## The Messenger - September

2020

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## From Pastor Ruth Ann



## Pastor Deb Abbott, Faith Formation Minister is now Full Time!

At the July Leadership Team meeting, Pr Deb Abbott was voted upon to become a full-time employee.

Last year during our Generosity Campaign, "Worship/Grow/Serve," one initiative was to raise money to move Pr Deb from three-quarter time to full time. You as a congregation responded so generously to that initiative and the other two as well! It was decided that she would remain at three-quarter through July. Then if Statement of Intents were being fulfilled, she would move to full-time on August 1. Thank you, thank you for being faithful with your gifts!

I'm delighted to work alongside Pr Deb. She has brought vision, creativity and stability to our youth Faith Formation program. Her consistent leadership gives families what they need in the midst of their busy schedules and lives. When the pandemic came, Pr Deb immediately moved programs on-line. Saturday mornings saw families checking in for a 30-minute children's Bible lesson with laughter and plenty of funny faces made into the zoom cameras! For the last several months, she and Maddie Fairfax (Faith Formation Minister, Zion) held weekly youth night check-ins for Middle and High School youth. We've seen more youth and student involvement over the summer than previous years.

Pr Deb cares about you, the good people of King of Glory. She preaches, provides pastoral care, leads worship and confirmation, and is a great partner. Please join me in giving thanks to God for Pastor Deb Abbott and our life together at KOG!

Pr Ruth Ann

## **Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes**



"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1

As the summer season comes to an end I want to say **thank you**!

\*Thank you for the incredible amount of **School Supplies** you donated! 30 backpacks, 90
notebooks, 150 glue sticks, 60 packets of pencils,
30 pencil sharpeners, 30 pencil boxes, 30 scissors,
60 boxes of markers, 60 boxes of colored pencils,
90 highlighters, assorted binders, folders, pens,
erasers and tape. These backpacks are going to
children in the Family to Family program in Loveland
who need school supplies this fall. Your generosity
is a blessing for children in our community!

\*Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and cards for our **Care Kits** for KOG students and teachers! These kits will be distributed on Sunday, August 30 during the Blessing of Backpacks.

\*Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Children's Check-In by Zoom and in the Park for many months now! In September we will kick off the new fall season with a Carnival on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 13. Sunday School will be offered on Sunday September 20 & 27. We will meet outside at KOG in September and then evaluate if we will continue to gather in person or by Zoom.

\*Thank you to the **Youth and Parents** who packed food for **Kidspak** on Saturday, August 22. Thank you for all the food donations and financial gifts for local food banks during our **Food Drive** in August.

\*Thank you to all our **Youth** for checking in week after week on Zoom and at our in person gatherings all spring and summer! **Confirmation** for Middle School Youth will begin on Sunday, August 30 with a blessing for students and families during Morning Prayer and a Kick-Off Zoom gathering at 1:00pm.

In all the seasons we go through we give thanks for the gifts God has given us and the community of faith that surrounds us! *Thank you!* 

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## <u>Late August Happenings!</u> L2F2 All Ages Outdoor Movie Night

Friday August 28th

6:00pm Showing- Family Movie
8:00pm Showing- Teen Movie
Rain date: Friday September 18th
Bring your own chairs or blanket and your own
snacks and drinks for a fun socially-distanced
church movie night! Meet on the Zion front patio for
one or both films. This is not a drop-off event.
Children under 6th grade must attend with an adult.

## Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 30

This year we will have a Blessing of Backpacks for students and teachers in person during Morning Prayer at 8:30am and 9:30am on Sunday, August 30. If you can't join us in person we will also offer a blessing during the recorded service for this weekend.

## Confirmation Blessing and Kick-Off Sunday, August 30

Sunday, August 30 we will offer a blessing for our Confirmation students and families during Morning Prayer at 8:30am and 9:30am. New students will receive a Bible and all students will receive workbooks and folders with information for the year.

## **September Happenings**

**NEW Schedule - Morning Prayer and Sunday** 

School: Please note that Sunday School for children is 9:45am and Faith Formation for Adults is 10:00am, beginning September 13. No Sunday School or Faith Formation on Labor Day weekend. After Labor Day we will adjust our service time as it gets cooler outside and Sunday School begins. Starting Sunday, September 13 Morning Prayer will be offered at 9:00am & 11:15am in the Outdoor Chapel.

# L2F2 High School Opportunities Wednesday September 9, 7:00-8:00pm at Zion Parking Lot Glow Bowling

Celebrate the beginning of the school year and laugh together at L2F2's brand new bowling alley! We'll meet in the parking lot for some creative fun. See if you can bowl the high score! Youth will also be working together to create a list of future activities so bring your ideas to share!

## Wednesday September 23, 6:30-8:30pm at KOG High School Movie Night

Gather together for a cozy fall night and bring your favorite snacks. Have a great idea for a movie

to watch? Send requests to Pastor Deb by September 20.



## God's Work, Our Hands - Carnival Sunday, September 13, 9:45-10:45am

Children of all ages are invited to join us outside at KOG for games and treats. We will kick-off the KOG Sunday School year and celebrate God's Work, Our Hands so don't miss it!

## <u>God's Work, Our Hands – Service Project</u> Sunday, September 13, 1:00-3:00pm

While we cannot gather as usual with the other ELCA Churches in Loveland to do community service projects together in our town, we can still make a difference together for those in our community. For the last few years, we have joined Zion and Trinity Lutheran Churches to engage either in one large project or several smaller projects that people can participate in. This year, we are still joining with them to make a difference in the world in a slightly different way as we both decorate the sidewalks of those who need something to brighten up their day and receive donations for Habitat for Humanity!

- 1) This is a two-part service project. The first part is for those who want to do chalk art, either as individuals or as a household group. If you would like to help with chalk art please sign up online (link is on the website and in daily emails) or contact Pastor Deb. You do not have to be a great artist; the only requirement is a desire to share joy!
- 2) The second part is that we are asking anyone to "nominate" someone to be a recipient of our beautiful, joyful sidewalk chalk art! If you know someone who could use some joy, contact Pastor Deb with the recipients' name and address, and in exchange for a monetary donation to Habitat for Humanity in Loveland, we will spread this joy! Checks should be made out to Habitat and sent to the KOG office. Any amount is appreciated! The recipients do not need to be members of the congregation, but can be anyone in the Loveland and surrounding area communities.

In the spirit of fun we will keep track of which of the three church communities raises the most money for Habitat for Humanity, and which community has the most individuals or households creating chalk art! Let's decorate the town to spread joy and help those in need in our community to spread God's abundance. Together we are doing God's Work, Our Hands!

### Fall Harvest For Kids Pak

**Sunday Sept. 20,** anytime before or after the outdoor Morning Prayer Service, or **Wednesday Sept. 23** between 2 and 4 pm.

We will collect food and/or checks to fill bags for Kids Pak.

Each child receives a bag with food for the weekend. Because each food bag must be identical, the food requirements are focused on specific foods and sizes so that each child get the same food as the others.

One request: <u>NO glass</u>. We don't want anyone getting cut if the jar breaks! Items needed:

- Hunt's Pasta Sauce in a can.
- Strawberry or grape jelly 30oz plastic jar
- Peanut Butter 16 oz plastic jar
- Chef Boyardee Ravioli 15/16 oz. can
- Nature Valley Granola Bars

This food is supplemented with food on hand at the Kids Pak warehouse to provide items needed for a meal. If you prefer, drop off a check and the folks at Kids Pak will be glad to do the shopping.

## Sacred Space....Prayer Time

Due to very limited attendance at sacred space prayer times, we are <u>discontinuing</u> open sanctuary hours on Mondays and Thursdays. If you want to come into the church to pray, feel free to contact Pastor Deb or Pastor Ruth Ann, or leave a message at the church. We would be happy to connect with you and set up a time.

#### **Community and Safety Team Update:**



Our Safety team continues to meet to discern best practices during the pandemic in keeping our church community safe.

\* We are now opening the church to small groups less than 10 people. Quilters, Prayer Shawl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind and Book Club can come to meet at the church building if they choose. These groups will all **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 RuthAnn. 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 the Glory Garden

Did you hear about the race in the garden? The hose was running, the lettuce was a head and the tomato was trying to ketchup.

A little garden humor for August! Seriously, thank you everyone for your help and thoughts about our Glory Garden this summer. It has been very successful in so many ways but I can't begin to thank each and every one of you enough for helping to grow and share the vegetables we have with the community. Our grapes are starting to turn and we will have to harvest them soon too before the raccoons. I put up a couple of signs up around the

grapes to let them know to "keep their paws off our grapes". Here is a picture of just one harvest Leo and I did last week from the Glory Garden. Just



wanted to say thank you all! Roxane

## **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! You do not need to have Zoom to watch pre-recorded worship. Find worship videos on our website at <a href="https://www.kingofgloryloveland.com">www.kingofgloryloveland.com</a> under Worship Tab. OR simply click on the 'Worship Link' that is in the Saturday email. Questions? Call 303-854-4737

#### **Sunday Morning Prayer**

The Community Safety Team and KOG Leadership Team began "Morning Prayer" meetings on Sunday, August 16.

\* Morning Prayer is held in our outdoor chapel area at 8:30-9:00am and again at 9:30-10:00am. This time includes a sermon, prayers and limited liturgy.

We are asking the congregation to alternate attendance times according to the letter your last name begins with, i.e.:

- \*\* come at 8:30am if your last name begins letters A-L
- \*\* Members with last names beginning with K-Z are invited to attend at 9:30am

\* next weekend, Sept 6, that designation will switch again, with last names at the end of the alphabet attending the first session.

We will be wearing masks, signing in, and sitting socially distanced. If you wish to bring your own coffee and pause for some social time, that will happen in the parking lot between services. Bring your own chair if you have one (but we will also have a few set up!)

- \* Morning Prayer does not replace the prerecorded worship being offered online at our website or through the emails you are receiving.
- \* Adult Ed will still be offered by Zoom at 10:30am.

Please choose the best worship experience for you and your household. God's blessings.

## Schedule for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27th

9:00-9:25am: Morning Prayer – in person

9:45am: Faith Formation for children & youth

10:00am: Adult Faith Formation

11:15-11:40am: Morning Prayer – in person

## Sunday Adult Education at 10:00am

beginning September 13. No class on Labor Day weekend.

Join us on ZOOM -

Click/or copy and paste to your browser:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253606275?pwd=dk9tT2FSamZTSkJ2RHc3ell6S0InQT09

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=Tkda R3I5VTM2bU50TzdDeFpXaXZnQT09

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#

#### **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

Manual Dial-In +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 873 9414 0676

Password: 549371 or "One tap mobile"

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#### **Music Notes**

King of Glory Ringers met Wednesday, August 26, for a socially-distanced rehearsal. Planning to meet outside, everything was moved indoors because of the smoke. Spread across the sanctuary, "Ode to Joy" was truly joyful as we once again made music. The group had not been together since March and it was wonderful to hear the music and see the friends. Thank you to Darrell, Leo, Kathy and the Bell Ringers! *Dr. Jane E. Andrews, jea814@gmail.com, 319-830-7895* 

## **WORSHIP GROW SERVE**

OF GLORY GENEROSITY APPEAL



## Our annual Generosity Appeal will begin on

October 4! One of our Initiatives for this year is to purchase recording equipment so that once the pandemic is over we will be able to live-stream our worship services! There is no going back! Our home-centered members and new friends from all over the country are watching and worshipping with us. This ministry of hospitality must continue.

Watch for more information later this month and in the October Messenger!

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, or Pr Ruth Ann at Ruthann@aplace2grow.org or call (303) 854-4737.

#### 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 <u>VANCO</u>! Try it out - <u>Click Here</u>!

## Marty the Mouse returns!



Hi everybody! I've been in quarantine lately and I'm guessing you have as well, because I haven't seen anyone around church for months! Where are you? Word on the Squeak News is you all might not be back to worship in church for weeks and weeks and weeks to come. I really am missing hearing you sing, pray, laugh and Pastor's bad puns. Saturday and Sundays were the highlight of my week. Now it's just quiet here. But don't you worry! I'm watching over our dear church building and not letting anyone who is sick or any of my cousins enter. (Can't say they haven't asked, though!)

Perhaps like you, I've had more time on my hands lately, so I've been reading my Bible (published by RodentMus under Sola Scriptura, in Bibletown, Illinois, USA). In the middle of the Psalms last week, I remembered something dear old Martin used to say. "I'll trust in God's unchanging Word, till soul and body sever. For though all things pass away, His Word shall stand forever."

Think about that my good friends! God's Word will remain forever: its promises, its comfort, its truth... all of that cannot be taken from us. Likewise, God's Son, Jesus the Incarnate Word of all times, and what He accomplished on this earth will remain forever.

So be not afraid! (Yes, I stole that from our dear Lord.) This pandemic might tempt you to think that all things are going to pass away, because many indeed of your two footed friends are suffering deeply. But..."O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" (Ps 118:1)

Remember Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Then read Proverbs 22:17b-18 "Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching; for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips."

I'm praying for you dear people of King of Glory. Read your Bibles and trust in God's Word!



#### 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
September 2020	be suspended until further notice due to COVID-19 health crisis	Planning Zoom 11:30am Staff Meeting Zoom			<b>4</b> 1:00pm Lectio Divina Zoom	5		
6 Morning Prayer/outdoors 8:30 & 9:30am	,	Shawl/FR 6:30pm Leadership			<b>11</b> 1:00pm Lectio Divina Zoom	12		
13 Morning Prayer/outdoors 9:00 & 11:15am *9:45-10:45am God's Work Our Hands Carnival *1:00-2:00pm God's Work Our Hands Service Project	1:30pm PEO-IM/FR	15 10:30am Worship Planning Zoom 11:30am Staff Meeting Zoom	16		18 1:00pm Lectio Divina Zoom	19		
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## **September Birthdays**

Sept 2 - Bill McDivitt, Earle Solomonson

Sept 4 - Larry Laugen Sept 5 - Tom Bosse

Sept 6 - Bob Grandia

Sept 7 - Ari Breitbarth, Dale Kunkel

Sept 9 - Bob Crawford

Sept 11 – Denise Francis, Larry Krebs

Sept 12 - Ethan McNally, David Zurey

Sept 13 - Gordon Cisar, Kris Joy, Sandy Rinehart

Sept 15 - Rebecca Pfeiff

Sept 16 – Debbie Dodge

Sept 18 – Noel Karspeck

Sept 19 - Rowan Auker, Branduff McAllister

Sept 20 – Sandy Zimmerman

Sept 22 – Nadine Trimble

Sept 25 – Jerry Rogers

Sept 26 - Karen Pielin, Jim Sanford

Sept 28 – Frank Roberts

Sept 29 -- Robert Pfeiff



Sept 2 – Mike & Debbie Dodge (36 Years)

Sept 3 – Dave & Linda Wieland (54 years)

Sept 4 – Joe & Erin Asmus (10 years)

Sept 4 - Len & Marilyn Koch (9 years)

Sept 10 – Don & Mona Whitney (65 years)

Sept 21 – Mark & Dee Pemberton (46 years)

Sept 27 – Chris & Amy Wheeler (17 years)

Sept 29 – Deb & Michael Kocsis (41 years)





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# September 2020

## Happening in September!

Sept 13 - God Work Our Hands - Carnival & Community Service Project and Sunday School Begins

Worship Schedule for September 13th, 20th & 27th

9:00-9:25am: Morning Prayer – in person

9:45am: Faith Formation for children & youth

10:00am: Adult Faith Formation

11:15-11:40am: Morning Prayer – in person