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## From Pastor Ruth Ann



*KOG Community Safety Team Works from a Place of Your Health: Update (Safety Team members: Eric Backsen, Judy Richardson, Ted Schmidt, Darrell Phelps, Pastors Ruth Ann and Deb)*

It's challenging to be church right now. Church is a place where we gather to worship, pray, sing, and speak. Unfortunately, the virus loves those activities! When droplets from our speech or singing are expelled, the disease is also expelled if one is carrying it. Our highest goal is to keep you, God's people safe. Even if you've already had the virus, even if you're vaccinated or not vaccinated, the Safety Team desires us to live with Jesus' highest command to, "Love your neighbor."

Loving can be fun but loving consists of making choices for the betterment of our children, our spouses, our parents, our neighbors. Therefore, at times, loving isn't too fun, it's challenging, or even really hard! To put someone else first before ourselves goes against human nature. That's why we sometimes spell sin with a capital I, sIn. Our sIn, drives us always towards putting me or "I" first. That's sin.

Young children up to age 12 cannot be vaccinated. There is hope that will come later this fall. As your pastor, I cannot, in good conscience, put the littlest of God's children at more risk than adults who can choose to be vaccinated or not. We must mask around them.

Seniors continue to be more vulnerable as well. Their wisdom is a gift to our church, and older bodies take longer to heal when injured. We've already lost a couple of members to Covid. The Safety Team and I want to protect seniors.

Looking at attendance numbers, some members have returned, and some have not. Members and friends are still watching pre-recorded worship from the safety of their own homes. This is why we are

giving you options. The Safety Team wants to meet you where you are: physically, emotionally and psychologically. This virus attacks all of three of those aspects of our lives. While we cannot give you certainty about the future of this disease, the Safety Team can give you clarity about your involvement when you walk in the church doors.

**Therefore due to the increased cases and rising infection rates of Covid in Larimer County, the Safety team is now requiring that masks be worn in the building.**

### Here are the new protocols:

- Masks will be worn in the building.
- Holy Communion: Pastors and servers will mask to serve you. Pre-packaged elements are still available for communing at your seat
- Outside worship will continue through September as long as weather is reasonable.
- If you wish to sing along when we are outside, put a mask on.
- Donuts and coffee will be served outside for the next several weekends.

The Safety Team fully realizes that these decisions will be welcomed by some and not welcomed by others. If we are loving one-another, then we make sacrifices for the other, based on God's love. Church is the space where God's love is proclaimed for all....and all people are cared for. I ask you to love one another. To think not of the "I" but of the "We". It's what King of Glory does so well! Let's keep loving and may God have the glory for our choices. *Walking it with you, Pastor Ruth Ann*



### Weekend Schedule as of September 4-5 and forward

- Saturday Night Worship: 5:30pm inside **with masks**
  - Sunday morning Worship: Outside in September: 8:30am + **masks when singing**
  - Sunday School and Adult Faith Formation: 9:45-10:30am zoom and in-person (with masks)
  - Sunday morning Worship Inside: **10:45am with masks**
- Please note the 2nd service worship time change!***

## Faith Milestones

What is a Faith Milestone anyway? We all recognize milestones in life: first day of Kindergarten, a driver's license, or marriage. But Faith Milestones are milestones we reach in our faith journey: baptism, receiving your first Bible, or Confirmation. They can also mark spiritual and emotional journey points: empty nesters or retirement. At the church we note these times with recognition in worship, a small gift perhaps and always a prayer of blessing. Pastors Deb and Ruth Ann will be recognizing more of these Faith Milestones in the coming months!

## Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



What is L2F2? If you've never heard of this ministry please read on! L2F2 stands for Loveland Lutheran Faith Formation and it is a partnership between King of Glory, Trinity and Zion Lutheran churches in Loveland. Pastors from all three congregations meet together each month to plan youth activities such as Girl Talk, Man Cave, Middle School Fun events, high school events, service opportunities, retreats, youth gatherings, summer trips, and camp experiences.

Because of this partnership our youth have the opportunity to gather together for fellowship and fun with a group of youth from all over Loveland and beyond. For our middle school youth this means being in a group of 25-30 youth and for our high school youth 15-20 youth. As adult leaders working together we are able to offer more events, service and learning experiences and retreats and trips because we are able to share our time and skills.

We are blessed by this partnership and our youth and adults love this community and the opportunity to live and grow in faith together. So the next time you see L2F2 you will know what it means and I hope you give thanks for the church working together!

*Pastor Deb*

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## THANK YOU for Backpacks & School Supplies

Thank you for the 30+ backpacks and so many overflowing bags of school supplies! All of your donations were given to House of Neighborly Service and were distributed to families in our community who needed them. Thank you!

## L2F2 High School Fun Night Tuesday, Sept. 28

**6:30-8:00pm at KOG**

Join us for food and yard games outside the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends!

**L2F2 High School Fun happens every 4th Tuesday.**

## Confirmation Learning Experiences

No Confirmation classes in September! Please participate in **God's Work Our Hands** Sunday, September 12 and sign up today for **Coyote Howl Confirmation Retreat** at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp **September 24-26**. Contact Pastor Deb for more information!

## Girl Talk – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Girl Talk every Tuesday. This is a national program that focuses on all the things middle school girls want to talk about. Conversations are led by trained high school leaders and supervised by adult advisors. Meets on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm at King of Glory.

\*Girl Talk does not meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month because there are Middle School Fun events that night at Trinity!

## Man Cave – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays begins in September

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Man Cave on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month beginning September 14, 6:30-8:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. We meet with youth from Zion and Trinity for a devotion and games. Friends are welcome!

## Middle School Fun – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month we offer a Middle School Fun night together for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Begins **August 24, 6:30-8:00pm at Trinity**. Next Fun night will be September 28<sup>th</sup>!

## Sunday School

Sunday School for children in preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade meets on Sundays, 9:45-10:30am (no Sunday School Labor Day weekend on Sunday, September 5). Registration forms are available online and at KOG in the main Sunday School classroom. Parents or guardians are asked to please sign children in and out each Sunday. All children are welcome!

## Save the Dates!

## Blessing of the Animals –

**October 3, 4:00pm at King of Glory.** Bring your pets!



## Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers during the holiday season. Please contact Pastor Deb if you are interested by September 26. Thank you!



### Worship Volunteers - Sign Up Now!

Take a look at the *SignUp Genius* link (that comes in the weekly emails) for Lectors/worship assistants. This is a wonderful way to serve your church and be involved in worship.

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. You will get the lesson and prayers ahead of time so you may read over the scriptures & prayers and figure out any tricky pronunciations.

**Saturday 5:30pm, indoor service;**  
**Sunday 8:30am, outdoor service;**  
**and Sunday 10:45am, indoor service.** We need *Lectors/worship assistants for each service!*

### Glory Garden News

We had another successful glory garden year this summer, with some of the usual surprises. Squash bugs returned and grapes mysteriously disappeared, but we still produced a bounty of crops for the Food Bank and HNS. Cucumbers were prolific, as were beans and tomatoes. The apple trees produced apples for the first time. We appreciate everyone's help in this important outreach program for KOG. We were greeted with many thanks and expressions of appreciation when we delivered food to both entities. Fresh items from the garden are always appreciated and treasured. The Glory Garden could not have continued throughout its successful years without the ongoing support and tremendous amount of time spent by Susan and Tom Chamberlin. I learned a tremendous amount of information about crop rotation, composting, growing tips and basic gardening knowledge from them and am truly grateful to them.



The monarch garden continues to bring in pollinators, and the artistic contributions from the KOG youth and Pastor Deb brightened the entire KOG garden.

On a personal note, Leo and I, together with Susan and Tom Chamberlin, agreed to be team leaders for a three-year term. This year completes our fourth year of working together. This will be the last year for all of us to serve as team leaders. Anyone who is interested in continuing to lead this important outreach program for KOG can contact the church office.

Thank you for your support and help throughout the years. And don't forget – always bloom where you are planted!

*God's Blessings, Roxane & Leo*

### **P.S. From Susan and Tom,**

Roxane and Leo deserve the heartfelt thanks of the many recipients of the food provided from the Glory Garden as well as that of the Congregation at KOG. Their leadership skills have enhanced the outreach of the garden and their additions of flowers, butterflies and hummingbirds have made it an attractive addition to our grounds. Please thank them for their service when you see them!

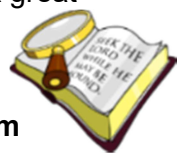
### **Dear Roxane and Leo, Susan and Tom,**

I cannot believe it has been four years of your mutual ministry together! Where does the time go? You've upgraded garden boxes, built more boxes for flowers, invited VBS children, homeless families, and youth to make scarecrows, paint tires and decorate the garden. We're officially a 'way-station' and you've tirelessly planted, weeded, watered, and worried about the precious plants God has brought into life through your loving hands. *Thank you, thank you* for not only feeding the communal spirit of King of Glory but also the stomachs of the hungry in our community with fresh food. What a blessing! We will miss your leadership and pray you a satisfying rest.

For the others who love this garden too, and I know there are many of you, please consider stepping into this role come next season. There are people who count on us at King of Glory, so let's not let them down! *Fondly, Pastor Ruth Ann*

### Adult Education - Wouldn't You Like to Know?

This is a group that loves to laugh and ask great questions. Sometimes we know the answers and sometimes we don't! If you're looking for an easy adult learning space, come and join in! **Fellowship Room and over Zoom at 9:45am Sundays.**



### Thursday Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study **resumes Sept. 2 at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Room, 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)



## From Our Music Director

### Family Choir

What in the world could this be? It is a new offering for our Sunday School students of all ages and their families. What do we mean by family?...Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and the Church Family. We will meet during one Sunday School time per month and worship together through handchimes/handbells, Orff instruments, drums and rhythm instruments and singing. And, of course, we will have refreshments! Don't miss out on this opportunity to have fellowship and worship with your children, other families, and the larger church family. Hopefully, we will begin this fall.

### Puppeteer Alert...

Yes, we have some magnificent puppets and it is time to reintroduce them to the congregation. As a master puppeteer, Sandy Lusky will lend her expertise in helping reestablish the puppets to our church family. Due to their size and complexity, middle school, high school, and adults are perfect to work with the puppets. The puppets will help with the children's talk, announcements, and possibly other parts of the worship service. Sandy will give an introductory session during the Sunday School time on September 19, so please join in the fun.

### Hymn of the Month

Starting in September, we will explore some different hymns from the ELW and With One Voice. The "old favorites" are wonderful and full of theology, but there are many more that are less familiar or never done that can help to give our worship services depth and reinforce the Lessons and Gospel. We will choose one each month and learn it, as a congregation. It will be a similar process as when we learned the world liturgy two years ago. The more ways we can express the Word of God, the better!

### Glory Singers

**Many thanks to Glory Singer members who responded to the survey about choir.** We had a good response from you and we listened. In conjunction with your responses, the CDC, Larimer County, and KOG Safety Team, **we will delay the start of the choir season until later this fall...** hopefully later this month. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible during this rise in Covid cases. We will still continue with small groups and want to involve as many of you as possible. I will be contacting you and keep you posted as

things change, but just keep singing at home and you will be ready when we can all sing together!

### Glory Ringers

Yes, we will **begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 15, 6:00pm** at King of Glory. We will mask, distance, maintain our own music, gloves, and bells **AND WE WILL MAKE MUSIC!** I have some great music for the fall and it will be wonderful to see everyone again. We also invite anyone who would like to play to come join us. Even if you have not played before, we have seasoned musicians to get you started. See you on September 15. place for you!!

- *Dr. Jane Andrews*

### The WHO

**Hello!** We're The Who group, standing for **Willingness Honesty Open-mindedness.** Our purpose is to help other fellow alcoholics stay sober with a 12-step program and specific spiritual principles. We meet in the KOG Fellowship Room on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:30pm for 1 hour. The fellowship, support, and steps are what helps us serve our fellows and helps us be the best versions of ourselves we can be. We welcome anybody that has a desire to stop drinking so please send anyone our way that you know. We offer a solution!

If you're reading the Messenger, thank you! The staff puts a great deal of time into getting you all the pertinent Church Chat. We have Starbucks gift cards for you. Call the office and see if you are one of the first ten people. All three prizes were claimed last month. But now we have ten!

### God's Work Our Hands! Sunday, September 12

God's Work our Hands gives us the opportunity to live out Luther's words: "God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does!" This year, we have eight fabulous projects for you to choose from. Many of them are easy...take your family to go decorate sidewalks with chalk, or decorate a bag that a family will hold Christmas dinner. Come sit and learn about our neighbor refugees in Greeley. At King of Glory we are asking everyone to bring a canned good for HNS on September 12<sup>th</sup>. ***Please bring: canned beans, canned soup, canned fruits, or canned vegetables.*** Return your form by Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to KOG Office. Wear your yellow t-shirt and let's serve in God's name! Here is a list of the projects planned for this day...(see page 5)



## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 12



Save the date  
September 12

Come together with ELCA Lutherans across Loveland for a day of service to make a difference in our community. Fill out the form with your name, contact information and top 3 service projects. You will be assigned a service project based on the availability of each site. We will let you know your service project by Tuesday, September 7.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark your top 3 service projects in order of preference  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

### \_\_\_\_\_ **A Little Help – Helping Older Adults with House Projects** (8 – 10 people)

Location: Meet at Zion and go to senior's homes

Time: 1:00 – 3:30pm

Doing yard work, cleaning windows, and/or other outside work to help homebound older adults in the community. This will be semi-vigorous work. Children are welcome to participate.

Project Coordinator: Steve Courts

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Chalk Art** (Up to 20 people)

Location: Meet at Zion and then carpool to senior living centers

Time: 12:30 – 2 pm

Write encouraging messages and draw pictures outside senior living centers around Loveland to encourage residents and bring a smile to their face!

Project Coordinator: Jessica Kuhns

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Decoration of Bags for HNS Christmas Food Baskets** (Up to 25 people)

Location: King of Glory

Time: 1 – 2pm

Artists ages 1-101 can add color and joy to bags that will be used for Christmas food baskets; Christmas or winter themes encouraged. These food baskets will be delivered to families in our community. Art supplies provided to decorate!

Project Coordinator: Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Deep Cleaning of HNS Food Pantry**

(3 – 5 people)

Location: House of Neighborly Service (1511 E 11<sup>th</sup> St)

Time: 1 – 3pm

Deep clean of HNS food pantry as we climb ladders to dust ductwork, get on floors and clean under shelves and make the food pantry room shine from top to bottom.

Project Coordinator: Eric Becerra

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Lincoln Elementary School - Sprucing Up**

(6 – 8 people)

Time: 1:00 – 2:00pm

Location: Lincoln Elementary School

Help support one of our local elementary schools through weeding, gardening, and planting! It's a great way to support our community's educators, students, and families!

Project Coordinator: Angie Allison

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Loveland Community Kitchen - Serving Root Beer Floats** (6 – 8 people)

Time: 2:30 – 5pm

Location: Loveland Community Kitchen

Come scoop some ice cream and spread some smiles with the clients at Loveland Community Kitchen. We will be serving root beer floats to our neighbors for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Project Coordinator: Pastor Chris Davis

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Monroe Elementary Painting** (8 – 10 people)

Time and Location: 12:30pm – Meet for Pizza – provided for volunteers at Zion

1 – 3:30pm Painting Projects at Monroe Elementary

We will be painting accent walls in two classrooms to help brighten up the room for the children and painting the community lounge cabinets to provide a warm environment for teachers and the PTA to have meetings.

Project Coordinator: Pastor Sonja Pancoast

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Refugee Advocacy** (Up to 25 people)

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

Time: 1 – 2:30pm

Learn from Lisa Taylor, the Executive Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado, about refugees in our community. There will be time to ask questions and to write letters to our local representatives.

Project Coordinator: Pastor Courtney Steitz

**Return to your church office by Wednesday,  
September 1** or fill out online at

<https://forms.gle/w194vEqUd3ZZC5PP8>.



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September 6 – Labor Day, Church office closed  
September 12 – God's Work, Our Hands projects!

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