

Present: Gabrielle, Gretchen, Karen Campbell, Pastor Connie, Nick, Ken, Becky

Review of past events in 2024

Trans Panel discussion hosted by the church as a Sunday Adult class on Feb. 4

Interfaith Equality Lunch Bag Conversation hosted by the church on April 24

Both events were meaningful and opened to other members of the faith community.

The Trans Panel was particularly well attended, and other faith communities in Idaho are now volunteering to host such a panel.

The Lunch Bag conversation happens about once a year at King of Glory. All kinds of topics are talked about in a very open and safe way.

Pastor and others at King of Glory participated in other events promoted by the Interfaith Equalition Coalition and Healing our Future. Those events are colorfully presented in the newsletters and bulletins.

Projects

Crop Walk Against Hunger, Sunday October 13 at 3pm at Julia Davis Park.

Gabrielle won't be able to organize it as she will be overseas at that time. Thinking of other groups at King of Glory who may be willing to promote such an event, particularly the feeding groups (Sandwich Sunday/ Free monthly meal ...). The fact is that those groups are working independently and are not organized in a committee. However, the event could be announced to the congregation and members can sign up online to participate as individual or part of a team.

Pride Parade, Sunday September 15, 10 am starting at the Ceil Andrus Park.

King of Glory already signed up under the banner of Interfaith Equality Coalition but will bring her own banner. It would be nice to have more members of King of Glory at the Parade, walking or watching. It's such a popular and joyful event. The event will be announced to the congregation, but an effort needs to be made to invite others and families personally. It would be nice this year to distribute candies to the kids along the route. We will check with Luther Heights about having a table together at the Cecil Andrew's Park.

There is going to be a Pride event for the 1st time in Nampa at the Lakeview Park from 1 to 4pm. It would be good for King of Glory to attend and support. As it won't be a parade and we won't have a table, just our presence would be appreciated. Our financial donations would be appreciated too. There is a GoFundMe link, but they already met their goal.

Trinity church in Caldwell may also be interested to participate as well.

Question from Nick: We need to be more visible as far as our RIC membership. Stickers on the doors are not enough. LGBTQIA+ flag on the outside church cross? Or on the church sign on the front lawn especially during the month of June?

American Indian and Alaskan Native Land Acknowledgement

A statement now appears in the Sunday bulletins, and the congregation read it together. It would be nice to make once in a while some modification to the statement as there are many resources in the ELCA Declaration.

An effort to educate the congregation on the subject of Land Acknowledgement could be made in the future in the form of a series of Sunday school classes.

Healing for the Future may be able to help us in finding some Native American speakers.

This is a topic Gabrielle finds is important as she heard of the Native Americans 's (Amérindiens) struggle to survive/exist since she was a little girl but this does not seem to be of a real concern here.

Greeting cards project for Matt Christensen and his daughters as part of a fund-raising: Fresh Start for Matt.

Karen Campbell from Grace. Horseshoe Bend summarized the situation (the origin of the project which is Matt's drawings while in prison, and the goal to help him financially when he leaves prison, in 4 years or so). Ken gave us updates on the steps of the project. Becky mentioned that the Council does not need to approve the fund-raising as it is a ministry. Tom Christensen is creating a bank account where all the money raised will be deposited and expenses will be paid for.

2 sets of 10 cards \$ 25.00 each set, and more if people want to donate extra money.

The fund-raising will start this summer

When the cards are printed, they will need to be folded, and put in sets with envelopes. Ken is leaving sometime in June to visit his son and is working hard to have to cards printed beforehand. He thinks cards and envelopes will cost around \$400.00

The project needs soon to be advertised not only at King of Glory but other churches and prison ministries. The ELCA cluster is meeting soon, and an effort will be made to present this project to them.

For now, the photos will be in black and white. Possibility to have them colored (or have a set for kids to color). Possibility to have a caption for each photo. Ken gave us some examples.