



King of Glory
... a Place to Grow

The Messenger – Feb/March 2022

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From Pastor Ruth Ann



Lenten Practices and Worship

February and March will see us well into the season of Lent. This is an incredible season to reflect upon the life and suffering of our Lord who died in love for our sins. Take time to pray. Take time to worship. Make time to practice love of God and neighbor

through the Lenten disciplines of: self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. This is a time for leaving self-indulgence behind and welcoming the Life that is truly our Life. May God bless our Lent together.

Gift from Northern Colorado Conference Churches for Christ the Servant, Louisville

Thank you for your generosity! Together with all the other congregations in our Northern Colorado Conference, we raised over \$10,000 for Christ the Servant Lutheran in Louisville. \$1,000 came from Conference dues and the rest from faithful people like you. **KOG donated \$2,449!** We gave our sister congregation complete freedom to use the money however they deemed most appropriate. King of Glory pays yearly dues into the conference treasury. Thus, even if you weren't able to give, your presence and solidarity were still represented in the gift.

I can only imagine the grief and loss for these families and the congregation as a whole. When tragedy like this strikes, the church system takes a hit and there could be long term consequences emotionally and psychologically for Christ the Servant. Hold them in your prayers and pray for Pastor Stephanie Lord and the church leaders. If you go to their website, you'll see at the bottom, they've set up a Marshall Fire Fund policy to guide the use of donations. <https://www.ctsonline.org/> This is how we love our neighbor as Jesus commanded. Bless you, and thank you!

New Bi-Monthly Messenger!

Thank you to all of you who gave feedback about our newsletter. We heard that you enjoy getting the Messenger, it is an important way of communicating with you and the congregation. Thus, for the next six months, we'll try a two-month format instead of monthly. Thank you for understanding as we spend many hours (between all staff) to write and produce it. We also thank you, for reading about all the important activities at King of Glory!

Thank you! Thank you to Lisa Grindle for her years of dedication in decorating the bulletin board in the hallway that leads to the east end of our building. She has put hours into thinking of creative ways to communicate the joy of each church season. Fabric and beautiful cut outs of objects small and large have been a blessing to our eyes and hearts. Lisa has now decided to step down from this volunteer job. Thank you, Lisa for your time and care all these years. Great job!

Offerings and Gifts

Currently, you might be choosing to worship at home instead of in the building on weekends. If that is a safer option for you, that's great! While you are on the couch with coffee watching worship, please remember to mail your check or give your donations through our on-line option at the website. Go to www.kingofgloryloveland.com and find the "Give Now" button on the front page. This will take you to another page for your donation. You will need to create a profile which consists of your email and a password. Easy! Thanks for keeping our church running and ministry happening!

2021 End-of-Year Statements

The office will snail mail your end-of-year statements in early February. Look for them and thank you for your generosity!

Safety Team

Thank you for your patience around some worship changes in January. We know you miss the donuts! We do too! Our **Safety Team** has a planned meeting for February as we continue to monitor the covid cases in Larimer county and do our very best to keep people safe while we are worshipping together.

Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



February & March 2022

Did you know that February is "I Love to Read" month? If you love to read or if you need some new reading material, please visit our King of Glory Library!

Our Library Team has worked hard for several months cleaning and organizing the KOG Library. There are books on all kinds of topics plus many new books for children. We will be adding to the Library resources this year so please let us know what books you enjoy or suggestions for books or topics you would like more of.

The Library is located in the middle of the KOG building right next to the classrooms. Anyone is welcome to browse and take a book home at any time. We don't currently have a check out system so just pick out your book and return it when you are done. You can also pick up a book from the cart located in the Concourse.

Happy Reading! Pastor Deb

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Campus Ministry Weekend

We welcome guest preacher and CSU student Mykala Coe in worship on **February 5 and 6**. Worship with us in person or online to learn more about LuMin - CSU Lutheran Campus Ministry and meet Mykala!

Confirmation Events for Middle School Youth **Confirmation Class will meet Sunday, February 13 and 27**

at 12:45-2:00pm at Trinity. During Lent (March 2 – April 16) youth will be partnered with mentors and will meet weekly for faith conversations. Sunday, March 27 and April 10 youth will prepare for the Easter Vigil at 12:45-2:00pm at Trinity. The Easter Vigil service will be April 16 at 6:30pm at Trinity.

High School Summer Trip Youth Meeting – February 6

All youth going on the L2F2 High School Summer Trip are invited to a time of group building on **Sunday, February 6 at 6:30pm at Zion**. Contact Pastor Deb for more info!

KidsPak

We need 4 adults and 12 youth volunteers to help pack food bags for KidsPak on **Saturday, February 5, 10:00am-12:30pm**. Please contact Pastor Deb for more information!

Synod Youth Retreat for Middle and High School Youth - On February 18-20 youth from King of Glory, Trinity and Zion will be gathering with youth from all over the Rocky Mountain Synod at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Please pray for us as we gather together with new and old friends. There will be a speaker, worship, fun activities time to enjoy the mountains!

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting **Sunday, February 27, 2:00pm by Zoom**

Please join Sky Ranch Board of Directors and staff to learn more about camp!

March Events

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 2, 12:00pm at Trinity
7:00pm at King of Glory



Lent Midweek Services

12:00pm on Wednesdays in Lent

March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 at King of Glory
Recording will be available each Wednesday afternoon on the KOG website.

Lent Devotion Book "Grace Unbounded" will be available during the Lenten season. Please pick up your copy in the Concourse!

Open House and Dedication

LuMin - CSU Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sunday, March 27, 2:00-4:00pm

805 S. Shields St. - Fort Collins, CO 80521

All are welcome to come tour the renovated chapel and common area! Bishop Jim Gonia will be present to help dedicate the new space.

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp – Now Hiring Summer Staff!

Sky Ranch hires counselors, offsite guides, coordinators, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, specialist positions, and new this year a ropes facilitator position! Sky Ranch is also hiring youth who are finishing high school this spring and are interested in having an experience on camp staff as well. If you know a young adult who would be a great summer staff member please encourage them to apply or reach out to Program Directors Jeff Fairfax or Cole Hemmah at www.skyranchcolorado.org.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry - CSU
LuMin Dinners resume in February**

Please join us for Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinners resuming for the Spring semester. **Dates are: February 6, March 6, April 1, and May 1.** Dinners are served at 6:15pm. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact [Jan DesJardin](#).

The Sonrisers Christian Men's Reading Group is



looking for men who like to read Christian/ spiritual books, meet on a weekly basis, and engage in discussion about the reading and their experiences.

We are now meeting in person at Perkins Restaurant every Friday at 8:00am. In addition, there will still be an option to call in via Zoom. Please contact **Nick Balogh at 970-669-1072** or baloghn@comcast.net for more information and/or the sign-on link. This is a great opportunity for growth and fellowship. We would love to find some new members - Please give us a try!

2nd Wind (Retirees)

Our 2nd Wind group of retirees has started viewing the **BBC series of 6 DVD's "The History of Christianity"** and would like to **welcome any interested members of the congregation to join us.** We will be viewing them the **first Friday of each month (Next will be Feb. 4) at 9:30am.**

- Mike Dodge

Sunday Adult Education – "Have You Ever Wondered?" 9:45am on Sunday mornings!

We are diving into Luke's Gospel, our Gospel text for preaching in 2022, Year C of the Lectionary. Just as we did with Mark, we will study themes, characteristics, and motivations of Luke to write the Gospel he did.

Here is a teaser.... Unlike the other Gospels, which jump right into the story of Jesus, Luke takes the very first four verses to explain why he is writing his book. We see right away; this Gospel is written for and to a particular person named Theophilus ('lover of God' or 'one whom God loves').

¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may

know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Luke wants his reader, Theophilus, to be fortified or strengthened by this particular story which is about to be told. In Luke we read the most details about Jesus' childhood and young life.

You don't have to know it all. Just come and learn with everyone else!

Pastor Ruth Ann



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study meets each week at **9:30am** in the Fellowship Room, with a ZOOM link as well! We are returning to our study of the upcoming Gospel texts.

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 Weekend devotion email.



40 Days of Giving Begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2!

King of Glory will once again participate in ELCA World Hunger's *40 Days of Giving* campaign ...We collected \$10,620 last year...can we boost that to \$12,000 this year?

The 2022 theme is "A Way in the Wilderness."

We are all invited to journey into the wilderness with God as we pledge to work to end hunger. More than ever, our congregation's generosity is critical to supporting people around the world who face hunger and poverty.

We take this journey at a challenging time. For nearly two years, as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people rise sharply, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together in hope for the time "when [we] will hunger no more and thirst no more...and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes." (Revelation 7:16)

Watch for a display in the concourse where devotional/study booklets and activity calendars will be available to guide our Lenten journey.

Carol McDivitt – World Hunger Team

Marty Mouse and Martin Luther

Hello everyone! I hope you are staying warm as God blesses us with snowy moisture. It certainly has been good to see you back in the building worshipping. Oh my, was Christmas Eve fab, fab, fabulous! You're doing a fantastic job wearing those masks to keep each other safe. They haven't perfected mouse masks yet, but you can trust, I'm staying my distance.



In case you didn't know, Martin Luther lived through the Bubonic Plague. Its initial outbreak began in 1348. This plague took the lives of around one-third the population of Europe's population in the Late Middle Ages and into the Early Modern Period.

The plague struck Wittenberg in 1527. Luther wrote about this experience in a treatise, "Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague." He gives some very practical advice to Christians.

"Now if a deadly epidemic strikes, we should stay where we are, make our preparations, and take courage in the fact that we are mutually bound together...so that we cannot desert one another or flee from one another. First, we can be sure that God's punishment has come upon us, not only to chastise us for our sins but also to test our faith and love—our faith in that we may see and experience how we should act toward God: our love in that we may recognize how we should act toward our neighbor."

We as 21st Century Christians understand God's wrath and punishment differently from Luther in terms of God's punishment through a pandemic. Still his words about being bound together are still true. Our actions impact another's life.

'He also urges Christians to take the prescribed medicine available to them to decrease their chances of catching the virus as well as "fumigate," and "help purify the air." Interestingly, he strongly advises people to practice a type of "social distancing": "I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death by my negligence."

(<https://montanabiblecollege.edu/martin-luthers-advice-on-worshiping-christ-amid-a-pandemic/>)

God works through all things, my friends. Stay safe! Consider how your actions may impact another person's life and their chances of getting sick. I'll talk to you again later. Until then, I'm going back to my armchair and some cheese quiche!



Daylight Savings begins March 13

– Remember to Spring Forward one hour!

The 2022 signups for Altar flowers and Donuts

are up! Please check them out and sign up to sponsor on your special date. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board next to the restroom hallway. You can also pick up an envelope for your payment there! Thank you!



Blood Drive Coming to King of Glory!



UCHealth will sponsor a blood drive on **Sunday, April 3 from 9:00am-2:00pm** in our parking lot. We've invited Zion and Trinity also! Their mobile truck has four beds so four people can give at

once. Your payment is healthy snacks afterwards and knowing you gave the gift of life. There is always a need for blood, and right now during the pandemic, even more so. Blood has a shelf life of six weeks, so we will be providing life giving blood to people who need it this spring! Look for a link in March to sign up for a specific time. We will send it out via Friday emails and the weekend bulletin announcements. Thank you, in advance for giving blood!

Burial Plots for sale in Historic Section of Loveland Cemetery

King of Glory was contacted by a person wanting to sell burial plots within the historic section of Loveland Burial Park:

"There are three burial plots (sites 1,2,3) available for sale in Bloc 32, Lot 50 in the historic section of the Loveland Burial Park. Side-by-side plots are very difficult to find in the park, especially in the historic section which permits upright grave markers. Each plot can accommodate up to one casket and 6 cremains. The burial park is currently offering individual plots for \$2,000.00. These three plots are being offered for \$1900.00 each and can be sold as a unit or individually. There is a fee of \$100 per transaction which I as seller would cover. I am also happy to donate \$100 per transaction to your church."

If you are interested, contact Kristi Bakich:
389 Maroon Ct, New Castle, Colorado 81647.
303-883-1890



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worship videos please check our
[Sermon Archive](#) or www.kingofgloryloveland

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February 5/6: Campus Ministry Weekend

February 18-20: Synod Youth Retreat

March 2: Ash Wednesday

12:00pm Worship at Trinity; 7:00pm Worship at KOG

March 9: Lenten Midweek worship at Noon begins at KOG

March 27: CSU Campus Ministry Open House/Dedication

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