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## From Pastor Ruth Ann



### Christmas 2020

2020 will be a year none of us will ever forget. It will live on for generations to come: the year we didn't worship together, or travel or eat out or had school on-line. It was the year our loved one or friend or neighbor got sick with the Covid-19 virus.

But in truthfulness, there was another year that no one has forgotten. That year has been remembered and spoken of for centuries thereafter. It was year of the Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Of course all the big wigs are named in the record of Luke Chapter 2. Emperor Augustus. Quirinius. David. But also of note were the ordinary people. Shepherds. Of course Mary, the teenage mother, and Joseph the carpenter. For it was they and God who carried the story that night. Jesus was born!

It wasn't silent. Bethlehem was busier than normal. People were stressed because they had to pay their taxes. Mary was exhausted after giving birth and Joseph as well from their long journey. But that night, *that year* will be proclaimed forever. It was the night God had skin on. God had arrived on earth.

Wherever you are this Christmas, don't forget to read the story. Open your Bible to Luke Chapter 2. It is our story. God's Word stands through all time. Our Lord's birth is a truth that can never be erased from history. The year that Jesus came in flesh and blood changed everything. Whatever we have grieved, or been anxious about, or lost this year....the Savior, *our* Savior, is holding for us. It is all lying with him on that bed of straw. He is all we need.

This year, don't forget that year. *The Year of the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.. Amen.*

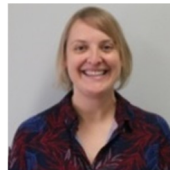
Walking this with you, Pastor Ruth Ann

Don't hesitate to call or email me at 303-854-4737

## Mark your calendar!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be virtual this year and is scheduled **Dec. 13 at 10:00AM** – Watch for a **ZOOM Link!**

## Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



*How will you make Advent a special season this year? Advent begins on Sunday, November 29 and will take us all the way to Christmas on December 25.*

We will light our Advent wreath in our recorded worship at KOG each week. If you have your own wreath at home please find a special place for it this year. Or create a new Advent wreath! You need a total of 5 candles, one for each of the four Sundays in Advent and one for Christmas. You can add greenery or ribbons and make it as simple or elaborate as you choose. Light (or turn on) the candles on your Advent wreath each Sunday or every day of the season and take time for reflection and prayer.

This year we are offering a daily Advent devotion book for adults called "Our Hope and Expectation" from Augsburg Fortress. Our Advent devotion for children and youth is available to everyone this year! It's called "Do Not Be Afraid" and comes to us from Illustrated Ministry. This devotion has weekly activities and reflections for families along with coloring pages. But it is wonderful for people of all ages. These can all be picked up at KOG.

We will also be sharing a gift from Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp of daily video Advent devotions called "Songs of Christmas" that puts Advent lyrics to Christmas tunes and includes a song, reflection and prayer. Thanks to Leo Salazar and the ELCA congregations in Loveland and Fort Collins for these special devotions. If you can't watch these or would like to see the printed text we have copies available at KOG.

However you choose to journey through Advent may God bless you during this special time and help us all to make new memories in this year that is like no other.

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## Sunday School for Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

December 6 – 9:45-10:30am

**Dec. 13 – No Sunday School due to Annual Meeting**

**Dec. 20** – No Sunday School due to Winter Break

**Dec. 27** – No Sunday School due to Winter Break

**January 3** – 9:45-10:30am

## Christmas Program

Join us for our annual Christmas Program online! Our worship recording for December 12 & 13 will include our children telling and singing the Christmas story. Thank you to our children, youth and families for sharing their gifts. Special thanks to Leo Salazar and Dr. Jane Andrews for producing and creating this program. And thank you to Mark Carson for building the stable!

## Middle School Youth - Confirmation

**Sunday, December 6**, 1-2pm by Zoom

Topic = Apostles' Creed: Article 2

**Sunday, December 20**, 1-4pm

Service Projects

## Girl Talk for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

Girl Talk is a peer-to-peer mentoring program designed to help girls learn leadership skills and self-confidence through practical experience. Meeting topics include: Empowerment, Relationships, Stress Management, Leadership Skills, Perfectionism, Mental Health, Social Media Anxiety and Financial Literacy

Each session is facilitated by high school girl leaders. Madeline Fairfax or Pastor Deb will always be in the building during Girl Talk. We will meet Tuesday nights at King of Glory from 7-8 pm. No need to sign up in advance, 6th-8th grade girls can come anytime it works with their schedules!

## Man Cave for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

Nerf Challenge Night - Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:00pm at KOG. Bring your own Nerf device and an extra if you have one you're willing to share. Darts are provided. We'll have all kinds of fun socially distanced Nerf challenges set up in Fellowship Hall.

Next Man Cave event will be **Tues., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:00pm at KOG.

## 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, January 9, 9:30am-12:30pm at the Food Bank for Larimer County. Thank you!

## Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Update

Thank you to everyone who supported all the runners and walkers for the **Run4Camp** on November 1! Because of the pandemic and fire Sky Ranch lost all of their income for this year. The Run4Camp raised over \$80,000 for Sky Ranch and is a tremendous gift that will help this ministry continue. The Cameron Peak fire did go through and around Sky Ranch but thankfully all of the structures survived thanks to the tireless work of many firefighters. Thank you for all of your prayers and support!

## Longest Night/ Blue Christmas Worship

**Sunday, December 20, 7:00pm**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

We join together on this longest night of the year when the darkness feels that it may overcome the light. We join to lament our losses, share our grief, give voice to our shattered dreams. It is a time to come together for prayers and laments, to mourn the losses and griefs of the year, to let tears flow for the hurting place in our lives, as well as our country and world. This is a safe and sacred space to share anguish, to plead with God to remember us, to pray for justice, and hope against hope, through our doubts and tears and fears that God will set all things right. We come together on the longest night of the year and lift all our concerns, worries, grief, and loss and find that the light shines in the darkness.

Zion, King of Glory, and Trinity Lutheran Church will come together on Sunday, December 20, at 7:00pm for a Longest Night/Blue Christmas worship.

**The worship will be in person or on Zoom.**

We invite you to enter the darkness and find hope in Jesus who is the light of the world. ***There are a limited number of spots to join us in person.***

***Please sign up here to save your place:***

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080844AEAF2FA6FB6-longest>

### **December 27 and January 3 Worship:**

#### **Leadership Team announcement**

Due to Christmas being on Friday, we're going to give our worship team including Leo Salazar (who volunteers his time) a little break over the holidays. There will only be short videos and/or devotions for the weekend of December 27 and January 3. Thank you for your understanding!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## **It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!** **December 6, Tree Lighting! 4:30 pm**

Since we won't be able to be in the building this year for worship, we put more of our decorating efforts outside. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Ted Schmidt, Mike Dodge, Jim Brossia, Pat DesJardin, and Darwyn Keitzmann did a fantastic job cleaning up bushes, raking leaves and sprucing up our property. Randy Pheiff, Brad and Pr Deb Abbott doused bushes, trees and the walkway with Christmas lights. We're looking rather festive! Come and join in the fun on December 6, when some lucky individual will get to flip the switch and all our lights will come on to welcome in the season. Listen to scripture about Jesus and the Light. There will be carols playing and if COVID numbers are better we might have wrapped cookies and hot cocoa too.

## **Living Nativity and Christmas Eve**

Lights! (blue, yellow, red, green ones...) Camera! (If you want to take pictures to send to your uncles in Nebraska) Jesus! (Mary and Joseph, too, along with some human animals in costumes). This year we are delighted to bring King of Glory a Living Nativity during the week of Christmas. On December 22, 23, and 24 come to church at 4:00pm. See the Holy Family in the stable and at 4:30pm hear the Christmas story read aloud. Invite a friend and be transported back into the night the Christ was born!

## **Christmas Eve – 4:00pm Living Nativity and Outdoor worship**

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, you may watch pre-recorded worship at any time during the day. We have special music with trumpet, harp and strings. The liturgy will include our favorite Christmas hymns and Holy Communion. (Pick up for Holy Communion will be during and after the Living Nativity until 5:45pm) Of course we'll end with Silent Night and holding candles.

**At 5:30pm or 7:30pm**, you can join others in a live Zoom session to watch the worship together. We'll stay on-line afterwards for conversation and well wishes. Pastor Deb will be hosting the 5:30pm ZOOM and Pastor Ruth Ann will be on the 7:00pm ZOOM. Come, Let us Worship the Christ Child!

*\*Please, please, ask for help if you wish to get on the live link together. We don't want to leave anyone out.*

## **Notes from Music & Worship**



Many thanks to all who participated in and commented on our "Come Sunday" worship service. It did take much preplanning and over a month to put together, but worship at King of Glory is a testament to the diversity of ways we can praise God!

Talking of that, we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service for the Advent season starting the November 28/29 weekend. This "setting is meant to be presented as simply as possible," according to the editor notes. It seems very appropriate for the season of preparation before Christmas.

King of Glory children are beginning work on their Christmas worship, telling the Christmas story. **The children's worship presentation will be on the weekend of December 12/13.** Using speakers, scripture, costumes, a stable, and of course, music, the children will reiterate the story of Christ's birth while socially distancing in family units...now there's a feat!

King of Glory Ringers have faithfully distance-rehearsed in the sanctuary for a number of weeks. It has been a challenge for everyone and we truly appreciate your hard work, cheerful attitudes, and safety precautions. We will "listen and adapt" to any change in course due to the virus.

Stay tuned for more Advent happenings at King of Glory. If we can't be together inside the church, then we will "be the church" outside!

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## **Advent & Christmas ...Time for Good Gifts!**

Traditionally the World Hunger Team invites you to consider giving Good Gifts from ELCA World Hunger. This year is no exception...with a few changes for this time of COVID! **We invite you to go to [ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://ELCA.org/goodgifts) to shop for the perfect gift for relatives and friends!** From that site, you can also order cards announcing your gifts! **To make sure your cards arrive on time, it is best to order by December 10th.**

If you want to pick up some of the traditional ornaments and cards the team already has (plus a

Good Gifts Advent calendar), just stop by the Advent display at the church building entryway. Due to the complications of COVID, we will not be collecting money from you and sending your order to ELCA. BUT...your gifts will do a world of good at a time when the needs are growing at a horrific pace and giving is significantly down.

THANKS for remembering the amazing work of ELCA World Hunger as you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus ... bringing light in this time of darkness. – Carol McDivitt, for World Hunger Relief



### Santa's Workshop – Gifts for Kids (The Giving Tree for 2020)

Buy gifts and bring to the church on our **drop off day, Saturday, December 5 from 1:00-3:00pm.** (You may also bring them for drop off at the **Tree Lighting on Dec. 6, 4:30pm**) Requested items



are: New unwrapped toys and winter coats for children, and for teens, restaurant and clothing gift cards. Thank you!

### 2020 New Members – Welcome to KOG February Class

#### • Jackie Sokol

I am retired from a career in accounting and auditing. I was born in Nebraska, moved to Montana as a child and then moved to the Denver metro area after college. I am widowed and have two children and two grandchildren. I previously lived in Montrose, Colorado and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church there.

#### • Sandra Charbonneau

I am a mother of four, grandmother of twelve and great grandmother of six. They are all scattered around the country. I was raised in the Episcopal Church and attended church camp every summer until high school graduation. I am excited to be participating in the choir. I love to sing....and even do so when walking my dog!

#### • Steven and Denise Lauerman

Steven and Denise have been married for 16 years and live in Loveland. We have two adult children with their families, including four grandchildren ages: 11,8,2, and newborn seven months. We are excited to get to know each of you and enjoy our new church family.

### November Class

#### • Irv and Coleen Johnson

Irv and Coleen Johnson are returning members of King of Glory. Coleen is a retired banker and business owner. Irv is a retired Army Chaplain and teacher. Living near the Old Course Golf Course and looking forward to active membership in King of Glory.

#### • Randy and Tracy Pfeiff

We love to live in faith. We like to share our gifts. We like to share our light. Randy and Tracy Pfeiff have been married for twenty years and we have two kids. Becca is eighteen and Robert, fourteen.

#### • Pamela Phifer

Retired. I love and have my hound dog Otis, and love my significant other Joe Scaramuzzo. Two sons: Brandon and Joshua. One stepdaughter: Danielle. One daughter-in-law: Bree. One grandson: Brayden. One step-grandson: Logan. We all ride motorcycles, enjoy camping...even Otis! Spending time with my family is the best.

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



### Sunday Adult Faith Formation Dec. Topics

**Dec. 6 – Prepare Our Hearts – Advent**

Dec. 13 – Annual Meeting - no class

**Dec. 20 – Mary's Story**

Dec. 27 – No class

### Sunday Adult Education at 10:00am

**Join us on ZOOM -**

Meeting ID: 881 9144 7136

Passcode: 739134

**Or Dial in** +1 669 900 6833

### Thursday Bible Study

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

Meeting ID: 890 0393 1194

Passcode: 983519

**Or Dial in** +1 346 248 7799



## Lectio Divina

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

Meeting ID: 841 3818 0839

Passcode: 286075

**Dial in** +1 346 248 7799



One of our many Bazaar vendors, 10,000 Villages would like you to consider their on-line catalog this year! Visit <http://www.focofairtrade.com/online-catalog> and flip through to find the perfect gifts for your friends and family.

*\*We are continuing to update our catalog as items are no longer available, however, we may not always be able to change our inventory immediately. Please call the store to check availability and we can help you with your purchase (970) 224-9501.*

## Thank you!

### Worship, Grow, Serve Generosity Appeal

As of Nov 17 – we have received 89 Statements of Intent for a total of \$305,512. Thank you!

**Thank you to Kathy Cisar** for her very generous donation to the Prayer Shawl team in October!

### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Love and Thanks, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Fort Collins, CO**

We wish your congregation a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! We are so very thankful for all that you all do to support and care for us, and feel truly blessed to be able to share in ministries with you. With joy and peace, we look forward to this Holiday season in community with our students and your congregation.

## News Extras

### **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Chapter begins meeting at KOG**

In November the Leadership team approved the beginning of a new ministry: Alcoholics Anonymous.

A person who has been worshipping at KOG for several years approached us about using the building with a very small group of people. This group is just getting started and hopes to grow in members once the pandemic is over. Currently they will be meeting in person and by zoom. We are excited to welcome AA into our life of sharing the Good News. God does amazing things through AA! Welcome!

# December 2020 Celebrations!

## Birthdays

- 1 Judy Baringer
- 2 Kim Carson, Lynn Hamilton, Darla Wheeler
- 3 Ivy Backsen
- 4 Tim Baringer
- 5 Pat DesJardin, Kate Kling, Betty Loy
- 8 Len Koch
- 13 Larry Healy, Jan Schneider
- 14 Macy Mailander
- 15 Sarah Whitney
- 16 Mark Carson, Chris Wheeler
- 18 Devon Bower, Sharon McDaniel, Joyce Tyson
- 20 Ryan Auker
- 21 Dina Kalahar, Janet Meadows
- 23 Bob Bower, Donna Petersen
- 25 Amy Nuttall, Neoma Scott, Jeanette Williams
- 29 Jake Jacoby
- 30 Pat Johnson, Carol MacMurray
- 31 Jeannie Raabe, Linda Wieland, Ed Young



## Anniversaries

- 11 - Roger & Kay Knuth (22 years)
- 12 - Dale & Debbie Kunkel (46 years)
- 13 - Russell & Eric Miller (6 years)
- 14 - Bill & Barbara Ziesche (48 years)
- 23 - Rich & Nancy Krebs (53 years)
- 30 - Bill & Stephanie Beyers (42 years)
- 30 - Carlos & Jan Schneider (49 years)
- 31 - Bob & Ginny Crawford (32 years)





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

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**Happening in December...**

December 5 @ 1:00pm – Giving Tree Gift Drop off

December 6 @ 4:30pm - Outdoor Tree Lighting

December 13 @ 10:00am - Annual Meeting by Zoom

**Christmas Week**

December 22, 23 & 24 – Living Nativity at 4:00pm

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Living Nativity

5:30pm & 7:30pm - Watch worship together on Zoom!

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