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From Pastor Ruth Ann



2020 is not the year anyone expected it would be. Pandemic. Fires. Either one of those would be enough. Yet, in just mere days, our nation will elect a president. Whichever party you belong to, it's likely you have strong feelings about this particular election.

I am fully aware that some think church and preachers should never mention politics in sermons or education classes. Indeed we cannot by law support or publically endorse any particular candidate. That would be in violation of our 501C-3 religious non-profit status. We won't tell you who to vote for, or how to vote. We will encourage you to express your right to vote as an American citizen in our free democratic process.

But the scriptures are inherently political. *Not partisan, but political.* Rome was oppressing the Jewish people at the time of Jesus' life. In the birth narrative of Luke 2, the language is intentional. *'In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.'* (Lk 2:1) The Emperor was highest in power over all the known population living at that time. But in verse 11, the angel declares there is another important person who has just been born. *'To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah...'* "Savior" means, "Anointed One." It is a title just like "Emperor" is a title. The language used in the narrative is clear that a new king will rise up. It is political. When Paul writes, "Jesus is Lord", he is making a political statement.

Just as our faith helps us interpret and navigate relationships, money, time, tragedy, or illness, so too, faith is a lens we bring to the public sphere of politics and advocacy. God is not relegated to only a few parts of our lives. God is in the midst of all our lives.

Here is what I know about King of Glory as it says in our mission statement. *"As God's people, graced by differences and gifted by the Holy Spirit..."* We are God's people. We will have partisan differences. That makes us quite normal and in a unique position to faithfully agree to disagree through Christ our Lord.

No matter the outcome of this presidential election, I call upon you to continue to live out our core identity as King of Glory. Focusing on hospitality and love of one another, bring those same attitudes to your neighbors or friends of a different partisan ilk. Any election focuses upon what separates us. Love of God and neighbor focuses on what unites us.

Finally, pray. Pray for our country. Pray for one another. Pray that citizens will seek the higher good and chose love over division. This can and is accomplished in and through our only Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Walking this with you, Pastor Ruth Ann

Don't hesitate to call or email me at 303-854-4737, Ruthann@aplace2grow.org.

Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes

"We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves." Lutheran Book of Worship p. 56

As a child I said these words every Sunday in worship. They are imprinted on my heart. It is a powerful thing to confess each week that you cannot free yourself from sin. A reminder that we aren't perfect and can't be in control of all things no matter how hard we try. These words of confession are always followed by the good news we know as Christians. We are forgiven and freed from sin by God through Jesus.

On Reformation Day, October 31, we remember our Lutheran heritage and Martin Luther posting his 95 Thesis to the church door in Wittenberg protesting the sale of Indulgences.

This year Lutherans are also observing the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's writing "Freedom of a Christian." If you would like to read this for yourself you can find it and other resources from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at www.elca500.org. I encourage you to check it out and reflect on the meaning and gift of the freedom we know in Christ. Make it part of the way you celebrate and observe Reformation this year!

In John 8:36 Jesus said, "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." May you celebrate your freedom in Christ and know that you are free indeed!

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Adult Education – What Is My Vocation?

Beginning on Sunday, November 15 Pastor Deb will lead an adult education class series on Vocation. What is vocation? Why does it matter? Author Frederick Buechner says that "Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need." Bring your thoughts and questions and join us on Sunday, November 15 at 10am by Zoom.

Sunday School

Sunday School for Preschool – 5th Grade meets every Sunday morning 9:45-10:30am at KOG. Youth are welcome to join as class helpers. Parents please RSVP each week so that we can plan our class sizes accordingly due to COVID restrictions. Thank you!

Middle School Youth - Confirmation Classes

Sunday, November 1, 1-2pm by Zoom
Topic = 10 Commandments

Sunday, November 15, 1-2pm by Zoom
Topic = Apostles' Creed: Article 1

Girl Talk

Girl Talk will resume beginning Tuesday, November 10, 7:00-8:00pm at KOG and will meet every Tuesday following. This is a time for Middle and High School girls to meet together and share the challenges of life. For more information please contact Pastor Deb!

Youth Service Opportunity

High School and Middle School youth and parents are invited to help pack food bags for KidsPak once again! Sign up today by contacting Pastor Deb to pack on **Saturday, November 7, 9:30am-12:30pm** at the Food Bank for Larimer County. If you aren't free this time mark your calendar for Saturday, January 9 when we will pack again!

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp – RUN4CAMP 5K

On November 1 over 100 people are running or walking a 5K, wherever they are, to benefit Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. Amanda Backsen, Pastor Deb and Brad Abbott and dog Missy are all participating and accepting sponsors! Thanks to a generous donor all proceeds will be matched!

Thank you for your prayers and concerns for Sky Ranch as the Cameron Peak Fire has now become the biggest fire in Colorado history. For the most current fire information please visit www.skyranchcolorado.org or check out the Sky Ranch Facebook page. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Service

Loveland Lutherans invite you to a joint Thanksgiving Service. Due to COVID this will be a recorded service and will be available by Thanksgiving Day (by email and on our website) so that you can watch and worship on Thanksgiving. **This year we are collecting pictures of who and what you are thankful for.** Please send pictures to Leo Salazar at ljsconsultants@gmail.com by November 13. Thank you!

Notes from Music & Worship



Ah, yes, music is well at King of Glory! We have some special offerings for some special Sundays! October 24/25 services will celebrate Reformation with the sounds of Mark Manges and his brass quintet. Make sure to warm up your voices for "A Mighty Fortress" with the brass for Hymn of the Day. Luther would be proud!

All Saints weekend services, October 31/November 1 will not only commemorate those saints who have passed on this year, but also celebrate their passing with *No Hands Brass Band*. This Dixieland band will treat us all to "Shall We Gather at the River" and take us home with "When the Saints Go Marching In." Just a taste of New Orleans style in Loveland!

Come Sunday—Faith through Music is the special service for November 14/15. "As the music is, so are the people of the country" is a Turkish proverb. Looking at music from this perspective and through this church service, we will be able to see the diversity of ideas and eclectic visions of our Faith through Music. From Duke Ellington to J. S. Bach to Marty Haugen, faith is manifested through sharing this combination of texts and music. Don't miss this one---there is something for everyone's musical tastes and expressions of faith!

Our King of Glory Ringers are distance-rehearsing for the combined Lutheran Thanksgiving service and for Christ the King weekend. These musicians mask-up and rehearse Wednesdays, 4:00pm every two weeks. The sanctuary seems to smile when it hears "We Gather Together" and "Holy Manna."

With the Celtic Service in mind, the Sunday School children learned a few Celtic jig movements

on Sunday. We wonder if they will be dancing to the next Celtic Service? Wait and see!

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Advent begins November 29th!

This year Advent and Christmas will certainly look different for us at KOG. But plans are in the works for yet a rich and blessed Advent and Christmas season. The traditions which we all love will be there. After the Thanksgiving table is cleared, you can begin planning your own Advent season! (Ok naps are fine after dinner, but then, get ready!) To help you, there will be two devotional resources available.

In lieu of daily devotions from KOG pastors, Sky Ranch will bring you *"The Songs of Christmas"*. Several ELCA churches in our area have recorded songs of Christmas with their own members. Leo Salazar has taken these and made them daily devotions beginning December 1st.

Secondly, we have Advent devotional books from Augsburg Fortress, *"Our Hope and Expectation"*. These are formatted exactly like the Lent ones with fabulous photos, scriptures and texts to ponder. You can pick them up from church the last week of November. They will be out front of the church doors.

Prepare your hearts! Make a way! Our Savior is coming....blessed Advent.

Sunday Morning Prayer

Outdoor worship comes to a close

We were delighted to be able to hold outdoor in-person Morning Prayer services August 16-October 11. Thank you for honoring and practicing social distance and wearing masks. Our average attendance was around 55 people each Sunday.

This was just one small way the whole congregation could come together. Now the weather has turned cold, we will return to only pre-recorded worship. If you have any trouble finding it on the website or making it work from your email, please let us know!

* [Adult Ed will still be offered by Zoom at 10:00am.](#)

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 www.kingofgloryloveland.com under Worship Tab. OR simply click on the 'Worship Link' that is in the Saturday email. Questions? Call 303-854-4737



Adult Faith Formation

Now is a perfect time to join classes for adults! Staying at home with less to go and do? Hop on a Zoom link on Thursdays at 9:30am or Sunday mornings at 10:00am.

October 25, November 1 & November 8 **"Faith and Politics"**

For the next three Sundays we are exploring the intersections of our faith life with politics. Now wait! Aren't those two topics forbidden in general conversation? Well generally, yes. But in a faith community, we are constantly growing in our relationship with God and with one another as Christians. As our partisan life becomes more divided and contentious, we'll instead focus on how faith is the lens through which we view what happens in the public sphere. Our identity and actions flow from and for the Gospel proclamation. God's mercy for all people is our starting place. Martin Luther said, "Freed by God's grace, we turn to the neighbor in love." We may disagree mightily on specific ballot measures and how to address our neighbor. But church can be a safe place to reflect, discern and think through how church can advocate for God's children - our neighbors. Come and join us on Sundays via the zoom link in the emails. Or you can phone in as well to be a part of the conversation!

(Churches are not allowed to publically support any candidate. That is a violation of our non-profit status and will not be part of these discussions.)

Sunday Adult Education at 10:00am

Join us on ZOOM -

Click/or copy and paste to your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191447136?pwd=N0VTOdVOYnY5T1luc3lvZEpHa0tHZz09>

Meeting ID: 881 9144 7136

Passcode: 739134

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Or Dial in

+1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 881 9144 7136

Passcode: 739134



Thursday Bible Study

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

Click/or copy and paste to your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89003931194?pwd=TFBxdG9RVkNLQzFHUGF5REdra0NGUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 0393 1194

Passcode: 983519

Or One tap mobile

+13462487799,,89003931194#,,,,,0#,,983519#

Or Dial in +1 346 248 7799

Lectio Divina

We are continuing this prayer practice of engaging God's word. Join us on ZOOM, **Fridays at 1:00pm.**

Click/or copy and paste to your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138180839?pwd=TjRiZWZKclhTbTJuWXUwdEEwZDI0UT09>

Meeting ID: 841 3818 0839

Passcode: 286075

Or One tap mobile

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Or Dial in +1 346 248 7799

Marty Mouse – Martin the Hymnodist

Hello everybody – are you doing alright? I still miss hearing you sing in the sanctuary. This Sunday, October 25th is the Reformation and I'll be all by myself in the church singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Did you all know that Martin Luther was a hymn writer? He was! Often he would put scripture to drinking songs. I think "A Mighty Fortress" was composed around the 1520's. The German title is 'Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott'.

The German text Verse 1

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
ein gute Wehr und Waffen.
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
die uns jetzt hat betroffen.
Der alt böse Feind
mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,
groß Macht und viel List
sein grausam Rüstung ist,
auf Erd ist nicht seins
gleichen.

English text Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing:
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work his woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Psalm 46

*1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

Luther and his friends viewed this text as comforting especially in their own times of adversity. I think it still is comforting, don't you? God is our defender and there is no one God's equal. God will always defend God's church and God's people.



A blessed reformation to you! Marty

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.



Worship, Grow, Serve Generosity Appeal

Look for your last letter in the mail this week along with your Statement of Intent. Please return your Statement of Intent next Saturday, October 31st or Sunday, November 1st! Either mail it to the church or bring it through the circle drive, **Saturday 5:30pm or Sunday 9:00-11:30am**. There will be people there to greet you!

November 2020 Celebrations!

Birthdays

- 3 Julie Wilson
- 5 Roger Knuth
- 6 Linda Bower
- 7 Bryan French
- 9 Harlan Terning
- 11 Dick Kling
- 12 Peggy Karle, Mark Maddox
- 14 Kurt Kronholm
- 15 Kelly Miller
- 16 Leroy Coulter
- 17 Amelia McMahon
- 18 Judy Mucklow
- 19 Jackie Sokol
- 22 Carolyn Greeb
- 23 Stephanie Brossia, Charles Gottsch
- 26 Kathy Pensack-Rinehart, Cathy Simmering
- 30 Dee Pemberton



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



Anniversaries

- 2 Sandra & Eldon Wiegert (52 years)
- 3 Pr Deb & Brad Abbott (11 years)
- 12 Pat & Joe Sayers (54 years)
- 17 Arden & Patricia Parker (36 years)
- 19 Rindy Dahlin & John Eschbaugh (3 years)
- 23 Kathe & Earle Solomonson (52 years)

Mark your calendar!
The Annual Congregational Meeting will be virtual this year and is scheduled for December 13!

November 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day Return Statements of Intent 9:45am Sunday School 10am Adult Ed Zoom 1pm Confirmtn/ZOOM RUN4CAMP 5K for Sky Rnch Larimer Co Election Setup in Fellowship Room thru Nov 4	2 Larimer Co Election Setup in Fellowship Room thru Nov 4	3 Election Day 10:30am Staff Zoom Larimer Co Election Setup in Fellowship Room thru Nov 4 6:30pm Exec Team Zoom	4	5 9:30am Bible Study Zoom 7pm Stephen Ministry Meeting/FR	6 1pm Lectio Divina Zoom	7 9:30am KidsPak packing/off site Service Opprtunity 
8 (no outdoor services) 9:45am Sunday School 10am Adult Ed Zoom	9 8:30am Counters/Office	10 10:30am Worship Planning Zoom 11:30am Staff Zoom 6:30pm Leadership Zoom 7:00pm Girl Talk/RmB	11 4:00pm Bell Rehearsal	12 9:30am Bible Study Zoom	13 1pm Lectio Divina Zoom	14
15 Special Service "Come Sunday" 9:45am Sunday School 10am Adult Ed Zoom 1pm Confirmation/Zoom	16	17 10:30am Staff Zoom 7:00pm Girl Talk/RmB	18	19 9:30am Bible Study Zoom	20 1pm Lectio Divina Zoom	21
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29 Advent 1 9:45am Sunday School 10am Adult Ed Zoom	30	December 1 10:30am Staff Zoom 7:00pm Girl Talk/RmB		9:30am Bible Study Zoom	1pm Lectio Divina Zoom	



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and Gifted to Serve, We Invite and Welcome All to Grow in Faith."*

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