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## Community and Safety Team Update:



Our Safety team continues to meet to discern best practices during the pandemic in keeping our church community safe. This last week, we made multiple decisions.

- We are currently abiding by the Bishop and Synod recommendations to suspend in-person worship. Our outdoor coffee hour has about 15-20 people on a Sunday morning. People are enjoying the conversation and in-person activity.
- **Sacred Space: Beginning July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>,** the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection twice a week. It will not be a worship service. Rather, if you are missing the sanctuary and need to come to that space for your spiritual well-being, please come! You will take your own temperature and sign in at the door. We will set the chairs more than six feet apart and have directions for entering and exiting. Please wear a mask – per Governor Polis order – and bring your own Bible if you need one. We'll have some soft music playing in the background. Either Pastor Deb or myself will be there if you want to connect with us. Come on **Mondays from 11:00am-1:00pm or Thursdays 2:00-4:00pm.**
- Secondly, we will be opening the church to small groups less than 10 people. Quilters, Prayer Shawls, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind and Book Club can come to meet at the church building if they choose. These groups will **meet in the Fellowship Room**, and can bring their own coffee. No food will be allowed. We are asking they wear masks and help wipe down 'touch surfaces' after the meeting is finished with supplies provided. These meetings will also be scheduled at least one day apart.

- If you wish to meet at church with a small group, please contact Kathy in the office or Pr Ruth Ann. You are also encouraged to gather outside at parks or in people's homes if you feel safe. Members of the Community Safety Team are Eric Backsen (President), Darrell Phelps, Ted Schmidt, Judy Richardson, Leo Salazar, and Prs Deb and Ruth Ann.



## From Pastor Ruth Ann

### **What does this mean?**

Dear Church, as I write this I'm thinking back to that Friday night in March when we called the whole congregation to tell them church was cancelled for the next three weeks. At that moment in time, I thought for certain we'd be back together come May! Here we are. The pandemic has upended pretty much all of life as we knew it.

The ground still feels like it is shifting under our feet. We face an invisible virus that has no concern for age or background, and it strikes anyone within its reach. We are left always trying to respond and react rather than being able to get out in front of it. We and the larger community we function within are not used to living in "gray". By that I mean, we function well in things that are "black and white." It's "on" or "off". It's "either" "or". When the boundaries are clear then it is easy to move about and live. Right now, nothing is binary. Nothing is on or off. It's 'suspended' or 'cancelled until further notice.' There is plan A and plan B and for goodness sake, we hope not to have to make plan C. But we might have to!

To borrow the words of a colleague, "Right now there are no good plans."

In no way do I want to make light of an incredibly tragic situation. *Yet... the only good plan is the one we Christians have had since Jesus walked this earth. Love God and love one another.* God who came in flesh showed us the ways of love and compassion. Jesus, who knew pain Himself, has comfort for the sick and dying. Navigating the Roman Empire and the Jewish religious authorities, He knew about politics. Really there was nothing binary about His days on earth either. He asked people to see the "gray" too.

Our Lutheran theology is so helpful in this regard. We ask the Lutheran question, "What does this mean?" What does this pandemic mean for our →

individual spiritual growth? For our community? For the ways we can be church outside the walls? What does this mean for seeing those who are more often invisible? For developing compassion when anger or frustration rises in the face of a virus we cannot control?

It's a helpful question for seeing beyond the "either" "or". Perhaps following Jesus' ways of love and asking the Lutheran question is a good plan. What do you think? *Pr Ruth Ann*

## Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



The story of Jesus feeding five thousand people with some loaves of bread and a couple fish can be found in all four gospels. It's clearly an important story for us to hear because every gospel writer included it. But in John's gospel this story shares one detail that is not in Mark, Matthew or Luke. John tells us that there was a boy with five loaves and two fish willing to share his food with the crowd. Jesus takes this offering and multiplies it to feed everyone.

What Jesus does with this small amount of food is a miracle. And it begins with a boy sharing his lunch. Miracles happen in ordinary moments with ordinary people. If we miss the part about this child sharing his food we miss part of the miracle! When you and I share what we have, no matter how little or great, God is able to multiply our gifts and do amazing things!

- We are currently collecting backpacks and school supplies for children in our community who need some support as this new school year begins. And we are also collecting hand sanitizer and cards for students and teachers at KOG so that we can support them as well. With your gift of a pack of pencils or a card with an encouraging word God will multiply our gifts. These gifts will become signs of love and hope, especially this year. Miracles continue and sometimes they begin with a simple act of generosity on our part.
- Families please watch your email each week for the **Faith Formation Tool Box** with resources that you can share with your children and youth as we practice faith formation at home. If you are not receiving these emails and would like to be added to the list please contact Pastor Deb.
- **Children's Check-In** will be in-person at Dwayne Webster Veterans Park (Cannon Park) on **Thursdays at 9:30am beginning July 23.**

All children need to be accompanied by a caring adult. Please bring a blanket and your own drinks and snacks. *No Children's Check-In by Zoom on Saturdays in July & August.*

- **Middle School and High School Youth** are invited to connect on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. We are rotating Zoom gatherings and in-person outdoor gatherings. *Tuesday July 28 we will meet by Zoom.* Watch your email or contact Pastor Deb for the most current schedule!

For more information or zoom links for any of these activities please contact Pastor Deb:

[deb@aplace2grow.org](mailto:deb@aplace2grow.org) 970-817-4407

## Blessing of Backpacks

This year we will have a blessing of backpacks both in person and in our recorded worship. Please watch for more information about dates and times to come. In the meantime, we are collecting small bottles of hand sanitizer, small packs of hand wipes and cards of encouragement for students and teachers. We will be giving out care kits to students and teachers this year along with our prayers and blessings. Questions, please contact Pr Deb.

## School Supplies Needed

It's that time of year! We are collecting NEW backpacks and school supplies for children in our community. If you are able, please pick up one item or many items and drop them off in the boxes provided at the front doors of KOG. Questions, please contact Pastor Deb. Thank you! Supplies needed are:

- New backpacks
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Pencil boxes
- Notebooks



For more information or Zoom links for any of these activities please contact:

Pastor Deb: [deb@aplace2grow.org](mailto:deb@aplace2grow.org), 970-817-4407

## Holy Communion – July 26, 2020

**Please join us for worship at 8:00AM on ZOOM, Sunday, July 26** as we celebrate Holy Communion. You'll receive a link for worship if you are on our email list or you can go to [www.kingofgloryloveland.com](http://www.kingofgloryloveland.com) and find our worship services under the Worship & Sermon Archives tab. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you have. *Pastor Ruth Ann & Pastor Deb*

**Clarification! You do not need to have Zoom to watch pre-recorded worship.**

Find worship videos on our website at [www.kingofgloryloveland.com](http://www.kingofgloryloveland.com) under Worship Tab. OR simply click on the 'Worship Link' that is in the Saturday email. Questions? Call 303-854-4737.

### King of Glory Summer Food Drive



Five months! That's a long time for our little house to go without food donations. So, let's have a food drive to help those in our

community! Please join in the **Summer Parking Lot Food Drive on Wednesday, August 5 from 3:00pm–7:00pm.** You may fill your food donation bags, drive by, and hand off your gift at the drop off location in the **KOG circle drive.** Greeters will meet you to receive your donation, so you don't need to get out of your car.

If you prefer you may just drop off a check made out to Food Bank of Larimer County or to House of Neighborly Service.

In addition, KOG will make donations to Larimer County Food Bank and House of Neighborly Service in the amount of \$200 to each agency. Let's make this parking lot food drive a *bumper crop!* See you there!

### From the Glory Garden



July has been a hot month with 100-degree temperatures, but the Glory Garden continues to grow and produce lots of vegetables.

Special thanks to Tom and Susan Chamberlin for continually fixing the hoses in the drip system and taking care of the compost bins. Many thanks to all who have helped weed, deliver produce to HNS and the Food Bank and kept the garden looking beautiful. The Monarch Flower garden has attracted pollinators since early spring and the tires painted by the Sunday School have flowers that continue to bloom and grow.

The grape vines are full of developing grapes and we should have a good harvest if the raccoons or uninvited people don't get them first!

We look forward to August and September working in the garden and delivering God's bounty.

Remember to bloom where you are planted even if you are stuck inside! Stop by and enjoy the garden anytime!

*God's Blessings, Roxane and Leo*

### Sky Ranch Labor Day Weekend Retreat

*This scheduled camp is still tentatively on the calendar. We will keep you advised if anything changes...*

**WHEN: Friday, September 4 - Monday, September 7 at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp**

**CAMP SITES and CABINS:** Families can register for 1-3 nights in a cabin or campsite: Cabin (sleeps 10) for \$45/night or Tent Site for \$25/night. As of right now, all food will be on your own. Tent sites have shared campfire rings. Cabins have electricity (provide your own bedding) and everyone shares communal access to the shower house (with family bathroom options as well.)

**ACTIVITIES:** Saturday games in the meadow, family friendly hike, art or nature project, campfire sing-a-long, and Sunday worship. A schedule of events will be available in late August.

Registration will be **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!** Contact Pastor Deb for registration details at 970-817-4407 or [deb@aplace2grow.org](mailto:deb@aplace2grow.org). **\$25 deposit is due** to reserve your spot so register today! **If this retreat is cancelled due to COVID-19 your deposit will be refunded.**

### ZOOM- Meet Us On-Line or Phone in!

**If you would like to join in on the fun of Zoom, but don't know how** or are having trouble, email Pr Ruth Ann for help! Don't be left out!

 You don't have to use a computer or smart phone or download the ZOOM app, **you can call in on any phone and be a part of it all!**

### Sunday Worship on ZOOM – 8:00AM

Join us each week on Sunday morning -**You are invited to log onto Zoom and watch the pre-recorded service in real time with other KOG members.** (Link for the worship service video will be in Saturday's email).

To join Zoom meeting, Click/or copy and paste to your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85743124568?pwd=V0ZKWVhCVHJibHJyOW9lN3NNOUZIQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 4312 4568  
Passcode: 377713

**Manual Dial-in** +1 346 248 7799

Meeting ID: 857 4312 4568  
Passcode: 377713

**or "One tap mobile"**

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**In-person coffee hour continues  
Sundays at 9:00am in the church  
parking lot, then Adult Faith  
Formation on ZOOM at 10:30am.**

### **Sunday Adult Education at 10:30am**

**Join us on ZOOM -**

*Click/or copy and paste to your browser:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253606275?pwd=dk9tT2FSamZTSkK2RHc3ell6S0lnQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 5360 6275

Password: 019371

**Manual Dial-in: +1 669 900 6833**

Meeting ID: 852 5360 6275

Password: 019371

**or "One tap mobile"**

+16699006833,,85253606275#,1#,019371#

### **Pastor's Thursday Bible Study**

**Thursday morning Bible study continues at 9:30am  
weekly on ZOOM!**

*Click/or copy and paste to your browser:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81213673864?pwd=TkdaR3I5VtM2bU50TzdDeFpXaXZnQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 1367 3864

Password: 339274



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### **Friday Afternoon Club (social time!)**

Every week on **Friday 4:30PM**

*Click/or copy and paste to your browser:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81336378303?pwd=STIDOHNJYVRJS3p5VWpyeG1YRiMxdz09>

Meeting ID: 813 3637 8303

Password: 799887

**Manual Dial-in, call +1 346 248 7799** (you will be asked to enter #)

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### **Lectio Divina**

We are continuing this prayer practice of engaging God's word. Join us on ZOOM, **Fridays at 1:00pm** if you wish! *Click/or copy and paste to your browser:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87394140676?pwd=WVRFbXNTWm1CY0Vtd1poVnFDS0ppUT09>

Meeting ID: 873 9414 0676

Password: 549371

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### **A Litany of Reconciliation**



Coventry Cathedral was bombed and destroyed in 1948 and behind the cross "Father Forgive" was inscribed. Canon Joseph Poole in 1958 wrote the Litany of Reconciliation that "evokes us to approach sins and weaknesses in the forgiveness of God's love." In 1965 America's most prodigious composer (over 1500 compositions), Duke Ellington, set the Litany to music in "Father Forgive," as part of his second Sacred Concert. From jazz standards to musicals to opera, Ellington wrote for all genres, but regarded the Sacred Concerts as "the most important thing I have ever done."

Beginning in July, we will be sharing in Ellington's important work, using the Litany of Reconciliation as part of our service. Ellington thought of himself as a "messenger boy" using the Litany "to deliver a lyrical sermon," of confession, and asking for "forgiveness" in both text and music.

Dr. Jane, [jea814@gmail.com](mailto:jea814@gmail.com), 319-830-7895.

**WORSHIP GROW SERVE**

KING OF GLORY GENEROSITY APPEAL



### **Worship, Grow, Serve in 2020**

In preparation for our Generosity Campaign this fall, we are prayerfully considering what goals are most important for ministry in 2021. How can we **Worship** God, **Grow** in Faith and **Serve** God's people? If you have ideas about what excites you, please share those with us!

Watch for upcoming announcements in the September *Messenger* and weekly *Parish Notes*. THANK YOU for your continued generosity!

**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 email the church office [office@aplace2grow.org](mailto:office@aplace2grow.org), or Pr Ruth Ann at [Ruthann@aplace2grow.org](mailto:Ruthann@aplace2grow.org) or call (303) 854-4737.



**2020 Leadership Team**

**Officers**

Eric Backsen, President  
 Bryan French, Vice President  
 Mark Francis, Treasurer  
 Judy Richardson, Secretary

**Members-at-Large**

Lynn Hamilton  
 Ron Lamb  
 Roxane Salazar  
 Ted Schmidt

**Do you or someone you know need food?**

Right now HNS is offering twice monthly food baskets. You only need to show proof of address.

\* Food baskets – up to 1 week of groceries – twice a month

\* Toiletries and pet food as available

\* Monday – Thursday, 9:00am-3:30pm;

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month, 9:00am-6:30pm

**At 1511 E. 11th St. Loveland 970-667-4939**

They have a drive-through system in the parking lot and it is simple. Don't go hungry!

**Don't feel safe getting out? Need an errand run?**

Several people have volunteered to run errands for anyone who needs a little extra help! Email or call Pr Ruth Ann and she'll get you connected!

**Counting your Offerings**

During our stay-at-home days, the counters have only been counting and depositing checks twice a month. Please understand our new schedule due to receiving checks by mail and health concerns for our volunteers. Thank you!

**You can give on-line thru our website and [VANCO!](#) Try it out - [Click Here!](#)**

**CAMPUS MINISTRY ALL SUMMER LONG!**

LuMin-CSU (Lutheran Campus Ministry in Fort Collins, CO) continues all summer long. Every summer, but especially this summer LuMin will be meeting up weekly with young adults electronically. From your parent's basement, your apartment, or wherever you reside, connect with others from Pennsylvania to Arizona to Madagascar. Just out of high school and going to college in the future?... get connected. Going to college somewhere else in the world?... more than welcome. Camp worship, celebrating your half-birthday, faith conversations, electronic service events, compare "Avenue 5" with real pandemic life, a game of global ultimate spoons... we are dedicated to expanding the possibilities of staring at a screen all summer. Text "summer" and your name to **970-482-2160** and **Campus Pastor Paul Judson** will get right back to you! Text or call that number if you have questions!

***Celebrations!***

**August Birthdays**

- 1 Kamy Auker, Sally Specht
- 2 Rosalyn Lanphear
- 3 Scott Kallio, Linda Nolan
- 4 Lee Holmquist
- 5 Ken Bodkin
- 9 Kathy Gustad, Craig Singiser
- 10 Abigail Lohmer, Matthias Lohmer
- 13 Tom McNally
- 14 Dr Jane Andrews
- 15 Brady Johnson
- 17 Brandy Lohmer
- 18 John Wolfe
- 19 Mark Pemberton
- 21 Sarajane Grandia
- 23 Arlene Hardy-Yauk, Dave Wieland
- 26 Pr Ruth Ann Loughry
- 29 Ali Singiser
- 30 Roger Sether
- 31 Chris Dildine, Martha Staby, Sandy Wiegert



**August Anniversaries!**

- 3 Eugene & Gail Bott (63 years)
- 6 Tim & Judy Baringer (43 years)
- 6 Mark & Denise Francis (4 years)
- 6 Leo & Roxane Salazar (43 years)
- 6 Scott & Debbie Whitney (37 years)
- 7 Gordon & Kathy Cisar (27 years)
- 7 Kurt & Lynne Kronholm (44 years)
- 16 Mark & Monica Jankow (17 years)
- 16 Gene & Karen Pielin (40 years)
- 18 John & Alice Wolfe (22 years)
- 19 Zan & Kathy Pensack-Rinehart (42 years)
- 23 Ryan & Kami Auker (12 years)
- 25 John & Jane Nuttall (53 years)
- 27 Tom & Peggy Alpert (54 years)





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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."*