



King of Glory  
... a Place to Grow

## The Messenger – December 2022

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**\*\*Worship at 10:00am three Sundays in a Row\*\***

**December 18 - "Bethlehem Journey"**

**Worship at 10:00am** with our talented musicians; choir and bells. Like last year, we are delighted to hear their anthems in praise to God.  
(December 17 – 5:30pm worship)

**December 25 - Christmas morning, come at 10:00am** for a short, joyous welcome to the Incarnate Christ. He is with us! Immanuel!

**January 1 - New Year's Day, worship at 10:00am**, to begin the New Year with our Lord!  
(December 31 – No Saturday worship)

**Annual Meeting, December 4 9:40 am**

We will vote on the 2023 Mission and Ministry plan for King of Glory. This is our church together. Your voice and vote matters as we discuss and vote on the budget. Thank you for your participation.

**Senior Christmas Worship and Luncheon – December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**

Our tradition continues with an early Christmas worship and soup lunch for our home-centered members. If you wish to help drive or bring food, please contact Jeanette Williams.

**Longest Night Worship, 7:00pm December 21** is a time to remember our loved ones who have died. Whether the grief is fresh, or from long ago, this is a worship service for you. Holidays are never quite the same when one we love is not around the table. Come and be with others who are feeling like you are. The service takes place **at Zion, 7:00pm** with Pastor Chris Davis preaching. You can view it online from Zion's website. <https://zionloveland.com/>

**Christmas Eve! Jesus Christ is Born**

We finish our Bethlehem Journey at the manger **Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00pm and 7:00pm**. As we worship the Christ child, we will celebrate with Holy Communion, trumpet, our

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favorite carols and joy in our hearts. "Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!"

### From Pastor Ruth Ann



#### The Journey

Dear Church, we are God's people. In this Advent and Christmas Season, our theme is "The Journey". John the Baptist warns that there needs to be a journey deep in our hearts; the way of obedience to God. We reflect on Mary's journey of

learning that she will bear the Christ child. Joseph, too, encounters his own hardship of wishing to divorce Mary and then heeding God's will in keeping her as his betrothed. They take the long, bumpy road on a donkey to Bethlehem doing what was required for every family by Emperor Augustus for the census. Then the shepherds learn of Jesus' birth through the angels' song. They make their way to the manger, rejoicing in God coming to earth.

Where are you on your journey this advent? What are you pondering in your heart like Mary? Where are we as a church? No matter what, in the Christ child, God is with us...for the long haul. In joy, in grief, in confusion, we trust our Savior has come to accompany and lead us on "The Journey".

*Walking it with you, Pastor Ruth Ann*



**Loveland Lutherans Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 11, begins at 2:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church**

Join us for a quick caroling rehearsal at Trinity and then we will break into groups and go out caroling to home-centered friends. All are welcome, no singing abilities required!

## Letter from Pastor Deb

November 22, 2022

Dear King of Glory Lutheran Church,

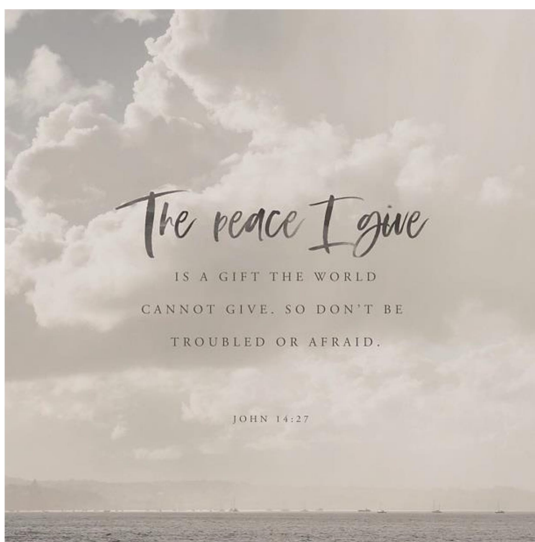
After much prayer and discernment I am resigning my call from King of Glory Lutheran Church effective December 31, 2022. My last Sunday with you will be December 18, 2022.

It has been made clear to me over the past several months of budget cuts for 2022 and 2023 that the call I accepted in August of 2019 no longer exists. The mission and ministries of the church that include outreach, youth ministry and music have been and are being cut substantially. With budget cuts of \$150,000 for 2023 the mission and ministry of this congregation will be very different going forward.

It has been an honor and a blessing to be a part of your lives and faith journeys. Thank you for offering me the opportunity to serve with you in ministry.

Peace,

*Rev. Debra Abbott*



## From Pastor Ruth Ann

December 1, 2022

Dear King of Glory,

It is with sadness that we received the resignation letter of Pastor Deb. Over the last four years she has accomplished much. In her ministries of Faith Formation, Pastor Deb helped solidify the youth ministries between ourselves, and our partner congregations, Trinity and Zion. Youth are eager to come to Girl Talk and Man Cave, Confirmation, Middle School and High School events and programs. Parents have had regular and timely communication. Volunteers have been recruited. She facilitated the meetings with our colleagues around these ministries. King of Glory's families and children had a constant supporter and teacher in Pastor Deb who drove weekly Sunday school lessons to them during the pandemic.

Overseeing our Outreach, she directed school supplies and diaper drives. Toys at Christmas for needy children and food for the hungry happened under her watch. She led worship and preached God's Word. Members were comforted by her presence and conversations. Pastor Deb rang bells and sang in the choir.

You've seen her touches all over the building...a space for children in the sanctuary. Modern and appropriate furniture was purchased for the Sunday school rooms. A cleaned out and refreshed Library became overhauled with interested volunteers.

***We thank you for your ministry, Pastor Deb. You will be missed. We trust God is with you.***

An Appreciation Gift will be given to her of three months' salary and benefits. There are baskets in the narthex if you wish to write a card. If you give a gift, we prefer you write a check directly to Pr Deb.

God is with us as we continue to walk into the future. We will build on the ministries Pastor Deb has developed. Our youth and families remain vitally important to us. God who called her to King of Glory for this time and season, remains here with us. We will be all right, for we worship and serve a God of new life. Where there is death, sin or loss, God always creates and calls forth new life.

*Walking with you in Christ, Pastor Ruth Ann*

## Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes



*Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.  
The Virgin's tender arms enfolding,  
Warm and safe the Child are holding.  
Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.*

What is your favorite Christmas carol? One of mine is "Still, Still, Still." This carol is an Austrian Christmas carol

that imagines Mary holding the baby Jesus as he sleeps. The melody is a beautiful lullaby that gently unfolds.

During this Advent season as we prepare for Christmas and Christ's coming into the world, we are invited to be still. Know that you are held in the loving arms of God just as Mary held her child. Rest and be still even as the world and the season run at a frenzied pace around you.

*Blessing to you this season and Merry Christmas!*  
*Pastor Deb*

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**Sunday School** for children in Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade is offered at 9:45-10:30am on Sundays. (Note: We are not having Sunday School in December due to the Annual Meeting on December 4 and three Sundays of one service only at 10am on December 18, December 25 and January 1.) Class will resume on January 8.

### **Confirmation Learning Experience**

December 4, 12-2pm at King of Glory

### **L2F2 Middle School Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 11, 12-2pm at Trinity  
Lunch, Christmas fun and a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift of something you already have or spend no more than \$5 on a new gift.

### **L2F2 Middle School Fun Night**

NO Middle School Fun Night in December because of Christmas break.

**Girl Talk** meets on December 5 and 12 at King of Glory, 7-8pm. *No Girl Talk on December 19, 26 and January 2.*

**Man Cave** meets on December 12, 7-8pm at Trinity.

### **L2F2 High School Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 11 - is at Trinity from 4:30-6:30pm.

## **Save the Date for the High School Winter Retreat, March 3-5.**

### **Western States Youth Gathering – July 5-11**

This summer all L2F2 High School youth are invited to the Western States Youth Gathering in Thousand Oaks, California. Deadline to turn in deposit of \$150 and register is December 1. Contact Pastor Deb for all the details!

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## **MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!**

### **Calling all Grandparents and Grandchildren!!!**

Please join us for a special time on December 18, for the *Bethlehem Journey Service* at 10:00am. And...you don't have to just sit there and watch and listen...you may become an active participant! It is very simple---Grandparents---just teach your grandchildren the first verse of "Away in a Manger." Of course, if they want to learn more, that would be great. We will feature grandparents and grandchildren for one of the Carols, with the congregation joining in on the second and third verses. If you need music for the carol, please let me know because I have plenty of music. Also, if you want a recording to sing along to---I can get that to you also. Let's encourage our next generation to enjoy the beauty of the Season in its true context.

### **Bethlehem Journey Service**

Bethlehem Journey Service will be presented on December 18, 10:00am---the fourth Sunday of Advent. Through scripture and music, we will take you through the Journey to and through Bethlehem. Glory Singers, Glory Ringers, children, strings and soloists will weave together the journey, birth, and future hopes for our world. Don't miss this special musical offering!

### **Glory Singers**

This is a perfect time to join in the singing! Think of our church without music? Not a pretty sight! SOOOO, come join the Glory Singers for the Christmas music we all love. Singing replenishes the soul and affects parts of our brain that keep us hopeful and joyful. Our seasoned singers will welcome you with open arms. We are starting the Music of the Season and would love to welcome you as an active participant in worship. (Martin Luther

would be proud.) Hope to see you 7:00PM Wednesdays. A little effort makes a big difference!



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**Bell Choir – The “Glory Ringers”** rehearse at 4:30pm every Wednesday.

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**Choir - The “Glory Singers”** rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

If you have questions or would like more information about our music programs, please contact Dr. Jane Andrews at 319-830-7895

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### **Studies and Activities**

#### **Have You Ever Wondered?**

Our Sunday adult class is taking a break all through December. We will resume in January. Sundays at 9:45am in the Fellowship Room and by Zoom.

**Easy Does It Fitness Class** Join us as we continue our Tuesday & Thursday 10:30am schedule in the Fellowship Room.

#### **Prayer Shawl**

KOG's knitting & crocheting group welcomes all levels of crafters. We meet on the first Monday of the month, **December 5 and January 9 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**.

Please contact Nick Balogh at 970-669-1072 or [baloghnc@comcast.net](mailto:baloghnc@comcast.net) for more information and the sign-on link. This is a great opportunity for growth and fellowship. Please give us a try!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wind (Retirees)** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind group of retirees would like to welcome any interested member of the congregation to join us. We meet together on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30am** in the church library. Questions? Contact Jerome Beckmann



#### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Meets at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. **We will not meet on Dec.22, 29 or Jan. 5.**

There is a ZOOM link if you prefer to participate from home. Look for it in the Friday email.



**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) Meets 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 at 6:30pm and Fridays at 5:30pm for an 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!

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#### **Columbarium**

Our columbarium sits quietly in the southwest corner of our property. It holds the precious remains of even more precious loved ones. A widow or widower can come to church and then spend a few moments at the columbarium before going home. What a gift to have a Celebration of Life only a few steps from a final resting place. Indeed, God claims us in the waters of Baptism, from the cradle to the grave.

Have you considered your final plans? There are a total of 30 niches. Currently, we have eleven niches that have not been sold and designated to families. If you're interested, talk to Pastor Ruth Ann.



### 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!

Online donations can be made through our secure Vanco giving site. Go to our website ([www.kingofgloryloveland.com](http://www.kingofgloryloveland.com)), click on the "Give Now" button on the main page and select the Fund you wish to contribute to. Or for your convenience, you may scan our **QR code** - **If you would like to contribute online, you can scan this image →** with your smart phone and you will be directed to our secure Vanco Giving site.



### 2022 Leadership Team

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



## Poinsettia Orders

We are ordering RED poinsettias for Christmas Eve. If you would like to order one or more plants, please fill out the pink form (found in the church concourse) and return to the office with a payment for **\$11.00/each** made payable to King of Glory. Please mark the memo line *"for Poinsettias."* We must receive your reservation slip *and* your payment to process your order. All orders must be received **by December 16.**





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*"As God's People, Graced by Differences, Nurtured by the Spirit,  
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December 17- Saturday, 5:30pm worship

**December 18 - "Bethlehem Journey" Worship at 10:00am** with our musicians; choir and bells.  
**(one service only)** Pastor Deb's last Sunday

**December 21 - Longest Night Worship, 7:00pm at Zion**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00pm and 7:00pm**

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