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From Pastor Ruth Ann



As the leaves change their clothes into lovely vellows. oranges and reds, we too will begin (at some point!), to pull those sweatshirts and sweaters out of the closet. We also remember that we are clothed in Christ as new creations. Paul writes in Romans 5. "Therefore, since we have been

justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." (verses 1-2) On Reformation weekend, we will rejoice not in our Lutheran theology, but in God's grace through Jesus Christ who has made us right in God's presence. Jesus, who has given us access to God's grace. Each day is a new beginning: as we live in our Baptismal waters, dying to sin and living in God's grace. For we are not saved by what we do, our good works, but only by God's Son, Jesus. Therefore, each day is a re-set, to be renewed in that grace and live in freedom to love God and love our neighbors.

Sometimes confirmation students will say, 'Well, if I'm saved by God's grace, then I can do anything I want and it won't matter, right?' No. The question isn't what can we get away with and still be 'ok'. Rather, the question is what will we do with this amazing gift of grace from God? How will our lives reflect God's light and love for not only ourselves, but the least, last and lost ones? This is what it means to live in God's grace and the freedom it provides.

Enjoy the turning leaves as we also continually turn our hearts to God. Amen.



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New Members! In September King of Glory was blessed to receive into membership the following individuals: Fran Faile, Lynn Suess, Al & Colleen Campbell, Cindy Brusko, Jack & Maggie Bregger, and Ardie & Tom Williams. We are delighted that God has brought your journey to King of Glory. We rejoice with you and pray you are fed in your faith as together we bring God's Kingdom on earth. Welcome!

Worship, Grow, Serve Generosity Appeal:

Our annual stewardship season concludes on October 4/5 as we bring our Statements of Intent to the altar. Thank you for your continued financial support! Our Mission and Ministries change lives. Praise be to God!



Candles in the Sanctuary

You may remember that Ed Young made all our altar candles, Advent wreath candles and Christ candles for years. It was his beloved hobby and donation to our congregation. You might not know that now, Mark Maddox has taken up Ed's mantle of candle making. Mark and Ed had a connection from their youth; so Mark wanted to honor Ed in this way. It has been a steep learning curve for Mark. Yet he is persevering and we've already enjoyed the 'wax' of his labors! If you see Mark, give him a shout out for learning a totally new skill and enhancing our worship space with his efforts.

Thank you, Mark, for 'letting your light so shine.'

Youth Activities

High School:

October Event- Terror in the Corn at Anderson Farms: Friday. October 17: 5:30-10:00pm Join us on Oct 17 for a night at Anderson Farms for their Haunted Corn Maze. We'll have a firepit where we'll enjoy dinner before heading to the spooky section. Haunting not your thing? You can still come and hang out by the fire/explore the other attractions Anderson Farms has! More specific times/details to follow but block out that evening! RSVP to Pastor Ruth Ann.

November Event- *Lock-in/Lock-out;* Friday, November 21, Zion; 5:30pm-8:00am **December Event-** Cookie Making: Saturday, December 13; 2:00-4:00pm KOG

Middle School: Confirmation

October 5: Saint and Sinner / Zion: 12:30-2:30pm We begin with lunch at Zion then head to the police station for a tour.

October 12: The Church / Zion: 12:30-2:30pm October 26 Reformation and Affirmation of Baptism for two students. We are excited that Holles Roberts and Lorelei Karspeck will be affirming their baptisms on Reformation Day this year. Saved by grace through faith and not works! We will celebrate God's saving grace with a brass group and special music.

Coyote Howl Retreat at Sky Ranch Oct. 31-Nov 2 Join other middle school students from around the state at Sky Ranch for a weekend of learning and fun! This retreat is \$135 per student. Money should

never be a reason not to attend! If the cost is prohibitive, talk to Pastor Ruth Ann and we will figure something out. RSVP to Pastor Ruth Ann

Adult Studies and Activities

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Join us in the Fellowship Room 10:45am Sunday mornings after worship!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

This group meets at 9:30am weekly (in the Fellowship Room and by ZOOM) to look at the upcoming Gospel and lesson for the weekend. We mostly stay on topic...while wandering around to what is really important in connecting faith with our lives. Everyone is welcome!

Lectio Divina is the prayer practice of engaging God's word. Join us on ZOOM, Saturdays at 9:00am. Look for the link in the Friday Update and Weekend devotion emails.

The Sonrisers

This reading group is for men who like to read



Christian/ spiritual books, meet on a weekly basis, and engage in discussion about the reading and their experiences. We meet at

Perkins Restaurant every Friday at 8:00am. Please contact Nick Balogh baloghn@comcast.net for more information and the sign-on link.

2nd Wind (Retirees)

Our 2nd Wind group of retirees would like to welcome any interested member of the congregation to join us. We regularly meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in the church library. Contact Jerome Beckmann for more information!

Easy Does It Fitness Class

We are continuing our regular schedule - Fitness Tuesdays at 10:30am, and Yoga Thursdays at 10:45am! For more information, contact Pam Phifer.



Prayer Shawl

KOG's knitting & crocheting group welcomes all levels of crafters, and regularly meets on the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be October 8, then November 3, at 1:00pm in the church library. Joyce Tyson will be our treat hostess in November. For more information, please contact Barb Brackin-Bartel.

SafeLot - We are hosting in October and again in December! Check out the SignUp Genius link to volunteer!



Hospitality

Donut Sponsors!

Please check out the date list sheet and sign up to sponsor donuts on the date of your choice - or sign up to share the cost with a friend! The sheets are on the bulletin board next to the restroom hallway. You can also pick up an envelope for your payment there! The weekly sponsorship amount is \$70.00. Thank you!

Altar Flowers - Have you signed up to donate flowers for the altar in honor of someone special or a life milestone? Then we encourage you to take the flowers home with you after worship.

Or give them to someone who needs a lift!

'Tis The Season - Our 14th Annual Christmas Bazaar is happening <u>November 8!!</u>

The Christmas Bazaar board is ready in the narthex. Please stop by and see how you can be a part of this wonderful event we provide for our community.

More KOG Updates!

Narthex Refresh: The furniture is almost set up. There are coffee shop style tables and chairs for you to enjoy conversation with friends. The new table for donuts and coffee will make traffic flow easier, since it won't be in the middle of the narthex. The mailboxes will be accessible, just down the hall. A fresh coat of paint is coming soon! Bulletin boards are going to be re-arranged for better viewing purposes. Many thanks to the whole team for their work! Bryan French, Kathy & Gordon Cisar, Neil & Kara Pappas, Jerry Rogers.

Columbarium Update: Construction began the last week in September for the building of the second wall. It will be too cold when the niche insert arrives for caulking to set. Therefore, it will be stored over the winter and put in place in the spring.

Parking Lot Update: A first meeting with the city regarding the parking lot renovations will take place the first week of October. When King of Glory was annexed into the city (2014), landscaping designs were drawn up to city code. This is why we needed to add the landscaping along Wilson. We will meet to see what city requirements are now for a new parking lot. The team working on the Columbarium, Parking Lot and Chapel are Darell Zimbelmann, Lesli Bruden, Ted Schmidt, Bryan French and Pr Ruth Ann.

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