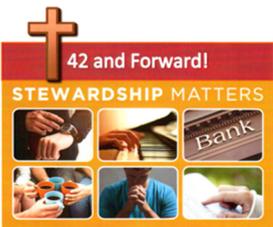




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## “42 and Forward” – The Next Step



Last fall we celebrated our 42<sup>nd</sup> year as King of Glory Lutheran Church and challenged ourselves to look at what the next ten years might bring with the “42 and Forward” visioning and

dreaming series of meetings and conversations. Meetings were held at six homes (including Good Samaritan Village Loveland) and more than 40 people attended one of the sessions.

Many ideas, concerns, dreams, and hopes were openly expressed in lively conversations showing the breadth and depth of our congregation’s commitment to the continued spiritual health of KOG and its commitment to God’s work!

The participants identified key areas or projects that are of interest to the ongoing mission and ministry of King of Glory. Now we need to prioritize and begin to plan for how we achieve the goals we select to pursue. The top items most frequently mentioned were:

1. Developing faith formation programs for all ages, particularly the youth and youth ministry, working toward a full time Faith Formation minister.
2. A complete upgrade of our sound system – sound, lighting, video – to enhance our worship experience
3. Senior caring ministry – coordinating with existing services, provide resource information, and minister to elder member needs.
4. Continued expansion of our music program, incorporating opportunities for our youth to participate in worship service.
5. Provide support for Pastor in all the ministry and care concerns that she covers now.

6. Consider expansion of administrative staff.
7. Continue to support existing projects such as Glory Garden, Christmas Bazaar, and World Hunger Appeal.

We welcome your input and suggestions as to what are the top goals to address first. We plan to reach out to our members to get that final input, as well as begin the planning this summer to make the selected goals a reality for King of Glory. You can email us at the church office or contact Pastor or Leo Salazar, Stewardship Team leader, and let us know your thoughts.

## From the Pastor

### The Reverend Debra M. Abbott

On Sunday, June 9, there was unanimous vote of 78 members to call The Reverend Debra M. Abbott to be Associate Pastor for King of Glory and to be our new Faith Formation minister.



Pastor Deb most recently served as Campus Pastor at the Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Her previous calls were in Montana, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Billings and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Pastor Deb was born in Fresno, California and received her undergraduate degree at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington and her Master of Divinity degree at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. In between the two, she worked with the Lutheran Volunteer Corp in Washington DC.

Pastor Deb has experience with all ages and wants to be in the parish ministry. While her campus ministry experience has been beneficial for developing skills with young adults, she desires to be in the setting that King of Glory offers. She is fun with a sense of humor, but has a healthy pastoral awareness, preaches grace and will be a good team player. She has experienced faith formation in several congregations and settings and is excited to work on KOG’s faith formation ministry as well as the partnership with Zion. She is already known in the community and of course there will be no issue about moving costs. Pastor Ruth Ann believes she will be a good balance for their partnership in →

ministry and sees her fitting the test of what “a great ministry partner looks like.”

Her husband is Brad Abbott, Executive Director of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp, west of Fort Collins.

## **KOG Music Happenings**

Many thanks to members of the choir, bells, children and congregation for my months at King of Glory. And it has been very gratifying working with Pastor Ruth Ann and all three Kathy's!

Summer is a great time for planning the 2019-2020 church season and as part of that I will be attending the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 24-28. The convention is an opportunity to share music and worship ideas with planners from around the country. During past conventions, I have found new liturgies, anthems, service music, and different worship ideas. It is time of renewal for everyone attending.

Please mark your calendars for some special music events this summer. **Glory Ringers and anyone else interested in handbells will rehearse July 10, 6:00PM and play for the 10:45AM service on July 14.**

Calling all families and everyone who sings!!! We will have our **first annual Intergenerational Choir rehearsal on July 31, 6:30PM and sing for 9:00 & 10:45AM services on August 4.** This is an opportunity for all of KOG's great singers of all ages to unite in one song of the church. Bring a friend...the more, the merrier!

## **Bazaar News**

Christmas in July! Christmas Bazaar that is!

We always need items for the KOG boutique section in the concourse. Everything we sell there goes toward the donations we make to our non-profit recipients: LuMin (CSU Campus Ministry), Sky Ranch Camp and Kid's Pack. If you have any handmade item you can donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Knitted or crocheted items, placemats, runners, wooden items, stained glass or something completely new are all welcome.

Additionally, consider a special donation to the Silent Auction. We expanded it last year to its own room. In addition to unique, special items of value, there are many other ways to contribute: gift cards donated from local stores or boutiques, services from a local vendor (manicurist, painter, handyman, etc.), local artist or crafter who could donate a piece of work, timeshare or condo time unit that could be donated, or tickets to a concert, symphony or sporting event. Let's be creative!

If you have any questions or donations please contact Leo Salazar, 970-691-2661 or [ljsconsultants@gmail.com](mailto:ljsconsultants@gmail.com) or for Silent Auction you can also contact Denise Francis, 916-549-7554 or [dfrancis3906@gmail.com](mailto:dfrancis3906@gmail.com).

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Blessing of the Bikes and Riders:** Bring your bike, trike, scooter or wheelchair to worship June 29 & 30 for a blessing!

### **Bike to Work Day is June 26!**

KOG will be sponsoring a station from 4:00-6:00PM at 1<sup>st</sup> St. & Taft Ave. (by the River's Edge natural area), with Trinity & Zion. Bike on over!

### **Angel House Hosting at KOG July 28 - Aug 3**

– Signups will be out soon, please take a moment to see what your opportunities for service are, and sign up!! Thank you for your contributions to this ministry!

### **Poetry Hour: Thurs. July 11, 7:00-8:00PM,**



### **All Saint's Episcopal Church**

Please join us in Ford Hall for an hour of poetry with local poet, Joanna Rago, who will be reading **garden inspired poems** from her recent collection:

"Growing Poems: A How To". This event

may be of interest to gardeners, poets and others who love gardens and poetry. Guests will have an opportunity to write a short poem. Bring a favorite poem to share! Special guest: Loveland Poet Laureate, Veronica Patterson.

*The books will be available for purchase to benefit Loveland Youth Gardeners. \$10 each.*

Date & Time: Thursday, July 11th, 7-8pm

Location: Ford Hall, All Saint's Episcopal Church, 3448 North Taft Avenue, Loveland

**RSVP by July 10th:** [joannarago58@gmail.com](mailto:joannarago58@gmail.com)

### **Save the Date! Sunday August 4**

#### **Pulpit Exchange and Picnic!**

In a spirit of ecumenical fellowship again this summer, we'll be having a pulpit exchange between the three ELCA congregations in Loveland. Pastor Ruth Ann will be preaching at Zion, Pastor Chris Davis at KOG and Pastors Pancoast at Trinity. It's a perfect opportunity to either worship at your home congregation or visit Zion or Trinity.

Afterwards we'll have a **potluck picnic at Mehaffy Park** – hoping this year for no rain! Come and enjoy meeting more friends from our sister congregations! This event has been a great success for the last three years!

## **Faith Day at The Rockies –Sunday, Aug.18!**

Churches can buy tickets at a discounted price with groups of 20 or more. The ticket price includes the Rockies game and a postgame concert featuring Christian singer songwriter, Kari Jobe! If you are interested in attending or leading a group from KOG to attend, please talk to Pr Ruth Ann.

## **STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**



**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! We welcome all levels of crafters. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 1:00pm in the church library. For more info please contact Barbara (970-213-3256). We are on summer break, so **there will be no meeting in July or August.** The next meeting will be on **September 9.**



**The Glory Crafters** will meet **Wed, July 24** in the KOG fellowship room from 10:00am to noon. This is a wonderful time to nourish friendships while learning new craft techniques and creating one-of-a-kind crafts to raise money for charities. Come along, and bring a friend! For more info, contact Kathy McAllister (970)779-0677.



**Peace Circle** – Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study is on summer break, see you on **September 11!** For more info contact Neva Gulliksen (970) 669-2371.



**Glory Readers Book Club** – Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 12:00pm in the church library. We are on summer break, so **there will be no meeting in July or August.** The next meeting will be on **September 19.**

The book for September is The Green Road, by Anne Enright. For more information, call Barb Brackin-Bartel (970-213-3256). New readers are welcome, please join us!



**2<sup>nd</sup> Wind** – Retired men, this group is for you! We meet at **9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** of the month (**July 19**) 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 supplied. Topics are varied and the conversation inspiring! Call Jerome Beckmann for more information. (970-669-0341).



**Vietnam Veterans of America Meeting (monthly)** This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (**July 20**) at 10:00AM at Fire Station 14 (South Timberline & West Chase Rd). Contact Bob Crawford for more information or if you know a veteran that needs support!



### **L2F2 Women’s Retreat**

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*More information at the end of this Messenger, pages 8 & 9, as well as at the church office.*

### **Ideas Needed!**

Do you have an idea for *God’s Work Our Hands day?* (September 8) We are looking for projects for 10-30 people. Talk to Pastor.

### **Mobile Laundry Truck**

Each year, a staggering 1,400 students experience homelessness in Larimer County as identified by the Poudre and Thompson school districts. Students miss school each day because they struggle with access to clean clothing. Studies have shown that students who have access to clean clothes have improved school attendance, increased participation, and better grades, setting them up for future success. For adults experiencing homelessness, not having access to clean clothes is a proven barrier to success. Primary hygiene needs such as a laundry are often overlooked, but essential for anyone trying to secure employment, compete for affordable housing and regain their self-sufficiency.



The Mission of the Mobile Laundry Program is to break down barriers to success for low-income families in Larimer County and adults experiencing homelessness in Loveland, through free, mobile laundry services.

Please consider helping us to “change lives, one load at a time”! For more information contact Woody Carlson at 970-568-6666 or visit [www.HomewardAlliance.org](http://www.HomewardAlliance.org) and click on *Community Collaborative/Mobile Laundry*.

## **2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in Albuquerque - Theme- Be Transformed!**



We thank you for allowing us to have the honor of representing KOG as its two voting lay members for the 2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly. It was a fantastic and extremely memorable experience

that we would recommend to anyone if they are given the opportunity. The following are some take-aways from this spectacular weekend.

We are Not alone!! Over 500 members of the Rocky Mountain Synod (RMS) were participating. Wow! A room filled with love and caring people from all across the RMS.

Honoring diversity was key at the Assembly and it started at the beginning when we were warmly greeted by Ron Solomon, a Native American from the Laguna Pueblo of New Mexico. The next welcome came from a Ruling Elder of the Synod of the Southwest, Conrad Rocha; as he welcomed us to his family lands, literally! Then our own Bishop Gonia welcomed us all to the Assembly. The future of the ELCA depends on diversification and unification of all people.

The theme of this Assembly was ***Be Transformed!***

2 Characteristics of transformation: Great Love & Great suffering and as Jesus showed on the cross, they are one.

***Be Transformed!*** One of many themes touched on by the guest speaker, Father Richard Rohr, a Franciscan monk who also is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque and a prolific writer of spiritual themed books on Christianity and Enlightenment (and a frequent Oprah guest). It was very special to listen to him. We met him and he is a nice and humble person,

though with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. He speaks so well and with uncommon spiritual depth about many things like- Dualistic mind, learn to love the unlovable, pray until you get a “Yes to Life and Yes to Love”. He emphasized God’s Dynamic Flow of Infinite Love as a waterwheel: 1 bucket emptying out, 1 bucket swinging back and 1 bucket waiting to be filled with God’s infinite love for All of us. He connected that to our lives and the pain we sometime carry and left us with several thoughts on *Be Transformed*:

\* If you do not transform your pain, you will Always transmit it!

\* “The Bible starts with the story of ‘Original Good’, so why do we focus on Original Sin?” Say Yes to life and be open to the Awe. Just one moment of awe will transform you!

**Missions-** Missionary story- We’re not alone. Sarah Adam Kirberg is a missionary in Madagascar, working on behalf of the ELCA, as part of the YAGM team - Young Adults in Global Mission. She is the only female clergy working with the 4.3 million Malagasy Lutherans. She visited with us and filled us with stories and slides of beautiful mission work in a very faraway place. She also let us know how impactful it was to the people who were adopted by a church, when they sent a simple card, said prayers for them or were able to donate money on their behalf. As her peers lay hands on her in prayer, Sarah was overwhelmed to tears as she felt the support and the tremendous response to her work at the Assembly! It was amazing!

**We are a vibrant part of a larger mission!!** ELCA World Hunger contributed \$23.5MM and is working in 60 countries. Thanks to the efforts of Carol McDivitt in coordinating the response from KOG, we just wrote a check to ELCA World Hunger for \$13,127.91!! Carol also put in a tremendous amount of work at the Assembly and along with her husband Bill, hosted an informative booth on World Hunger, which included a virtual tour showing families that have benefitted from the ELCA World Hunger project.

How big is the picture? Lutheran Disaster Relief has raised \$11.5MM in order to respond to 47 emergencies in 32 countries. RMS contributed \$258,000 to that effort. Recent work efforts include the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh, the Venezuelan migrant crisis, as well as the tsunamis and earthquakes in Indonesia.

Additionally, the AAMPARO program that Pastor Carlos has worked on now has expanded to include 129 welcoming and sanctuary congregations →

in all 9 regions of the ELCA. Guardian Angel programs are now in 8 cities, Denver, LA, Chicago, Omaha, Boston, Atlanta, Detroit and Minneapolis.

\*The acronym AAMPARO represents Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. Amparo in Spanish means protection or refuge.

From all of the above stories and feelings we would be remiss not to mention that there was a strong love present for the underlying theology that helps define the ELCA. There is a dynamic message and feeling of growth in the ELCA and growth through Diversity and Unification of all people in ELCA, including youth. A vote was taken during the assembly and LUMIN ministries will now have 2 voting members per ministry at future Assemblies!!

It is difficult to summarize an emotional event, but we feel inspired and confident in our future as a church. The future of ELCA depends on our dedication and understanding of our theology and embrace of the diversification and unification of All People. We feel that we are in really good hands with the clergy and staff at RMS!!

### Thank you's!

**Thank you from Harold & Barb Bartel** for all the prayers and cards for Harold when he had his heart attack. He is doing very well now!

#### **From Trinity Lutheran – Shred Day, June 8.**

“Dear Pastor Ruth Ann and members - Your kindness means the world to us at Trinity for supporting our Shred Day!”

A total of \$2500.00 was raised for the 3 charities: Trinity Preschool, Lincoln Elementary, and KidPak!

#### **KOG Campers at Sky Ranch**

This summer we have several campers up at Sky Ranch. Alex and Emily Chapman, Darla and Audrey Wheeler, and Zoe Backsen. They will be attending all ages week and Confirmation Intensive. Two of our High School students, Macy Mailander and Rose Grindle, were nominated for several weeks of Leadership camp called, Youth Go! Being accepted into the program, they help in leadership roles and all their expenses are paid. They were already up to camp once in May putting together metal bunk beds in the new staff housing. Great job, Rose and Macy! With your incredible support at the Easter breakfast, each camper has at least \$200 of their camp tuition paid for. Thank you KOG members!

### Walkin' Wet – Charlie Gottsch

*(Celebrating KOG members who let their Baptismal light shine and those grace filled waters drip wherever they go!)*



For over twenty years Charles Gottsch, “Charlie”, has been ushering or greeting at King of Glory Lutheran. When asked what has made him keep doing it, Charlie’s quick response is, “Why I just enjoy people and being around them! My folks were like that and it rubbed off on me!”

Growing up in a rural farm town of 50 people Washington, Nebraska, Charlie knew the value or hard work and rubbing elbows with neighbors. He attended a 2 room school from Kindergarten until 10<sup>th</sup> grade and then went to the High School in nearby Bennington.

After a few years at Dana College, he worked with Union Pacific Railroad for 35 years. Rising in the ranks, Charlie’s supervisors gave him jobs with people and where his farm knowledge was helpful. In Idaho he talked to the farmers whose crops were on the trains. “The management liked how I worked with people.” In another job Charlie sold tickets, arranged UP trips, gave dinner and brunch parties on the ‘President’s Car’ with entertainment. “For an old country boy, it was quite an experience.”

All this time, Charlie, Deloris and the boys were active at church. He was council president at Good Shepherd in Salinas, CA during a building campaign. Very shortly after moving to Loveland, the family joined KOG under Pastor Dick Kling.

Charlie has been head usher, usher, and greeter. After everyone has gone, Charlie has stayed late cleaning up the pew pads, picking up papers and making certain all the doors are locked.

And while you can’t take the farmer out of the boy, Charlie has also graced the counter tops with glorious flowers from his yard. Thank you Charlie for allowing your Baptismal light to shine! While we can’t imagine how many hands you have shaken with members and guests arriving for worship, we do know all the smiles! Bless you, Charlie Gottsch!

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a special prayer request please contact the church office. You may call or email the church office (970-669-5983); [office@aplace2grow.org](mailto:office@aplace2grow.org), or Pr Ruth Ann at [Ruthann@aplace2grow.org](mailto:Ruthann@aplace2grow.org)



**Treasurer's Report  
May 31, 2019**

The Month of May:

- General contributions for the month of May equaled \$25,055 and YTD 2019 total \$136,979. Monthly income for May 2019 of \$27,490 was less than total monthly expenses of \$38,227 for a negative monthly variance of \$10,737.
- Total expenses YTD have decreased \$90,631 as compared to 2018.
- As of this report date, our bank balances stand at \$136,071 in the operating account, \$78,098 in the capital improvement fund and \$1,043 in a demand account at MIF.
- Significant contributions paid in May included \$13,128 to ELCA World Hunger, \$1000 to LUMIN-CSU and \$1000 to Sky Ranch.

KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT  
5/30/19

	2018 MONTH	2018 YTD	2019 MONTH	2019 YTD
<b>INCOME:</b>				
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$29,429	\$141,648	\$25,055	\$136,979
BUILDING USE FEES	\$2,020	\$7,925	\$1,285	\$8,200
SPRINT MONTHLY INCOME	\$1,150	\$5,750	\$1,150	\$5,750
	<b>\$32,599</b>	<b>\$155,323</b>	<b>\$27,490</b>	<b>\$150,929</b>
<b>EXPENSES AND DEBT:</b>				
EXPENSES	\$91,261	\$250,315	\$34,415	\$159,276
DEBT PAYMENTS	\$3,739	\$18,635	\$3,812	\$19,043
	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$268,950</b>	<b>\$38,227</b>	<b>\$178,319</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>				
ELCA World Hunger	\$636	\$16,498	\$267	\$13,821
Youth Fundraising	-	\$2,889	-	\$2,000
Christmas Bazaar	\$450	\$2,120	\$300	\$1,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,086</b>	<b>\$21,507</b>	<b>\$567</b>	<b>\$17,461</b>

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**Recommended Donation for House of Neighborly Service in July is rice!** Please drop off your donation in the "House" in the center octagon. Thank you!



**Fireworks Viewing from the KOG Parking Lot, July 4 at approx. 9:00PM**

If you would like to help host our visitors, please contact the church office. Thank you!



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Sermon on the web:

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**A Reconciling in Christ  
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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."*

The Messenger



### **King of Glory Lutheran Church –July Highlights**

July 4 – Fireworks Viewing (KOG parking lot at approx. 9:00PM)

July 6 – 13 Youth Mission trip to Montana

July 21 – New Member Class (12:00-2:00PM)

July 28-August 3 – All Ages Sky Ranch Camp Week

And Angel House Hosting Week!

REGISTRATION FORM

# L2F2 WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Planting Seeds to Grow into Who God Designed You to Be*

October 18 – 20, 2019

YMCA of the Rockies

Estes Park, Colorado

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

(Two people per room – each person gets their own bed)

Do you need a room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor?  Yes  No

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of the retreat is \$175. 00 and includes Friday and Saturday nights lodging, program materials, and all meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch (Friday dinner is not included). Check in will be from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm on Friday night.

**Please make checks payable to *Zion Lutheran Church* with “*Women’s Retreat*” in the memo. Please return registration form and payment to the church office at Zion or King of Glory no later than *Sunday, August 4, 2019.***

### Scholarships are Available!

If you are interested in financial assistance, please complete the attached scholarship request form and return it to Pastor Sonja or Pastor Ruth Ann directly. *Requests will be held in strict confidentiality.* No requests for scholarships will be considered after August 4, 2019.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM

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If you are interested in financial assistance, please complete this scholarship request form and return it to Pastor Sonja for Zion or Pastor Ruth Ann for King of Glory directly. Please know that we want every woman who wants to go to the retreat to be able to attend. However, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be granted in full. All requests will be considered and scholarships will be distributed based upon the needs of each individual.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

The total cost of the retreat is \$175.00 and includes lodging, program materials, and all meals.

*What amount of the total cost do you feel you/your family can contribute?*

*What amount of the total amount are you requesting?*

Please share any relevant information to help us understand your needs:

*Requests will be held in strict confidentiality.  
Scholarship requests are due by Sunday, August 4, 2019*