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Worship Listening Sessions

In the early fall of 2022, 91 people responded to a four-question survey. We took the survey to see what your ministry priorities were in the formation of our 2023 Mission & Ministry plan; King of Glory's budget.

You responded that worship, music, youth and outreach were your top priorities. In addition, because we were considering all options for saving money at that point, we also included questions about moving to one worship service on Sundays. Or cancelling Saturday night and keeping both services on Sundays.

72 respondents were in favor of moving to one worship service. 19 were not.

Now, I want to explore why. If we don't know the reasons, making a change could produce a counterproductive move with more harm than good. To that end, we will have five Worship Listening Sessions in January.

- **January 14 Saturday, 10:00-11:00am.**
Jeanette Williams home -344 Medina Ct, Loveland
- **January 18 Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm**
Kathe & Earle Solomonson home- 494 23rd St SW, Loveland, CO 80537
- **January 26 Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm** (place to be determined)
- **January 28 Saturday, 5:00 pm** * Prior to worship* at KOG
- **January 29, Sunday, 9:40 -10:40am** in between worship services

We will listen and learn. The rationale behind this listening comes from seminary training about 'systems'. Church systems are like family systems. Any family can only handle so much stress at one time before the stress creates harm. Our church system has been under financial stress and Pastor Deb has also departed. While we are in a healthier

financial place now, her absence won't be our "new normal" for many months.

The Leadership Team and I want to come to a decision after hearing your rationale and opinions. We will do that in February. I really hope you will come to one of these listening sessions and enter into the conversation. God is with us!

Pastor Ruth Ann

January 21 and 22 - Installation of New

Leadership Team members: Kathy Cisar, Liz Melton, Jerry Rogers, Scott Kallio and Recognition of Outgoing Leadership Members: Jan DesJardin, Judy Richardson, Randy Pfeiff. Please lift up these leaders in prayer!

New Member Class – Saturday, January 28 9:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Room. Sign-up in the narthex by the church windows.

Faith Formation News

Confirmation Learning Experiences for January: Noon – 2:00pm

Sunday, January 8 at Community Kitchen,
Topic is GRACE - Pastors Chris and Joel

Sunday, January 22 at KOG –
Topic is THE WORD AND LAW/GOSPEL - Pastors Ruth Ann and Joel

Middle School Fellowship

Middle Schoolers and Parents! We now have a **weekly meeting time for all Middle School youth at Trinity Lutheran on Monday nights beginning January 9 at 7:00pm.** This means that we'll have a larger group to meet with! It also means that if you have another commitment on Mondays, perhaps you can alternate between the two or at take even one Monday night per month to come to a church Middle School event. This **new format is for you!** **Come on January 9** and be a part of what it looks like going forward! Questions? Email Pastor Ruth Ann ruthann@aplace2grow.org.





Middle School Fun & Fellowship

L2F2 MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

**GIRL TALK
MAN CAVE**

01.9.23 | 7PM | MEET @ TRINITY

All middle schoolers and friends are invited!
Girl Talk and Man Cave are meeting jointly EVERY Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church. We are putting a twist on our fun, fellowship, & mentoring. Reach out to Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry or the church office with questions.

L2F2 High School Events

Ice-skating at Longmont Ice Pavilion – January 8 – meet at Trinity at 3:00pm to carpool. Event from 3-4pm

Movie Night, Sunday January 15, 5:00-7:00pm. Watch *Selma* with Pastor Joel and have a discussion over dinner about Martin Luther King.

Save the Date for the High School Winter Retreat March 3-5 pm

Sunday School – No Sunday School currently, please talk to Pastor Ruth Ann if interested!

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

Singing Together!

Because the choirs from King of Glory, Zion, and Trinity Lutheran Churches had such a good time and musical experience at the joint Thanksgiving Service, we are joining with our sister churches again on **February 19, Mardi Gras Sunday**, to give our King of Glory congregation a special treat! It will be wonderful to share our church with those of other Lutheran congregations. On March 12, we will raise our voices together with Trinity hosting the choir and

May 12, at Zion we will complete our sharing the song of the Lutheran church. Our goal is to enrich the worship at each church, offer some diversity of worship styles and enjoy a great time with fellow musicians. Sharing our resources, working together, and communing with the Lord is a wonderful outcome of Singing Together!

Dinner and a Concert

What is happening on **Tuesday, February 21**, at King of Glory? **Answer: Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Dinner and a fantastic JAZZ Concert featuring our own Gavin Dunn Trio.** We all know that Gavin does a great job with our service playing, but he is also a VERY accomplished jazz piano player, seeking his doctorate in jazz piano at the University of Northern Colorado. How much more perfect could this be for a Mardi Gras Concert? And, how much better could it be than to share a New Orleans-style meal before the concert? Yes, let's celebrate before we begin the penitential season of Lent, support Gavin, and invite your family, friends, and people who love to have a great time. *More details to come...*



Lutheran Men of Song

Lutheran Men of Song will be singing at the **8:30am** service at King of Glory on **January 29**. Please join in this service as the choir helps lead the congregation through song.

Bell Choir – The “Glory Ringers” rehearse at **4:30pm every Wednesday resuming January 25.**

Choir - The “Glory Singers” rehearse on **Wednesdays at 7:00pm resuming January 25.**

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

Studies and Activities



Have You Ever Wondered?

Our Sunday Adult Education class will resume on January 8 at 9:45am in the Fellowship Room and by Zoom.

We begin the year with Bishop Jim's talk "From Worry to Wonder". Two Sundays, **January 8 and 15** will find us reflecting upon where we are as a congregation. With all the fluctuation of the last several years and with Pastor Deb's departure, a pause to look back and look ahead will be helpful. Bishop Jim took this conversation to eight different parts of our Synod. We have his notes, so now all of you can hear it also! Please come and help the whole congregation move from Worry to Wonder!

Easy Does It Fitness Class Join us as we continue our Tuesday & Thursday 10:30am schedule **beginning January 17** 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, **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 baloghn@comcast.net for more information and the sign-on link. This is a great opportunity for growth and fellowship. Please give us a try!

2nd Wind (Retirees) Our 2nd Wind group of retirees would like to welcome any interested member of the congregation to join us. We meet together on the **2nd and 4th 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, resuming January 12. 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!

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



Please check out the schedule and sign up to sponsor on your desired date. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board next to the restroom hallway. 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), 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.





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 A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

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



2023 Leadership Team

President: Bryan French
Vice President: Mike Dodge
Treasurer: Ron Lamb
Secretary: Luci Roberts
Kathy Cisar*
Liz Melton*
Jerry Rogers*
Jeanette Williams
(*newly elected to LT 2023)

Ash Wednesday – Mark your Calendars Wednesday, February 22

- Noon worship at Zion
- 7:00pm worship at King of Glory

To see Newsletters, sermons and
worship videos please check our
[Sermon Archive](#) or www.kingofgloryloveland.com

January 2023

Weekend Worship Times

Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:45am

- **Worship Listening Sessions - January 14, 18, 26, 28 & 29** (see inside for details!)
- January 8 – L2F2 High School Ice Skating- 3:00pm Trinity
- **January 9 – Middle School Fellowship begins – 7:00pm at Trinity**
- January 12 – Thursday Morning Bible Study resumes at 9:30am
- **January 21/22 – Leadership Team Recognition and installation (all services)**
- January 25 – Bells (4:30pm) and Choir (7:00pm) rehearsals resume
- **January 28 – New Member Class- 9:00am**
- January 29 – Lutheran Men of Song, 8:30am worship

The Messenger