



King of Glory  
... a Place to Grow

# The Messenger –September 2024

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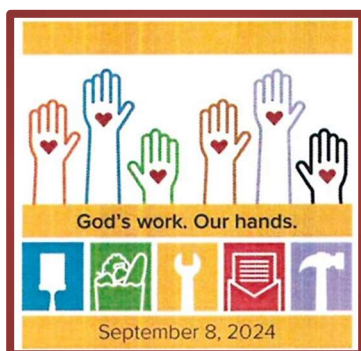
## From Pastor Ruth Ann



### God's Work our Hands –

**September 8** -- This day of service is such a witness to cities and towns all across our country. ELCA Lutherans out in their bright gold t-shirts, bringing a hands-on approach to the Gospel. Together we share in word and deed the love of Jesus through car washes,

mowed lawns, painted houses, hot meals, songs in nursing homes...the list of activities goes on and on! *Even though the deadline has passed for signing up, there still may be room in several of our activities here in Loveland. Keep an ear out.* And...no need to sign up for prayer! Pray for the projects happening throughout our country, our city and because of our love for Jesus. It's a great day to be the Church!



**The first and second weekend in September**, I'll be preaching a two-part series on "The Priesthood of all Believers." Clergy have a role in the church as priests and pastors. Lay people, the baptized congregation members, do your part out in the community as priests as well. We all carry Christ's light and share the Gospel through word and deed. No matter our age or station in life, we are Christ's body. Even if we are retired, we never retire from shining Christ's light into our corners of the world. **On September 8, we will carry that light into Loveland for God's Work our Hands. Thank you for signing up. You can pray for all of the people out in the community, even if you aren't able to serve on a project.**

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**Deb Kocsis, our new Ministry Coordinator**, is helping KOG members and friends shine their lights. She is beginning to get to know more congregation members and helping them find their particular ministry that feeds their passions. Her role is not to actively recruit volunteers for ministries, but instead give interested member's names to Team leaders. You've also noticed the short articles within this Messenger and the bulletin about ministry teams. I hope you'll read and learn more about all the amazing work that goes on behind the scenes at King of Glory. We have an incredible congregation full of priests carrying out God's work. I thank God for you! In Christ, Pastor Ruth Ann

**Food continues**...for some. For others, it runs short each month. Erin Becerra (KOG member) who runs the Food Pantry at HNS says they are getting many donations. Thank you!



Dear King of Glory Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your July Food Drive proceeds! As we pass out a ton of food (literally!) each day, it is partnerships like yours that make the difference. We so appreciate you.

Sincerely,  
Ann Hummel  
HNS Staff

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**Garden full of Glory!** Our fabulous gardeners have been out working their beds during this great growing season. We are so proud of you, Glory Gardeners! You are making a difference in people's lives: our community neighbors who rent beds for their own food and the KOG beds which grow food for the hungry in Loveland. We know that you love what you do, and we love you for it. Reports from Mike Dodge are that we have been able to donate more than 40 lbs of produce already! Thank you!

**Homeless in our community:** If you haven't heard about First Christian's building being made into a homeless shelter, please check out the information at <https://www.homewardalliance.org/hwa/loveland-lead-agency/>. We need many resources in our community to care for the least and the lost. This will be one of them.

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**Worship, Grow, Serve!** Our annual stewardship season will be the first three weekends in October. We will bring our Statements of Intent on October 19-20. Reformation is the following weekend, October 27.



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**Marty Mouse!** Hey, hey church welcome back inside. In four months, it will be a year since we began SafeLot ministry. I happened to catch the conversation recently around the dinner in the Fellowship Room with the guests. (Alright, I confess, I was hoping for a few crumbs!) I'm telling you, these people are special. They are so grateful for a safe place to sleep at night. Some of them are still working, some retired. The age of our guests is getting lower. It was fun and sad to see the young school children playing in the circle drive. I know Pastor talks about it frequently, but I wanted to add my two bits of cheese. You all are making a difference in people's lives! They love your dinners and regular conversation with people who don't look down on



them. Luther would be proud of you. As he once said, 'God does not need your good works but your neighbor does.'

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**Lutheran Men of Song will be here September 22!**  
Come hear the great singing!

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### Ministry opportunities

#### **Altar Guild**

When you enter the sanctuary, what catches your eye? The colorful paraments, the seasonal banners, the glowing candles, or the linen-covered bread and wine? Eventually, we are all drawn to the bread and wine as we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. Every Saturday and Sunday, the bread and wine are carefully prepared for Holy Communion by three volunteers who serve once a month. **Their Ministry, known as the Altar Guild**, includes baking the bread, and placing the bread, the chalice, the pitcher of wine, and the individual wine cups on the Altar, draping everything in clean linens. From here we experience the Real Presence of Christ and express our unity in the Body of Christ through the Lord's Supper. After worship, these volunteers return everything to the Sacristy and clean up. **Serving in the Altar Guild Ministry** are Lynn Hamilton, Pam Maddox, Judy Richardson, Jan Schneider, Sharon McDaniel, Cindy Holmgren, Janna Cannady, Lesli Bruden, Sarajane Grandia, Carolyn Greeb, Denise Lauerma, and Susan Chamberlin. Would you find this Ministry meaningful? Contact Susan Chamberlin at [susan@chamberlin.com](mailto:susan@chamberlin.com) if you would like to serve.

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#### Coffee Team

**After worship** and before we are sent forth, many of us enjoy the treat of coffee and donuts. **To make sure we have clean cups and coffee pots, there is a behind-the-scenes team of volunteers who help make that happen.** Their Ministry at King of Glory is to joyfully clean the coffee pots and load the dishwasher with used coffee cups. Not stopping there, they also wipe down the counters and take used towels home for washing. *We are grateful for Nancy French, Sarajane Grandia, Sharon McDaniel and Pam Phifer!* If this sounds like something you are willing to do, contact Sharon McDaniel ([sharonmc2016@gmail.com](mailto:sharonmc2016@gmail.com)) to learn how you could contribute.

## Youth Activities

### **Northern Colorado Conference Lake Day!**

Join Lutheran youth from churches all over Northern Colorado in our first joint youth event! We'll meet at Rod and Becky Arthur's house on **September 15th at 2:00pm** for an afternoon of lake fun! Rod and Becky live at 5945 Clearwater Drive, Loveland, CO 80538. **Middle School Students and High School Students are invited.** Sign up using this link: <https://oslcfortcollins.breezechms.com/form/06e5e5>.

### **High School -- Dinner and Drive in Movie**

Join us on **September 29** for dinner and the drive-in! More specific times to follow when the drive-in lets us know what time movies will be starting in September.

### **Terror in the Corn - Haunted Corn Maze**

Join us on **Oct 13** for a night at Anderson Farms for their Haunted Corn Maze. We'll have a firepit where we'll enjoy dinner before heading to the spooky section. Haunting not your thing? You can still come and hang out by the fire/explore the other attractions Anderson Farms has! More specific times/details to follow, but block out that evening! **RSVP to Pastor Ruth Ann by Oct 1.**

## Middle School --

### **Upcoming Confirmation Classes:**

**September 22-** Confirmation at Zion  
12:30-2:30- lunch is provided

**October 6 -** Confirmation at King of Glory  
12:30-2:30- lunch is provided

### **Coyote Howl Retreat at Sky Ranch**

Join other middle school students from around the state at Sky Ranch for a weekend of learning and fun! The theme this year is "Love is Not" lead by Pastor Jay Gamelin (more info [here](#)). This retreat is \$135 per student. King of Glory will cover half, so it is \$67.50 for each student, payable to King of Glory. Money should never be a reason not to attend! If the cost is prohibitive, talk to Pastor Ruth Ann and we will figure something out. RSVP to Pastor Ruth Ann by September 15 at the latest!

**Middle School Night** (with parent small group too!)  
**September 11, 7-8 pm.** See the link Pastor Ruth Ann sent out to sign-up for your small group. There will be a 'flex' group for those students who can attend on a couple nights but not all four. Whether you sign up for a committed group or come for the flex group, all are welcome! The other three nights will be the **second Wednesday of the month:**  
**October 9, November 13, December 11.**

## Adult Studies and Activities

### ***Have You Ever Wondered? – Sunday Morning Adult Education***

Is starting up again on **September 15**. Join us in the Fellowship Room or by ZOOM at 10:45am Sunday mornings after worship!

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Resuming **September 5** - This group meets at 9:30am weekly (in the Fellowship Room and by ZOOM) 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, Saturdays at 9:00am.** 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 [balognh@comcast.net](mailto:balognh@comcast.net) 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. 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 meets on the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be **September 9, at 1:00pm** in the church library. Debbi Smith will be our treat hostess. For more information, please contact Barb Brackin-Bartel.





**SafeLot - We are hosting again in October!**  
**Check out the SignUp Genius link to volunteer!**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA92BAAF8C07-49087772-safelot>



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**King of Glory Columbarium:** Did you know that our columbarium is a wonderful place for the urns of loved ones? Just steps from the baptismal font in the sanctuary, we are reminded that from the cradle to the grave, we belong to God. There are only 4 remaining spots open that have not been reserved. If you are interested in having our columbarium be your final resting place, inquire in the office or with Pastor Ruth Ann.

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### **Sunday Hospitality**

#### **Donut Sponsors!**

Please check out the date list sheet and sign up to sponsor donuts on the date of your choice - or sign up to share the cost 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! The weekly sponsorship amount is \$63.00. 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!



#### **2024 Leadership Team**

President: Bryan French  
Vice President: Mike Dodge  
Treasurer: Ron Lamb  
Secretary: Angela Jensen  
Kathy Cisar  
Liz Melton  
Jerry Rogers  
Jeanette Williams

- ❖ **"Women of the Bible Speak," September 20-21st, Women's Retreat to be held here at King of Glory.** Planning is underway and we are going to have so much fun learning about amazing women! Registration forms are on the Information Table. *Questions? Contact Pam Phifer*
- ❖ **Hospitality Opportunity – We are looking for more Sunday Ushers and would like to offer you the opportunity to serve in a much-needed capacity at KOG.** If you would like to volunteer or just want to know more about it, please contact the office or talk to Pastor Ruth Ann!
- ❖ **KidsPak, September 12 – Tom Carrigan and KidsPak** invite all Lutheran congregations to an **Open House and Tour** of their brand-new home. **3:00—5:00PM at 250 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Ct, Loveland 80538**

**'Tis The Season - Our 13th Annual Christmas Bazaar is happening in 70 days on November 9!!**

The Christmas Bazaar board is ready in the narthex. Please stop by and see how you can be a part of this wonderful event we provide for our community.

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*"As God's People, Graced by Differences, Nurtured by the Spirit,  
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[Sermon Archive](#) or [www.kingofgloryloveland.com](http://www.kingofgloryloveland.com)

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

September 2024

September 1 – Labor Day – Monday Holiday  
September 8 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday- Projects begin at Noon!  
September 12 – KidsPak Open House 3-5pm  
September 20-21 – Women's Retreat at KOG

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