



King of Glory
... a Place to Grow

The Messenger – August/Sept 2022

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From Pastor Ruth Ann



Dear Church!

First of all thank you for being who you are, the people of God. You continue to walk the journey of discipleship: following Jesus, loving your neighbor and loving yourselves. These are blessed days and they are challenging ones as well. As we continue to see how divided our country has become, I find healing and restoration as we, the people of God share the Gospel each weekend.

Secondly, our church finances are not where they once were. Multiple factors go into this. One factor is: our average number in worship is 115 people from all three services. Prior to the pandemic we worshipped 120-220 people on a weekend. You are faithfully giving to support a budget of \$390,000 and together we all approved a \$586,000 budget for 2022, not knowing how the pandemic would continue to affect us. Just like you are thinking long and hard about your own personal budgets in the midst of this inflation, the Leadership Team will be thinking long and hard about how we finish the year and the budget for 2023. More information will be forthcoming.

This being said, I also trust God's movement in we, the people of God. I trust in you to be honest with us, and we, the leadership, will be honest with you. *Faithfully, Pastor Ruth Ann*



King of Glory Roof Cell Towers

Since 2000 we've leased out our roof space to cell companies for their towers. In turn, King of Glory receives monthly rent checks. Every five years, the amount of rent increases. Right now, the amount is slightly over \$1000. We are thankful for this supplemental income. Our current lease will expire in 2032.

Because T-Mobile bought out Sprint (and Sprint was leasing our space), T-Mobile had to come in and exchange/update the equipment. This projected two-week project took a little over five weeks, but is 95% complete. The lift needed for the roof work left holes and grooves in our circle drive. T-Mobile will pay for those repairs. In addition, the crew was gracious enough to paint the whole front of the roof (where the equipment is attached on the south side).



Summer Worship Schedule Ending

- We will have our **last Outdoor Worship service** on **September 4 at 9:00am**. (indoor worship service continues to be at 10:45am.)
- **On September 11, we will celebrate "God's Work, Our Hands with a single service at 9:30am**. Saturday worship remains unchanged – at 5:30pm!
- Then on Sunday, September 18, we will resume our Fall schedule with Sunday worship times of 8:30am and 10:45am.



Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



A new school year and season are about to begin!

Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching." (Romans 12:6-7)

God has given us each gifts to be shared with our neighbors. And one of those is the gift of teaching!

We give thanks for all our students and educators, especially this time of year. On August 13 and 14 children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to worship for a "Blessing of Backpacks." We will also pray that weekend for all teachers and those who serve in schools and places of learning.

Please connect with a child, youth or adult in your life who will be learning, growing and teaching this season and let them know how much they are loved and appreciated! -- Pastor Deb

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Sky Ranch Day Camp

Thank you to everyone who made Day Camp, **June 27-July 1**, possible! Our Loveland Lutheran congregations joined together to host Day Camp and were led by Staff from Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. 7 families from KOG participated. In total, from all three congregations, we had 60 children, 14 youth and 25 adults all participating. Thank you to all our volunteers for sharing their time and energy and for your generous financial gifts which made Day Camp possible!

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

July 31-August 5 we will send five children and youth to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. Pastor Deb will be with them all week along with children from Zion Lutheran Church. Keep them all in your prayers as they experience Christian community on the mountaintop!

End of Summer Pool Party at Winona Pool

Sunday, August 14, 5:30-8:00pm ALL AGES are welcome to a pool party to celebrate the end of summer. Join our friends from Zion and Trinity Lutheran Church. Please bring your own dinner. Ice cream will be provided. Friends welcome!



Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 18** for children in Preschool - 5th grade. **9:45-10:30am** every Sunday during the school year. Registration forms available online and on the table in the Concourse!

Girl Talk Kick-Off will be at Water World on **Tuesday, August 9**. All girls going into 6-8th grade and high school leaders are invited. Please RSVP to Pastor Deb. Girl Talk is for KOG, Trinity and Zion youth and friends who come together each week to build mentoring relationships and community. **First night of Girl Talk will be Monday, August 22, 7:00-8:00pm at KOG** and meets weekly during the school year.

Man Cave for middle school boys begins on **Monday, September 12** at Trinity.

Confirmation Learning Experiences

Confirmation Kick-Off for all middle school youth and caring adults will be Sunday, August 21 at 12:00-2:00pm at Zion. Lunch included! For those youth beginning Confirmation this year we will have a blessing in worship **August 20 & 21**. Contact Pastor Deb for more information.

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.

THANK YOU for your generous gifts!

In June and July our congregation gave food to **Loveland Community Kitchen**, diapers and school supplies to **House of Neighborly Service Food Bank** and suitcases for medical supplies going to **Ukraine**. Thank you for your generous response to needs in our community and world!

God's Work Our Hands with Loveland Lutherans -- Sunday, September 11

Sign up to serve for a couple hours in the afternoon when the online sign up becomes available on August 13. **Deadline to sign up is September 4.** We will be serving with our partners in ministry from Zion and Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 2 – 4:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church



Invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis Day!



It's MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

Yes, we are back! Fall planning is under way with the **Glory Singers** opening our season on **September 11, at the special "God's Work Our Hands" 9:30am Sunday service.** And...of course we need rehearsals before that date, so we will **begin our regular rehearsals on Wednesday, AUGUST 17, at 7:00pm.** That will give us four rehearsals before we sing for a service and we will be in good shape. Everyone is welcome to be part of this wonderful group...I can hear some great voices in our congregation and we would love to add you to the choir. Last, but not least, come for a **LIGHT DINNER at 6:30pm on the 17th** -- sandwiches, chips, fruit, drinks, and fellowship. This way the Glory Singers can join us, also.

Glory Singers will begin again with rehearsals at 5:30pm on Wednesday, AUGUST 17. Again,



this is open to everyone in the congregation. We have increased our Singers from the original six and with a couple more musicians, we will be able to do three octave

arrangements! Come be a part of this great group of musicians. Glory Singers are invited to join in the **LIGHT DINNER on August 17**, also. It will be good to get together after the rehearsal!

Christopher Smart says it nicely, "Glorious the song, when God's the theme." So, we will be sharing some glorious songs with the congregation and with each other. **See you on AUGUST 17!!**

Studies and Activities

Faithful Conversations: Guns

On Wednesday, July 27, we will hold our second "Faithful Conversation" on the topic of guns. What is the new legislation that just got passed in Congress? What does the ELCA Social Message say about our community violence? What are you thinking about the gun crisis and what can we do to make a difference? Please bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner. Sign up in the concourse and pick up the social statement to read prior. We'll meet 5:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

Our Faithful Conversation for August will be on immigration (August 30 at 5:30 pm).

Senior Ministries

Remember last fall we did a survey on what new senior ministries you might enjoy? 17 of you replied you would like to go on day trips! August or September would be a great time to take a short jaunt up to Estes, or downtown Ft. Collins, or even Horsetooth. If you want to go somewhere, it's not hard to have a sign-up and have people car-pool. Share your ideas and let's go! Talk to Pastor Ruth Ann if interested.



Have You Ever Wondered?

Our adult classes will begin again on Sunday, September 18 at 9:45am. I've wondered many questions over the summer and I'm certain you have also! Watch for upcoming information and get ready for great conversations!

Easy Does It Fitness Class will be taking a **summer break** July 26 through September 12. **Join us again September 13** as we resume our Tuesday/Thursday 10:30am schedule!

Prayer Shawl



KOG's knitting & crocheting group welcomes all levels of crafters. We meet on the first Monday of the month - beginning again on **September 12 at 1:00pm** in the church library. For more info please contact Barbara Brackin-Bartel (970-213-3256).

The Sonrisers



Christian Men's Reading Group is 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 meet 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 baloghnn@comcast.net for more information and/or the sign-on link. This is a great opportunity for growth and fellowship. Please give us a try!

2nd Wind (Retirees) – New Meeting Day!

Our 2nd Wind group of retirees would like to welcome any interested members of the congregation to join us. We have **changed** our meetings to the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30am** in the church Fellowship Room. Questions? Contact Jerome Beckmann



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study is taking an August break. We will start up again on **September 1**. See you then!



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.

WHO (AA) Moves to Two Nights a Week

The Who group, standing for Willingness Honesty Open mindedness is the **AA group** which meets at King of Glory. Our purpose is to help other fellow alcoholics stay sober with a 12-step program and specific spiritual principles. We meet on 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!



Would You Like to Honor Someone? Signup for Altar flowers & Donuts!

Please check out the schedule 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!

2022 Leadership Team

President: Bryan French
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The farmer put his pig outside in the hot weather with the sun beating down on him. "Hey," said the pig. "I'm bacon out here!"



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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
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August & September

August 14 – Blessing of Backpacks during worship; All Ages Pool Party 5:30-8pm

August 17 – Bell and Choir Rehearsals Begin!

August 30 – Faithful Conversations – Guns – 5:30pm Potluck supper

Sept 4 – Last Outdoor worship service at 9:00am

Sept 5 – Labor Day, Church office closed

Sept 11 - God's Work Our Hands Sunday – One Worship service at 9:30am

Sept 18 – Faith Formation classes begin for all ages 9:45am

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