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KINGDOM LIVING General Admission Group Registration Underway

Come try out community with some new people. Sign up for a nine-week-long small group experience using *The Good and Beautiful God*. "General Admission" KINGDOM LIVING groups will begin the week of February 13 and continue through Lent.

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"Living a Real Life in a Real World"

Old Testament Scholar Brueggemann To Speak at King of Glory

Many of us were taught to view the Old Testament simply as a prelude to the New Testament. But Dr. Walter Brueggemann, who will visit King of Glory, March 6-7, begs to differ. The Old Testament, he says, is packed with vital messages that are relevant to our lives and culture today.

Dr. Brueggemann will preach at all services on Sunday, March 6; speak on "A Rest from the Rat Race" at 7 p.m. Sunday evening; and discuss "Giving In Without Giving Up" at an 11:30 a.m. luncheon on Monday, March 7. His visit is sponsored by the Dr. Debbie Jacob Life Enrichment Series of the King of Glory Foundation.



Dr. Walter Brueggemann

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Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 20, 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

All members are encouraged to attend. The Annual Meeting is a time for the congregation to:

- Have lunch together.
- Celebrate and reflect on the events of the past year.
- Hear reports from committees.
- Transact required business of the congregation, i.e.,
 - Approve three members to the Congregation Council.
 - Approve the 2011 budget.
 - Ratify the constitutional amendments adopted at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

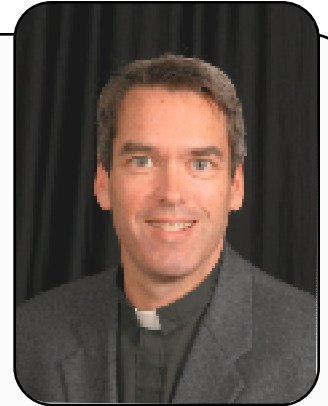
Sign up for lunch and pick up an Annual Report on Sunday, February 6.

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Our Mission: To Be and to Make Growing Disciples.

KINGDOM LIVING Begins This Month!



Rev. Jon S. Bustard
Senior Pastor

I hope you get a chance to join us in the upcoming KINGDOM LIVING series, our annual church-wide faith study. I think you will enjoy the book we plan on using this year for the nine-week journey: *The Good and Beautiful God*. It's the first in a three-book series written by James Bryan Smith and right up front Smith addresses a crucial problem that stands in the way of our transformation, ourselves.

He begins his work by noting that when we want to change something, we usually assume change requires a greater degree of personal willpower. That when we set about trying to alter some behavior we think we must muster up the energy and gumption to do so, this nearly always fails. Approximately 95 percent of New Year's resolutions are broken by the end of January. Most people assume, Smith writes, that they did not have enough willpower. They think of themselves as weak and feel badly about their future.

Smith goes on to write that in fact the will actually has no power. Rather, the will is the human capacity to choose:

"Your will is more like a 'beast of burden' that simply responds to the impulses of others. A horse does not choose where to go, but goes in whatever direction the rider tells it to go. The will works like that. Instead of one rider, it has several. The three primary influencers on the will are the mind, the body and the social context. So, the will is neither strong nor weak. But, like a horse, it has only one task: to do what the rider (the mind, influenced by the body and the social realm) tells it to do. Therefore, change – or lack thereof—is not an issue of the will at all. Change happens when these other influencers are modified. The good news is that we have control over those other influencers. When new ideas, new practices and new social settings are adopted, change happens."

Jesus understood how people change. That is why He taught in stories. He used narrative to explain His understanding of God and the world: "The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." "A man had two sons..." If we adopt Jesus' narratives about God, we will know God properly and right actions will follow. And the opposite is true. We change not by mustering up willpower but by changing the way we think, which will also involve changing our actions and our social environment.

Is there a reliable method of changing our hearts? Join us beginning mid-February to find out; I believe you will be intrigued and blessed with the answers that surface. If you are not currently in a group, consider joining the general admission groups which will meet for the nine weeks; or if you are already in a group, whether a Life group, an ongoing KINGDOM LIVING group, or class, you don't want to miss this study. You will find the books available in the bookstore and of course online.

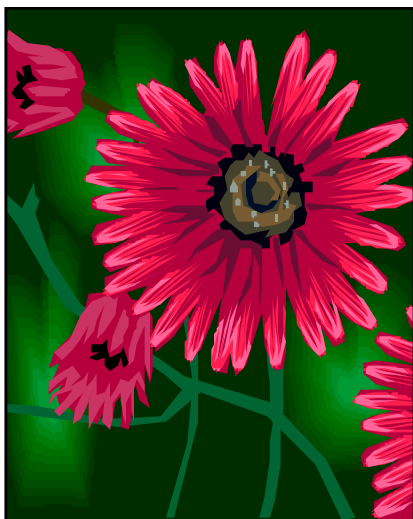
—Pastor Jon



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2011 Flower Chart
 The flower chart for 2011 is posted on the bulletin board by the elevator in the North Narthex entryway. Please sign up to dedicate flowers for particular Sundays in 2011. The cost is only \$25.

Worship Services at King of Glory

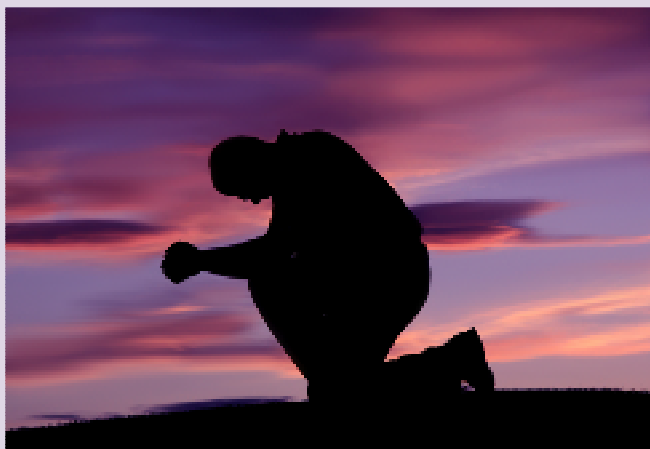


Our Worship at King of Glory includes three different styles of worship:

- 8:15 – celebrative traditional worship with pipe organ and Holy Communion
- 9:30 – jazz liturgy with Holy Communion
- 10:40 – contemporary worship, "Velocity," King-dome Activity Center
- 11:00 – celebrative traditional worship with pipe organ and Holy Communion

We pray that you will be richly blessed by these services.

To God be all glory!



For Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday, March 9

7 p.m. Lenten Worship
 With Holy Communion
 And Imposition of Ashes

7 p.m. Mid-week Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, March 16 – April 13

O Lord, throughout these forty days, You prayed and kept the fast: Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past...

Scheduling a Baptism?

Baptisms at King of Glory can be scheduled during the 8:15 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each month, the 9:30 a.m. service on the second Sunday of each month, or the 11:00 a.m. service on the third Sunday of each month.

There is a Baptism Orientation class that is offered the first Sunday of every other month at 9:30 a.m. Next class is Sunday, April 3. It is required that you attend this class before having your child baptized. In addition, parents who are not active members of a congregation may need to meet with one of the pastors prior to scheduling a Baptism.

Contact Nancy Parker, nparker@kingofglory.com or Crystal Hallman, challman@kingofglory.com or call 972-661-9435 to find out more information or to register for the class.

If you would like to schedule a Baptism, please call Marilyn Cupp at 972-661-9435 or email mcupp@kingofglory.com to make a reservation.



Club Four Five



Double The Fun!

**Wednesday, February 2
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Come and Enjoy Games and Fellowship!

**Sunday, February 13
Noon – 4:00 p.m.**

Meet after worship to go for pizza, then travel together to Sunrise Assisted Living for Valentine Caroling and visiting with residents. Everyone must be picked up at Sunrise by 4 p.m.



February 6

Art Show and New Sunday School Room Grand Opening

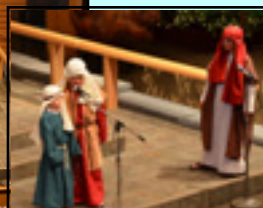
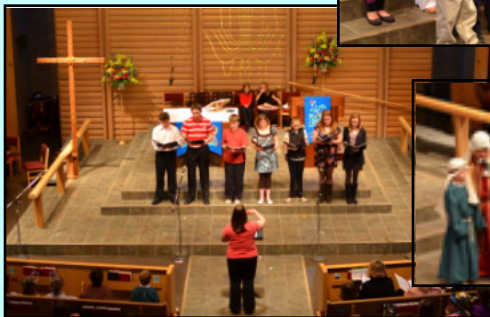
You're invited to a reception and celebration of the newest additions to our Faith Zone Sunday School rooms.

The Bible Timeline created by 3rd-5th graders will be unveiled.

Visit NEW Tech Center and Game Room.

The festivities will begin in the Friendship Circle 10 minutes after the 11:00 a.m. service concludes.

Family Christmas Celebration Photos





Confirmation Schedule
Wednesday Evenings
7:15-8:45 p.m.

February 2
Damascus Road
February 9
The Journeys of Paul
February 16
The Letters of Paul

Sunday Morning Schedule
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in room 264

For more information contact Harold Huddleston at
972-661-9435 or hhuddleston@kingofglory.com

Confirmation Events for February

Game Night

Wednesday, February 23



EPIC

Sr. High Youth Ministry



SUNDAY MORNING
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
in Room 260

SUNDAY NIGHT
5:00 p.m. Dinner Off-Site
6:00 p.m. Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

For more information concerning EPIC events contact
the Youth Ministry at 972-661-9435 or
hhuddleston@kingofglory.com.

Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/KOGEpic
or visit us on the web at www.TheEpicRevolution.org.

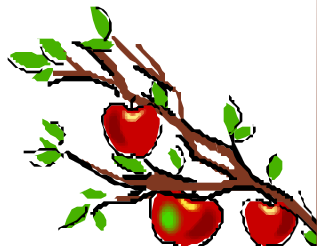


On Sunday, February 6, the Youth will be collecting donations for a local charity. We are asking you to donate \$1 as you leave the Sanctuary that day. If you wish to donate more, great! But the goal is \$1 per person. 100% of the money collected will go directly to the Mt. Olive Food Pantry. Over 16,000 groups will be participating in this event this year. The vision is simple: Transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. We are mobilizing the youth to help fight hunger and poverty in our local communities! Please consider bringing \$1 more on February 6 to win this fight!

Adult Discipleship Corner

"Honesty is the starting block for change."

If we are truly honest with ourselves, none of us spends enough time meditating on the Word. Life has a way of distracting us from that which is most needful.



Jesus compares the Word of God to a seed. "Seeds are small and hard to handle, but each one is full of life. One seed contains thousands of apple trees. One fig contains thousands of seeds...the mystery of life is contained in a seed." *Scripture by Heart: Devotional Practices for Memorizing God's Word by Joshua Choonmin Kang.

How do we measure Kingdom growth at King of Glory? Is it by the number of new groups beginning with our KINGDOM LIVING study? Is it through Sunday morning worship attendance, the maintenance and care of our beautiful facility, or the amount of our weekly offerings?

Kingdom growth is hard to measure. It begins with a seed that is planted in fertile ground. We cannot be in a hurry or expect quick success and we must respect the process. The roots of faith must stretch deep into the soil, watered by streams of water—that is the Word of God which is God himself.

The person who meditates on the Word will eventually give spiritual flavor, beauty and fragrance to the world around them. How does one measure Kingdom growth? We must follow the fruit.

Meditate on Luke 8: 15. "But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance."

—Pastor Cheryl Doely

**ACTION Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 6, 4:45 p.m.
Kurt and Andrea Schweitzer's Home**

Call Andrea at 214-207-9640 for details.

ACTION is a group of married couples and singles, primarily in their 20s and 30s, looking to grow and share their faith. Children of ACTION families are primarily infants and toddlers.

**LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION**

Tri-Synodical **Lutheran Men in Mission** gathering on Friday, February 18, and Saturday, February 19 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brenham, Texas. Our target audience includes Lutheran men ages 16 – 100 and any un-churched friends. So just come on down with us and bring a friend for fun, fellowship and education. Call Ned Startzel, 972-239-8855, or Ed Sward, 972-519-0719.

**Dallas D.A. and Crime Lab Visit
Next Up for GUSTO!**



GUSTO! will bring Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins to its Monday, February 14 meeting. He will discuss the conviction integrity unit he created shortly after taking office in January 2007 and its partnership with The Innocence Project. The meeting will start at 10 a.m., with coffee and fellowship at 9:45.

The forensic lab tour has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 1, with the bus departing at 9:30 a.m. sharp. We will visit the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Worth. After a virtual tour of the facility by Dr. Roger Metcalf, Chief of Identification Services, we will have lunch at the Stockyards and return to church about 2:30 p.m. Sign-up will begin at the February 14 meeting; space is limited. We have also set up a return visit to the Medical Examiner's Office on Wednesday, April 6, to view an autopsy. Space will be limited. Sign-up will be at the March 14 meeting.

CDs of GUSTO! presentations are now available for \$2. Contact is Alice Samuelson or e-mail gusto@kingofglory.com.

As always, friends and members of all ages are welcome to attend GUSTO! meetings. Mark your calendar for the second Monday morning of each month. GUSTO! is a Life Group providing enrichment and fellowship for the mature adult community. Learn more about our activities at kingofglory.com/GUSTO.

New to The Lutheran Church

An Adult Education Class
February 10 & 17
11:00 a.m., Room LL17

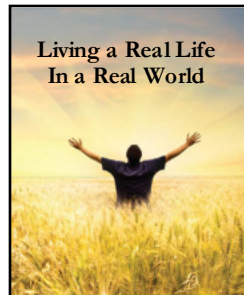


- Presented by Pastor David Doely
- What does it mean to be Lutheran?
- What makes us unique?
- How do the Bible and Lutheran Confessions help us understand the boundaries and gifts of the Lutheran tradition?

Brueggemann

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Dr. Brueggemann is one of the world's most respected Old Testament scholars. He is not only an amazing teller of stories from the Old Testament, but also an engaging and imaginative teacher who forces us to look at it with fresh eyes. He sees the Old Testament's dominant themes as God's passion for justice and his "staggering care for the world." That's important today in a culture that is essentially hostile to the Gospel because of unfettered consumerism, disregard for the poor, and shunning of foreigners.



Living a Real Life
In a Real World

Author of more than 60 books and hundreds of articles, Dr. Brueggemann will lay out alternatives to conventional thinking based on the words—or poems, as he calls them—of the Old Testament prophets. These lessons can help us interpret issues we face today from a Biblical perspective, reflecting the overall theme, "Living a Real Life in a Real World."

Dr. Brueggemann is a retired professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Among his recent books are *Journey to the Common Good*, *Out of Babylon*, and *Mandate to Difference*. He is a contributing editor for *Sojourners* and *Christian Century*. He is a past president of the Society of Biblical Literature and has received numerous honorary degrees and awards.

All events will be held at King of Glory and are open to the public. Child care is available for the March 6 lecture. For more information or to register for either event, go to www.kingofglory.com, e-mail Speaker@KingofGlory.com, or call the church office at 972-661-9435. The cost is \$5 for the March 6 lecture and \$20 for the March 7 luncheon.



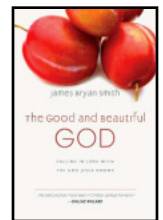
Kingdom Living

Knowing the Good and Beautiful God

"General Admission" KINGDOM LIVING groups will begin the week of February 13 and continue through Lent. **Registration continues each Sunday in the Atrium.** The maximum size of all KINGDOM LIVING groups will be 12 people!

- **Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Beginning February 13**
Facilitators - Pastor Cheryl Doely & Eileen Elias on
- **Sundays at 11:00 a.m., Beginning February 13**
Facilitator - Lisa Harrington
- **Mondays at 12:00 noon, Beginning February 14**
Facilitator - Pastor Cheryl Doely
- **Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Women Only, Beginning February 15**
Facilitator - Beth Taylor
- **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Beginning February 16**
Facilitator - Myron Knudson
- **Facebook, Meet and Interact Using the Internet**
Sherri Harris (sherri@FaithGrowth.com or 214-914-2361) will be facilitating this group. She'll help get you set up, show you how it works, and answer your questions.

If your schedule doesn't allow you to join a general admission KINGDOM LIVING group, talk to one of the Small Group Leadership Team on Sunday mornings or e-mail Judy Craigo, jcraigo@kingofglory.com, or Pastor Cheryl Doely, cdoely@kingofglory.com. *The Good and Beautiful God* is available for purchase in the Bookstore.



Via de Cristo This Spring!



Via de Cristo is the Lutheran expression of "Cursillo," which means a "short course in Christianity." The Cursillo movement was founded by the Catholic Church about 60 years ago. It is intended to refresh and inspire Christians of all levels of spiritual maturity. Worship, discuss, sing, laugh & eat.

Weekend # 83: Starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, **March 10**, and lasts until about 7 p.m. on Sunday, **March 13**.

Registration deadline is **Monday, February 28**. A "Sponsor" who has previously attended a Weekend is required to help with paperwork.

Questions? Roger or Amy Anders (972-625-2374), Mark or Lynn Sullivan (972-774-1342) or John or Molli Harris (214-341-5450).

Calendar of Events

Let's Eat Out (LEOs)

February 3 • 6:30 p.m. • Nate's Seafood & Steakhouse • 14951 Midway Road, just south of Belt Line in Addison • Good Cajun seafood: Gumbo, crawfish, and shrimp superb! • FREE valet parking • RSVP by Tuesday, February 1, to Dave & Merrie Carter, 972-247-7974 or amtecdave@tx.rr.com.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

February 4 • depart 6:30 a.m. • to Victory Life Home • Ed Sward • 972-519-0719 or edward@verizon.net

Parish Care Team

February 7 • 7:00 p.m. • LL16
Rosemary Carter • 214-827-1249

Knight Circle

February 8 • 7:00 p.m. • Parlor
Beckie Robinson • 972-387-0713

Comforter Club

February 10 • 2:00 p.m. • Parlor
Jan Rollow • 972-960-1408

Dallas Ramp Project

February 12 & 19 • 8:00 a.m.
Larry Rollow • 972-960-1408 or
LDRollow@sbcglobal.net

Grace Circle

February 15 • 9:30 a.m. • Bridge Room 249
Phyllis Beck • 972-484-4633

Seasoned Friends Birthday Bash

February 16 • 1:30 p.m. • Parlor
Betty Johnson • 469-737-4334

Men's Bible Study at King of Glory

February 18 • 7:00 a.m. • Fellowship Hall
Ed Sward • 972-519-0719 or edward@verizon.net

Women's Project Day

February 22 • 9:30 a.m. • Atrium
Elva Tone • 972-235-8624
Shirley Scallorn • 972-795-2898 or scallorn@att.net

Friends & Neighbors Bridge Club

February 22 • 10:00 a.m. • Friendship Circle
Betty Gramm • 972-788-1041

KoG Book Discussion Group

February 24 • 7:00 p.m. • Living Room • Kathy Bean • 214-902-7416 • *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

Men's Fellowship

February 25 • 7:00 a.m. • Charlies' Opa Grille
Ed Sward • 972-519-0719 or edward@verizon.net

Friday Night Bridge

February 25 • 7:15 p.m. • Fellowship Hall
Valarie Remmers at 972-758-1929 or
vremmers@verizon.net

Terry Germann to Keynote SeniorFest 2011 at KoG

The Rev. Dr. Terry Germann will keynote the fourth annual North Texas SeniorFest, scheduled for **Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at King of Glory**. The theme is "The Path to Joy: Making Peace with Our Diminishment, Our Neighbor, and Our God."

Pastor Germann is an ELCA pastor with 43 years of experience as a pastor and pastoral counselor. He is well known to KoG both as a member of our congregation and as our interim pastor before the arrival of Pastor Jon Bustard. He has served other interim ministries in Paris, Allen, Irving, and Durant, Oklahoma. He also was director of clergy care at Lutheran Social Services.

In addition to giving two keynotes, Pastor Germann will lead a workshop, "Making Peace with Self, Others, and God." Attendees can choose from seven other workshops, including "Focus on the Family" by Dr. Mary Norman, the geriatric physician who spoke to GUSTO! last season; "The Healthy Aging Brain," by Bert Hayslip, a psychology professor at the University of North Texas; "Senior Safety and Crime Prevention," by Doug Sisk, a Duncanville police officer; and "An Update on Health Care Reform," by Linda Ender of The Senior Source, Dallas.

SeniorFest, designed for adults age 50 and above, is sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Older Adults, an inter-Lutheran movement that provides resources for adults experiencing the gift of aging. The cost to attend is \$25, which includes lunch. Brochures with details and registration forms are available in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center. Deadline for registration is Friday, February 25.



Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

Help deliver meals to mostly home-bound clients in North Dallas and Bachman Lake areas for about 2 hours, one weekday morning each month. You will partner with another KoG member. Orientation and “on-the-job” training are available. Help brighten their day! Contact Bruce or Eileen Seward at 972-783-1389 for more information.

**14th Annual Mosaic Heart & Soul Gala
Deep in the Heart of Texas
Friday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
Westin Galleria Dallas**

A benefit event to support Mosaic in Dallas: a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities. Mosaic is one of our Impact Dallas Mission Partners. Among the honorees this year is Community Volunteer, and King of Glory member, **Janet Follstaedt**. Evening includes dinner, dancing, awards, entertainment, and auctions. \$75 per person, including all applicable tax. Attire: cowboy formal or evening wear. To purchase tickets: www.mosaicinfo.org/heartandsoul or call 972-866-9989. **Please purchase by February 6.**

**Impact
Dallas
Mission Partners**

Impact Dallas Mission Partner Forums

Second Sunday of each month, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall:

- **February 13 - Habitat for Humanity and Texas Ramp Project**
- March 13 - *In the City for Good* Overview
- April 10 - Mosaic and Family Gateway
- May 8 - Circle of Support and St. Philip’s School and Community Center

These Forums Sponsored by Church in Society

**Thank You...Thank You...Thank You
From Family Gateway!**



This Christmas season we received toys, board games, winter jackets, bicycles, mittens, strollers, teddy bears, canned food, mops, paper towels, televisions, and the list goes on! Thank you for making this Christmas season memorable!

Texas Ramp Project News

While traveling after Christmas, I noticed an article in the Amarillo Globe-News about the Ramp Project building a ramp for a 13-year old girl. Way to go, John Laine and Beautiful Savior Lutheran team! (See article on office bulletin board.) —Judy Craigo

Calling All Mission Partner Leaders

Monday, February 21, 6:00 p.m.

Come join King of Glory members with a passion to serve.

Contact Judy Craigo at jcraigo@kingofglory.com or Pastor Cheryl Doely at cdoely@kingofglory.com for details.



**FEBRUARY
DONATION
ITEMS**

Family Gateway

- Baby shampoo.
- Baby soap, baby lotion, baby powder.

Mt. Olive Food Pantry

- Small size vegetable oil.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

David Doely
ddoely@kingofglory.com



Marriages

Kristin Winningham and **Andy Calvert**, January 22.



Died in the Lord

Tom Knudson, brother of **Myron Knudson**,
December 18.

Robert Spence, father-in-law of **Judy Craigo**,
December 22.

Woodrow Moncrief, father of **Charles Moncrief**,
January 11.

David Cramm, brother of **Gene Cramm**, January 11.

Dan McCrary, father of **Heather Seward**, January 22.



Continual Care

John Hanes

Jack & Janet Koerner

Annetta Olson



Dear King of Glory Family,

We want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, flowers, food and well wishes we have received during Donna's two surgeries and cancer treatments over the last three months. We have been overwhelmed by your encouragement, support and kindness. We hope the worst is over and can now move on to join those who live as cancer survivors.

Thank you, Donna and Chuck Lee

Service of Prayers and Anointing For Healing

Sunday, February 13
9:20 and 10:40 a.m. in the Chapel

NEWS AND EVENTS

Becky Heideman
heideman@kingofglory.com

Around the Congregation

Liz Weissenborn is a member of The Silver Bullets basketball team who recently won a gold medal by defeating teams from Brazos and San Antonio at the Texas Senior Games. The team qualified for the National Senior Olympics to be held in June in Houston. Congratulations and best wishes for June.



Congratulations to Beverly and Frank Shukis who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on January 29 at Fremont Lutheran Church in Nyman, Iowa (a rural church outside of Red Oak).

Mt. Olive Food Pantry Volunteer Retires - Thanks to Barbara Ellwanger for ten years plus devoted service to organizing and serving the Mt. Olive Lutheran Food Pantry. Barbara has been faithful in serving the working poor and feeding the homeless in south Dallas. Thanks for your example, Barbara.



Perkins Theological School for the Laity

March 3-5, *Sustenance for the Mind and Soul*

A variety of workshops and seminars with Perkins faculty. Brochures are available at the usher table in the Narthex.

For more information and to register visit:

<http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms>

Council Candidates

Steve Hild

Family members:

Spouse: Michelle

Children/Age: Kristen/23 and Lauren/21

When did you join King of Glory?

1987

Current and past profession(s):

Self-employed home builder since 1985.

Current and past involvement in activities at King of Glory:

Currently on the parking lot expansion committee.

Past involvement includes the Columbarium committee, Facilities committee, Building committee, co-leader of Partners in Faith, co-leader of Young Married Couples, Right of Way committee, Confirmation mentor, youth ministry advisory team.

What issues do you feel King of Glory needs to consider now?

Increase attendance at worship services, parking lot expansion, increased participation in the youth program, expand options and times for adult education, improve the acoustics in the Activity Center.

What ongoing or future concerns will King of Glory need to address?

To increase the percentage of our giving to benevolence. To be good stewards of the money that was awarded to us last year from TXDOT.

How did you arrive at your decision to accept the call?

I felt it was my responsibility to serve the church in this capacity. After turning down this opportunity in past years, I thought it was time to give back to the church by serving as a member of council.



Bonnie Meeder

Family members:

Spouse: Bill Meeder

Children/Age: Richard/27; Preston/25

When did you join King of Glory?

September 1996

Current and past profession(s):

Assistant Director, Department of Sustainable Development and Construction, City of Dallas. I manage the City's Real Estate Division, which acquires property for city facilities, streets and other infrastructure; sells unneeded real estate; and manages leases both for and of City facilities. I am a long-time City employee who has been blessed with the opportunity to work in a variety of other fulfilling roles in several different departments over the years.

Current and past involvement in activities at King of Glory:

I was a member of the Church in Society Committee, and later chaired the committee for three years before my term ended in 2010. I also served as King of Glory's representative to the Family Gateway Board of Directors for 6 years. I stay active in Family Gateway outreach, participated as a team leader on Impact!Dallas, and am a member of the newly-formed Mission Outreach Partners Committee.

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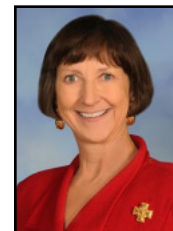
A continued focus is needed on: ministry outreach and recruiting church members as faithful volunteers; recruiting new small group and life group members to increase connection among members; and providing opportunities for spiritual growth. If funds allow, an investment should be made in a better multi-media and sound system in the Sanctuary, and sound-proofing the multi-purpose room.

What ongoing or future concerns will King of Glory need to address?

Congregational growth.
 Nurturing a variety of people and family groups to encourage them to develop or sustain meaningful relationships with God and others.
 Providing a variety of ways to engage members and visitors.

How did you arrive at your decision to accept the call?

I value the many benefits King of Glory provides to me and my family. These benefits are both the result of pastoral leadership and the foresight of countless Congregation Council volunteers who have served and are now serving. It is an honor to be called to help guide church decisions, and a challenge I'm eager to undertake.



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STAFF AND COUNCIL

Norris Johnson
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Council Candidates

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Kelsey Plichta

Family members:

Spouse: TJ Plichta

When did you join King of Glory?

September 2008

Current and past profession(s):

Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist

Current and past involvement in activities at King of Glory:

ACTION, Young Professionals Group, Church in Society, Velocity Usher.

What issues do you feel King of Glory needs to consider now?

I believe that in the past year King of Glory has taken great strides to be an active voice in the community. Since becoming a member of Church in Society I have learned about the amazing things that King of Glory church members are doing in the Dallas area. I know that all our members have amazing and diverse talents, but they may not know how to best utilize them in the church environment. My hope is that the volunteer opportunities become more visible and tailored to members' individual talents. This will build a stronger connection between King of Glory and the greater Dallas area.

What ongoing or future concerns will King of Glory need to address?

I believe that an ongoing concern for the ELCA in general is attracting and keeping young people in the church. Once Confirmation is over, many youth leave the church and do not come back until after they have children. The future of our church depends on our ability to keep the youth and younger generations actively involved and invested in the church.

How did you arrive at your decision to accept the call?

I was genuinely surprised when I was asked to consider joining council. Being a young adult in an established church such as King of Glory, I am humbled and blessed that I may have the opportunity to bring a different perspective to the Congregation Council. I have grown up in the Lutheran church and I know the impact that a Congregation Council can have on a church. It was an easy decision to accept the call because I love King of Glory and want to do anything that I can to serve the church.



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Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 20, 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch* will be served. Annual Reports will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, February 6, as well as a sign-up list for lunch. Nursery will be available for children kindergarten age and younger. Supervised quiet activities will be provided for elementary school children.

*Lunch Menu: Adults, \$6.50, Creamy Beef and Mushroom Stroganoff with Buttered Egg Noodles, Mixed Green Salad, Fresh Bread. Children, \$4.00, Baked Chicken Nuggets, Baby Carrots, Potato Chips, Applesauce Cup. Assorted homemade Cookies and Brownies. Please RSVP by Monday, February 14, to Kim Widlund, kwidlund@kingofglory.com, call the office at 972-661-9435, or sign up in the Narthex beginning February 6.

For this month's Financial Report, please see the 2010 Annual Report, available in the Narthex beginning on February 6.