



Happy New Year!

Watoto We Will Go

Music Notes...

Watoto Children's Choir Concert

Continuing the King of Glory Concert Series, the **Watoto Children's Choir will be in concert at King of Glory on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 7:00pm.** The sixteen member choir, ages 6-12, from Uganda, is on its six month *We Will Go* tour across the United States.

The Watoto choir membership consists of the most vulnerable individuals in society who are orphaned and have found a family in the Watoto community. Since 1994, the choirs have travelled the world and work to raise awareness of the larger Watoto community serving children and mothers. For the children, the choirs provide leadership training for the future leaders of Uganda, experiencing different cultures, and sharing their faith.

Having hosted one of these African Children's Choirs at Wartburg College, I must tell you that it was definitely a highlight of my time there.

These children are joyful, a bit shy, and incredible in their performances. It is a spiritually uplifting experience to see, hear, and enjoy!

We are co-sponsoring this concert with Zion Lutheran Church and we will need homestays for four groups of children (a group consists of 2-3 children and their adult "Auntie" or "Uncle"). We also want to provide an evening meal for the children before their concert. If you would be willing to help, please contact Dr. Jane at jea814@gmail.com or 319-830-7895. It is definitely worth your time and effort!

Dr. Jane Andrews

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From the Pastor --

Happy New Year! King of Glory accomplished so much in 2019, (10th Bazaar, calling Pastor Deb, fabulous Glory Garden, Gift and Endowment Policies, new sound system, Worship Grow

Serve appeal) I cannot wait to see what God does through our congregation in 2020!

Epiphany is January 6. 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 5-6 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. This month, let's pretend we don't know Jesus and listen with amazement. Try to imagine the feelings of the three magi as they meet Jesus. Listen with open heart on January 12 as Jesus is baptized and God declares the Son 'beloved.' And on January 19, Jesus calls men who were fishing as the disciples. What made them follow this stranger? It just might have been an 'epiphany'! Be startled! *Be amazed and be open to God's epiphanies for you!*

Pastor Ruth Ann

Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



Welcome to 2020! In this New Year God is doing a new thing! What will that be for you? I don't know! But here is what the prophet Isaiah said, "Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm

about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?" (Isaiah 43:19, The Message).

God invites you and I this year to be ALERT and be PRESENT. Watch for God at work in your life this year. Maybe you will have the opportunity to learn something new. Maybe you will have the →

chance to help someone else in a new way. Maybe you will make a new friend or re-connect with an old friend. I know that whatever it is, God is about to do something brand-new in your life and in the life of our congregation this year. So let's be alert and present and point out our God sightings to each other when they happen!

Happy New Year, Pastor Deb

Remembrance of Baptism

On Sunday, January 12 we will remember and pray for all those who were **baptized in 2019**. You are also invited to remember your own baptism on this day! Please bring a picture or a memento of your baptism if you have it to share and join us in worship! If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about baptism please contact Pastor Ruth Ann or Pastor Deb.

Sunday School News

Sunday, January 5, 9:40-10:30am we will gather together for a time to learn about Epiphany in the Fellowship Hall! All ages will join together in small groups to explore Epiphany and the gifts of this season. Classes for all ages resume on Sunday, January 12, 9:40-10:30am.

Middle School News

Confirmation classes this month are on Sunday, January 12 and January 26, 12-2pm in the KOG Fellowship Hall.

High School News

L2F2 New Year's Pizza Party on Sunday, January 5, 6-7:30pm at Zion. We will make L2F2 Resolutions for the New Year and eat a lot of pizza!

Young Adult News

Friday, January 3 all young adults are invited to a Christmas/New Year gathering at 6:30pm at McGrath's American Grill. Please call or text Madeline Fairfax at 419-270-6233 to RSVP.

Brewing Conversations

Thursday nights, 7:00pm at Big Thompson Brewery. This is a weekly event specifically for those who don't feel comfortable in a traditional church setting. Bring a friend and join us for a night of service and conversation around a spiritual topic. First beverage is free! More info by contacting Pastor Deb at brewingconversationsNOCO@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page.



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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 $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Don't ever hesitate to call if you are in need of pastoral care. There is always a pastor on call!

Staff Appreciation Fund

The Administrative Council once again invites you to contribute to a Staff Appreciation Fund which will be distributed among all of the paid staff members who have served us during 2019.

Contributions can be made in several ways:

- 1) by writing a check to King of Glory and indicating "Staff Appreciation" in the memo line;**
- 2) by going to our VANCO on-line giving site** through our KOG website DONATE button or our QRCode or the GivePLUS+ mobile app and entering a donation in the Special Appeals Fund; 3) by texting 970.999.1463, setting up an account, and entering a donation (ex. \$50 STAFF).

Cash is also welcome! Donation envelopes can be found near the bulletins for worship services. The deadline for contributions to this fund is December 31. Thank you for your generosity!



A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Holden Village -- March 16-20, 2020

Holden Village is a retreat center, the home of a Lutheran congregation, and an intentional community set in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. It can be difficult to describe the multi-faceted experience of Holden so it's best to visit in person. **A group from Northern Colorado Lutheran churches will be going over spring break: Monday March 16 through Friday March 20 of this coming spring.** We're aiming for a group of 15-24.

What would all of this entail?

Getting to Holden

Holden is only reachable by boat, so first you need to get to the boat dock in Chelan, Washington. A normal itinerary is fly to SEA TAC, drive the mountain passes, stay a night in nearby Wenatchee, and drive to the boat. The group will rent a van while we're in Washington.

In March the boat (*Lady of the Lake Boat Company*) sails once a day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you travel by yourself, you are required to get on the boat sailing "up lake"

on lake Chelan Monday Morning and “down lake” Friday.

After an hour on the boat we will arrive at Lucerne, the port of Holden Village, where we will board a school bus that will bring us the 10 miles and 1,200 ft up into the Cascades and Holden itself. We will sail down lake on Friday and stay Friday night in Wenatchee or Chelan before departing Seattle on Saturday.

Life in the Village

Spending a week in Holden is life lived at a different pace. Meals are eaten together and cooked with the village’s motto of “lavish simplicity.” Worship is a daily practice, full of music and meant to examine the diversity of life and presentations of God. The internet is very slow and only available on a single laptop in the library. There is a pottery studio, a number of floor looms for weaving rugs or bags, more than 30 kinds of loose leaf tea, a never-ending supply of bread and coffee, cross country and telemark ski trails, and about 5 feet of snow pack.

This seems like a lot of work to “relax.”

You’re not wrong: no one just wanders into Holden Village by accident. Part of traveling as a group is not having to worry about the itinerary. Get yourself to SEA TAC and Kris will get you to Holden (drive the van over the pass, show you around Wenatchee and Chelan, deliver you to the boat dock, and do it all on the way home too.) Kris Reiser grew up on the west coast, lived in Holden village for a year, and has spent a long time running around Eastern Washington.

Even if you choose to travel to and from the village on your own, getting to spend a week with family and friends where you can’t get text messages from work, don’t have to cook the (very delicious) food, and get to enjoy a moment of Sabbath and rejuvenation might be well worth the effort of traveling to Holden Village in the first place. It is “a place set apart.”

How much will this thing cost? (estimated)

For one adult	Cost
Round trip air fare, DEN to SEA	\$230.00
Round Trip Boat tickets	\$35.75
Holden B&B the night before and after	\$80.00
Holden Village registration for 4 nights	\$396.00
total	\$741.75

Children under the age of 5 are free at the Holden B&B, as well as in the village. Ages 6-17 are \$304 for four nights in the village and \$40 for two nights at

the B&B. Staying at the Holden B&B is not mandatory. This is an estimate. It does not include fees the group will share, such as renting a van to drive from Seattle to the boat dock, or the cost of parking at the boat dock. Most likely the cost will stay under \$800 a person.

How could I make it cheaper?

- You might have a deal with an airline to buy your plane ticket at a better price. Kris can help you find flights.
- If you will travel as a family, it will likely be cheaper for you to get a hotel in Wenatchee than stay at the Holden B&B which charges per person. We will still be able to get you to and from the boat dock if you want to do this.
- If the cost of registration is a hardship, an option is “half work half pay” where between breakfast and lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday you volunteer. This might be hauling firewood, preparing food, or organizing the craft studio. The program is usually intended for young adults but previously has been offered to others. You must notify Kris you are interested in this before paying your deposit.
- Assuming all the roads in Wyoming and Idaho are open, you could drive to meet us in Chelan. It’s about 19 hours and 1250 miles one way. If you drive your own car, there is a \$35 fee to park it at the boat dock while we’re in the village.

You’ve convinced me! What’s next?

We’re so glad you have decided to join us!

- **Let Kris know!** t.reiser@bitwagon.com
- Pay your deposit to King of Glory **by 1/31/2020.**
- Plan your travel: Arrive in SEA TAC before 2pm 3/15. We will return to SEA TAC by noon 3/21.

I have some questions.

Kris Reiser can answer any questions you may have (t.reiser@bitwagon.com or (503) 367-1050.) Also, take a look at Holden’s website:

www.holdenvillage.org.

FAQs

- Can I bring my dog/cat/horse/parakeet? No.
- How can I be contacted in village? Someone can email the registrar or call the emergency phone. Personal email is available on a singular very *slow* laptop.



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 welcomes all levels of crafters. Meets on the first Monday of the month, **January 6** at 1:00pm in the church library. Our snack hostess will be Joyce Tyson. For more info please contact Barb-Brackin Bartel (970-213-3256).



Peace Circle – Peace Circle will meet **at Noon** on **January 8** 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 welcome!



Glory Readers Book Club – Book Club will meet on Thursday, **January 23** at 12:00pm in the office conference room. The book selection for January is The Flat Share, by Beth O'Leary. 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 (**January 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!

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



January NEWS from Lutheran Campus Ministry: LuMIN

In this New Year of 2020 we are at 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 please make sure to 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 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.

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 9.**

Caring Eucharistic Ministers

We have 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.

FINANCIALS & COUNCIL NEWS

Congregation Approves Endowment Bylaw Amendment and Adopts Gift Policy

Our Endowment Bylaw was amended at the December 15th Annual Meeting and a new Gift Policy was adopted. The Endowment Bylaw gives guidance for members who want to leave a legacy gift to King of Glory and the Gift Policy promotes unrestricted and designated gifting generosity with a uniform processing of the entire gifting event.

The new Endowment Bylaw creates an Endowment Team which will coordinate with the new Gift Team and the Generosity Team. The bylaw provides a structured approach to designated and undesignated endowments received by King of Glory and provides a detailed disbursement plan for interest income. The principal balance in the fund will not be touched. While all administration and decision-making for the Endowment Fund will rest EXCLUSIVELY within King of Glory, the Endowment Funds will be invested with the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust – Fund A. That fund has more than \$700 million in investments and has returned nearly 7% interest annually to member congregations over the past seven years. Quarterly reporting will be made to the congregation by the Endowment Team. The use of the interest income will be for outreach ministries supported by the congregation.

The new gift policy standardizes gift and memorial guidelines, so the process is clear and explained to the individual making the gift. There will be a more complete description of gifts to consider and the process for acceptance or rejection. Both restricted and unrestricted gifts are covered by the policy. Additionally, recommendations will be available for donors who want to choose a restriction on the gift or memorial. However, restricted gift balances will be monitored on a regular basis by the Team to avoid having accounts existing more than a year after the need/purpose of the restriction has passed.

Both the Endowment and Gift Teams will be made up of members of the congregation. While Pastor and the Treasurer will serve as automatic members of each of the Teams, other members will be chosen by the Leadership Team from individuals from the congregation who express an interest in serving on a team. Anyone interested in serving on either team should advise Pastor or a member of the Executive

Team of the Leadership Team. The Teams will be created early in 2020 so we can begin this next chapter of generosity giving at King of Glory. For complete copies of the bylaw amendment or the gift policy or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Ruth Ann or Leo Salazar (970 691-2661 or ljsconsultants@gmail.com).

New Year Business!



If you would like a box of offering envelopes for 2020, please sign the list in the concourse (on the round table). You will then receive a new box in your church mail slot.

If you have requested a new box, please discard all of your envelopes from 2019 and previous years. We always have to assign new envelope numbers for the New Year. Thank you!

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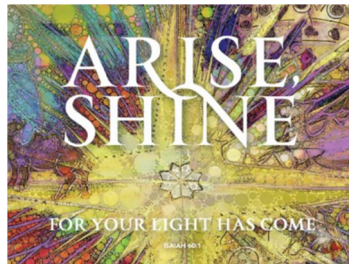
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*"As God's People, Graced by Differences, Nurtured by the Spirit,
and Gifted to Serve, We Invite and Welcome All to Grow in Faith."*

The Messenger



January 2020

King of Glory Lutheran Church – January Highlights

January 5 – Epiphany – Intergenerational Event 9:40AM

January 12 – Remembrance of Baptism celebration

January 29 – KOG Concert series – Watoto Children's Choir 7:00PM