



King of Glory ... a Place to Grow

March 2017



Ash Wednesday—March 1

It will be a Wednesday; a day in the middle of the week. We could be busy doing many things like taking kids to soccer practice, watching our favorite TV show or going out to dinner with a friend. Instead, we'll gather together to reflect upon sin and death. No it doesn't sound all that fun, but it is real. Because we all eventually die. That is the end that our Good Creator God has planned for us. We won't live forever. And during this earthly journey we carry the burden of our sin. We fight with our siblings. We pass judgement upon our neighbors. We witness the larger world live in fear and war. Sin persists.

Perhaps it sounds like a dreadful worship service. Yet, if we're honest, there is a relief in naming truth. In talking about that which we like to avoid, we face its reality head on. We don't face it alone, though. We look into our sin and death with Christ who goes ahead of us. *(continued on page 2)*



Faith Milestone – First Communion

Lutherans have two Sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Sacraments are commanded by Christ and have a physical element attached to them (water, bread and wine). They are also gifts of God's grace. We baptize babies who do not intellectually understand what is happening to them. They simply receive the Gift of Baptism. King of Glory decided long ago to have an 'open' communion table which means we allow small children to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This in my opinion, aligns with the theology of a sacrament. Children who may not comprehend what a Sacrament is, can still receive the gifts it holds. Many ELCA congregations have a tradition where youth take their 'first communion' at a certain age, maybe 3rd or 4th grade.

We are also starting Milestones ministry. Milestone ministry recognizes particular points along a faith journey with an education component, a blessing and a gift. We recognized First Bibles back in the fall. Now we want to have the education component for 'First Communion' and allow families to celebrate their children's faith journey with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. Any family with a child currently receiving Holy Communion, is invited to a class session. We'll offer it twice in hopes that all can attend. **The first session will be on Thursday, March 23 6:30-7:30PM and the second during Sunday school on Sunday, March 26.** Then during **Maundy Thursday worship, April 13, 7:00PM**, our focus will be on all our youth taking Holy Communion. It will be a very special night when our Lord shares the Last Supper with His disciples and our children will share in the Holy Supper as well!

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FROM THE PASTOR



Ash Wednesday

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... Christ took the path we walk and faced sin and death, so that their consequences might be made easier for us.

'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.' Marked with an ashen cross we bear God's life-giving symbol remembering that though we reflect on the end, it is a new beginning. A time to return to God who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. A time to turn to Jesus and seek His face. A time to be generous and remember the poor. Lent is a new beginning. It begins on Ash Wednesday. See you in church. *Pastor Ruth Ann*



New Website! Kingofgloryloveland.com

We are excited to announce King of Glory has a new website! The technology team contracted with Madwire from Ft. Collins and we think they did a great job giving us a new look as well as a whole lot of functionality not possible with the old site. See for yourselves! **Kingofgloryloveland.com** (The old address is still active but it now points to the new site) A major improvement over the old site is that the new one has our own pictures of the building, sign, families and staff. On the home page we have buttons for "First Time Visitors" and "Contact Us" for questions. As well as direct access to the things people most often are looking for such as location, times of services, and information about Sunday School, our Pastor and an easy way to DONATE.

In looking for website companies, we choose Madwire because their expertise is marketing. As people go to the website, Madwire can track which pages people go to and how long they stay. In other words, we learn what visitors to the site are looking for and what they are most interested in? We want to know how we can make the site better in order to attract people who are looking for information about King of Glory. A major improvement is that, unlike our old website, our new site is mobile friendly! In a mobile driven age, this was imperative! Finally, staff can make changes to content as needed, so the information can stay current. We're excited. Check it out! Tell your friends! And tell us what you think. This new site will not be static but, rather, continuously improving.



Prayer Chain

If you have a special prayer request please contact the church office and indicate whether you want the prayer to be public or only for the confidential prayer chain.

- **Please keep the church office updated regarding your prayer concern.**

You may call or email the church office (970-669-5983); office@aplace2grow.org, or Pastor Ruth Ann at Ruthann@aplace2grow.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Habitat for Humanity—March 11 Build Date



King of Glory will be joining forces with Trinity Zion & Mustard Seed to help Habitat build homes here in Loveland on four Saturdays this year. If you've never participated in a Habitat build, don't be afraid. There is a place for everyone of any skill. It's a great way to give back to the community, to empower a family who needs a home and have fun in the process! **The first build day is March 11. *KOG is responsible for bringing lunch for the workers.** (Sign up in the concourse to help build or provide lunch!) The build day is from 8:30AM-3:30PM (although you can work just the morning) and you must be at least 16 years old.

If you are interested, talk to Pastor Ruth Ann or contact Jean Weiss at introvert48@comcast.net or 593-1173. **If you want to look ahead, the other three dates are May 20, July 15, and Sept 30.**



Who are the People in Your Neighborhood?

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Join us for a North Colorado Rocky Mountain Synod Gathering to find out!

**March 5, 2017, 2:00-5:00PM at
Trinity Lutheran, 3333 Duffield Ave
Contact Pastor Ruth Ann for info!**

The North Colorado Conference consists of ELCA churches and ministries from the mountains of Estes Park to the Front Range and the ministries on the plains. We are neighbors with a common identity and common mission -- together! We invite you for an afternoon of meeting each other, learning about one another's ministries, and opening doors to deeper conversation and mission of serving in Christ's name together.

Jazz Concerts!

The Luther College Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Tony Guzmán, will perform two concerts in the Fort Collins and Greeley areas. Please join us for one or both concerts in **Fort Collins at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 18th at 6:00PM**, or in **Greeley at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00PM**. The program features a variety of exciting jazz repertoire including works by Duke Ellington, Oliver Nelson, Thelonious Monk, Bill Holman, Astor Piazzolla, Fred Sturm, and many others. Luther jazz faculty member Jon Ailabouni will also be featured on trumpet and flugelhorn.



Jazz Orchestra, Luther's premier jazz ensemble, travels annually and tours abroad every four years—most recently in May/June 2016 to Brazil for a three-week, 13 performance immersion in the musical cultures of the country. The band is excited to perform for the Fort Collins and Greeley communities, and hopes you are able to join us at a concert.



From Lutheran Campus Ministry

Every week we offer students food for their bodies, minds and spirits. Your gifts provide support for young adults as they experience the gospel and explore the Christian faith. Don't forget that Thrivent members can designate **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Go to www.thrivent.com and sign in to your account to direct your choice dollars. Choice Dollars expire March 31! Thrivent members also have the opportunity to create Thrivent Action Teams and earn \$250 towards a service project. To learn about all the ways you can support campus ministry please contact Pastor Deb Abbott at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado at lcm.unco@gmail.com or for Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University contact Pastor Paul Judson at pastor@lcmcsu.org.

P.S. King of Glory provides a meal once a month for LCM-CSU. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Jan DesJardin.



Joe's Corner

Hello King of Glory!

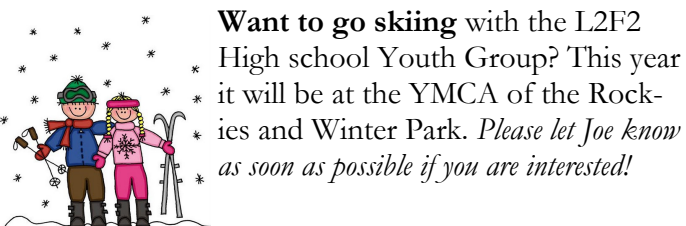
A lot has happened this past month with L2F2. Our dear friend Cary Mathis has decided to resign and with that has come some changes with the weekly High School Youth Group. Unfortunately that has been put on hold for the time being. Middle school and high school events will still be happening periodically, so keep your eyes on the schedule in the months ahead.

Our next big high school event will be the L2F2 Winter Retreat. Check this section for details! Also, be excited for the next Bridge Ministry session on March 19! Details will be out soon!

For now, please pray for Zion as they search for a new Faith Formation Coordinator.

*Christ's peace,
Joe Jedrzejewski*

L2F2 High School Winter Retreat March 3-5 at YMCA of the Rockies and Winter Park Ski Area-



Want to go skiing with the L2F2 High school Youth Group? This year it will be at the YMCA of the Rockies and Winter Park. *Please let Joe know as soon as possible if you are interested!*

RE•FORMATION THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

Re • Formation in the Rocky Mountain Synod

Our theme is intended to highlight the 500th commemoration of the Reformation while also reminding us that the church is a place where we are formed (and re-formed) in faith, both as individuals, and as a community of disciples. We will not only highlight the heritage by which our Lutheran perspective on the gospel has been shaped, but also focus on our commitment to church unity, especially with the Roman Catholic branch of the Christian family. Finally, we will explore what our Lutheran contribution to the life of the whole Body of Christ might be in this new century.

Re-Formation Events: Lutheran-Roman Catholic Joint Prayer Services

Sunday, March 19, 2017, 3:00PM
Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 E. Hampden Ave
Cherry Hills Village
Denver, CO

From Creation Care...

If all Americans recycled **just 10%** of their newspapers each year, it would save 25 million trees! *Ginny Crawford, CC Team*



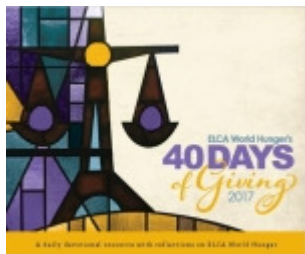
Thank yous!

Dear Pastor Ruth Ann and Folks at KOG, thank you so much for letting me preach at your church! It was such a great experience to share a brief message and grow deeper in our shared ministry. You are such a blessing to us. Thank you!! *Yours in Christ, Keith Evenson*

Pastor Ruth Ann and the wonderful people of King of Glory, thank you for your partnership in ministry! Thanks for the financial support and Sunday suppers and thanks also for welcoming Keith to preach on Campus Ministry Sunday. We pray that his message was a blessing to you. Our conversations and preparation were a blessing to the ministry! *God's peace, Paul Judson, Campus Pastor*

Dear Jan and the great people who provide meals once a month to LCM-CSU, I have not said *thank you* enough for all the care and time you put into the monthly meals at LuMin! The opportunity for our students to sit down and eat and talk on a Sunday night is the backbone of the ministry! Thank you!! *God's peace, Pastor Paul*

World Hunger - 40 Days of Giving...Count Us In...AGAIN!



World Hunger's *40 Days of Giving* is a special opportunity for us to come together and lift up our church's hunger and poverty ministry during Lent. As we get ready to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, what better time to reflect on the power of God's self-giving love that transforms and challenges each of us?

Since Lent is King of Glory's traditional time to emphasize the hunger appeal and prepare for the Second Offering on Easter, the Hunger Team once again said "YES" to the invitation to participate in this challenge. **Our goal**

is to collect \$10,000 through Easter Sunday!

During the season of Lent, we will make connections between faith, worship and justice – central teachings of Martin Luther. His concern for the poor and his sharp rebuke of economic injustice laid the foundation for us today. By joining our congregation's efforts with ELCA World Hunger's goal of raising \$1.5 million during Lent this year, we will do more than feed people who are hungry. We will help our domestic and global neighbors access opportunities and earn a fair, sustainable living with dignity.

SO...welcome to this exciting journey:

- Stop by the display table in the concourse to pick up your **devotional "flip" calendar** OR sign up to receive the daily devotions via email.
- Pick up a **coin box** to fill during Lent...as well as basic information about ELCA World Hunger.
- **Learn about the projects** your hunger contributions have supported and continue to support through weekly videos in worship AND stories at the display table.
- Ponder the **Connect to the Readings bulletin insert** on the five Sundays in Lent.
- Youth of all ages are invited to **color "Buck a Chick" sheets** to decorate the hallway leading to the Fellowship Room.
- Seriously consider ways you (and your children) can **intentionally remember people struggling with poverty** as you fill a coin box during the days of Lent.
- Explore **the many ways you can make monetary contributions** to the hunger appeal throughout Lent as well as during the Easter offering!

PRAY for God's vision of economic justice to prevail for ALL...then work to make that vision a reality.

**Remember...last year we raised over \$15,000 during Lent.
Anything is possible for those transformed by God's love!**



ELCA World Hunger

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

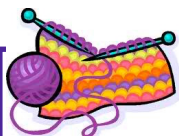


STUDIES & GROUP NEWS



Sonrisers

The men's theological book study group meets at 7:00AM year-round every **Thursday** morning at Perkins on Eisenhower. For more information or the current book title, please contact Bill McDivitt (970-669-4090). New members are welcome!



Prayer Shawl Team

Prayer Shawl will meet on **March 6 at 1:00PM** in the church library. Our treat hostess is Barb Brackin-Bartel. *All levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome!* If you have questions, please contact Barb B.(213-3256)



Peace Circle

Peace Circle will meet at **Noon** on **March 8 in the KOG Fellowship Room** for a sack lunch, fellowship, and 1:00PM Bible study. *All ladies welcome. Please RSVP to Joyce Tyson (970-646-5612).*



Adult Bible Studies

*** Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets **each week at 9:30AM**. This fun group mixes books with studying the Biblical texts. Led by Pastor Ruth Ann and Courtney Steitz. No need to sign up. *Please join us!*

***Sunday Adult Faith Formation 9:40AM** meets in the Fellowship Room. Bring your coffee & donuts and join us! During the six weeks of lent we'll discuss "Making Sense of the Cross" by Rev. Dr. David Lose. What happened when Jesus died? Various theologians have ideas about the cross. Come and learn! No requirements, just an open mind and heart.

You're invited to
Lunch Bunch!



Lunch Bunch!

Looking to meet new people? Do you normally eat alone? Want some company? The Lunch Bunch is for anyone who would like to eat Sunday lunch together after 10:45AM worship. **Come March 12** - We are eating at **Mimi's Café! Meet up there at Noon**. We'll share food and fellowship! Join us!

March 12

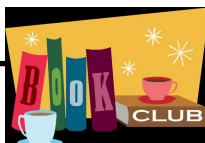


Daylight Saving
Time Begins

The next Messenger Deadline
is March 19



Messenger Assembly
is March 23, 2017



Glory Readers Book Club

Glory Readers will meet on **Thursday, March 23 at 12:00PM** in the church library. The book we are reading for March is Mariano's Crossing by David M. Jessup. For more information contact Barb Brackin-Bartel (970-213-3256) *New members are always welcome, please join us!*

FINANCIALS

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Financial Update through January 31, 2016

	2016 MONTH	2016 YTD	2017 MONTH	2017 YTD
INCOME:				
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$25,295	\$25,295	25,485	25,485
BUILDING USE FEES	\$3,345	\$3,345	2,555	2,555
	\$28,640	\$28,640	\$28,040	\$28,040
EXPENSES AND DEBT:				
EXPENSES	\$25,923	\$25,923	27,873	27,873
DEBT PAYMENTS	\$3,395	\$3,395	3,548	3,548
	\$29,318	\$29,318	\$31,421	\$31,421
	2016 MONTH	2016 YTD	2017 MONTH	2017 YTD
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:				
World Hunger	\$447	\$447	\$ 945	\$ 945
ELCA Disaster Relief				
Good Samaritan Fund			\$ 50	\$ 50
Memorials				
Christmas Bazaar				
Quilters/Debt Retirement			\$ 40	\$ 40
Haiti Relief Mission				
Rotary Club/Kid'sPak				
House of Neighborly Service				
	\$ 447	\$ 447	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,035



Recommended March Donations for HNS

House of Neighborly
Services *Request of the
month -Paper Products.*
Please drop off your dona-
tions in the "House" in the
Octagon. *Thank you!*

Mark your Calendar!
Angel House Hosting
Coming April 2—8
Sign ups will be out soon!

Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 9—Palm Sunday
8:30 & 10:45AM

April 13—Maundy Thursday
12:00PM Joint ELCA Worship at KOG
7:00PM Worship at KOG
(with Faith Milestones)

April 14—Good Friday
12:00PM Joint ELCA Worship at Trinity
7:00PM Worship at KOG

April 16—Easter Sunday
8:30 & 10:45AM
9:40AM Easter Breakfast
(hosted by youth as fundraiser)



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The Messenger

*"As God's People, Graced by Differences, Nurtured by the Spirit,
and Gifted to Serve, We Invite and Welcome All to Grow in Faith."*



March 1—Ash Wednesday
12:00PM Joint ELCA Worship at Zion Lutheran
7:00PM Worship at King of Glory
March 5—2:00PM Missional Gathering at Trinity Lutheran
March 11—Habitat Build Day
March 12—Daylight Savings Time Begins! Lunch Bunch at Mimi's Café
March 19—12:00PM Bridge Ministries/Good News & Good Eats

Worship Schedule
Saturday —5:30PM
Sunday — 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Education Hour—9:40AM



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