DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2022



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Worship in Person & Online

SUNDAY 10:00 AM

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LEAP Next Steps

Thank you for attending the informational and "talk" meetings in September and October and viewing and re-viewing the on-line recordings. Your concerns and suggestions were shared with LEAP. LEAP is working on updating aspects of the housing proposal incorporating these ideas. As a result, the congregational meeting that was scheduled for Sunday, November 20 to approve the Lease Agreement has been postponed. Bart Cochran, CEO of LEAP will be with us at an informational congregational meeting Sunday, December 4 to share the updated proposal. This initiative, "Yes! In God's Back Yard," is a unique way for us to fulfill the vision we've talked about for many years: the wise use of the "land" resources in our "backyard" as a community outreach. We ask you for your continued prayers.

Rest - Renewal - Reflection for Pastor Connie

With the recommendation of the Mutual Ministry Committee and Executive Committee, Council unanimously voted to encourage and support Pastor Connie to take January 1 to January 14, 2023, as a block of time for rest, renewal and reflection. As your elected leaders, we heartily support this time away from the daily demands of the ministries of King of Glory.

Remember! Pastor Connie accepted the call to King of Glory and arrived, never having visited Boise, to "locked" doors at King of Glory. We were in the middle of the Covid pandemic shutdown. Worship was recorded and shared on-line. As King of Glory gradually opened up, there were a high number of serious and terminal illnesses which required intensive pastoral care. There was staff-turnover which required extra administrative time for finding and training qualified staff. Within weeks of her arrival, several Treasure Valley Cluster pastors moved on to pastoral calls elsewhere. Pastor Connie, by default, became one of the area's seasoned pastors! At this time also, King of Glory experienced break-ins at the church. Are you tired yet?!

With the encouragement and support of the Mutual Ministry Committee, Pastor Connie has expressed a need to step back to rest and also to better determine how to be a Pastor in these post-pandemic times. Pastor Connie was trained in a very different church. The world right now is a very different place than she and her colleagues have ever seen. Not only that, the fatigue factor is a common problem among clergy. Many are just simply leaving the ministry they were called to, exhausted from the demands of returning their congregations to "normal."

We encourage our pastor to take time away to refresh her soul and reflect on how best to lead King of Glory into the future God is calling. And, we encourage Pastor Connie to sleep without guilt or checking her phone for urgent texts! The details of pastoral care and pulpit support for worship services are in the planning stages. We will share more information as we get closer to January 1.

Thank you for your prayerful support of this time of rest, renewal, and reflection for our beloved servant of God, Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg.

Gifts of Support for African Church Remodel

Arrangements have been made for a unique opportunity of support!

Sally Husted and Gabrielle Applequist of the New Americans Committee coordinated with Joël Bondedjoun, and Justin Boinde and the council to make arrangements for gifts of financial assistance for the church they were involved with in Africa. This church has experienced growth, but the current building is in a state of disrepair. Remodeling and enlarging the church has begun, but there are not sufficient funds to finish the project. If you are interested in donating financial gifts for this special request, you may do so through King of Glory's Vanco on-line giving to the "African Church Gift" fund. Personal checks or cash will also be accepted; please indicate this is for the "African Church Gift." Gifts for this fund will be accepted through December 31, 2022. At that time the fund will be closed and a check will be given to Joel and Justin for the balance of the fund that they can send to the church in Africa.

We are grateful that King of Glory's financial system allows us to collect these personal gifts of support. There are no budgeted church funds to back this request. King of Glory continues to support our companion synod, the Ulanga-Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Tanzania by financial support through the Northwest Intermountain Synod.

We remember and celebrate our African brothers and sisters in Christ.



Security

With decreased daylight hours, remember and practice these basic personal safety guidelines when around the church:

- · Be aware at all times of your surroundings in the parking lot.
- · Always lock your car. Do not leave personal items in plain view.
- Do not prop open doors for meetings. If waiting for stragglers, post a cell phone number to call to be let in.
- · Walk briskly to your car when leaving the church, especially if you are alone. At night, walk out with a "buddy."
- · Report any lights in the parking lot that may be out.

King of Glory 60th Anniversary

A 60th Anniversary Task Force is being formed. Their first meeting was November 16 to brainstorm and begin a year of celebration for this milestone. Interested in sharing your gifts and time? Contact Mary Rickerd for further details.

Covid Protocol - Together We Care for Each Other!

A regular item of business continues to be review of Covid protocol. November's statistics indicated that even though the caseload numbers for Ada County have increased somewhat, optional mask wearing and up-to-date vaccinations will continue at in-person functions at King of Glory. If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, thank you for staying home.

Sunday worship services are live-streamed at 10 AM every Sunday, and can also be viewed later on King of Glory's YouTube channel.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ATTENDENCE

OCTOBER ON-LINE WORSHIP VIEWS

92
AVERAGE

46
AVERAGE

KOG FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 1, 2022 - October 31, 2022

Thank you for your strong financial support this year.

Income:

Actual: \$325,915

Budgeted: \$320,504

Expenditures:

Actual: \$323,952

Budgeted: \$335,403

Columbarium Committee

At the July quarterly meeting, the Columbarium Committee voted to increase the cost of purchasing a niche made necessary with increased expenses for maintenance and niche panel engraving. Effective January 1, 2023, rates will be \$500 per niche.

As a member of King of Glory, if you have considered purchasing a niche in the Columbarium Memorial Garden, now is a good time to do so. Current niche purchases are \$400 per niche. All maintenance and engraving costs are included in the purchase of a contract. All members of King of Glory, which includes immediate family, are eligible to purchase a contract for a niche in the Columbarium Memorial Garden.

Contact Glen Laushman, Columbarium Chairman, to make arrangements.

STUDY GROUPS

FALL 2022

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAYS

Black Bear Diner 8:00-9:00 AM

CONTACT JIM RICKERD OR BOB FIRMAN

SCRIPTURE STUDY

FRIDAYS

KOG Library
9:30 AM

CONTACT WANDA FIRMAN

CHRISTIAN LIFE

1ST & 3RD MONDAY

Zoom 1:00 PM

CONTACT MARY RICKERD FOR ZOOM LINK

GATHER Magazine

4TH MONDAY

KOGLibrary

CONTACT PATTY LARSON OR PAT PHELPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE Study

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY

KOG Library 9:30-11:00 AM

CONTACT NICKI TOMPKINS

Church Groups

Youth Sunday School

Sunday school will be at 11:00, after the church service. Age 3 to grade 6

Volunteers Are Still Needed

We are still looking for more youth Sunday school teachers and helpers so that we may have teams of 2 or 3 teachers for each group. Please call Phyllis Bradburn at 208–939–2753 to volunteer.

Gather Magazine Bible Study

The Gather Magazine Bible Study is taking on a new and fabulous look for the Treasure Valley. All women who so enjoy the Gather Magazine are invited to our renewed study for fun, fellowship, refreshments and, of course, the monthly Bible Study, on the **fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m**. If you don't subscribe to the Gather Magazine, no worries. There will be copies available for your use. So, please mark your calendars for the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 and become a part of this journey. If you have any questions please contact: Patty Larson at (208)863–9760 Pat Phelps at (208) 890–0706

Church Groups

Christian Life Study Group

Christian Life Study will continue the discussion of Bishop Michael Curry's book, *Love is the Way* on January 2nd, 2023.

There is still time to join the group for a great discussion on "love" and how it works in our lives. Contact Mary Rickerd for the Zoom link.

OWLS

The December OWLS will be on **December 20th** at Chuck a Rama off Overland by the theaters.

WELCA

The members of your WELCA Board send a huge "Thank You" to the members of King of Glory for your participation in our annual Bazaar! After a few bumps in the road over the last couple years, we were again able to have the bazaar inside with lunches, dinners, crafts, gently used items, baked goods and merriment galore. We were able to make a goodly sum in order to meet our philanthropic promises and it was all due to you; who created, baked and purchased. Thank you so very much!!!

Church Groups

TREASURE VALLEY CLUSTER

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High School

CHRISTMAS PARTY GAMES

FOOD

SUNDAY, DEC. 18
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
331 N. Linder Rd., Eagle

\$7_{GIFT} EXCHANGE



RSVP BY DEC. 16

Please RSVP to Pastor Connie or the office

Birthdays

Anniversaries

12/3 KARI TWISS

12/8 HUDSON ROCKE

12/9 BART GREEN

12/9 CHARLENE CURTIS

12/9 BROOKE CENDEJAS

12/11 JORGEN VAAGE

12/12 MARK JUNKERT

12/15 MARY HELEN GREEN

12/16 MARGARET REED

12/16 SIERRA WALLACE

12/19 MATTHEW LINK

12/21 STEVE WILEY

12/22 CAROL MICKELSON

12/22 AVELINE PETERSEN

12/23 NICK TINKER

12/24 LOUISE MOORE

12/25 JUNIOR BEYAM

12/28 SHARAN PORR

12/28 MARK STEPHENSEN

12/28 JUSTIN CARLSON

12/29 JOHANNES NAHIMANA

12/29 SYLVAIN BOINDE

12/31 HARRIET PETERSEN

12/1 JJ & ASHLEE WETHERINGTON

December Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Assisting

	Greeter	Usher	Minister	Lector
DECEMBER 4, 2022	JO COX	DAN PRICE	LYMAN LARSON	SHARLENE HARVEY
	RON & PAT NEARMAN	IAN TOMPKINS		
DECEMBER 11, 2022	SALLY HUSTED	HAROLD NESBETT	MARY KAY TINKER	IAN TOMPKINS
	KAREN STARRY	DARRELL WERRIES		
DECEMBER 18, 2022	TODD KRAFT	JACK NEWBERRY	NICKI TOMPKINS	MARK DREW
	LISA KRAFT	BECKY NEWBERRY		
DECEMBER 24, 2022	CLAUDIA LAUSHMAN	GARY DERR	DARRELL WERRIES	DAVID OPHUS
	ANISE LEE	GLEN LAUSHMAN		7

Service

Sandwich Sunday

For December, we will be needing all Sandwich Supplies which would include, deli meats, sliced cheese and tubs of soft margarine to fulfill the goal of making forty loaves of bread into sandwiches for the Boise Rescue Mission.

Also, we will need two people to manage Sandwiches for the February get-together as we will be on a trip. Our back-up friends who usually fill in, will be unavailable for most of next year. More able bodied volunteers are needed to fill in! It is a very rewarding Ministry for our community!

Sincerely, Valerie and Tom

Free Meal

The free meal in November was a huge success. We served 61 yummy turkey dinners. Our December free meal will be on Saturday, **December 17th**. We will be having ham, au gratin potatoes and other yummy stuff. Those who want to help cook need to be there around 9am and servers around 11:30. Hope to see you there.

Food on the Fourth

Social Ministry delivered four large boxes of your generous food donations to The Boise Rescue Mission for the monthly "Food on the Fourth" project in October. They were very grateful as they have many people to feed. We hope to donate food every month. Thank you!!

Donate for a Poinsettia for Christmas Eve Worship

Cost of a poinsettia is \$24. There will be forms available to fill out.

Please fill out the form and put it in an envelope with your check made out to King of Glory Lutheran Church with Poinsettia for Christmas Eve in the subject line.

Advent Devotional

The Advent Devotional is here. Please take one home with you!

From the Office

- Please check your church mailbox if you are able.
- Let Diana Shafer know if you need an assigned mailbox/name tag or if anything has changed on your label.
- If you would like to add a prayer request or good news to our monthly newsletter, please email or call Diana. <u>officekogboise@gmail.com</u>

Thank you!

SCAN ME

Scan to give online or visit our website, click GIVE

Service Opportunities

- Greeter
- Usher
- Altar Guild
- Worship Committee
- Lector
- Assisting Minister
- Coffee Hour Server
- AV Pilot
- Free Meal Server
- Sandwich Sunday
 Coordinator
- Property Maintenance
- Sunday School Helper





DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

EVENTS

12/3 BOOKCLUB
12/4 LEAP MEETING
12/11 SANDWICH SUNDAY
12/17 FREE MEAL
12/20 OWLS
12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 3PM & 7PM
12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY