas would be appreciated. If you would like to help out in any other ways or have questions, please contact Stephanie Stokke (861-4024).

(A more complete version of Mia's story can be found on the Information Wall in the Commons.)



Yes! I will attend C³ (Confirmation Camp @ Christikon) this summer!

June 18-24 in McLeod, MT

for incoming 7th-8th-9th grade youth

Register and more info @ www.christikon.org

Christikon Clips

May, 2017



It's not too late to register for camp this summer! Space remains in youth sessions and families/adult sessions, including the **Work Weekend, May 27-30**.

You can register online www.christikon.org, or use the forms located on the Information Wall in the Commons. Or call the camp office for further information. Trails? On-site? You pick!

Christikon covers the full costs for each at-risk youth participating in Sojourners Camp. (We expect to have 24 this summer) We invite individuals, congregations and their auxiliaries to consider special giving for camp scholarships this summer.

Special guest speakers become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. During Mountain Weekend 1 (July 7-9) we feature **Steve Schmidt** pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. During Continuing Education Retreat (July 31-Aug 3) we feature **Rev. Karyn Wiseman and musician Johnny Hermanson**. Mountain Weekend 2 (Aug. 4-6) to be announced. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. More details can be found on our website www.christikon.org.

Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon this summer, for the summer staff, and for all who join in the Christikon life.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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Our prayers and condolences to David Wyard and family on the loss of his mother, Blythe, and also to Josh Botnen on the loss of his grandmother.

May God's presence comfort you in your loss.



Blessings to Kurtis LeBrun, Cierra Murray and Reyonna Murray who were baptized at King of Glory on April 8th.



Congratulations to Chris Wall and Joe Farley on their marriage April 21st at King of Glory. Pr. Jim Darchuk officiated. May you have a very happy future together!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



Feast & Fellowship

Thanks to the March and April Feast and Fellowship hosts and participants! We hope all enjoyed the gatherings. Feedback is always welcome.

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

⇒ **Tuesday morning, May 15—9:30am in the Fireside Room**

Speaker: Amy Grandpre, Urban Horticulture Assistant, from the Yellowstone County Extension Service—Amy will talk about recapturing the JOY of gardening through square foot gardening and container gardening. Come with questions!



⇒ **Saturday, June 16—8:00am—3:30pm**

SAVE THE DATE for a fun bus trip planned by Barb Brady!

We'll meet at KOG; take a school bus to Pompey's Pillar; have lunch at Cowboys Restaurant and Bar along the Yellowstone River; have a guided tour of Huntley Project Museum; and then return to KOG. Fun day!! Cost is \$10 per person (pay on the day of) plus the cost of your lunch. Reserve your spot by signing up on the Information Wall!



Our JOY April 17 morning of service at Family Services was very worthwhile and fun! Thank you! We learned about their wonderful organization and all they do for the community. We bagged 725 pairs of shoes! Thanks also to everyone who donated shoes through April for the Family Service's shoe drive.

Thanks!

Many thanks to all who contributed delicious pastries for Easter morning and all who helped to set-up, serve, and clean up!

Contact Information

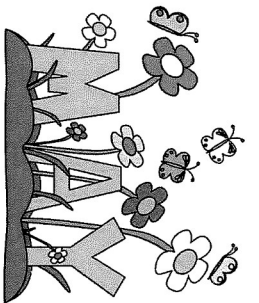
Please contact Lorie Hughes of the Fellowship Ministry Team, if you'd like to be part of our fellowship efforts or if you have any questions/suggestions/concerns: glsmahughes@bresnan.net, 656-3552(h), or 861-2078(c).

Sunday Morning Worship Assistants at King of Glory for May

Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Scripture Reader	Altar Guild	Sound	Counters
5/6/18	8:30	Becky Carlson	Frank & Joan Felke	Heather, Easton, & Aidyn	Andy Hall	Jo Killenbeck	Jodi Kasemodel	Gary Hughes
		Mary Ann Hall		McKenzie, Gretchen Wagner		Arlyne Anderson		JR Johnston
	10:30	Vel Sabo	Tom & Joey Bechtold	Mainwaring Family	Lori Waller	Claudia Baker	Gary Aasheim	
		Debbie Brace	JR Johnston			Jerry Baker		
5/13/18	8:30	Glenda Kniefel	Matt Groff & Kelsie Norwood	Roger & Beth Adam	Kristin Telkamp	Hayden Trost	Russ Plath	Deanna Michels
		Betti Hinrichs	Sandi Shawhan	Rae & Rod Ottenbreit		Parker Trost		Robin Tunnicliff
	10:30	Robin & Darrell	Eric Nord	Chris Farley & Kalia Wall	Greg Kaye	Marcia Welliever	Dave Nelson	
		Tunnicliff	Tina Laas	Kim & Garrett Kaye		Steven Welliever		
5/20/18	8:30	Brett & Kalli	Don & Lorrie Maxwell	Mark & Maggie Hale	Maggie Hale	Gretchen Lee	Jodi Kasemodel	John Hanson
		Murphy Family		Sara & Ryan White		Anna LeBrun		Gay Rye
	10:30	Confirmation	Confirmation	Confirmation	Confirmation	Tom Feldman	Gay Rye	Gay Rye
		Youth	Youth	Youth		Francie Riemann		
5/27/18	9:30	Betti Hinrichs	Kevin Moore	Dennis & Diane Powers	Dennis Powers	Karen Honnold	Gary Aasheim	Dennis Bar
		Jo Killenbeck	Gary Moore	Vel Sabo, Doni Topel		Tami Derrickson		Betty Hagfeldt

** If you are unable to serve in this way please contact someone else on this list to see if they will switch with you.

Bread makers & Communion set up: Joan Felke, Donna Sweeney, Laila Nelson, Faith Burrowes, Jane Doran, Deb & Tyler Walker, Adrienne Gibson, Sharon Paul, Tami Derrickson, Heather Miller & Jeanne Rasmussen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 8:30a-WORSHIP 9:40a-Sunday School, Middle School Youth Group & Adult Forum 10:30a-WORSHIP 11:45a-High School Youth Group	7 4:30p-Fireside Room Reserved 7:00p-Boy Scout Meeting	1 9:30a-Quitting @ Adam Home 7:00p-Eagle Scout Ceremony	2 4:15p-King's Kids Rehearsal 6:30p-Confirmation 7:00p-Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 8:00a-Ministry Team Meeting 9:30a-Thursday Bible Study 6:30p-Glory Ringers Rehearsal	4 7:30a-Board of Directors Meeting	5 9:30a-Men's Coffee Group
13 Mothers' Day 8:30a-WORSHIP 9:40a-Sunday School & Middle School Youth Group 9:40a-Prayer Ministry 10:30a-WORSHIP & High School Graduation Milestone	14 7:00p-Boy Scout Meeting	15 9:30a-Billings Newcomers Board Meeting 9:30a-JOY Event	16 6:30p-Confirmation 7:00p-Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 6:30p-Glory Ringers Rehearsal	18	19 9:30a-Men's Coffee Group 10:00a-Cub Scout Training
20 Pentecost Sunday 8:30a-WORSHIP 9:40a-Prayer Ministry 9:40a-Sunday School Finale & Recognitions Party 10:30a-WORSHIP 11:45a-High School Youth Group	21 6:30p-Girl Scout 2009 7:00p-Boy Scout Meeting	22 10:00a-Billings Newcomers Coffee 5:30p-Girl Scout Meeting 7:00p-Boy Scout Council Meeting	23 6:30p-Confirmation Olympics	24	25 10:30a-Hughes Wedding Rehearsal 1:00p-IF Group	26 9:30a-Men's Coffee Group 3:00p-Hughes Wedding
27 9:30a-WORSHIP	28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	29	30 6:30p-Wednesday Night Live	31		

Beginning Sunday, May 27th and continuing during the summer months, we will have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. We will return to two Sunday morning worship services in September.

Adjusted Church Office Hours 5/7-11

The church office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the week of May 7th. Thanks to Cheryl Jones, Joan Felke, Sherry Porter, and Claudia Baker for filling in while Lorrie Maxwell is on vacation.

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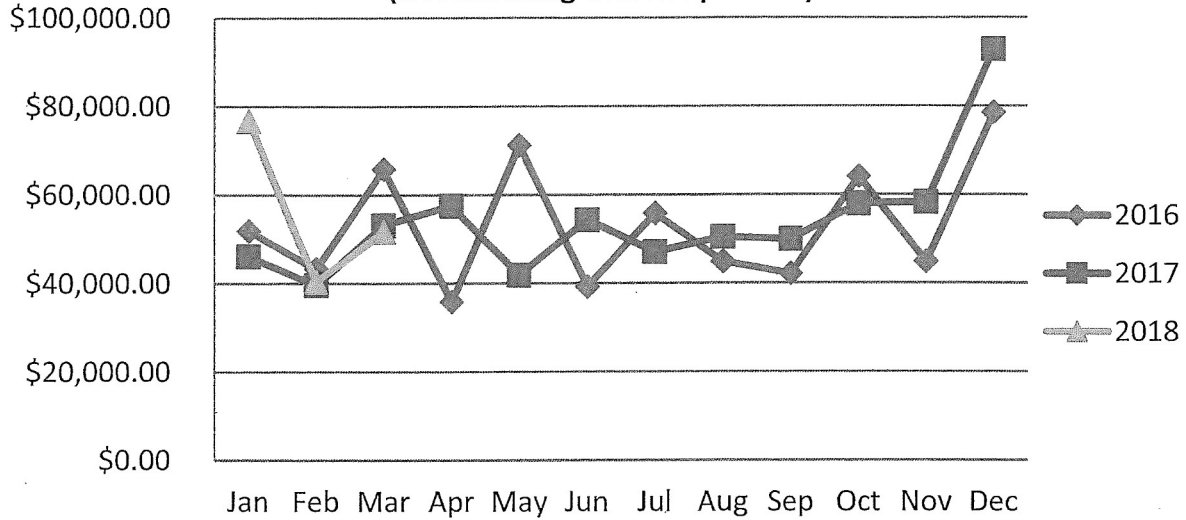
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