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Don't forget -- Daylight Savings Begins on March 14! Spring Forward 1 Hour!

## From Pastor Ruth Ann



St. Patrick's Day – March 17<sup>th</sup> is the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385-461) who is the foremost patron saint of Ireland. He was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. St. Patrick's Day was made an official Christian Feast

day in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. The day celebrates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland when Patrick converted a society practicing a form of Celtic polytheism (belief in many gods, not one God).

When he was sixteen Patrick was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. He escaped after six years and returned home. But then came back to Ireland after becoming a cleric.

## Prayer for the Faithful by Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us.

May the Power of God preserve us.

May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

May the Way of God direct us.

May the Shield of God defend us.

May the Angels of God quard us.

- Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!

May Thy Grace, Lord, Always be ours, This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.

(https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=2930)

This St. Patrick's Day, let us say a prayer of thanks for Saint Patrick and his life's work, telling the Good News of Jesus Christ!

#### **Holy Week Worship**

Palm Sunday – March 28: Pre-recorded worship and drive-in parking lot worship at 11:00am!

Maundy Thursday – April 1: Noon Drive-in parking lot worship at Zion – with KOG and Trinity 7:00pm Online Zoom worship for KOG

**Good Friday – April 2:** Noon Drive-in parking lot worship <u>at Trinity</u> – with KOG and Zion 7:00pm Online Zoom worship for KOG

**Easter Vigil – April 3:** 6:00pm <u>at Zion</u>: Recorded Biblical stories presented by Confirmation students from KOG, Trinity and Zion, with small in-person worship led by pastors

**Easter – April 4:** Pre-recorded worship and 11:00am drive-in worship at KOG

## Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



March 2021

This year during Lent the lectionary is filled with covenant stories. These are stories of God's promises made to Noah, Abraham and Moses. We teach these stories to our children and carry them with

us throughout our own faith journeys.

A covenant is a powerful promise. And when that covenant is between God and God's people it is a promise that binds us together. It is good, especially during dark and cold winter days, to remember God's promises and the bond we share with God and one another.

As we continue to journey through this pandemic and through Lent it is God's covenant with the generations before us that we continue to live out today. It is God's promise to walk with us forever that gives us strength in hard times to carry on. Hold on to God's promises and spend some time this season remembering and telling our covenant stories!

Pastor Deb - <u>debabbottkog@gmail.com</u> 970-817-4407

#### Thank you for the DIAPERS!

On Sunday, January 31 we collected 3763 diapers as well as numerous packs of wipes and baby food. Your contributions will help out many families in Loveland. Thank you!

#### **Food Drive**

Put aside a few cans of food or jars of peanut butter during Lent and drop them off at KOG on Sunday morning, March 28. Youth will collect your food as part of a joint food drive with Zion. Thank you!

#### **Easter Candy Needed**

We have a lot of empty Easter eggs that need to be stuffed with candy! Drop off a bag of small individually wrapped candy of any kind at the church office the week of March 22-26 or to the Drive In Service on Sunday, March 28. Thank you!

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

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45-10:30am on Sunday, March 7, 14 & 21 at KOG. On Sunday, March 28 we will gather at 10:00am to get ready for the Palm Sunday Drive-In service at 11:00am.

# TWO Opportunities for Vacation Bible School -- June 7 - June 11, 2021

- 9:00am 11:00am at King of Glory -Preschool - 5th grade
- 6:30 8:00pm at Zion Intergenerational VBS for All Ages

The morning session is for kids only and follows the usual VBS format.

Registration spots are limited and first-come, first-served, and <u>all</u> registration will take place <u>online</u>. We will not have any paper registration or day-of registrations. The registration link is as follows <u>vbspro.events/p/kogzion2021</u> The cost for the kids program is \$10 per child/ maximum of \$20 per family.

The evening session is for <u>all ages</u>. We will have a brief worship service and then an activity each evening.

Children can attend both the morning and evening sessions if they would like. Note that if children attend the evening activities, parents, guardians, or grandparents need to attend with them. This event is free. Sign up on the SignUp Genius Link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080844aeaf2fa6">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080844aeaf2fa6</a> fb6-vacation

#### Confirmation Classes - Middle School Youth

Sunday, March 7, 1:00-2:00pm in-person at Zion
 Topic = Easter Vigil

- Sunday, March 21, 1:00-2:00pm in-person at Zion
   Topic = Easter Vigil
- For March classes please sign up youth and adults on the SignUp Genius Link emailed to you.

#### **Confirmation Mentors for Lent**

During the season of Lent our Confirmation youth have been 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 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. The group meets every Tuesday night at KOG. No need to sign up in advance, 6th-8th grade girls can join any time it works with their schedules! In March Girl Talk will NOT meet March 16 (spring break) and March 30 (Holy Week).

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

Next Man Cave event will be Tuesday, March 2, 7:00-8:00pm <u>at Trinity</u>. Man Cave meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00-8:00pm.

## **High School Summer Service Trip**

If you are a youth going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade or will have completed 12<sup>th</sup> you are invited to our High School Summer Service Trip, July 16-24, 2021. We will be going to Idaho and working with Idaho Servant Adventures through Lutherhaven Ministries, an ELCA camp. Sign up with Pastor Deb today! Deposit of \$100 is due by March 31. Total cost per youth is \$350. Scholarships are available! First Trip Meeting for youth and parents is on Sunday, March 7 at 7:00pm by Zoom.

#### **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, April 11, 9:30am-12:00pm** at the Food Bank for Larimer County. Thank you!

#### Sky Ranch Work Weekends - No Cost

Help get camp ready for the summer! Go up for a weekend and do work projects around camp. Housing and food provided. Sign up by calling Ally at the Sky Ranch office, 970-493-5258.

April 30 – May 2

May 7 - 9

Phone: 970-669-5983

May 28 – 31 (Memorial Day weekend)

## <u>Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp – Summer Programs</u>

Registration is now open!
Children and youth will register
as a group through KOG. \$50 deposit and
release form due by March 31. Scholarships are
available! Contact Pastor Deb for more info.

#### **Confirmation Intensive Camp**

Middle School Youth – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade June 20-25, 2021 \$450 per youth

#### **Family Camp**

July 4-9, 2021

#### KOG Week at Camp

August 1-6, 2021 Round Up – completed 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - \$220 Homesteaders – completed 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade - \$435

#### <u>Labor Day Weekend Retreat – SAVE THE DATE</u> 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 <a href="mailto:brad@skyranchcolorado.org">brad@skyranchcolorado.org</a>.

# From Dr. Jane – Music Notes! Journey to the Cross Service

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 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 an in-person experience. March 7 weekend services will take us on our Lenten Journey to the Cross. Don't miss out on this special offering.

#### **Special Thanks**

Many, many thanks to Kathy Cisar for giving of her time, talents, and creativity in helping to create the Mardi Gras bags for musicians in our church. These were just a little reminder of the hours of service Glory Singers and Glory Ringers have given to enrich the worship services at KOG. Thanks again to Kathy for all your work!

#### **Glory Ringers**

The handbells are preparing for Lent and Palm Sunday in our distancing, masked, and handsanitizer "way." Wednesdays, 4:00pm, in the KOG sanctuary sees us strung around the sanctuary working out the rhythms and techniques for different selections. These musicians remain dedicated and maintain CDC directions as we work toward providing music for everyone. Thank you!

#### **KOG Kids**

Palm Sunday is coming sooner than we think (March 28) and I have a wonderful call to worship for the Sunday School kids. It is "Hosanna" and I have made a recording with which you may singalong and I will also send the written music. Everyone loves to hear your vibrant, young voices and Palm Sunday is a great time to use them. More information will be coming!!

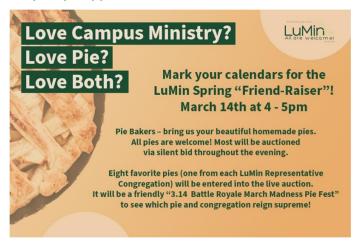
## SAVE-THE-DATE - March 14<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Matt Skinner Lecture open to all!

Join in to hear Luther Seminary's Dr. Matt Skinner lecture why Mark's Gospel is valuable for our experiences NOW, what he loves about Mark and much more. Join in for the Adult Education time at 10:00am over Zoom. (Don't forget Daylight Savings time change!) Dr. Skinner is very engaging and you'll learn about the appointed Gospel for this year's lectionary.

Dr. Skinner, Child of God, has a Ph.D and M.Div from Princeton. He joined Luther Seminary faculty in 2002. Skinner's teaching experience covers the full range of the New Testament canon. His courses focus on the original, ancient settings and circumstances surrounding the creation and preservation of biblical writings as well as how this literature continues to be experienced and interpreted in congregations and other public venues.

The Northern Colorado Conference Clergy were delighted to learn from Dr. Skinner at a retreat several years ago when he lectured on Matthew for preachers. You'll enjoy him too!

National Pi Day! (3.14) Celebrated on March 14 (3/14) Support LuMin at the virtual Pie Auction!



### 40 Days of Giving

Hunger Team invites everyone to walk in a journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter.
Look for the weekly "Musings for the Journey" and ELCA World Hunger Videos attached to the weekend emails.

--Carol McDivitt, ELCA World Hunger

#### **KOG Community Safety Team Update**

Our team met in February twice and will meet again on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to those of you who filled in the survey. From that data we learned more about vaccination and non-vaccination plans of the congregation members. It was very helpful.

As the spring progress, the safety team would like us to continue as many on-line pre-recorded, and outdoor worship services as possible. Bishop Gonia and the Rocky Mountain Synod Council recommendations are consistent with these decisions.

We are juggling multiple issues at once including: vaccination of pastors and all worship team member so that leaders can stay safe, county guidelines, high-speed internet into the building so we can live-stream worship once we are all back in person, and the hiring of a new part-time media position which the congregation approved in December.

The team has opened the building for small groups including Prayer Shawls, Quilters, Girl Talk and Glory Ringers. If you are a small group and would like to begin meeting again in the building, please contact Kathy Gustad in the office to schedule your time.

We ask for your patience during these next months. They may be challenging to navigate. See the worship schedule in this issue of the Messenger and look forward to Palm Sunday and Easter worship outside in the parking lot, along with the last Sunday of each month for Holy Communion!

## Thank you ...

This 'thank you' was inadvertently omitted from last month's Messenger-

**Dear friends and members of KOG**, What an outstanding shower of love and warm wishes you've sent since Don's death. Each of you expressed your sweet concern in different ways, and altogether they make my heart sing. Thank you and God bless you all. Sincerely, Mona Whitney.

## **ZOOM-** Meet Us On-Line or Phone in!

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

#### Sunday Adult Education at 10:00am

We are having a book study on The Good and Beautiful God... by James Bryan Smith Join us on ZOOM – Look for the link in the daily devotion email.

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!** Look for the link in the daily devotion email.

Meeting ID: 890 0393 1194

Passcode: 983519

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

We are having 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**. Look for the link in the daily devotion email.

Meeting ID: 841 3818 0839

Passcode: 286075 **Dial in** +1 346 248 7799

### **Lenten Soup Dinners and Devotions By ZOOM!**

Lenten Meal

Yes, we are going to have Lenten Soup Dinners...only, they are virtual this year. The dinners will be Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30pm

via Zoom. (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24.) Look for the link in the daily devotion email. Make your own soup/dinner and join us in fellowship on Zoom. There will be a short time of Lenten devotion following dinner at 6:30pm, also on Zoom (the same link for all evening activities) Join us!

#### 2021 Leadership Team

President: Eric Backsen
Vice President: Bryan French
Treasurer: Ron Lamb
Secretary: Judy Richardson
Jan DesJardin
Lynn Hamilton
Randy Pfeiff
Joe Sayers

### **King of Glory Staff**

Ruth Ann Loughry Senior Pastor

Debra Abbott

Associate Pastor - Faith Formation

**Dr. Jane Andrews**Music Director

Kathy Gustad Office Admin/Editor

Kathy Pensack-Rinehart

Worship Accompanist

Kathy Hansen Choir Accompanist

Robyn French

Nursery Attendant

Darrell Phelps

Custodian/Property Maintenance

## **Lent 2021**

40 Days of Giving: An At-Home Food Drive

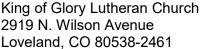
2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21
Collect: 1 pasta item	Collect: 1 canned meat	Collect: 1 peanut butter	Collect: 1 can beans	Collect: 1 can tuna
2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26
Collect: 1 box cereal	Collect: 1 pasta item	Collect: 1 canned meat	Collect: 1 can chili	Collect: 1 jar applesauce
2/27	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3
Collect: 1 can vegetables	Collect: 1 rice item	Collect: 1 can fruit	Collect: 1 jar pasta sauce	Collect: 1 muffin mix
3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8
Collect: 1 can fruit	Collect: 1 tomato sauce	Collect: 1 pancake mix	Collect: 1 canned meat	Collect: 1 can soup
3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13
Collect: 1 can vegetables	Collect: 1 can tuna	Collect: 1 pasta item	Collect: 1 box cereal	Collect: 1 canned meat
3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18
Collect: 1 peanut butter	Collect: 1 can soup	Collect: 1 rice item	Collect: 1 can fruit	Collect: 1 can beans
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## On March 14 - Remember to....













"As God's People, Graced by Differences, Nurtured by the Spirit, and Gifted to Serve, We Invite and Welcome All to Grow in Faith."

To see daily devotions & sermons, please check our <u>Sermon Archive</u> or <u>Daily Devotions page</u> at <u>www.kingofgloryloveland.com</u>



March 3 – 5:30 Soup Supper on Zoom ("Zoup") 6:30pm Mid-week Lenten Reflections on Zoom (Wednesdays in Lent)

March 7 – "Journey to the Cross" worship

March 14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Guest speaker Dr. Matt Skinner for Adult Ed

March 28 - Palm Sunday Drive in worship at 11:00am



