



Lent Line-Up!

Lent begins this year on March 6 with Ash Wednesday. Lent and Easter are a bit later this year. In 2018, Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day! I'm excited to share that for 2019, we have an exciting Lent line up. Lent at KOG has a tradition of supporting ELCA World Hunger. These monies change people's lives...literally! We are proud of making certain more of our brothers and sisters around the globe have food to eat and opportunities to make better lives for themselves.

As you also know, the ELCA is a public church. By that I mean that we take seriously Jesus' command to love and care for our neighbor as we do ourselves. The witness of the church in society flows from its identity as a community that lives from and for the Gospel. Our faith lived out in action calls for justice in relationships and structures of society. Read more at www.rmselca.org/public-church.

Therefore during Lent we are going to reflect on advocacy, immigration and prison ministry. Our own Pr Carlos Schneider will lead us off on March 10 with an introduction to Immigration. Carlos will present from his own lived experience growing up in Brazil and working as a clergy in California. He has a heart for the poor and for justice. Peter Severson (Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Colorado) from the Rocky Mountain Synod staff will be with us on March 17 in worship and for Faith Formation to speak about advocacy ministry in Colorado. The next two weeks, March 24 and 31, Carlos will continue conversation about immigration from a faith filled perspective. Then on April 7, Pr Terry Schjang will join us. She is the pastor of New Beginnings, an ELCA congregation inside the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. New Beginnings received a Domestic Hunger Grant from the ELCA this year. This Lenten line-up will give us much faith filled food for thought!

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From the Pastor -- +Walkin' Wet+

"God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world." (ELW Sacrament of Holy Baptism)

What incredible gifts! God's touch, this wet splash, these gifts of grace come freely given and there is nothing we ever do to earn it. What hope we have! What joy in this new life! Our only response is to live our lives giving back to God what God has so freely given us. Indeed we join the Lord in Jesus' life-giving mission for the world. And when we do, we can all see the little footprint droplets of water we leave behind!

You may have heard me talk about this on Baptism of our Lord Sunday. I mentioned that we were going to start recognizing groups and people in the congregation who 'walk wet.' All of us, of course, +walk wet+...we don't really have another option, since God has claimed us and washed us until we soak! Yet, this will be a monthly reminder for all of us to live out our Baptismal call in the church, our homes, workplaces and the larger community.

Lisa Grindle is a valued member of King of Glory. Some Sundays she substitutes and cares for our littlest ones in the nursery. But every couple of months for the last three years or so, Lisa changes the bulletin board in the hallway between the sanctuary and the octagon. She often makes the theme match the church year or special events that we have. For example, Lisa made certain we had a new Christmas board up prior to the Bazaar. Lisa says she likes doing the bulletin board, "Because it's less concrete. I get to be creative. Sometimes it's difficult to match dimensions and heights for ideas when I'm not standing right in front of it. But I really like doing it!" The last bulletin board had a mix of paper and fabric creating the Nativity with a camel. One during the summer had a boundary of paint strip samples. Another one for Reformation was all about Martin Luther.

These artistic creations add beauty and life to our church building. Wander down the hall to see Lisa's work. She is living out her Baptismal call by proclaiming Christ through Word and deed and caring for others.
Thanks, Lisa, for +Walkin' Wet+



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Colorado Lutheran Day at the Legislature February 21, 2019

Register TODAY for Colorado Lutheran Day at the Legislature! Join advocates and community leaders for a morning of learning and action. Discover how we, as people of faith, can be mobilized for prophetic public policy advocacy; get the latest updates on our work together at the State Capitol; and be at the forefront of building relationships with our elected officials.

The event includes Lobbying 101 training and an issues briefing. Registration (\$15) includes a hot breakfast and all materials. The doors of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1600 Grant Street in Denver) open at 7:30 am, and the event begins at 8. After a welcome by Bishop Gonja, a keynote address, and training/briefings, participants will embark on a short walk to the Colorado State Capitol. After meeting and lobbying our state legislators, we will gather in the Capitol Rotunda for a closing prayer.

Register online at this site:

<https://www.rmselca.org/colorado-lutheran-day-legislature-2019>. For more information and to arrange to carpool, contact Carol McDivitt (mcdivittc@mindspring.com or 970-689-2569).

STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Dinner-4-8 is evolving into something NEW!

A new exciting opportunity for everyone to participate in "Dinners or "Lunch" fellowship is coming. We would like to involve anyone and everyone in this congregational fellowship. This could be in potluck lunches or suppers. We may put out suggestions for meals, but everything would be voluntary; a sign-up would be helpful so that we can get a good variety of dishes! We encourage families, singles and couples to join us. Any suggestions as to the types of dinners / lunches are welcome! Contact me if you have ideas - Sarajane Grandia (970-667-8785.)

Sonrisers – The men's theological book study group meets **every Thursday at 7:00am** year-round at Perkins on Eisenhower. For more information and the current book title, please contact Bill McDivitt (970-669-4090)

Prayer Shawl – Knitting & crocheting group welcomes all levels of crafters. We meet on the first Monday of the month, **February 4**, at 1:00pm in the church library. Our snack hostess this month will be Barb Bartel. For more info please contact Barb (970-213-3256).



Peace Circle – Peace Circle will meet **at Noon on February 13** for a sack lunch, fellowship and 1:00pm Bible study in the church fellowship room. Please RSVP to Neva Gulliksen (970)669-2371. All ladies are welcome!



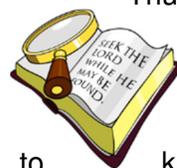
Glory Readers Book Club – Book Club will meet on Thursday, **February 21** at 12:00pm in the office conference room. The book selection for February is Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate. For more information, call Barb Bartel (970-213-3256). New readers are welcome, please join us!



2nd Wind – Retired men, this group is for you! They meet at 9:30am on the 3rd Friday of the month (**February 17**) in the Fellowship Room. This group is open to any retired guy – newly retired or even if you've had the hang of this for years! Snacks and coffee are always supplied. Topics are varied and the conversation inspiring! Call Jerome Beckmann for more information. (970-669-0341).

Pastor's Thursday Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study continues at **9:30am weekly**. We examine the Bible texts for the upcoming week and we laugh a whole bunch! This is an easy Bible study to join. You don't need to know it all, or any of it! Just come – ask questions – and open yourself up to God who meets us always in God's Living Word!



Marty Mouse

Have you noticed lately we have a church mouse? Mice are always great around churches. They eat the crumbs from the table of the Lord that we drop. They keep watch at night when all of us are sleeping in our beds. Mice are one of God's favorite creatures.



KOG's mouse isn't "Mighty Mouse", his name is Martin. Marty for short. Marty Mouse. Yes, he used to have distant relatives who lived in Martin Luther's house, but that's another story for another day. For now, just know that Marty prays for all who come to King of Glory. He loves our beautiful wooden furniture. It reminds him of his mama's old kitchen with the warm fire.

Well this month, Marty noticed that someone made a new wooden rack to hold a portion of our black folding chairs. We had too many chairs for the metal racks. This new rack is sturdy, easy to drive. Marty doesn't know the human's name, but he noticed how much work was put into this helpful piece of equipment. No one asked for it. No one got paid. It just got done. Marty says, "Thank you human, for your generosity and care. Thank you for wanting to make KOG a better place. Thank you for demonstrating God's character by just pitching in and making it happen!"

February NEWS from Lutheran Campus Ministry

Your gifts to campus ministry support opportunities for worship, Bible study, peer ministry, service and community building. This month we are looking forward to a winter retreat at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp with students and staff from all over the Rocky Mountain Synod. Campus ministry offers opportunities that support students on their faith journey and expand our communities.

For more information about Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at **University of Northern Colorado** contact Pastor Deb Abbott

at pastor@lecmgreeley.org or visit www.lecmgreeley.org.



For Lutheran Campus Ministry at **Colorado State University**

contact Pastor Paul Judson at pastor@lcmcsu.org or

visit www.lcmcsu.org. Thank you for your support!



Once a month during the school year we serve a meal and enjoy fellowship with the students who worship at Lutheran campus ministry. If you would

like to help with the dinner, please contact Jan DesJardin. The next dinner will be **February 10**.

Prayer Requests - If you have a special prayer request please contact the church office and indicate whether you want the prayer to be public or for the confidential prayer chain. You may call or email the church office (970-669-5983); office@aplace2grow.org, or Pr Ruth Ann at Ruthann@aplace2grow.org



Recommended Donations for House of Neighborly Service (HNS) – February request is peanut butter. Please drop off your donation in the "House" in the center octagon. Thank you!

Thank you!

Dear Congregants of King of Glory, Realities for Children Charities, along with our 34 Partner Agencies and the 4000+ children we served in December, want to extend our *sincere appreciation to King of Glory Lutheran Church in Loveland for so generously donating to our Santa's Workshop Toy Drive.* On December 19, over 75 representatives from our Partner Agencies, all serving kids who have suffered abuse, neglect, or are at-risk, came to shop and select individual, specific gifts for their clients. We could not have brought joy to so many **kids in Larimer County** without your participation, and feel truly blessed for your compassion. We hope to work with you for many years to come.



Serena Thomas

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Pastor Ruth Ann & Council-

Thank you so much for the beautiful gift I was given last Sunday. I really appreciated being thought of.

My time spent on Council was wonderful. It was so great working with others who think so highly of our church and mission to volunteer their time. KOG is an awesome congregation and the Council rocks! Thank you, Pat Johnson



Sky Ranch – Help Wanted --
Sky Ranch is looking for three
people to fill some key roles
 in our 2019 Summer Staff.

Volunteer Nurses: spend a week at camp during the summer providing care and support to kids, adults, and staff. Weeks available are June 16 – 21, 2019 and half of a week beginning July 30 – August 2, 2019. Please contact Hannah Anderson at hannah@skyranchcolorado.org.

Male Counselors: Sky Ranch seeking male summer staff members for both counselor and offsite guide positions! If you or someone you know is at least 18, is passionate about working with youth, wants to explore faith, and spend their summer in God's Creation, then apply at Sky Ranch today. Please contact Jeff Fairfax at jeff@skyranchcolorado.org.

Weekday Cook: Responsible for preparing meals throughout the week for 50-200 campers, including international, allergy free and vegetarian menu items. Weekday cook will oversee kitchen staff and work closely with the Program Director to plan, prepare and cook weekly menu. Please contact Jeff Fairfax at jeff@skyranchcolorado.org.

Weekend Coordinator: Responsible for overseeing weekend staff and work closely with Office Manager to host weekend guests and plan weekend activities. The weekend coordinator will need to arrive at camp Friday morning and stay through Sunday lunch. Please contact Ally Plucheck at ally@skyranchcolorado.org.

Work Weekends: Volunteer at Sky Ranch! The Leave A Trace program provides opportunities for groups and individuals to give their time and skills to Sky Ranch as we work to keep our facilities safe and welcoming. We have the plans, you have the hands. Together, with your help, we can make a huge impact on Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp! Please contact Ally Plucheck at ally@skyranchcolorado.org.

Spring Work Weekend–April 26 - 28
 Memorial Day Work Weekend–May 24 - 27
 (Food and Lodging provided for the weekend)

Thank you Dear King of Glory –

Thank you so much for your gift of \$4000 to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp this year. Your gift helps us to continue teaching a lifestyle of service to the next generation. You are an important part of the history of Sky Ranch and understand the significance of this ministry in the lives of children.

Camper fees don't cover all the costs of camp, so your gift helps us keep our costs affordable so that everyone ... can experience God's grace in a supportive and transforming community. Your gift helps us improve the facilities at Sky Ranch, so the increasing numbers of campers and retreat groups can continue to enjoy the spiritual renewal found in this mountain setting.

From Brad Abbott – “Thank you! What a wonderful gift from your craft fair. I am honored & humbled!”

137 Homeless Connection

25 or so beds made of multiple blankets and some towels for pillows were laid out on the floor, a few on cots, for the week of January 13-19th. Most prefer the floor, one choose a spot underneath a table, a few in the hallway. This was the guest suite for our guests. Men and women who wouldn't otherwise have a warm place to sleep were thankful to be in our building. This is ministry...ministry in Jesus' name. *“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2)*



Perhaps to God, these seven nights were more important than anything else we did in January. What does the Lord say to us?

*“With what shall I come before the Lord,
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?*

*⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*



*⁸ He has told you, O mortal,
 what is good; and what
 does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice, and to love
 kindness, and to walk
 humbly with your God?”
 Micah 6:6-8*

Financial Summary thru Dec. 2018

	2017 MONTH	2017 YTD	2018 MONTH	2018 YTD
INCOME:				
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 87,237	\$ 391,510	\$ 55,638	\$ 362,251
BUILDING USE FEES	\$ 1,860	\$ 18,063	\$ 1,970	\$ 20,555
	\$ 89,097	\$ 409,573	\$ 57,608	\$ 382,806
EXPENSES AND DEBT:				
EXPENSES	\$ 29,743	\$ 334,399	\$ 28,254	\$ 343,573
DEBT PAYMENTS	\$ 3,734	\$ 43,777	\$ 3,822	\$ 44,927
	\$ 33,477	\$ 378,176	\$ 32,076	\$ 388,500
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:				
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 781	\$ 24,623	\$ 1,280	\$ 20,330
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$ 800	\$ 4,785	\$ 530	\$ 1,230
Memorials	\$ 375	\$ 515	\$ 50	\$ 2,620
Christmas Bazaar		\$ 14,240		\$ 16,464
Quilters/Debt Retirement		\$ 1,270		\$ 1,258
	\$ 1,956	\$ 45,433	\$ 1,860	\$ 41,902

Net proceeds for 2017 Christmas Bazaar are \$13,810.07
 Net Proceeds for 2018 Christmas Bazaar are \$15,742.51

The Next Messenger Deadline
 is **February 17**. Please submit your articles
 for the next issue on time to
office@aplace2grow.org. Thank you!

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February Birthdays

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- 3 Jane Nuttall
 - 4 Braden Dodge
 - 5 Kay Knuth
 - 6 Ted Schmidt
 - 7 John Becker
 - 11 Carol McDivitt
 - 13 Peg Hanson
 - 14 Chris Lohmer
 - 15 Krista Daniels, Liz Melton
 - 16 Bill Beyers, Dianne Sanford
 - 19 Dylan McNally
 - 20 Sylvia Bevans, Chris Bryan,
Sandra Knudsen, Forest Roberts
 - 22 Mike Dodge, Mark Jankow, Luci Roberts
 - 23 Diana Balogh
 - 24 Nancy Krebs
 - 26 Peggy Alpert

February Anniversaries

- Feb. 4** – Chuck & Sandy Lusky (4th)
- Feb. 15** – Scott Kallio & Jerry Welter (5th)
- Feb. 24** – Tony & Peggy Karle (35th)



THANK YOU FOR BEING A SUPPORTING CONGREGATION OF SKY RANCH LUTHERAN CAMP

Thank you again for your support of the ministry at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. You are one of the congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod who use, own and operate this camp. Your prayers and financial help are very much appreciated. **As a seasonal Ministry, we serve over 3,000 youth and adults each year.**

On July 30th, Sky Ranch began construction on **the new 2,940 sq. ft Summer Staff/Seasonal Retreat cabin**. The cabin has 4 bedrooms with bathrooms housing up to 32 summer staff, a meeting area, and two external bathrooms for adjacent staff cabin use. This winterized cabin is located on the western edge of the property. By locating all the summer staff in one area of camp, we will have 3 more cabins in the center of camp for camper use.

Other Sky Ranch Highlights:

- We have been upgrading other facilities to meet a growing demand from retreat groups. **Volunteers combined to contribute over 2,000 hours of service** to improve facilities and grounds at Sky Ranch. Last summer we:
 - Built a new footbridge over Beaver Creek
 - Replaced all benches at Sondance worship area
 - Constructed a covered grill area in the Chuckwagon area
 - Finished replacing heaters in camper cabins and upstairs of Lodge
 - Built a new archery shed
 - Replaced exterior siding on Bonhoeffer Cabin
 - Built new picnic tables and a new bench/storage area outside the Lodge
- Sky Ranch has a rich tradition of **training staff to be church leaders** regardless of their vocation. Of the 10 college graduates on last summer's staff, Sky Ranch has:
 - Two starting the candidacy process with the ELCA
 - One serving with Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Minneapolis
 - One in Rwanda with YAGM (Young Adults Global Mission)
 - One teaching
 - Two in Graduate School for a Master's (one Social Work, one in Education)
 - One serving a not-for-profit formerly associated with Border Servant Corps

Did you know? Sky Ranch owns 117 acres of land and maintains 26 buildings and facilities. In this outdoor setting, dynamic college-age counselors ignite the faith of youth and adults alike and are inspired in their own faith.

Only 2/3 of the camp's budget comes from program fees. Your financial support is vital to keeping camp affordable! We hope you will include Sky Ranch in your missional budget and continue to support this ministry.

Sky Ranch - forming faith and changing lives - one camper at a time!





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*"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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