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## From Pastor Ruth Ann

### Community and Safety Team Update:

King of Glory's Community and Safety Team continues to meet. The in-person **Sunday morning Coffee Hour** is going well with about 15-20 people coming each Sunday. People sit socially distanced under the shade in the circle drive, bringing their own coffee and chairs. Anyone is welcome to attend! **9:00-10:00am.**

We have ordered new cleaning products that will help Darrell keep our spaces sanitized and clean. One product is back-ordered until September, but we are looking into others as well. When those come we are hopeful to welcome small groups back into the building a couple of days apart.

For the month of July, we will continue to suspend in-person worship per Bishop Gonia and the Rocky Mountain Synod Council recommendations. If we came for worship we would not be able to sing together or have very much spoken liturgy due to coronavirus spreading through droplets. Scientific experts say there are many people who are asymptomatic. We would all need to wear masks for the protection and care of our community.

Therefore we believe that the worship through our pre-recorded services are offering a better experience than we could have in person. Respondents to the survey were split half and half on their desire to come to worship vs staying home. That being said, we will continue to monitor the data and recommendations from the county and state.

We fully realize the grief and loss that comes with not being able to worship together. The team holds that in tension with the reality of a virus that is still present and is a health danger. Please be patient. There will be a day when we all can worship again together in the sanctuary!

If you have questions or concerns, please email or call Eric Backsen, Ted Schmidt, Judy Richardson, Leo Salazar, Darrell Phelps, Pr Deb or Pr Ruth Ann.

## Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes

Our gospel reading for the first weekend in July comes from the gospel of Matthew, chapter 11. Jesus says, <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

In this summer season I hope that you are able to find some rest from your burdens. Perhaps you aren't able to travel or do the things in your own neighborhood that you usually do in the summer due to COVID-19. So this summer is - and will be - different.

This summer Jesus invites you to give your spirit a rest. Reflect on Jesus' words this month and try each day to come to Jesus, take a deep breath, and give whatever is weighing you down over to him. Learn from Jesus' gentleness and humility and find rest. It won't be the vacation you planned but it will be the rest you need.

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. This month we will focus on the parables Jesus loved to share.

**For children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger** please join us for **Children's Check In** every Saturday morning at 10:00am via Zoom. Watch for small group opportunities to connect in person this month!

Our **Middle School** and **High School Youth** are invited to connect over Zoom on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm... **If possible we will meet in person beginning Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** We will meet outside and follow social distancing guidelines. *Watch for more info as details become available.*

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

## LIFE = Live In Faith Everyday

We're enhancing our daily devotion series with a new twist! You! Everyone has a story right? What was your church like when you were little? Where were you baptized? Looking back, where has God been at work or present in your life? These are

questions that you already know....or will with a little bit of thought!

Pastor Deb or myself would like to ask you 2-3 questions....you'll have them prior...Leo will record you. Then you will be our featured LIFE speaker for one of our daily devotions! We'll begin these in July. We all have a story and we'd love to hear yours! Interested? Call or email any of us.

## Holy Communion – June 27-28, 2020



Please join us for worship at 8:00AM on ZOOM, Sunday, June 28 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 it 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.

## An Update from Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

***"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."***  
**Deuteronomy 31:8**

June 9, 2020 - Dear Sky Ranch Community,  
We are living in challenging and uncertain times that call on us to be wise, flexible, faithful, and resilient. **Last week, after prayerful and thoughtful discussion, the Sky Ranch Board of Directors made the difficult decision to suspend all summer programs for 2020 and keep the site closed through August 7.**

We know people will be disappointed in this decision, but hope you understand that we grieve this loss with you. Our concern is to keep everyone safe and healthy, as well as our desire to be financially responsible with the long-term mission of this ministry. The risk is too high in a residential camp community setting for people to be exposed to this virus. **Parents trust us with their most valuable possession, their children, and we do not take that lightly.**

This decision has been a painful one. But as faithful followers of Christ, we are called to put our trust in God and not be afraid or discouraged. We are not forsaken; we are in a time of opportunity and innovation. Sky Ranch is determined to be a light in this darkness that seems so overwhelming.

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**Hear the Good News! Sky Ranch is doing ministry! Our summer staff is hired and has been doing training via Zoom since May 20!** Equipping and empowering our summer staff to serve is our mission. **We believe this is a vital investment in the present and future leadership of our church, providing them with fresh opportunities to foster faith.**

**Our Summer Staff are determined to provide resources that support our campers and congregations.** Our goal is to get our staff up to camp, provide a safe place for them to continue their leadership development, and to create faith formation experiences. They have started recording a series of Children Sermons (<https://www.skyranchcolorado.org/ministry-with-altitude>) and will soon be generating a virtual resource series for campers interested in enjoying a little bit of camp at home. They will craft a variety of free camp activities, worships, games, and campfires for campers and congregations. During this unique period of social distancing, I am repeatedly humbled by the generosity and encouragement from **all** who continue to give to this ministry. **We can't do it without your help.** Please pray for patience, have hope, and know that God is with us.

*Brad Abbott, Executive Director*

## **Sky Ranch Labor Day Weekend Retreat**

Join us for the Sky Ranch Labor Day Weekend Retreat! This annual retreat for Zion and King of Glory families is a much-loved end-of-summer tradition. If you haven't participated before, it's relaxed mountain fun for all ages.

**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.

This year, 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 by July 5** 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 Adult Education - Class about Race Discrimination: June 28, July 5 & 12**

Last Sunday, June 21, KOG began its second class about race discrimination. In the winter of 2019 we held our first class with about 15 people. We begin the conversation again, trying to see through new lenses. God in the book of Genesis intentionally made creation with an abundance of diversity. "Birds of every kind, fish of every kind...and God saw that it was Good!"

We ourselves, might not live in racially mixed neighborhoods. We might not have many experiences with people of multiple skin tones. For some of us, we've travelled and lived in places where Caucasians are the minority, or we have friends or family members who are not white. We can only bring to the conversation our own experience and current understanding. What we do then, is try to see life through another's eyes.

What is racism? Power + privilege. What is institutional power? What is white privilege? Can good people still do and say racist things without even knowing it? We take up these questions in a space that is first and foremost faith based: God created all people in God's image. And God saw that it was good. Come and join in the conversation through Zoom by phone or computer. We only learn as we talk together....and that is very good!

**Join us on ZOOM -**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253606275?pwd=dk9tT2FSamZTSkJ2RHc3ell6S0lnQT09>

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=TkdaR3l5VTM2bU50TzdDeFpXaXZnQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 1367 3864

Password: 339274

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

Meeting ID: 812 1367 3864

Password: 339274

*or "One tap mobile"*

+13462487799,,81213673864#,,1#,339274#



### **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=STIDOHNJYVRJS3p5VWpyeG1YRjMxdz09>

Meeting ID: 813 3637 8303

Password: 799887

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

Meeting ID: 813 3637 8303

Password: 799887

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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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Meeting ID: 873 9414 0676

Password: 549371

*or "One tap mobile"*

+16699006833,,87394140676#,,1#,549371#



## Music thru Pictures

### What a Wonderful World

*I see trees of green, red roses , too,  
I see them bloom, for me and you,  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*



*I see skies of blue and clouds of white,  
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night,  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

*The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky,  
Are also on the faces of people goin' by,  
I see friends shaking hands, saying,  
"How do you do?"  
They're really saying, "I love you."*

*I hear babies cry, I watch them grow,  
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know,  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world  
Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

Written in 1967 by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss, Louis Armstrong's recording in the same year has not only become a Grammy winning album, but also an anthem for the world. It is, indeed, a positive statement about our world and much needed at this time in our history.

**Therefore, we ask for your help in showing our "wonderful world" through photos** that you will share with our congregation by submitting them to Leo Salazar at [lisconsultants@gmail.com](mailto:lisconsultants@gmail.com). Leo is willing to put together a slide show of the song through photos for the postlude on July 26. Many thanks to all who are willing to help!

### 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 July 19, 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

One thing is certain – God's abundant love and care for his children can never be quarantined! And neither should be our response to His abundance.

Even as so many activities have been cancelled, postponed, or turned virtual, our generous response to God and support of His ministries here at King of Glory must and will proceed forward in 2020! It is never too soon to begin thinking about how we can enrich our **Worship**, consider how we **Grow** our outreach, and how we can better **Serve** God throughout the wonderful ministries we have in place at KOG.

We welcome your input and suggestions as to what are the top goals to address in the coming year. We are reaching out to our members to get that final input, as well as beginning 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 any member of the Generosity Team – Pastor Ruth Ann, Leo Salazar, Stewardship Team leader, Liz Melton or Zan Pensack-Rinehart - and let us know your thoughts.

God's Blessings and THANK YOU for your continued generosity! *Leo Salazar, Team Leader*



**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.

### Questions?

#### Do you need a mask?

If you do not have a mask and would like one, please email Pr Ruth Ann at [Ruthann@aplace2grow.org](mailto:Ruthann@aplace2grow.org) or call her at 303-854-4737. We want everyone to be protected!

#### 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!

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 – 2 times 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!

Go to the Hospital if you need to!

Be assured, hospitals know how to handle germs. If you think you're having heart issues or a chronic condition flares up, or you need medical help unrelated to coronavirus, please go to the hospital!

Counting your Offerings!

During our stay-at-home days, the counters have only been counting and depositing checks twice a month. So if your check normally clears the bank on Tuesday after a weekend, that will be delayed. 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. Not going to college but want to hang out with some other young adults?... all are welcome! Not a young adult but know someone who is? (whether in your basement or not)... give them this invitation. 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.



**Happy Independence Day - July 4!!** As you may already know, the City of Loveland will not be having the fireworks over Lake

Loveland this year. The fireworks show has been moved (NOT CANCELLED) **to the Ranch (The Budweiser Event Center)**. Everyone is invited to come park out at the Ranch and watch the show from their cars!

**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



**July Anniversaries**

- 7 Edwin & Alice Huffman (41 years)
- 10 Tom & Peg Hanson (44 years)
- 14 John & Noel Karspeck (13 years)
- 16 James & Pat Johnson (21 years)
- 17 Nick & Diana Balogh (49 years)
- 19 Lee & Megan Holmquist (23 years)
- 25 Harold & Laurie Johnson (28 years)
- 28 Graham & Sandy Rinehart (62 years)
- 31 Larry & Kris Healy (38 years)

**July Birthdays**

- 1 Randy Pfeiff
- 2 Pam Maddox, Scott Whitney
- 6 Tony Karle
- 7 Vincent Dubovos, Camilla Karspeck
- 9 John Karspeck
- 10 Stephanie Beyers
- 11 Pat Lanphear
- 12 Lorna Carey, Paul Rodgers
- 13 Rose Grindle
- 15 William Rogers
- 17 Bill Miller
- 20 Mona Whitney
- 21 Darell Zimbelman
- 22 Oriana Gerstenberger
- 23 Betty Becker, Sandy Singiser
- 24 Erin Asmus, Jane Elijah
- 25 Deb Kocsis, Ron Nolan, Don Perry, Gene Pielin
- 28 Elias Lohmer, Wesley Smith
- 29 Kris Healy
- 30 Brad Abbott





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# July 2020

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."*