# The Messenger -Nov. & Dec.

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# **November Events**



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5! Remember to turn back your clocks one hour!

The Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Save the Date

King of Glory Annual Meeting - <u>December 3</u> at 10:45am in the Sanctuary

#### **Annual Reports**

Team Reports for the Annual Report are due by November 13. Please email your report to Kathy Gustad at office@aplace2grow.org.

# From Pastor Ruth Ann

All Saints Day, November 5. Are you remembering a loved one? We will be naming those who have passed away since last All Saints Day. Our Lord holds these, our loved ones, in God's care for eternity. There will be a time for you to light a candle and name their name if you wish.

**Thanksgiving Worship!** Join friends from Zion and Trinity for Thanksgiving worship on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran, 3333 N Duffield Ave. Following worship, there will be pie to eat and pie to bid on as we auction off *tasty pies* for your Thanksgiving dessert. Please bring a pie to eat or auction. The proceeds and offering will be given to Habitat for Humanity.



#### Personnel News - Dr Jane's Retirement Letter

October 20, 2023

Hello King of Glory,

Yes, I am retiring...AGAIN! And I feel it is a privilege to be able to do this. Music is the vehicle that has afforded me this and it again emphasizes the beauty and flexibility of this highest of all arts. Through music I was able to meet all of you, be an active part of worship, work with talented and dedicated singers and instrumentalists, and be of service to the church and community. For this I say a big thank you.

The time at King of Glory has taught me many things. Through the pandemic years, I had to become much more attuned to depending on the computer for streaming the services. This was a huge plunge into a very different world for me, but after buying recording equipment and learning how to not only record, but edit the recording, find musicians willing to try different apps, create practice tracks, and make multiple "takes" of music for each service, we were able to provide music for worship.

Post-pandemic post-isolation has been another story for all of us. As we emerged from our homes, the world has changed and we have changed also. Corporate worship has become more of a choice and we seem to be "making up" for the isolation with more travel, more time with family, and more time to do different things...all good.

Thus, after fifty years of a wonderful career in all types of music positions, I will always continue somehow in music, but am also trying new things. As some of you know, I have taken up pickle ball and am not very good, but enjoy it. There will be more, I am sure.

Many thanks to Pastor Ruth Ann and the congregation for your openness and willingness to "try" different things in worship. And I especially thank Glory Singers,

Glory Ringers, soloists, special music people, sound people and my dear music colleagues, Gavin and Michael. You have all have made music and worship a gift to God!

Warmly, Jane - Dr. Jane E. Andrews

#### **Response from Pastor Ruth Ann**



Dear Congregation,

Dr. Jane Andrews came to King of Glory in 2018. During her time here, she's blessed us with her many talents. She is a skilled choir and bell director. Jane works well with children and adults. She found our two wonderful worship accompanists: Gavin Allen-Dunn and Michael

Millan. With the help of KOG members, Dr. Jane had a concert series, Mardi-Gras dinner and concert with Gavin's jazz group. She puts people at ease and brings forth their best skills. All of this is done with humor, flexibility and fun. Dr. Jane has created community with summer pot-lucks at her home.

In particular, I've appreciated Jane's experience and expertise with worship and liturgy. She has kept the best of our previous liturgies and found several new ones for our congregation. Our summer hymn sing and "Peace on Earth" on Easter were Jane's ideas. These are only a few. We will miss her creative and kind spirit!

The personnel team is currently working on finalizing a job description and plans to be interviewing for a new director in November.

We wish Dr. Jane all of God's blessings in her second retirement!

Pastor Ruth Ann

p.s. – Dr. Jane's last Sunday with us will be December 17

It's Christmas Bazaar time! November 11, 9:00am-3:00pm Thanks to the many KOG volunteers who have signed up to bring in baskets. move chairs, bake, craft, cashier, and show hospitality to our many visiting vendors and guests from the community. You will spend the day being hosts and hostesses to those who shop and eat and simply wander in to see what we're all about. This is such an amazing opportunity to open our doors to Loveland. We are known for this fabulous event. The planning team has worked very hard to make everything go smoothly. Kudos to Co-Chairs Kathy Cisar and Debbie Whitney, also team members: Jeanne Berryman, Judi Krebs, Nancy Krebs, Jackie Kietzmann, Arlene Yauk, Lesli Bruden and Doug Scott. Proceeds will be decided upon by the Bazaar Team following the event. May we show the love of Jesus – whose birth we celebrate – to each person that day.

Security Team Update: Come to a congregational information meeting on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> right after worship (10:45 am).

The team has important and helpful news to share so that everyone can be safe when we are at King of Glory. There is no imminent threat. We just want to be safe.

#### <u>Faith Formation – November!</u> Youth

**Middle School Mondays!** Come on over to Trinity Lutheran (3333 Duffield Ave) for faith talk, prayer practices and games each Monday night from 7:00-8:00pm. November 6, 13 and 27<sup>th</sup>. No MSM on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your break!

<u>Confirmation:</u> November 19 at Trinity – Apostles' Creed Introduction.

November 10-12: Honoring our Neighbor's Faith Retreat. Over several days we will hear from multiple faith traditions. Our down time will be at Trinity Lutheran (Ft. Collins) and at LuMin (also in Ft. Collins). Sunday morning we will worship at St. Sypridon here in Loveland. RSVP to Pastor Ruth Ann by November 6.

#### **High School**

Friendsgiving Feast on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Zion. Come at 5:00pm and bring ingredients for your favorite simple side dish or dessert that we can make together. Church will provide the "main dishes". We'll cook together for an hour-ish and then eat! RSVP to Pastor Ruth Ann by November 13, so we know how much turkey to purchase.

## **November Music Happenings**

Glory Singers and Glory Ringers will

celebrate **All Saints Sunday, November 5**, with a combined version of "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul." Both of these parts are entwined with J.S. Bach's "Prelude in C" in the piano part…really a very clever and lovely worship of our Saints. We will

very clever and lovely worship of our Saints. We will also be changing liturgies to the familiar ELW 4 setting.

November 12 brings us to the haunting melodies of the Celtic liturgy that KOG seems to enjoy and actively sing in worship. We also have a real treat in that three generations of the Karspeck family will share their wonderful singing talents with us with "The Gift of Love." We are blessed! →

The Glory Singers will celebrate with Zion and Trinity at Trinity for our first *Singing Together* Sunday, **November 19**. We started this program last year with KOG, Zion, and Trinity all *Singing Together* at KOG for Mardi Gras Sunday. It is a joyful time for all three choirs as we lift our combined voices to God.

With the choir at Trinity on **November 19**, we will be hosting the *Bone Addicts* at KOG. What, you may wonder, is this? Well, it is a trombone quartet led by Glenn Schull that will provide special music for the service. Glenn is the director of the New Horizons band that rehearsed at KOG for a few weeks this fall. It should be an interesting musical adventure for the worship service.

Christ the King Sunday is **November 26** and is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Glory Ringers will close out the liturgical year with "How Firm a Foundation" for worship that Sunday. This well-loved hymn reminds all of us that we do have a FIRM FOUNDATION in our Christian beliefs!



### Worship, Grow, Serve Generosity Appeal:

Thank you! Finances: Our bank account has been holding steady around \$90,000 all year long. Thank you for your continued financial support. We are a generous people. As of October 26, 65 Statements of Intent were turned in. This is a slight decrease in the number of cards, but still represents a total of \$239,000 for 2024. These numbers are very helpful to our Leadership Team as we build our Mission and Ministry plan (Budget) for 2024.

#### Dinner with LuMin-



Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin) at Colorado State University <a href="https://www.lcmcsu.org">www.lcmcsu.org</a>.

Once a month during the school year we serve a meal and enjoy fellowship with the students who worship at Lutheran campus ministry. The next 2 dates are Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. If you would like to help with the dinner, please contact Jan DesJardin.

### **Studies and Activities**

#### Have You Ever Wondered? - Sunday Mornings

Join us in the Fellowship Room at 10:45am Sunday mornings after worship!

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

This group meets at 9:30am weekly (in the Fellowship Room) to look at the upcoming Gospel and lesson for the weekend. We mostly stay on topic...while wandering around to what is really important in connecting faith with our lives. Everyone is welcome!

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 Friday Update and Weekend devotion emails.

#### **The Sonrisers**

This 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 <u>baloghn@comcast.net</u> for more information and the sign-on link.

#### 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 regularly meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and



4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in the church library. (Nov 8 & 22; Dec.13 &27) Contact Jerome Beckmann for more information!

### Easy Does It Fitness Class

We are continuing our regular schedule - **Tuesday and Thursday 10:30AM!** For more information, contact Pam Phifer.



#### **Prayer Shawl**

KOG's knitting & crocheting group welcomes all levels of crafters, and regularly meet on the first Monday of each month. Our next two meetings will be **November 6** and **December 4**, at 1:00pm in the church library. For more information please contact Barb Brackin-Bartel.

#### Lunch Bunch!

Lunch bunch is for anyone who would like to eat together on Sundays at noon. Married or single -- This group is for you! We will pick a restaurant and go enjoy food and fellowship



together. Next Date – November 12 – meet at 11:30am by the front doors.

#### **NEW – GIFT group**

- Would you like to meet members on a more intimate level? A new program at KOG has started this last year called GIFT Group and we want to share our experiences. At the Nov. 12 and Jan. 7 services, a couple members will have a Temple Talk on starting new groups to meet for Bible studies. On those Temple Talk days, people who are interested can meet in the library after the service and people from the current Gift Group will be there for guidance and answer questions, or text or call Ann Hersom at 678-492-7897. It truly has been a "gift" to be a member of this special group for a year!

# **December Events**

Annual Congregation Meeting: December 3 at 10:45 am. We will vote on new Leadership Team members and our 2024 Mission and Ministry Spending Plan. Our ministry teams will have their yearly reports for reading. We are the church together. Come and be involved!

**Holden Evening (Morning) Prayer** will be our liturgy for Advent, starting **December 3.** It is a lovely liturgy that Saturday night worship has used quite a lot, so it is time to switch a few words around and add a few parts and let our Sunday morning people enjoy it, also. — *Dr. Jane* 

Christmas Eve morning worship: Because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, please make note! \*\*On Christmas Eve morning, we will be celebrating Advent 4 in our liturgical calendar at our 9:30am service. This is the story of the angel Gabriel visiting Mary and telling her she will be pregnant with God's Son. This will also be our worship text for Saturday evening worship on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you want Christmas Eve worship, come on back at 4:00pm or 7:00pm!



Christmas Eve Worship: 4:00pm and 7:00pm, December 24. We worship the Christ child, the Babe, on Christmas Eve. Our liturgy consists of carols. We will celebrate the Eucharist, light candles and have special music. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Him, the newborn King!

**Sweet Little Jesus Boy** is the theme for our 2023 Lessons and Carols worship service on **December 17.** We will again worship in Word and song the birth of Jesus. From Glory Ringers to Glory Singers, from soloist and small groups to strings to congregational singing...we will have it all! And, of course, scripture to tell the miracle story. Don't miss this celebration of Advent/Christmas.

Jane's last Sunday – On December 17, we'll bid farewell to Dr. Jane, giving thanks for her faithful music ministry amongst us. Join the reception after worship to celebrate her and all the musicians who will bring us "Sweet Little Jesus Boy".

**Longest Night Worship – December 21-** On this the longest and darkest night of the year, those of us struggling with a loss will worship together. The Christmas season isn't full of joy and fun for everyone. If this names your reality, join a group of fellow traveler's for a quiet, reflective, Christmas worship. King of Glory, 7:00pm.

### **SafeLot**

SafeLot is getting closer to opening! Zion will open their Lot on November 6 and then the **guests** will come to King of Glory in December! At the time of this writing (Oct 29), we are finishing documents with the city and interviewing applicants.

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The porta-potty was delivered and the fence around it is complete. We've made a decision to park the guest's cars in the "Visitors" spaces. This will allow us to easily get electricity to the cars from the small sidewalk lights – each of which have an outlet inside. If the temperature gets below 20 degrees, we will invite guests to come inside for warmth. Keep your ears open for more news about offering one meal a week to our guests. There will be opportunities for you to serve and make God's love tangible! Many thanks to Mike Dodge who is really helping SafeLot at King of Glory get underway.

#### **Faith Formation**

Confirmation: December 3 - at King of Glory

12:00-2:00pm; Lunch provided.\* Topic: Apostles' Creed Application

**December 17-** Christmas Party at King of Glory 12:00-2:00pm

High School: December 15, Friday, Christmas Lock-In and White Elephant gift exchange! 7:00pm-9:00am at Zion. Eat dinner prior. Breakfast provided on Saturday morning.

# **Sunday Hospitality**

#### **Donut Sponsors are needed!**

Please check out the date list sheet and sign up to sponsor donuts on the date of your choice, or sign up with a friend! The sheets are on the bulletin board next to the restroom hallway. You can also pick up an envelope for your payment there! *Thank you!* 

Altar Flowers - Have you signed up to donate



flowers for the altar in honor of someone special or a life milestone? Then we encourage you to take the flowers home with you after worship. Or give them to someone who needs a lift!

#### 2023 Leadership Team

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Worship With Us! Saturday - 5:30pm / Sunday - 9:30am







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