**COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for July 2023**

**Council Actions and Information**

**Council Continuing Business**

The Task Force members have been chosen for the LEAP initiative (Yes! In God’s Back Yard!) and plans with Veolia and the community well drilling. This task force will serve as the first point of contact by LEAP and Veolia for updates/questions and then the Task Force will be the conduit to keep the members of the KoG congregation apprised of the progress. The Task Force members are Shirley Engerbretson, Dean Falk, Todd Kraft, Becky Newberry and Mark Stephensen. We are pleased to have Mary Rickerd and Carolyn Watts (Community Garden) joining in a consulting capacity.

Plans for introducing our new Director of Music Ministry, Brian Copple, to the congregation are underway. The Director of Music Ministry office is taking shape through the efforts of Pastor Connie, Ron Nearman and the Worship & Music Committee.

Covenant Presbyterian has returned our four octaves of handbells to KoG for the summer and we have a tentative agreement for the handbells to be loaned to Covenant again for the period of August – October, 2023. Further details on how the handbells will be shared after that will be forthcoming from Pastor Connie and Brian Copple.

**Council Reports**

Here are some highlights from Pastor Connie’s report to Council: a healing service is planned for the August 20th worship service; summer sermon texts will not be from the Revised Common Lectionary and will address tough topics that are relevant to our culture; our Sunday musician needs are covered for July and August between Del Parkinson and Ken Grove; training is planned for volunteers interested in visiting other KoG members and new member information meetings have also been scheduled.

**Masking**

A continuing item of business on the monthly council agenda for the past several years now has been to review the safe behaviors related to pandemic issues. In consideration of Ada County’s caseloads of COVID, RSV and flu, the policy of wearing masks will continue to be **“highly encouraged”** but not required. Thank you for your efforts the past year to enable this community of faith to be together in-person. The Community Risk Level continues to be Low. ([**https://covidactnow.org/us/idaho-id/county/ada\_county/?s=46863434**](https://covidactnow.org/us/idaho-id/county/ada_county/?s=46863434))

**King of Glory 60th Anniversary**

The 60th Anniversary Task Force continues to meet. Most displays can be found in the Fellowship Hall. There is a Welcome Home Corn Feed event schedule for Sunday, August 27th. Watch for displays and celebratory events throughout the year.