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From Pastor Ruth Ann

Dear King of Glory members and friends,



What a long way we've come! As your pastor, I will never forget going to the Leadership Team on March 13, 2020 and asking them to suspend worship for three weekends. We didn't have any idea, did we?

But now we do. God has been with us every step of the way and now it's a new day! The Safety Team brought a recommendation to our Leadership Team on May 11 that we return to our basic pre-pandemic worship schedule. It was approved!

Worship: Four options

Saturday night: Worship 5:30pm Inside sanctuary

Sunday morning: Worship 8:30am **Outdoor** chapel (bring a coat or blanket!)

Worship 11:00am Inside sanctuary

Holy Communion will be offered each service, each weekend

You do not need to call in for a reservation to attend worship

On-line: Worship will continue to be posted to the website each weekend.

Adult Education Hour: each Sunday 9:45-10:45am in the Fellowship Room

For our safety together as God's people the KOG Community Safety Team recommends:

**Sign in* when you arrive for worship (Recently, an outside group had a positive Covid case of a person in the building. With the sign in sheet, they knew who else needed to be called.)

**Seating inside* will be within a hybrid design. If you prefer more space, chairs will be separated

on one side. If you prefer rows, there will be rows on the other side of the sanctuary. Seating in the outdoor chapel will be normal, like pre-pandemic.

**Holy Communion* will be offered each service with options. You may pick up the pre-packaged elements to commune at your seat. Or Communion will be offered by stations (not at the altar) with bread and wine/grape juice. (Plastic cups only, no intinction at this time.)

**Masks* The KOG Safety Team recognizes there are both physical and psychological elements to mask wearing during these days of transition. Given we are offering hybrid options for seating and Holy Communion, we will follow the same logic for mask wearing which both the CDC and Larimer county support. If for any reason, you wish to wear a mask that is perfectly acceptable. (For example, Pastors may mask when serving Communion.) If you choose not to mask that is acceptable. We are a Christian community whose love following Jesus' example, extends beyond self to the whole group. King of Glory will enact this for all.

While we will not ask who is vaccinated or who is not vaccinated, we realize the youngest amongst us are most at risk. If you are spending an extended time talking to young children, we ask that you wear a mask.

**Singing* will take place during worship with hymns. Our liturgy for June will be spoken, not sung. Again, you may wear a mask or not during singing.

**Group Meetings* in the building are now resuming in full for King of Glory groups. For adult studies and groups, a zoom option is available as well. We will welcome our outside groups (HOAs etc.) later in the summer. The exception is that our New Beginnings (AA) group continues to meet.

**Food in group meetings/after worship:* for June, please continue to bring your own coffee and pre-packaged food. No coffee or donuts after worship yet.

**Teams* of ushers and altar guild are getting moving again. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office! We need the full Body of Christ to offer worship each weekend.

You have been faithful to God and to our congregation. I can't thank you enough for your continued presence, patience with the process and your financial gifts. God has been so faithful to us as

well. Like our ancient forebears, we've come through the wilderness with God as our guide. Come and worship! Soli Deo! To God be the Glory! See you in church. *Pr Ruth Ann Loughry*

A Fond Farewell

Dearest Friends in Christ,

It has been my honor and pleasure to be KOG's accompanist for these many years. But all good things must come to an end to make room for new things! I am retiring at the end of May. Maybe you don't know that I have been an accompanist since I was 16, almost fifty years ago! I have been busy at KOG for over 25 years and have enjoyed it so much. You have all been very gracious and complimentary. But now it is time for new adventures. Godspeed to you all.

*With much love and gratitude,
Kathy Pensack-Rinehart*

Dear Church,

Kathy Pensack-Rinehart has been a faithful employee of King of Glory for the last 25 years. Her skills at the piano have touched many hearts during worship. She plays with sensitivity and has a gift for playing our worship liturgy and hymns. In addition, Kathy accompanied our Glory Singers as well. Three services a weekend for 52 weekends, for 25 years...not counting Holy Week, funerals, weddings, Christmas and Easter, is over 4000 worship services! Can you imagine how many hymns, preludes, postludes and offering pieces? What a gift to this worshipping congregation.

So it is bittersweet to receive Kathy's retirement announcement. Not only did she play the ivories with grace, but she touched people's lives as well. Before worship, I would always see Kathy taking time to chat with members and friends.

Now, as she departs from us, she will be able to have time on weekends to visit with family and travel too. Those are fabulous goals as making memories is one of life's greatest gifts.

Thank you Kathy for your presence, your music and your faithful worship ministry. We will miss hearing you! *Sincerely, Pastor Ruth Ann*

KOG Welcomes Mr. Trey Tafoya to our staff

Last year in the middle of a pandemic when hope was dim, you as a Church of God, saw a vision and answered a call. During our Worship, Grow, Serve Generosity Campaign, the Leadership Team laid out a plan to hire a part-time employee. This person would fill two unique spots.

First, be a new Audio/Visual staff person to continue the work we began of putting worship on-line on the internet. The camera is our second front door – and just as important as the first!

Secondly, this individual will keep all our social media up to date. This includes our website, Facebook and others we might join. Before any new guest comes through a front door, they check us out on-line. This position is vital for fresh and inviting ministry.

God provided just the right person and I invite you to help welcome Mr. Trey Tafoya to King of Glory. Trey is currently working at Horizon High School in Thornton as Director of Orchestras. He has many skills which the personnel team found attractive. Trey grew up Lutheran and has extensive knowledge of music, sound and recording plus social media platforms. You'll find him gracious and eager to learn and work.

Please give him a warm welcome and get to know Trey. **We will formally welcome him during worship on June 20 at each worship service.**

Greetings! My name is Trey Tafoya, and I am thrilled to be joining the King of Glory community by accepting the Audio/Visual and Social Media position. I am a Colorado native and lived here all my life. After graduating from the University of Northern Colorado, I started teaching high school music specializing in concert band, marching band, and orchestra. In my spare time, you might find me in the mountains, either hiking and camping in the summer or skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. I currently live in Longmont with my wife—who I met in our high school marching band—and our two cats and dog.

Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes

The month of June is filled with blessings!



On Sunday, **June 6** we will have a Blessing for Vacation Bible School during worship as we bless our children, youth and adult leaders. VBS will be June 7-11 at King of Glory in partnership with Zion Lutheran Church.

Everyone is invited to the garden for a Blessing of the Glory Garden on **June 13** at 9:30am. We will ask God's blessing on the gardens, the gardeners and all those who will be nourished by the produce!

On that same day we will ask God's blessing on our youth and adult leaders going to Sky Ranch

Lutheran Camp for Confirmation Intensive Camp, June 20-25. Join us in worship on Sunday, June 13 as we bless our campers!

This all reminds me of the doxology, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

We give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow and for wonderful opportunities this summer to serve and grow in faith! *Pastor Deb -*

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Congratulations Graduates!

- ❖ **Lien Bradley**
Graduated from Fort Collins High School
- ❖ **Maddie Elder** – Girl Talk
Leader from Zion Lutheran Church. I am graduating from Loveland High School and I will be working at Sky Ranch this summer as a Ranch Hand. In the fall, I will be attending Augustana University to double major in Elementary Education and Special Education.
- ❖ **Grey Grindle**
Graduated from Rocky Mountain High School
- ❖ **Delaney McNally**
Graduated from Loveland High School
- ❖ **Rebecca Pfeiff**
I graduated from Eaton High School. I plan to attend Aims then UNC to study Early Childhood Education in hopes of being a preschool teacher.
- ❖ **Rebecca Smith** – Girl Talk Leader from Zion Lutheran Church. Graduated from Loveland High School



Vacation Bible School

June 7-11, 9:00am-11:00am at KOG

Registration has now closed for VBS. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this joint VBS with Zion. All children and leaders participating in VBS are invited to worship on June 6 for a VBS Blessing!

Middle School Summer Fun

Join us for L2F2 Middle School Summer Fun Events for youth entering 6th grade through youth who just completed 8th grade.

June 13 at 1-2:30pm at Trinity

July 11 at 1-2:30pm at Zion

August 8 – Faith Day at the Rockies

Confirmation Intensive Camp Blessing during worship on **Sunday, June 13** for middle school youth going to Sky Ranch June 20-25.

High School Summer Trip Meetings & Blessing

For all those going on the L2F2 high school summer trip with Idaho Servant Adventures, save these dates for our group meetings to prepare for the trip.

Sunday, June 13, 7:00-8:00pm at King of Glory

Sunday, July 11, 7:00-8:00pm at Zion

Sunday, July 11 – Blessing for ISA Youth during worship

High School Gathering sponsored by the Northern Colorado Conference **Friday, June 18, 5:00-8:00pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Collins

\$10 per youth

Worship, games and fellowship. This outdoor event includes dinner. Masks worn except while eating. Incoming 9th graders welcome! Sign up with Pr Deb.

Faith Day at the Rockies - August 8

Watch a Rockies game with friends from Zion and KOG and then stay for a concert with Christian bands following the game. Tickets are \$10. Bring your family and friends. Youth may sign up individually with Pastor Deb. Sign up for tickets at zionloveland.com or with Pastor Deb.

BBQ & Bluegrass

Sunday, June 6, 5:00-7:00pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Fort Collins

Purchase tickets in advance at

skyranchcolorado.org. \$15 per person for adults, \$50 per family. All proceeds support Sky Ranch.

Sky Ranch Labor Day Weekend Retreat **September 3-6, 2021**

Join friends from Zion for a weekend at camp! Register today by contacting Pastor Deb for registration forms and info. Space is limited so please sign up today!

L2F2 Women's Retreat 2021

***Present Over Perfect* - October 22 - 24, 2021**
YMCA of the Rockies - Estes Park

Join with women from Zion, King of Glory and Trinity for our L2F2 Women's Retreat. The retreat begins Friday Evening, October 22 through Sunday Lunch, October 24. We will be using the video curriculum from the book *Present Over Perfect*. No need to read the book ahead of time. Just come for faith filled conversation, fun, fellowship, and renewal

with your sisters in Christ. The cost for a double room and all meals is \$180. A single room and all meals is \$290. We have only reserved a limited number of rooms so this will be first come first serve. **Final registration deadline is August 8, 2021** but we may fill up before then. If you plan to come register NOW! Registration forms and Scholarship forms can be found on the Zion website <https://zionloveland.com/faith-formation/registration/>. **Please return the registration form and payment or scholarship form to Pastor Deb.**

Glory Garden Blessing

Join us in the KOG Glory Garden as we bless the garden on **Sunday, June 13 at 9:30am**. Learn about the garden and meet our gardeners. Thank you to Roxane Salazar and the children and youth who created pollinators for the garden!

Sign Up Now!!

Many thanks to Nick Balogh and Kathy Gustad for putting together the *SignUp Genius* for Lectors/worship assistants. This is a wonderful way to serve your church and be involved in worship.

And...the SignUp Genius is in the weekly emails that everyone receives from the church. All you have to do is click on the SignUp Genius (blue text is the link) and add your name for the service in which you would like to read the Lesson or do the prayers. The pastors will get the lesson and prayers to you ahead of time so you may read over the scriptures & prayers and figure out any tricky pronunciations.

Starting in June, we will have a Saturday, 5:30pm, indoor service; Sunday, our 8:30am, outdoor service; and a Sunday, 11:00am, indoor service. We need *Lectors/worship assistants* for each service and YOU have the opportunity to become involved. Don't wait! Become a *SignUp Genius* for KOG!!



Celebrations of Life - You are invited.

**Greta Carolus, Saturday, June 5, 2021
3:00-7:00pm at Greta's home 4713 Tarragon Dr,
Johnstown. Please RSVP to 970-231-7110
by Sunday, May 30.**

**Bob Lorenz Celebration of Life:
Saturday June 19, 10:30am at King of Glory**

Mark Lorenz Celebration of Life: June 20 during worship at his congregation **Shepherd of the Mountains, 2000 Ptarmigan Trail, Estes Park.**

Fond Farewells

Lana Forney recently moved to Nebraska after the death of her partner John Tilley. Lana has only been with us for a couple of years, yet she is responsible for bringing another member to us, Dennis Schlenker. Way to go, Lana. We will miss you and your energy. God be with you!

Loan Richards returned home to Vietnam. She will be there until she can get updated documents to come back to the states. During her time with us we celebrated her baptism and she was a committed student of Bible study. God be with you!

Larry and Eloise Laugen, long time members of King of Glory have recently moved to Rochester Minnesota to be near family. We will miss them sitting in their spots at the 10:45am service. Yet we don't begrudge them precious time with loved ones (children and grandchildren). God be with you Larry and Eloise!



King of Glory Garden News

We are off to a great start this spring. Most of the beds for individual members have been planted as well as the extra KOG beds they have adopted. A new bed was built replacing one that had fallen apart using our new method of building beds. Thanks to Susan and Tom Chamberlin and Leo Salazar for doing that! We have trimmed the grape vines thanks to Addison and Mike. Deb Kocsis helped plant several KOG beds which we really appreciate!

There will be blessing of the garden between services on June 13th by Pastor Deb.

The Monarch Garden is coming back, and we are adding new flowers too. The Church youth will be painting wooden pollinators to hang around the Monarch Garden and fences around the garden. We appreciate their contribution and artistic talent for this project. Another big thank you to Jerry Welter for purchasing three rolls of drip hoses and some tomato plant food for our garden!

Hopefully, this will be a great growing season and we are happy to be gardening and growing vegetables for our families and those in need. We invite you to take a stroll through the garden or just sit on the bench inside the garden and enjoy it. We are very blessed to have such a great group of

people who are volunteering to help with our Glory Garden this year.

*Bloom where you are planted –
be a Glory Gardener! Roxane Salazar*

Bazaar Update

At the May Leadership Team meeting, a recommendation from the Bazaar team was received to not hold a KOG Bazaar this November. The team has had some changes in membership and there are on-going concerns about the safety of having that many people in the building due to the pandemic. In the meantime, the group will reconvene and reconsider what is to come. The Bazaar has always been an amazing event not only for KOG but also for the community. Its success is known far and wide due to the incredible efforts of many people. If you are interested in helping out, please let Pr Ruth Ann know.

Thanks for Spring Cleanup at King of Glory

The KOG Spring Cleanup Day was a success on Saturday May 15 thanks to the work of Randy Pfeiff, Brad Abbott, Pat DesJardin, John Becker, Mike Dodge, Darwyn Kietzmann and Ted Schmidt with both pastors giving good advice. Storm damaged trees were trimmed or removed, the cross above the entrance was repainted and re-lit, gutters were cleaned and much trash was recycled. Screens and windows will be cleaned soon as will the air filters on the furnaces and A/C units. Thanks again to all!

Shred Day 2021 will be July 10 at Trinity Lutheran in Loveland. More information will be sent out when we get closer to the date.



June Adult Education -- Year in Review: Learning, Healing, Loving one another

Beginning in June, our Adult Education hour will be a time of reflection upon this last year. While we've been physically distanced many changes have happened in our lives. Therefore as we come back together we want everyone to have a space to process it together. This will be a creative time. We'll talk. Maybe laugh – ok, that's a given! We can cut out pictures for a collage or make a time-line. Maybe you don't feel like you're good with words, so draw something! This will be our time to return and reflect. There are no expectations of knowledge except your own lived experience during the last year. So come and join in! We'll miss you if you're not there. **Sundays 9:45am in Fellowship Room, with a ZOOM link as well!**

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study 9:30am in **Fellowship Room beginning June 3, with a ZOOM link as well!**



Lectio Divina is 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. **Dial in 1 346 248 7799 (Meeting ID: 841 3818 0839 Passcode: 286075)**

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly 2021

The theme of assembly this year was "The Stories We Tell" with the keynote speaker being Dr. Edward Antonio, professor at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. One of his main points is that in America we are living through a crisis in humanity. Racism is the cause of the crises.. He spoke at four sessions; the first session was about telling the truth about our history, the second concerned self -reflection, the third was about engaging the other and the fourth dealt with becoming the beloved community. Repentance must come before there can be healing the church and in society.

At the beginning of each session Rachel Bass Guennewig was the prayer leader incorporating stretching and yoga which centered us and helped us to be receptive to the business of the assembly and to Dr. Antonio's messages.

In addition to the thought provoking messages from Dr. Antonio we conducted synod business including financial and budget reports, election of a new vice president, renewed the 1993 caring for creation: vision, hope and justice social statement

We became aware of the many world wide church ministry partners. For example, Lutheran Refugee and Immigration Services, Federal Policy and Advocacy, Ecumenical Relationships as well as the fact that the church has missions in 45 plus countries. Ministries familiar to us are the Lutheran Disaster Response and Hunger Relief. We became enlightened about the many facets of the work of the church both in our synod and the world wide church. We want to thank the congregation for the opportunity to participate in the assembly and we feel challenged to be a part of the work ahead.

Sincerely, Sally Specht and Ginny Crawford



Fun and Fund Raiser KOG's Sell-Lot!

Are you ready for some action?

**Join us for "KOG's Sell-Lot" - Saturday, June 26th
Time TBD!**

Right here in KOG's Parking LOT! Bring your own items to sell and/or have fun and find treasures at the **Garage Bazaar, and Junk-in-your-Trunk Sale.**

- Rent a table for \$5.00 – donations go to King of Glory
- Parking spot for \$5.00 – donations go to KOG
- Best part! What you don't sell of your own stuff will be taken to agencies in town. It won't return to your garage!
- Be ready to shop a wonderful Christmas Bazaar as they will have a table.
- You may also consider this an opportunity to tithe your earnings.

Volunteers needed the day of for a few jobs. Host or Hostess for church, as bathrooms will be available, and a few strong folks to set up and take down tables.

We need volunteers to make this happen. Please text Sandy Lusk at 970-775-4254 if you are interested.

Habitat Work Day! If you've never worked on a Habitat House, this is your chance! Don't worry about your skills or lack there-of, every Habitat house manager can find a job for each person.

June 12 - join the fun. If you're interested in volunteering, **please call Jean Weiss at 970-593-1173** (land line). *(Jean is from Trinity Lutheran and organizes the volunteers.)*

Habitat is also looking for 10-20 brand new Bibles to give to new homeowners. If you wish to contribute, call Chris Zwakenberg at 669-9769 x102. (They are asking for versions NIV, ESV, NLT)

Save the Date! Art in the Park is back!

August 7-8 There will be parking in and shuttles from King of Glory parking lot

Marty Mouse is soooo excited!

Oh my friends – can you guess what I saw? I have a feeling the church might be getting ready to open back up! It's just a sneaking mousy feeling, but often my brown haired intuitions are correct. I saw many helping hands on our church property inside and outside getting it all spruced up! Yes, flowers were lovingly put the front doors, several trees damaged by the snow storm had limbs removed and hauled away, lightbulbs were replaced and fire alarms checked! I'm guessing something new is coming...what do you think?



From Pastor Ruth Ann – "Sabbath Rest"

And on the seventh day of creation, God rested. (Gen 2:1-3) Ever thought about that? God resting? What does God do when resting? Read a book? Take a nap? Go for a walk? Yes, it's silly to think about on one hand, but on the other, we ought to take notice! God rested from all the work of creating creation.

If God rested *and* you and I are created in the image of God, then we too are made to take breaks. Rest. Stop. Put our feet up. Go for a walk. Do nothing. It's called Sabbath.

God put Sabbath into the created order and then reinforced it when giving Moses the Law. The third commandment states: "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy." What does this mean? "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.

Hence on the Sabbath, one thing God commands of us is to stop work and worship. We will be changed by God's life-giving Word and being with our fellow Christians.

As I write this, I'm preparing to go on vacation. It's amazing how hard it is to take time off and rest! Ha! Yet it is worth it. We all need a break. I've even heard many a retired person say they are busier when retired than when they worked!

Almost everything in our culture is go, go, go. Go big! Go fast! Go faster! This is why the pictures of those empty beaches with swaying palm trees look so inviting. No people. No timelines. No rush.

God created us to need rest. Our sleep helps our minds work on challenges. When we do nothing, we remember we are loved for who we are, not what we can accomplish in a day.

This summer, follow God's command. Come and worship. Stop and rest. Be intentional about it. Listen to God. Listen to your body, mind and spirit. They might just be aching for rest.

Walking it with you, Pastor Ruth Ann

We have a simple survey for you.

1. Are any couples interested in a stronger relationship with each other?
2. Strong committed relationships take 3: You, your significant other and God, makes 3!
3. Would you want to take a class or attend a seminar at KOG?

If you are interested please text 'YES' to Sandy Lusk at 970-775-4254

We will let you all know the outcome. Thank you.

Your KOG Family



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June 2021

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June 7-11: Vacation Bible School at KOG: 9:00-11:00am
June 13: Glory Garden Blessing – 9:30am
June 26: KOG Parking Lot Sale

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