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From Pastor Ruth Ann



Steadfast Love

As we enter Lent this year, Pr Deb and I want us to reflect on God's steadfast love. The Greek word for 'steadfast' means a seat or base. Yet figuratively it also means firm or morally fixed. It means well-stationed, not given to fluctuation or

'moving off course.' (*Strong's Concordance* #1476.)

God's love for us is morally fixed. This love isn't going off course. It won't be like high school crushes...one week 'on' and the next 'off.' No! Take a look...

**Ps 118- Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!*

** Lam 3:22-23- The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

**Ps 86:15- But you, O lord, are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*

We are humbled and grateful by God's steadfast love for us. It is firm beneath our feet each day. It is strong and will hold us when we fall. This love is morally fixed like an arrow flying towards the center of the target. It doesn't deviate course, thus helping us when we are morally off-course.

Give thanks with me for God's steadfast love. Then come for short Lenten mid-week reflections each **Wednesday at 6:30pm by Zoom** on all that God's steadfast-ness and our steadfastness means. *Thanks be to God! Pastor Ruth Ann*

Drive-in, in-person worship at the KOG parking lot on January 31 and February 28th at 11:00am! Because Christmas was so well received, we're doing it again! Come as you are for worship in your cars, on January 31st and

February 28th. Stay warm and **tune your radio to 97.5FM** to hear service. The Good News will be preached and we'll receive Holy Communion. (*Note* Adult Ed will be at 9:00am on Sunday, the 31st*) If the drive in worship doesn't meet your needs or you live in another part of the country, we will still have a pre-recorded worship for you to listen and watch on Vimeo. Come and Worship!

Ash Wednesday – Ash Wednesday services will be held on **Wednesday, February 17 at noon** in the church parking lot. Drive-in to worship and listen over your car radio! You may remember that in the past the Loveland ELCA congregations have together offered noon worship on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as a sign of our mutual mission and partnership together. This noon worship will be led by clergy from each of the congregations and Pr Sonja Pancoast will be preaching. (Likewise on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, drive-in noon worship will be held at Zion and Trinity respectively.)

In the evening at 7:00pm, we will offer another live worship (not in the sanctuary), but over Zoom. Pastor Ruth Ann will be preaching. This will be a quiet, simpler worship with spoken liturgy, the Word and time for reflection. *At the noon service, there will be imposition of Ashes. If you plan to attend at 7:00pm Zoom, pick up ashes at church Feb 10.*

Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes

February 2021



Do you ever feel like Valentine's Day is just another excuse to buy candy? I know I do and am certainly guilty of buying candy just for me!

But this year, what if we take the month of February to share God's love in new and creative ways? Everyone needs to be reminded of God's unconditional love.

So as you are buying or making Valentine's cards this year (or candy!) consider sending out a couple special Valentine's to someone you know who could use a message of God's love for them. Share with them something you appreciate about them or something that makes them unique and special. A message of love and affirmation just might brighten the day of someone who really needs it.

Happy Valentine's Day! Pastor Deb
debabbottkog@gmail.com 970-817-4407

Diaper Drive

There is a great need for diapers in our community! KOG is going to collect diapers for House of Neighborly Service on **Sunday, January 31**. Come to our Drive-In Worship at **11:00am in the parking lot** and drop off your donation! Thank you!

Sunday School for Preschool – 5th Grade

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45-10:30am every Sunday. We will meet by Zoom until we can be back in the building.

Confirmation Classes – Middle School Youth

Sunday, February 7, 1-2pm by Zoom

Topic = Holy Baptism

Sunday, February 21, 1-2pm by Zoom

Topic = Holy Communion

Confirmation Mentors for Lent

During the season of Lent our Confirmation youth will be matched with caring adult mentors. They will have conversations throughout Lent. Thank you to our students and mentors for sharing this time together!

Girl Talk for 6th-8th Grade Girls

Girl Talk is a peer-to-peer mentoring program designed to help girls learn leadership skills and self-confidence through practical experience. The group meets every Tuesday night. No need to sign up in advance, 6th-8th grade girls can join any time it works with their schedules!

Man Cave for 5th-8th Grade Boys

Next Man Cave event will be Tuesday, February 2, 7-8 PM by Zoom. Man Cave in 2021 will meet on the first Tuesday of every month, 7-8pm.

Secret Valentine – High School Youth

Share some mid-winter joy by participating in this gift exchange! Secret deliveries will take place between February 1 and February 14 and secret valentines will be revealed on Zoom on February 14. Sign up with Pastor Deb.

Hike – High School Youth

Monday February 15, President's Day. Meet at 11am (meeting location TBD based on weather and trail conditions). We'll meet at a local natural area for some fresh air, outside activity and beautiful mountain views! Bring warm layers, a full water bottle, and a packed lunch for a mid-hike picnic. Sign up with Pastor Deb.

Summer High School Mission Trip - SAVE THE DATE

If you are a high school youth going into 9th grade or will have completed 12th you are invited to our Summer High School Mission Trip, July 16-24, 2021. If we are able, we will be going to Idaho and working with Idaho Servant Adventures through Lutherhaven Ministries, an ELCA camp. Sign up with Pastor Deb today!

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 Sunday, March 7, 9:30am-12:30pm at the Food Bank for Larimer County. Thank you!

Campus Ministry Sunday

For our worship the weekend of February 6 & 7 our preacher will be a student from LuMin Campus Ministry at CSU. Join us online in our recorded worship to learn about campus ministry!

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 28, 2pm by Zoom

Watch for more info to come and join us by zoom to get the latest news from camp.

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

Registration is not open yet but please **SAVE THE DATES** for camp in 2021! (Dates are below)

Work Weekends

Help get camp ready for the summer!

April 30 – May 2

May 7 – 9

Confirmation Intensive Camp

Middle School Youth – 6th – 8th grade

June 20-25, 2021

Family Camp

July 4-9, 2021



KOG Week at Camp

August 1-6, 2021

Round Up – completed 1st - 3rd grade

Homesteaders – completed 3rd – 5th grade

Labor Day Weekend Retreat

September 3-6, 2021

Now Hiring Summer Staff - Applications are now open for summer staff to apply for Summer 2021! If you know or are a young adult who would love to work at Sky Ranch please let Pastor Deb know or contact Brad Abbott at 970-493-5258 or brad@skyranchcolorado.org.

40 Days of Giving

Lent is coming and the Hunger Team invites everyone to walk in a journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Details will come in a handout for January 31 drive-in worship...as well as an attachment to the weekly Worship email.

--Carol McDivitt, ELCA World Hunger

KOG Community Safety Team Update

The KOG Community Safety Team met twice in January to track numbers of Covid in Larimer County and to think about what the coming months need to look like. Bishop Jim Gonia and the Synod Council are recommending no in-person, in-building worship through the end of March. Christmas Eve was a success in terms of gathering outside, thus the safety team would like to continue those worship services. (Palm Sunday and Easter will also be held in the parking lot unless there is a blizzard!) Pre-recorded worship will also be available!

Hopefully we will be able to open the building again soon for small group gatherings, but this is entirely dependent upon what direction the numbers are going.

Survey: KOG members and friends, as the Safety Team continues to oversee and evaluate the safety of our congregation re-gathering, we have created a very short on-line survey about vaccinations. The sole purpose is so that we'll have data to see when and how many people are getting vaccinated. A few members got their shots in December; others won't be able until months from now. Please understand...getting a vaccination is not a prerequisite for coming to worship. If you choose to not be vaccinated for any reason that is perfectly acceptable. Our only purpose in asking is to have some data to reflect on. I invite you to take this short survey. If you have questions or comments, please call myself or Pres. Eric Backsen. We thank you for your patience and understanding!
Pr Ruth Ann



Happy 100!

In mid-January, **Ina Holmquist** celebrated her 100th Birthday. We know Ina through her son Lee who sings in our Glory Choir. Lee organized a fabulous drive-in birthday party for Ina where she lives at Brookdale. Choir members came to sing Happy Birthday. When asked what she was enjoying about her birthday, Ina said, "I can't believe how many people showed up!" Congratulations Ina and Lee.

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 our Saturday email. Questions? Call 303-854-4737



Sunday Adult Education at 10:00am

Watch weekly email for topics!

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

We are beginning a book study on Henri Nouwen's Here and Now.

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

Loveland Habitat for Humanity ReStore **We're Looking for Volunteers!**

Make a difference in your community by volunteering at the ReStore. Volunteer duties include:

- Receiving and sorting donations
- Pricing and displaying merchandise ->

- Testing electronics and appliances
 - Assisting with clerical duties
- Volunteering has been shown to have many positive benefits! Connect with others, make new friends, gain valuable job skills, combat depression, increase happiness and stay physically healthy! Call today (970-669-7343) or sign up on-line at lovelandhabitat.org.

Leadership Team Retreat – February 13th

On Saturday, February 13th, King of Glory's Leadership Team will have our annual retreat from 9-1pm. Once a year (more if necessary), we gather to have intentional time together. The purposes are for worship, to get to know one another better and to reflect upon what God might be calling us to in the coming year. We just said good-bye to three fabulous members: Ted Schmidt, Roxane Salazar and Mark Francis. Now we welcome three new fabulous members: Joe Sayers, Jan DesJardin and Randy Pfeiff. With each year members bring their own God given gifts, personalities and history to our conversations and decisions. Meeting over zoom isn't the same as meeting in person, but it still works!

In February of 2019, we re-named ourselves the Leadership Team. Previously known as "Council", the new name reflects what we believe our highest goals are. We wish to be leaders in the fullest sense of that word for our church. We are your Leaders: theologically, fiscally, practically, inspirationally, and faithfully. We want to raise up more leaders and ultimately we want participation in this Leadership Team to be the highest honor at King of Glory.

Please pray for our Leadership Team on February 13.



Lenten Soup Dinners - Calling all Soup Recipes!

Yes, we are going to have Lenten Soup Dinners...only, they will be virtual this year. The dinners will be Wednesdays during Lent **at 5:30pm via Zoom**. BUT, what about the soup? Well, this is the time for you to share your favorite soup recipes NOW, so we may cook and sample new cuisine for the dinners. Make your own soup/dinner and join in fellowship on Zoom. The first one will be Wednesday, February 24.

If you would like to share your favorite recipe, please send it to Kathy Gustad at Office@aplace2grow.org. and you will see them in some of the Friday emails.

Special Services

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras Sunday is almost here before we begin the Lenten Season. February 14 is not only Valentines, but also Mardi Gras Sunday, as well as, Transfiguration. That is a lot to celebrate! No Hands Brass Band will kick off the service with classic New Orleans Dixieland "Glory Land" and propel us into the rest of our day with "I'll Fly Away." Transfiguration won't be forgotten with an arrangement of "Climbin' Up The Mountain" spiritual. Celebrate all the way to Ash Wednesday on February 17.

Just as a reminder, Mardi Gras is part of the Carnivale festival celebrated all over the world in the days and weeks before Lent. New Orleans brought the celebration to the United States and has the largest celebration in our country. Parades, special foods, balls, and beads all celebrate before the penitential season of Lent. It is a time of great fun and enjoyment! –*Dr. Jane*

Journey to the Cross Crawl

Have you ever REALLY looked at the cross on our church? Or the ones on other churches? There is even a variety of crosses within King of Glory and the histories and meanings of these most iconic Christian symbols help us prepare for Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Our special Journey to the Cross Crawl will virtually explore crosses in Loveland, Greeley, and Sky Ranch. We will virtually visit church crosses in these locales and explore their meanings through scripture, music, and histories. Pre-pandemic, we could have all explored these in person, but for safety, we will visit them virtually. We will also have directions for you to visit them "in person" if you would like a physical "Cross Crawl." March 7 weekend services will take us on our Lenten Journey to the Cross Crawl. Don't miss out on this special offering. – *Dr. Jane*

2021 Leadership Team

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

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February 2021



Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day

Mardi Gras and Transfiguration Sunday

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday Worship

Drive in at Noon and Zoom at 7:00pm

Feb. 24 – 5:30 Soup Supper on Zoom ("Zoup")

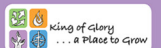
6:30pm Mid-week Lenten Reflections on Zoom
(Wednesdays in Lent)

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