



King of Glory ... a Place to Grow

JANUARY 2018

Epiphany is here!

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The Word and Sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst. We will celebrate Epiphany on January 6-7 as we recognize the manifestation of Christ to all peoples.

Because we know all the stories, we don’t have the same reaction as the people who first encountered Jesus. But try to imagine the surprise of the servants at the wedding party. Jesus asked them to fill the stone jars with water. When they take the jars to the steward, it has turned into wine! They must have been amazed at Jesus. That is epiphany!

This January, let’s pretend we don’t know Jesus and listen with amazement! Let’s ponder the heavens opening at His baptism. Let us be startled when astrologers from the East come to visit the Christ Child. God is loose in the world in the form of a human. May Jesus fill our hearts and surprise us with Epiphanies!

Forty Year Celebration planning in the works!

This year KOG will celebrate 40 years of ministry in West Loveland! To mark the occasion Bridge Ministries would like to put together a photo history of our ministry and the people that made it happen. The first step is to gather photos from the last 40 years. If you have some of these please lend them to our cause. Please identify people in the photo and describe the activity as best you can. We will follow up with an interview to report and date the activity and place on the time line began by Ruth Ann when she first arrived at KOG. All photos will be scanned for the photo history and returned to the owner.

If you would like to help make this happen let Pastor know and she will connect you with our photo / writer reporters—Len Koch

Stephen Ministry begins again at King of Glory!

Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Our Stephen Ministers will be having a retreat to recommit to Stephen Ministry principles and this ministry of healing. We are excited to get the program up and running again. Zion has invited us to meet with them for supervision and continuing education sessions.

If you are hurting due to chronic illness, a life transition, unemployment, or any other reason, you could benefit from a Stephen Minister. Talk to Pr Ruth Ann today!

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FROM THE PASTOR



KOG Lenten Devotional

During the season of Lent it's lovely to have a devotional as a Lenten discipline. This year, we'd like to return to a practice KOG has had in the past – produce our own devotional! Wouldn't it be fun to get to know one another in this way?

We are inviting anyone from the congregation to submit a piece. Share a favorite Scripture and then put down on paper what it has meant to your life, or why it is important to you. Keep your piece to around 300-350 words. The Bible text can be anything – it doesn't need to be related to Lent.

If you'd like to participate but struggle with writing, Cathy Simmering can help you get started. She has worked with many people in writing and often just a couple questions or thoughts will get the creative juices going. Adults, youth, even families could write one together. If the Holy Spirit nudges you – gets you excited even reading this article – then listen to that nudge and act on it. Perhaps there is a person in the congregation who needs to hear just what you have to say!

Please contact Pastor Ruth Ann or Cathy Simmering if you wish to participate. We're excited to hear from you!

The Design & Enhancement Team would like to thank the following people for their time and talents for beautifying our sanctuary for the Advent & Christmas Season:

Pam Breitbarth, Jim & Stephanie Brossia, Tom & Susan Chamberlin, Pat DesJardin, Mike Dodge, Bob & Sarajane Grandia, Peg Hanson, Darwyn Keitzmann, Larry & Judi Krebs, Sally Specht & Loretta Zenker!

Thank You!



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

Let us pray for :

- ◆ Homeless youth and families during these cold nights
- ◆ Efforts toward peace & goodwill among nations.
- ◆ Active duty Military members and their families.

Are you having trouble hearing the service?

Grab a hearing unit at the sound board or a printed copy of the sermon from an usher! Extra sermon copies are always in the holder on the wall by the sound booth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bridges Ministries - January 21, 2018 – Potluck Lunch and Discussion: Topic-Palliative Care



We will be privileged to hear a talk regarding palliative care at our next Bridges Ministries meeting presented by Dr. Helen Kilzer, medical director of the Palliative Care Program at McKee Hospital. It will be on **January 21st** following our potluck at 12:00PM.

- "What You Don't Know Will Surprise You - A Resource to Support Patients and Families".
- 70% of consumers polled are not knowledgeable about palliative care. 92% of respondents said they would consider palliative care if their loved one were seriously ill.*
- Come to our Bridges meeting and you will hear a fascinating presentation. **Look for the sign-up in the concourse after Christmas!**

* Public Opinion Strategies National Survey of 2011

Angel House Hosting Week is coming January 28-February 3

Look for the signups in the concourse to find your spot to help! Thank you so much for your generosity of spirit for participating in this important ministry. If you've never volunteered, we can train you. Don't be shy! We're here to help!

You're invited to
Lunch Bunch!



Lunch Bunch January 14

We will have Lunch Bunch on **January 14**.
Do you normally eat alone? Join us!





Joe's Corner Faith Formation News

Young Adults Dinner- Friday, December 29 6-8:00pm at McGraff's American Grill

Last year we started a annual tradition of getting our young adults together for a dinner over Christmas break. Please join us at McGraff's (1602 E Eisenhower) for a fun time with other young adults from Zion Lutheran. And if you are wondering if you are a young adult or not, you are! Please join us.

The Middle School and High School Youth Gathering! - Jan. 13-15

Now is the time to start getting registered for the Rocky Mountain synod Youth Gathering! Last year we went to the Gathering hosted here in Loveland. This year it will be down in Colorado Springs and will include both Middle school and High school gatherings!

What? 2017 Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering.

Who? L2F2 Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers

When? January 13 - 15, 2018

Where? DoubleTree Hotel in Colorado Springs

Cost? \$100 Cash or a check made out to Zion Lutheran church

Please let Joe know as soon as you can if you can go. Hope you all can go and experience God with Youth from all over Colorado!

Joe is beginning Student Teaching- January 1

Our Faith Formation/Cross Generational Minister, Joe, will be leaving us for 16 weeks to complete his student teaching for the University of Northern Colorado. Please direct any questions about our ministries to Pastor Ruth Ann, and we will work to make sure our ministries continue to go on during this time. Please wish Joe the best of luck next time you see him!

Christ's peace,

Joseph Jedrzejewski, Faith Formation Minister

Joe will be teaching our Middle & High School Sunday School classes twice a month.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Do you remember back in November on Stewardship Sunday? We heard the parable of the talents from Matthew 25:14-30, where several slaves decided to either invest or hide their master's money. I reminded us that God drops 'treasures' into our laps all the time. They come in the blessings of family, friends, time, health, opportunities and we are called to be good stewards of those treasures. Then I handed out \$300 in envelopes as a 'reverse offering'. Here are a few things that happened with that cash!

\$50 from two donors went to the Food Bank for Larimer County!

\$5 was invested in the Salvation Army who "uses money effectively turning a little into bigger blessings. The return brings happiness to the investor as well!"

\$20 was invested in Google into a search engine for Seekers. (Those are folks who are looking for answers about God and the Christian faith.) That \$20 made \$30 for a return to the church of \$50.

\$6 was added to the \$10 in the envelope to buy two soccer balls for schools in Africa through World Vision. A sporting goods company matched the gift and those kids now have 4 soccer balls!

A woman bought a Christian gift for her friend who has been struggling.

Another member added her own money and gave it to a fund for homeless high school students here in Loveland.

From the initial \$300 handed out, \$440 was returned to the church and all the people listed above were blessed as well. Thanks be to God and to you, the people of King of Glory, for your generosity and love. God used you to be a blessing indeed!

Worship! *Willing? Able? Engage!*

Jane Nuttall has been faithfully calling volunteers for years, asking them to assist with worship. Every month, she spends time asking for people to read the lessons (Lectors) and to be Communion Assistants. *We applaud Jane for her faithfulness in this task*, without which, our worship would be less fulfilling. It is volunteers like Jane that work behind the scenes each and every week to make certain church runs smoothly. The word 'liturgy' actually means 'the work of the people.' In other words, we, as pastor and people, do the work of worship together. When pastor says, "The Lord be with you." You answer with your response, "And also with you."

We'd like to try something new! Beginning **January 22**, there will be slips of paper marked "Lector" and "Communion Assistant" hanging on the bulletin board in the concourse. If you wish to do one of these jobs, simply take a slip of paper and read the instructions that go with it. Then when it is time for the lessons to be read or communion, come on up. Anyone can help! Youth can assist. If a child wants to help, parents can join in. It is our hope that more people will be encouraged to enter into the work and joy of leading worship. And if you need training or encouragement, talk to Pastor and she will equip you to lead faithfully.

SIGN ME UP



January NEWS from Lutheran Campus Ministry

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In this new year of 2018 we are looking forward to the beginning of a new semester! Please pray for students, faculty and staff this month as classes begin again. You can be a part of our ministry by inviting young adults you know to join us. Then make sure and pass their info on to us so that we can invite them to join our community as well. If you would like to refer a student or bring a meal this semester to feed students please contact us. For Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado contact Pastor Deb Abbott at lcm.unco@gmail.com. For Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University contact Pastor Paul Judson at pastor@lcmcsu.org.



Colorado State University



UNC UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

King of Glory provides a meal once a month for LCM-CSU Sept.-May. (None in January, as students are still on break). If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Jan DesJardin. It is just a few hour commitment that makes a huge impact on a student's life.

MISSION ENDOWMENT

If you would like to learn more about an ELCA charitable gift annuity, please contact Pastor Ruth Ann, the office or any of the endowment committee members listed below and they will connect you with a resource person to assist you. Thank you!

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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 and the current book title, please contact Bill McDivitt (970-669-4090). New members are welcome!



Pastor's Bible Study will return to **Thursdays** at 9:30AM

beginning January 4, 2018. For a variety of reasons, the weekly Bible study will be returning to Thursdays. Join us as we learn about the upcoming texts for the weekend worship.
Pastor Ruth Ann



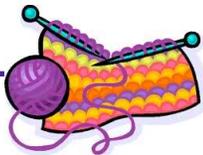
Peace Circle

Peace Circle will meet at **Noon** on **January 10** at the church for a sack lunch, fellowship, and 1:00PM Bible study. **All ladies welcome.** Please RSVP to Neva at 669-2371.

**The next Messenger Deadline
is January 21**



**Messenger Assembly
is January 25**



Prayer Shawl Team

Prayer Shawl will be meeting on **Monday, January 8 at 1:00PM** in the church library. **All levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome!** If you have questions, please contact Barb Brackin-Bartel (970-213-3256)

A lovely prayer shawl was given to Megan McClain, our departing nursery attendant.



KOG Readers Book Club

Noontime Readers will meet on **Thursday, January 25 at 12:00PM** in the church library. The book for January is To Love a Stranger by Colleen Cable. For more information contact Barb Brackin-Bartel (970-213-3256) **New members are always welcome, please join us!**

FINANCIALS

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Financial Summary through 11/30/17

	2016 MONTH	2016 YTD	2017 MONTH	2017 YTD
INCOME:				
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$28,330	\$302,330	24,864	304,273
BUILDING USE FEES	\$1,557	\$25,171	1,100	16,203
	\$29,887	\$327,501	\$25,964	\$320,476
EXPENSES AND DEBT:				
EXPENSES	\$29,647	\$293,568	29,096	304,655
DEBT PAYMENTS	\$3,519	\$38,803	3,677	40,040
	\$33,166	\$332,371	\$32,773	\$344,695

	2016 MONTH	2016 YTD	2017 MONTH	2017 YTD
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:				
World Hunger	\$352	\$18,199	\$ 406	\$ 23,842
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$50	\$416	\$ 600	\$ 3,985
Good Samaritan Fund		\$75		\$ 50
Memorials	\$450	\$5,895	\$ 40	\$ 140
Christmas Bazaar	\$9,316	\$11,901	\$ 11,690	\$ 14,240
Quilters/Debt Retirement		\$1,511		\$ 1,270
Haiti Relief Mission		\$650		\$ 1,635
Rotary Club/Kid'sPak	\$987	\$987	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,040
	\$ 11,155	\$ 39,634	\$ 13,776	\$ 46,202

Net proceeds for 2017 Christmas Bazaar are \$13,810.07



Food
Collection

Recommended January Donations for HNS

House of Neighborly Services Request for
January is canned vegetables. Please drop
off your donations in the "House" in the Octagon.

Thank you!



You can scan this QR code to go straight
to our website's giving page!

2018 Church Council

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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.”*

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January 13: Synod Youth Gathering in Colorado Springs;
Loveland Habitat of Humanity Work Day
January 21: Bridge Ministries Potluck at Noon with Discussion
topic of Palliative Care
January 28—February 3: Angel House Hosting

Worship Schedule
Saturday — 5:30PM
Sunday — 8:30AM & 10:45AM



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