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WORSHIP GROW SERVE

KING OF GLORY GENEROSITY APPEAL



King of Glory
... a Place to Grow

King of Glory is a generous group of people! People committed to Jesus. People committed to this church. People delighting in generosity as God delights in generosity. People who are organizing their lives around God's mission, the Kingdom of God.

Some folks at KOG give considerably more than one would imagine. It's always eye opening to see givers practicing first-fruits giving to the work of Jesus' church.

People who believe in generosity – and who doesn't? – need to practice generosity and model it for others. We believe in generosity at KOG. We want to do what we can to make KOG a thriving, vital community and to support God's mission in it. Only God knows the potential for doing ministry at KOG. Potential becomes reality when givers step forward and participate. Each and every gift makes a difference. Thanks for your generous participation! As the fall season begins, we see kids of all ages encountering Jesus, and the poor being served. Staff are serving people in crisis, home centered are being cared for and people are growing deeper in discipleship. Most importantly, we've proclaimed the good news of God in Christ in word and deed. Your gifts make a big difference. We celebrate generosity. It is the way of our Lord. We follow Jesus with our entire lives and walk together through this year's Generosity Appeal as we worship, grow and serve. Thanks for being generous.

This fall please wear your name tags! If you don't have a name tag or if your existing one needs refreshing, please let us know!

Name



From the Pastor Gratitude!

I know I've written on this topic before, but it's so very important to our lives of faith. The Psalmist writes: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises

to your name, O Most High." (Ps 92:1) Paul as he writes to the church at Ephesus says, "I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." (Eph. 1:16) And in Philippians we read, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayers and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6)

There have been numerous people in my life who modeled gratitude. From a small age, I was taught to say, "Thank you." Before I could intellectually understand what was really happening, intuitively I recognized that when I said, "thank you," people reacted with warmth and kindness. Now, as an adult, I'm deeply grateful that I was taught to be grateful because I know the power of those two words.

Gratitude is a year round wardrobe ensemble. We don't need to wear it only during November when we celebrate Thanksgiving! Gratitude looks good on us all the time! And those two words we offer to our fellow human beings and to our God can make an enormous difference in relationships.

As we practice gratitude each day, we may notice that our positive feelings of joy and happiness increase. We can give thanks to the Lord for tiny little things and large things alike. The other day, I was thanking God for my toes! It may sound funny, but I had begun to lose my balance and my toes kept me steady on my feet. So I paused to thank God for those ten small digits that help us stand upright – and I laughed out loud.

You've already read about Worship Grow Serve Generosity Appeal. I will be praying that it touches your hearts about what are the strengths of KOG. We live in a land where we are freely able to worship and for that I also give thanks. You, God's people cause my heart to be full with gratitude. May we always pause to give God thanks. It does wonders for our souls!

Pr Ruth Ann

Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



Thank you for the wonderful welcome to King of Glory! I'm enjoying getting to know you all! Faith formation happens inside and outside the building of our church. We will continue to offer faith formation opportunities at King of Glory that you are familiar with but keep your eyes open for new ones as well.

This month Pastor Ruth Ann and I will be attending the annual **Rocky Mountain Synod Theological Conference October 7-10**. Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath will be offering reflections on embodied theology. I'll also be attending a portion of the joint **Women's Retreat with women from Zion and King of Glory October 18-20**. I'm excited for these opportunities to learn and grow in faith and look forward to sharing them with you.

Please share your ideas and questions about faith formation with me in the days and weeks ahead. You can contact me at deb@aplace2grow.org or set a time to meet with me Monday-Wednesday.

- **Confirmation Milestone**

In September we celebrated and blessed our Sunday School teachers and choir members. This month we will celebrate a milestone for our Confirmation students as they receive a student study Bible on Sunday, October 6. We have joined together with Zion this year to offer classes, retreats and camp for our Confirmation students.

- **Sunday School**

Sunday morning Faith Formation is underway! There is a class for every age from 9:40am-10:30am every Sunday. This fall our Preschool – 5th graders are exploring the stories of Ruth and Solomon in the Old Testament. 6th-12th graders are connecting faith with current events. Thank you to all of our teachers and helpers!

- **L2F2 – Kids Night In/Parents Night Out**

Saturday, October 12 5:00-8:00pm

All Zion and King of Glory kids are invited to wear their pajamas, bring sleeping bags and pillows, and **come to Zion** for a night of fun! We'll have dinner, play games and other faith formation activities, then watch a movie! And parents can enjoy a night out! Drop-off and pick-up anytime between 5:00-8:00pm. **Please RSVP to Pastor Deb by Sunday, Oct. 6.**

- **Sabbath Days & Pastoral Care**

Your pastors are committed to taking days off each week for Sabbath rest. Pastor Ruth Ann's Sabbath day is Monday. Pastor Deb's Sabbath days are Thursday and Friday as she is working ¾ time. Don't ever hesitate to call if you are in need of pastoral care. There is always a pastor on call!

- **Sky Ranch October Work Weekend**

October 11 - 13, 2019

Come help us prepare for winter at camp: cleaning, wood splitting and chipping, construction projects, and more! We will provide food and lodging for the weekend. If you have any questions about the weekend, please contact Ally @ 970-493-5258 or ally@skyranchcolorado.org. If you would like to join, please register online at www.skyranchcolorado.org!

- **Sky Ranch Advent Retreat**

December 6 - 8, 2019

\$80 per Adult
\$50 per Children
\$250 max per Family

We invite you to take advantage of the Advent season and grow closer to God with your family through reflection, fellowship, activities and music. Begin Advent this year at Sky Ranch in a time of reflection and preparation for the birth of our Savior. Register by calling Ally at 970-493-5258 or online at www.skyranchcolorado.org! Pr Deb

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

CROP Walk is coming October 5. Join us in a community-wide effort to fight hunger in our own community and around the world by walking or donating to the Loveland CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday Oct. 5! If you'd like to participate by walking or sponsoring a walker, please go to www.crophungerwalk.org/lovelandco/KOG or sign up in the concourse (a walker envelope can be placed into your "mailbox" on the west wall if requested), or **catch Erin Becerra in her blue CROP Walk t-shirt any Sunday morning** until the walk! This is a great chance to do God's work with not just our hands, but our feet, together with people from across our community, making a positive difference in lives throughout the world and here at home! So far we have **5 walkers** signed up, and Pr Ruth Ann will sponsor each one at \$12.

Glory Garden Wrap-up

The fall cleanup day for the garden is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 from 9:00am to noon, weather permitting. We have lots of produce to harvest yet and this has been a great season!



If you have ever wondered if the Glory Garden makes a difference, have I got a story for you!

Working in the Glory Garden this year has been a wonderful experience. There has been such a sense of commitment and community to prepare, plant, weed and harvest vegetables and fruit in our garden. This early morning, I went to the garden to harvest beans, tomatoes, cucumbers and carrots to take to our local food bank. I marveled at how abundant our harvest continues to be this year and was anxious to deliver it so it would be as fresh as possible.

When I arrived at the Food Bank an older, frail gentleman in his veteran cap and tattered jacket was waiting patiently with his cane at the back door. He had his bag with the American flag on it for the volunteers to fill it with a few vegetables. We waited together for a while and I offered him any of the vegetables from our Glory Garden. He was so appreciative and took only a few of each one because he didn't want to be greedy and not leave enough for others. He was so grateful for the fresh produce and the work we do to grow them. It made me feel good to have had this personal experience with this gentleman and as I drove away, I saw many people already lined up to get into the Food Bank even though they didn't open for another hour.

We have so many people here in Loveland that need assistance with food, and I am grateful our church has the King of Glory garden. *Roxane*

Christmas Bazaar News

It's time to put away the summer clothes and start planning for **KING OF GLORY'S 10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!**

November 9 is getting closer. That's the day for the 10th Annual Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

There are many ways to get involved:

- make items for sale at the boutique
- bake goods for the bake sale
- help with the lunch
- volunteer to help the day of the bazaar, or clearing and then setting up the worship area.

If you haven't been involved before it's a great opportunity for fellowship and a way to help raise money for some great causes, such as Kid's Pak, LuMin and Sky Ranch Camp.

OF SPECIAL NOTE:

Please consider a special donation to the **Christmas Bazaar Silent Auction – we need your help!**



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 or for Silent Auction you can also contact Denise Francis, 916-549-7554 or dfrancis3906@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 6

 at Zion – 4:00pm – Bring your lizards, cats, canaries, kangaroos, oh and your dog if you have one of those!

Rope For Hope! Saturday, October 12

The Foundry Garage – Downtown Loveland

Pastor Ruth Ann is going over the edge with Pr Joel Pancoast!

Join House of Neighborly Service (HNS) for a day of fun and celebration as people from throughout Northern Colorado will rappel down the 5-Story Parking Garage at the new Foundry in Downtown Loveland! All money raised during the event will go to help HNS in its continued service to families in need in Larimer County.

Go to https://give.overtheedge.events/campaigns/c1WNV6/pay?ref=ab_a8OEK1 to donate to Pr Ruth Ann's team, the "Loveland Lutherans!" So far we have raised \$1,280.00 for HNS!

Lector and Assisting Minister Workshop – October 19

If you normally assist with worship or would like to learn how, please take note! On **Saturday, Oct 19 at 10:15am**, come to the sanctuary. We are going to give some tips and education about being lectors and assisting ministers. This wonderful dance of liturgy we enact each weekend includes worshippers and leaders. To that end, we glorify God. Come and learn!

Habitat Work Day

The last ELCA Habitat work day for 2019 will be on **Saturday, October 12**. Ten people are needed to work that day. If you are willing to be one of them, please contact Jean Weiss at 970-593-1173 (a land line -- no texts please) or at introvert48@gmail.com.

Worship Grow Serve

Generosity Devotional

Written by Cathy Simmering

Pick one up to read during October!

Thank you Cathy!

STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Adult Faith Formation - Join us each Sunday morning at 9:40am in the Fellowship Room. Bring your coffee and a donut!

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. The next meeting will be on **October 7**. For more info contact Barb Bartel (970-213-3256).

The Glory Crafters will meet **Wed, October 16** 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 will meet **at Noon on October 9** for a sack lunch, fellowship and 1:00pm Bible study at the church Fellowship Room. Please RSVP to Barb Brackin-Bartel (970-213-3256). All ladies are welcome! For more info contact Neva Gulliksen (970-669-2371).

Glory Readers Book Club – Book Club meets

on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:00pm in the church library. The next meeting will be on **October 24**. The book for October is The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon #14 by Alexander McCall Smith. For more information, call Barb Brackin-Bartel (970-213-3256). New readers are welcome!

2nd Wind – Retired men, this group is for you! We

meet at **9:30am on the 3rd Friday of the month (October 18)** 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

This group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month (**October 19**) 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!

Brewing Conversations



For the past several months the ELCA congregations in Loveland have been hosting **Brewing Conversations**. This is a weekly event specifically for those who may not feel comfortable in a traditional church setting or may not even identify as Christian. **Every Thursday night at 7:00pm at Big Thompson Brewery** we do a little community service, engage in conversation around a spiritual topic, and share our highs and lows. All opinions and questions are welcome. Many of you have friends and family members that do not attend church regularly but may be interested in an event like this. We ask that if you join us, you also bring a friend. We will buy the first beverage for both of you! Questions? Contact Courtney Steitz (cksteitz@gmail.com).

LuMin Campus Dinners

Once a month during the school year we serve a meal and enjoy fellowship with the students who worship at Lutheran Campus Ministry at CSU. If you would like to help with the dinner, please contact Jan DesJardin. The next dinner will be **October 13**. For more information about **Lutheran Episcopal**



Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado
visit www.lecmgreeley.org



and for **Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University**
visit www.lcmcsu.org.

Musical Notes

The Inaugural Season of the King of Glory Concert Series!

The King of Glory Concert Series is an outgrowth of the church's Music Ministry, with an emphasis on presenting quality music ranging from the Renaissance to 21st Century for Northern Colorado audiences. The concerts will provide the King of Glory congregation and community with a variety of musical genres ranging from chamber music to jazz and world music for both choral and instrumental music lovers. Collaborations between KOG's Music Ministry and the guest ensembles create a unique opportunity for both groups in terms of musicianship, education, fellowship, and praising God in song!

Save the Dates!

- **NoCo Singers—Sunday, Nov. 24, 3:00pm.**
Bringing top-notch a cappella choral music of all styles and genres to Northern Colorado for more than 30 years!
- **Rocky Mountain Chamber Singers—Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00pm**
- **Watoto Children's Choir—Wed., Jan. 29, 7:00pm** -- KOG will be sponsoring the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda in conjunction with Zion Lutheran Church.

Concert Series Committee members:

Dr. Jane Andrews, Jim Brossia, Kathy Gustad, Janet Meadows, Don McDaniel, and Sally Specht.

Sound System Update

We have interviewed three companies and requested bids for a new sound system in the sanctuary. Eric Backsen is leading the project along with input from our current sound operators, Dr. Jane and Pr Ruth Ann.

The New Liturgy!

Thank you, thank you congregation and choir!! After this last Sunday in September, we have sung the entire new liturgy for October and November. "Of the Land and Seasons" liturgy is built on Appalachian folk tunes and seems quite pretty and accessible. Plus, everyone has done a great job learning it...thank you!

Financial Notes

A Gift for You From the IRS!

If you're over age 70½ you can donate from your IRA directly to King of Glory, yet that IRA distribution will not be taxable! Called a "Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)", this strategy saves some people a lot of tax, especially those who do not itemize. Because it reduces your annual income, it may also reduce the amount of Social Security benefits on which you are taxed.



Annual QCD limit: \$100,000 per year. Requirement: You must be over age 70½. Depending on your Adjusted Gross Income, this might also reduce your Medicare Part B premiums! Another benefit: These distributions count toward your annual Required Minimum Distribution.

Want to do this? Don't wait until December! Do this soon, so that there is plenty of time to complete this before year end.

Have questions? For more information, feel free to contact any of these members of the KOG Generosity Team: *Leo Salazar, Liz Melton, or Zan Pensack-Rinehart.*

The recommended Donation item for House of Neighborly Service in October is Cereal!
Please drop off your donation in the "House" in the center octagon. Thank you!



Feeding the Community



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, or Pr Ruth Ann at Ruthann@aplace2grow.org

Caring Eucharistic Ministers

We have a many home-centered members who are not able to attend worship at KOG. We had two Caring Visitors who took Holy Communion faithfully the last several years. This team has now expanded and changed its name to Caring Eucharistic Ministers. They are excited to serve the Lord and our members in this way. We will bless them and send them from worship on the first Sunday of each month. If you know of a member who might enjoy receiving Holy Communion at home please let Pastor Ruth Ann know.

Marty Mouse

Hello, King of Glory. I hope you are doing well. You must know how much I love seeing you enjoying worship and church life here at King of Glory! You encourage me in my faith, when I hear you singing all those old favorites, like "Amazing Grace" and "Let us Break Bread Together".



Even though I'm kind of shy, Pastor Ruth Ann told me I should share how much October means to me. It's not for all the reasons you might think of....mice coming indoors in the late fall to find shelter from the coming cold. No! It's not that at all!

I love October, because it is the month we celebrate my namesake, Martin Luther! Each year on Reformation Day, I raise my thimble cup to that Godly man. He made such an impact on my life - it makes my whiskers quiver just thinking about him. The great Martin Luther. But it's not only his name...it's all that he did to reform and renew the church.

Pastor Ruth Ann also told me you, King of Glory, are going to begin a generosity campaign for the church. No indulgences allowed, though! I think it is fabulous because the three initiatives you'll be contributing to will continue to reform and renew the church. Don't forget those Statement of Intent Cards on Reformation Day! And you won't see me, but if you hear a tiny squeaky voice singing ****along....well, that will be me! Happy Reformation!"

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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 – October Highlights

Worship Grow Serve – all month long with Statements of Intent on Reformation Weekend
Oct 5 – CROP Walk (from KOG)

Oct 6 – Blessing of the Animals (4:00pm at Zion)

Confirmation Milestone during worship

Oct 12 – Fall Garden Cleanup (9:00am –Noon)

Oct 13 – LuMin Campus Ministry Dinner (CSU)

Save the Date - Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Sunday, November 24 at 6:00pm