



King of Glory
... a Place to Grow

The Messenger – June/July 2022

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From Pastor Ruth Ann



People of Faith – God's Story

Pr Ruth Ann and Pr Deb are excited to bring a summer preaching series to worship. Our theme is "People of Faith – God's Story." The objective is to return to Biblical stories we might have learned as children in Sunday school. Looking at them again as adults, what do they mean? How do those stories connect with our daily lives? Who are the characters and how does God use them, even though they are imperfect people? We will spend seven weeks looking at Old Testament stories of Adam & Eve, Noah & Flood, Abraham & Sarah, Moses, David, Debra, Esther, and Jonah. Then in August we'll catch up on New Testament characters of Paul, Lydia, Anna & Simeon, and Peter.

Sunday, June 12th is Trinity Sunday

and we are very grateful we have three ELCA congregations that do ministry together! After a hiatus due to the pandemic, we celebrate "We are Church Better Together" by doing a Pulpit swap. Prs Deb and Ruth Ann will be at Zion, Pr Chris Davis from Trinity will be at KOG, and Pr Joel Pancoast will preach at Trinity. **Afterwards, we will hold a picnic for all three congregations at Trinity beginning at noon.** Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Come join the fun!

Confirmation Camp June 19-24

Pr Ruth Ann will join our KOG and Zion confirmation students for their time at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp the third week of June. It is a fabulous opportunity to get youth away from technology and worshipping God in God's glorious creation! She will be out of the office this whole week. Please pray for our youth and Pastor Ruth Ann as they experience a week of camp and grow in faith together!

Refugee Update

We are excited to share with you that we are sponsoring an Afghan refugee named Haseeb with Trinity and Zion. We had two meetings with members from all three churches who might be interested in helping with this new ministry and it has moved very quickly! Haseeb's sponsoring organization is IRC, International Rescue Committee.

There is a core team of volunteers: Will Reents and Rick Searles from Zion, Cheryl Smith and Sandy Dorcey/Trinity and Nick and Diana Balogh / KOG. These folks plus the pastors and Council's are helping to ensure Haseeb's successful transition to life in Northern Colorado. Right now Haseeb is staying with the Baloghs. Thank you!

If you wish to volunteer with Haseeb, or hear his story, please come to a meeting this coming Wednesday night at 7:00pm at Zion. You will also be able to meet him at our all church picnic on June 12th at Trinity Lutheran Loveland.

June 26th 2-4 pm The Poudre River Irregulars!

Get ready to tap your toes and dance! The Poudre River Irregulars are coming to King of Glory. This fabulous Northern Colorado Band regularly makes music at Avogadro's in Ft. Collins. From 2-4 pm, on Sunday, June 26th, they will play Original Dixieland music. This will be a hybrid concert and dance! Tickets are sold online and at the door for \$15.

Celebrating July 4th

Once again, we welcome the neighborhood and Loveland residents to our parking lot to watch the fireworks. We will serve ice cream sundaes. Tell your friends and come on out!



Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



*This summer I am so excited for all the opportunities we have to join together for **food and fellowship!*** These gatherings are opportunities to spend time with old and new friends and enjoy this season. Please join us for one or more of these community events this summer!

Loveland Lutherans Picnic on Sunday, June 12

at **12-2pm at Trinity Lutheran Church**. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share! There will be games for all ages!

Sky Ranch Day Camp (aka Vacation Bible School)

Theme: *This is Our Prayer* (Philippians 1:9-11)

When: June 27-July 1

Time: 9am-12pm

Who: 3 year old through completed 5th grade

Where: Zion Lutheran Church

Cost: \$10 per child or \$15 total per family

Hosted by: King of Glory, Trinity & Zion Lutheran

Youth and Adult Volunteers Needed!

Register children and volunteers at

www.kingofgloryloveland.com. For more info please contact Pastor Deb at debabbottkog@gmail.com.

Loveland Lutherans Day Camp Potluck on

Thursday, June 30, 5:30-7pm at Zion Lutheran Church. Children will share songs and stories they

have learned at Sky Ranch Day Camp all week. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring

a side or dessert to share. All are welcome!

And on the **4th of July** we will open up the KOG parking lot for fireworks viewing and you are invited to enjoy ice cream and fellowship!

I hope your summer is filled with many good times with friends, family and our faith community!

Pastor Deb - debabbottkog@gmail.com

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Children's Summer Fun Day on Sunday, July 10,

12-2pm at Zion – children who have completed K – 5th grades are invited to an afternoon of fun and games! Lunch included and friends are welcome!

Middle School Summer Fun Day on Sunday, July

24, 12-2pm at King of Glory – youth who have completed 5-8th grade are invited to join us for lunch and crazy games! Friends are always welcome!

Girl Talk

THANK YOU to all of our High School Leaders, Adult Advisors and middle school youth who participated in Girl Talk this school year! This program is for KOG, Trinity and Zion youth and friends who come together each week to build mentoring relationships and community. Thank you to our High School Leaders: Macy Mailander, Zoe Klamann, Hannah Pancoast, Kam Otteson, Layne Elder and Beilynn Giess. Thank you to our Adult Advisors: Cherie Mailander, Kristin Otteson, Alyssa Hart and Pastor Deb Abbott. This program isn't possible without the time, energy and dedication given by all of our volunteer leaders and advisors! Watch for info in the August newsletter for our **Girl Talk Kick Off at Water World on Tuesday, August 9. First night of Girl Talk will be Monday, August 22, 7-8pm at KOG.**

Confirmation

On May 15 we completed another year of our L2F2 Confirmation program with youth and families from KOG, Trinity and Zion Lutheran Church.

Confirmation is for youth in 6-8th grades who want to dig deeper into the Christian faith. This past year our focus was the Bible. Thank you to the staff from KOG, Trinity and Zion who team taught

Confirmation classes this year: Pastor Joel Pancoast and Intern Pastor Andrea Kragerud from Zion, Pastor Chris Davis from Trinity, and Pastor Deb Abbott and Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry from KOG. Watch for details of our *August Kick Off* in the August Messenger!

Congratulations to our KOG High School Grads!

On Sunday, May 15 we prayed for all of our graduates and marked this important milestone. We give thanks for students, their families and all those who work in education and support students of every age!

- **Hayley Chapman** will attend Colorado Mesa University in the fall. She made the cheer team and is excited to continue cheering while in college.
- **Emma Dubovos** will attend University of Wyoming and plans to study nursing and participating in Army ROTC.
- **Ori Gerstenberger** will attend Front Range to complete an automotive certificate and psychology degree.
- **Macy Mailander** will attend Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota studying exercise science.

L2F2 Women's Retreat

Title: *"Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People"* by Bob Goff (video series format)

Date: Friday, Oct. 14 - Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022

Place: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO

Cost: \$180 for a double room (two beds); \$290 for a single room. Registration forms are available online at <https://zionloveland.com/faith-formation/faith-5/> and paper copies are available at the Info Table in the Narthex. **Please make checks out to Zion. Scholarships are available.** All requests are strictly confidential and we never want the cost to prevent you from attending. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Deb at debabbottkog@gmail.com or 970-817-4407. Looking forward to another great weekend of fellowship, fun, and faith together!

Sky Ranch Labor Day Weekend Retreat September 2-5, 2022

Celebrate an amazing weekend in the mountains with friends from Zion, Trinity and KOG! Bring your tent or camper, or stay in a cabin for the weekend. Programming for all ages will take place throughout the weekend – art projects, hikes, games, campfires, worship and more! Flyers and registration forms are available at the Info Table in the Narthex. To reserve a spot, submit a registration form to Ally in the Sky Ranch Office, 805 S. Shields St., Fort Collins, CO 80521. Questions, please contact Pastor Deb at debabbottkog@gmail.com or 970-817-4407.

Food Drive for Loveland's Community Kitchen

Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food for Loveland's Community Kitchen in May and June! Food insecurity resulting in people visiting the Kitchen for meals has risen more than 67% over the past two years (COVID related impacts) which has made it increasingly difficult to keep up with the need. The Kitchen hopes to serve nearly 100,000 meals to people in need in our community this year. To learn more about Loveland's Community Kitchen please visit www.lovelandcommunitykitchen.org

Mobile Laundry – Volunteers Needed!

The mission of the Mobile Laundry Program is to break down barriers to success for low-income families and for adults experiencing homelessness in Larimer County, through free, mobile laundry

services. The Mobile Laundry truck is equipped with six sets of washers and dryers. We identify regular, predictable locations in Loveland and Fort Collins for program participants to drop off their dirty clothes and then pick them up 90 minutes later (or at the end of the day), clean, dry and folded!

The Mobile Laundry truck is at the Loveland Public Library on Thursdays and Fridays. To learn more about volunteering and donations need please visit: <https://www.homewardalliance.org/hwa/mobile-laundry/> or email Pat or Woody at laundry@homewardalliance.org or call (970) 460-6451.

Easy Does It fitness class offered at King of Glory on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

These classes are for anyone (of any age, men or women) that would like to ease back into fitness, for those who deal with arthritis, chronic pain and also for all of us sassy seniors! Join Pamela Phifer as she leads you in seated chair exercises combined with standing exercises close to the chair, helping each individual to modify according to their own fitness needs all the while having fun - there may even be some game playing! Bible Trivia? There is no fee for the class so stop in and say hi and see if this is a class you would like to attend. Class starts at 10:30am and is approximately an hour long. If you have any questions, you can call or text Pam 970-775-0083 or send an e-mail to backintothewild@gmail.com

Pamela Phifer

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Interested in a small group Bible or book study?

There is interest to form a new adult Bible/book study to meet in homes. If this kind of small group might interest you, please contact Pastor Ruth Ann at ruthann@aplace2grow.org or leave her a voice mail at the church office. Call 970-669-5983 and press 2.



Prayer Shawl

KOG's knitting & crocheting group welcomes all levels of crafters. We meet on the first Monday of the month, **(June 6)**, at 1:00pm in the church library. Our snack hostess this month will be Barb Brackin-Bartel. For more info please contact Barbara (970-213-3256).



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 meeting in person at Perkins Restaurant every Friday at 8:00am.** In addition, there is still 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 would like to **welcome any interested members of the congregation to join us.** We are meeting on the **first and third Friday of each month at 9:30am** in the church Fellowship Room. Questions? Contact Jerome Beckmann

Thursday Morning Bible Study



Thursday morning Bible study will meet through July each week at **9:30am** in the Fellowship Room, with a ZOOM link as well! We have returned to our study of the upcoming Gospel texts. **We will be taking an August break!**

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.

The 2022 signups for Altar flowers & Donuts



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!

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 at home watching worship, please remember to mail your check or give your donations through our on-line option at the website. Thanks for keeping our church running and ministry happening!

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly Report **May 9-11, 2022 - Loveland, CO**

"The Rhythm of the Saints" was the theme of the gathering of the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod from Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. The 158 congregations in the Synod sent 309 voting delegates. This was the first opportunity to meet in person since the COVID 19 pandemic effected so many lives.

It was a wonderful time to meet and greet colleagues, new ministers and deacons, Synod Board and committee members, old and new friends and brothers and sisters in Christ. It was a time of celebration to proclaim God's grace, Jesus' unconditional love, and the gifts of the Spirit. It is our mission as Christians to share the message of love and hope to all. The Assembly also celebrated rostered minister anniversaries five years to seventy years. ***Pastor Ruth Ann celebrated her twenty years of ministry, accepting her certificate from Rev. James Gonias, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod.***

The assembly voted on one resolution in support of ELCA World Hunger and challenged congregations to increase support of local hunger ministries, increase awareness of hunger and poverty issues through educational resources developed by ELCA Word Hunger, and increase opportunities to financially support the work of ELCA World Hunger. The ELCA World Hunger is our ELCA church's ministry that responds to domestic and global hunger and poverty. KOG is a proud supporter and partner in this global effort. This resolution was submitted by Carol McDivitt, Chair of the Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network representing King of Glory Lutheran Church in Loveland.

The assembly voted on positions for Church Council, Synod Council, and several Synod and Congregational committees and boards. The voting members celebrated, expressed appreciation and offered support to each position elected. Congratulations to each of these faithful volunteers.

Bishop James Gonias invited us to gather to "equip the saints (all of us) for the work of service," not for maximum productivity, but for the sake of renewal and encouragement to continue the work of our ELCA ministry. The ELCA offers the resources and tools to examine "Church Becoming" efforts. The Plenary sessions offered the space for reflection and learning on the topics of:

- Church Becoming: The Church of Jesus is always a work in progress, look at the contrasts

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our life as a church that is still being shaped by the Holy Spirit.

- Normalizing the Unexpected: serve as *slow wade* into conversations and engagement that will assist members to recognize biases and truly embrace Jesus's command to "love one another as I have loved you."
- Courageous-Resilient-Faithful: Leading in today's world takes courage, resiliency and faithfulness. ELCA Excellence in Leadership Team offers tools and skills training to learn how to love with God's steadfast love.
- Vital Right-Shaped Ministry: How can our church's ministry "shape itself" for the future? ELCA offers tools for congregation and ministers to review their congregational life, set a course for the future, and strengthen ministers and those they serve for the journey ahead.
- Generosity and a Mindset of Abundance. Asks congregations to explore key abundance principals and opportunities to shift our culture from prosperity to generosity.

The RMS ELCA Synod Assembly ended with the installation of elected officials, the celebration of the sharing of faith and love for all God's children. It was an honor and pleasure to be given the opportunity to represent our church family.

Jeanette Williams & Judy Richardson

2022 Leadership Team

President: Bryan French
Vice President: Mike Dodge
Treasurer: Ron Lamb
Secretary: Luci Roberts
Jan DesJardin
Randy Pfeiff
Judy Richardson
Jeanette Williams



14th ANNUAL BBQ & BLUEGRASS
On Sunday, June 5th!
4 pm—6 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
301 E Stuart St, Fort Collins

Enjoy live music performed by Jerusalem Road, meet the 2022 summer staff, eat some tasty BBQ (gluten free & vegetarian options available), play games & more! Bring your chairs and blankets.

Tickets Sold at Door:
\$15 (5 & over)
\$50 (Family)
4 and under Free

Sky Ranch
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All Proceeds Benefit Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp!



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

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



June & July 2022

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

BBQ & Bluegrass (Great Food and Music!) Fundraising Event for Sky Ranch
Lutheran Camp at Trinity Ft. Collins

June 12 – 9:00am – Outdoor Summer Worship Schedule begins at KOG
Pulpit Exchange for Loveland Lutherans and Joint-Church Picnic 12-2pm
at Trinity Lutheran- Loveland

June 19-24 - Confirmation Camp at Sky Ranch Camp

June 27-July 1 - Day Camp (VBS) at Zion Lutheran

July 4: Church office closed.. Join us for Ice cream and Fireworks viewing!