



King of Glory ... a Place to Grow

FEBRUARY 2012

Servants and Stewards Nurture Relationships



As we shop this month we are bombarded in every store to nurture the ones we love with chocolates, flowers and anything pink and red! While those items can be fun, a deeper nurturing comes from our desire to help one another grow. This month the highlighted topic in our year-long Stewardship emphasis is “Nurturing Relationships.” One definition of nurture is: *To care for and encourage the growth or development of.*

In scripture we are asked to help one another in our lives: *Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so your words may give grace to those who hear.....Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. –Ephesians 4:29, 31 and 32*



It isn't always easy to see Christ in everyone—especially if we disagree with someone. Encouraging, building up and helping are all verbs, therefore—actions. Taking action is being invested and spending time. These are harder to do in our busy and active lives.

In this season of love there is no better gift than our kindness and nurturing of one another because of the love of Christ in our lives. Throughout the year here at King of Glory there have been innumerable examples of nurturing in your care for the homeless, hungry, impoverished, orphaned, grieving, and ill. Thank you for all your daily care in our mission to be a “place to grow.” You are the embodiment of Christ’s love on earth, thank you for nurturing care.

On **Sunday, February 12, 10:00-noon** there will be a **thank-you brunch** for all volunteers. **Plan on attending this special event!**

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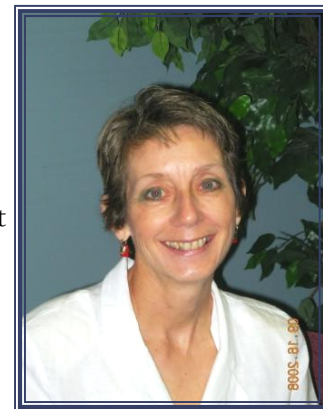
FROM THE PASTOR

Relationships are fragile. It can take one wrong word, even uttered unintentionally, to damage or even break a relationship. A person takes offense at what you have said or done, even if you don't always know what you said or did, and the relationship becomes strained or over. Rather than saying honestly and directly to the person – what you said hurt or offended me – we hold on to the hurt, the resentment builds, and it just becomes easier to end the relationship, to not have anything to do with the person anymore.

Relationships can be hard work because if they are going to continue and grow stronger, we have to be honest with one another and confront one another with our feelings, even the negative ones that we would just as soon not admit to ourselves, let alone to someone who you aren't quite sure you can trust. Then we have to let go of the hurt, not continue to hold it against the person, and try once more to engage with one another.

If relationships are so fragile and can require such hard work, then quite frankly, why bother? Because we were created to be in relationship – “it is not good for the person to be alone,” God says in the story of creation. We simply cannot navigate this world by ourselves. We are called to be in relationship – being a Christian means being part of a community which means being in relationship with other people. Because it is in relationship that we experience life, love, and God – God came in Christ to be with us in a relationship of grace and mercy.

While relationships are fragile, difficult, and lot of hard work at times, they are also beautiful gifts that add meaning and richness to our lives. How might we nurture the relationships in our lives, even do the hard work of confronting and forgiving, so that those relationships become even more precious? That's what servants and stewards of Christ are constantly asking.



Pastor Susan Candea

You can not only read, but hear and download Pastor Susan's sermons. Check out our website at www.aplace2grow.org

Our Prayer Chain



If you have a prayer request please contact Pastor Susan or the church office and indicate whether the prayer is to be public or kept on the confidential prayer chain.

Also, **please keep the church office updated** regarding the prayer concern.

- **During office hours** please call the church office (970-669-5983), or email the pastor at pastor@aplace2grow.org
- **After office hours or on weekends**, you will need to call Pastor Susan on her cell phone (970-290-9111).

Faith Advocacy Day

February 20, 2012

The **2012 Faith Advocacy Day: Turning the Corner from Charity to Justice** will be held at the History Colorado Museum in Denver on **Monday, February 20, 2012** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Because it is a holiday, street parking is free that day. Special guest speaker will be Miguel de la Torre from Iliff School of Theology. Hear the legislative priorities for Colorado Council of Churches, Colorado Interfaith Voices for Justice, and Lutheran Advocacy Ministry. Registration cost is \$25 by Wednesday, February 15 and includes lunch.

Please contact Pastor Susan if you are interested in attending.

OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

New Opportunity

Many of you know that last year a brand new elementary school became a neighbor to our north— **Ponderosa Elementary**. We have met with the principal there, Lamb Caro (from Van Buren Elementary). Mr. Caro and the staff are eager this year to build relationships with community partners such as King of Glory in order to help kids grow and learn. Schools in Loveland are struggling with fiscal challenges and need help. We are working with the hard working staff at Ponderosa to provide assistance with volunteers and learning opportunities. If you are interested in helping in this endeavor in any way, please contact Karyn Ed-dins and let her know. There are many ways to be involved — from tutoring to office work to decorating bulletin boards! On **February 5** at both services there will be a representative from Ponderosa presenting more information on this great community opportunity.



Lutheran Campus Ministry at CSU 1st Annual Chili Cook-off



Lutheran Campus Ministry at CSU is hosting their first annual **“Chili Cook Off”** on **Saturday, February 25** at Trinity Lutheran in Ft. Collins. There will be a worship service at 5:30 p.m. and then the chili cook off begins at 6:15 p.m. Stop by for a great bowl of chili and vote for your favorite! This fundraiser will assist students to participate in a spring mission trip. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Susan.



Dinners for Eight —Spring Sign-Ups!

Benefits of Dinners for Eight are:

- ▲ it’s a fun way to meet fellow members
- ▲ in a small, intimate dinner setting
- ▲ with hassle-free menu planning
- ▲ groups schedule meals individually

Four couples (singles or a mixture of) make a Dinner for Eight group. Four dinner dates and times are arranged by each group at their convenience. Couples are grouped and provided with a theme and dinner menus.

The sign up sheet for March, April, May and June/Summer 2012 is **now** on the bulletin board in the concourse. **Sign-up will be posted from Jan. 22—Feb. 26**, with group assignments and menus available March 4th.

Signing up no later than Sunday, February 26, is necessary in order to be enrolled in a Dinner for Eight group.

For any questions, please call Sara-jane Grandia (667-8785).



Ragtime, Rhythm, & Root Beer: Sunday, February 19th at 6:30p.m. A Playground Fundraiser

Come join us for a fun evening of great music, food and fellowship to help raise money for our **Noah’s Ark Playground** structure.

- Gary Camp’s Ragtime band will provide the music
- Root Beer Floats & Popcorn will be served
- Watch a short Charlie Chaplin Silent movie
- Bid on silent auction items such as a family photo or massage

Cost is \$10 per person; children are free! Tickets go on sale the end of January! All money raised will go toward the purchase of the playground structure. Invite your friends and neighbors! It will be a good time for all!

FELLOWSHIP & STUDY GROUPS

Sonrisers

The men's reading group meets at 7:00 a.m. every Thursday morning at Perkins. They are currently discussing the book **Christianity's Dangerous Idea** by Alister McGrath. For more information, please contact Darwyn Kietzmann at (970) 776-8274. New members are always welcome!

Peace Circle



Peace Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 8 at 12:00 p.m.** in the church fellowship room. Please bring a sack lunch. Please RVSP to Barb at 213-3256. All ladies welcome! Bible Study begins at 1:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group

Our meeting this month will be **February 6** at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. (Barb Brackin-Bartel will be our snack hostess.) All levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 213-3256. *If you know anyone in need of a prayer shawl, please let us know!*



Good News & Good Eats



Good News & Good Eats this month is **February 1 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be discussing "Why do relationships matter and how does faith help strengthen all our relationships?" and enjoying **pot roast** for dinner. All are welcome to bring a dish to share and be in this interesting discussion. Please sign up on the sheet on the concourse bulletin board so we know how many to expect!

Noontime Glory Readers

The Noontime Glory Readers will meet on **February 23** at 12:00 p.m. in the church library. Our book for February **The Red Tent** by Anita Diamant. New members are always welcome! Contact Barb Brackin-Bartel (213-3256) for more information.



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

Pastor-led Studies

Book of Faith: Open Scripture, Join the Conversation

Thursday Morning Bible study – 9:30 a.m.

We are finishing up our discussion of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians and then will begin a discussion of what the Bible says about the "end times." What is apocalyptic literature? What does eschatology mean? How does eternal life fit into this understanding? The word "apocalyptic" means revelation. What is God revealed to us through various Bible passages? You can join the conversation at anytime! No homework required!

NEW BIBLE STUDY for LENT

So you think you know what the Bible says? Wednesday Evenings 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. beginning February 29

The Bible is an incredibly important book for people of faith! It is the word of God. It is quoted and used not only as a source of comfort and strength but also as a book that shapes our image and understanding of God, faith, and our behavior in the world. It is used to justify and defend various values, opinions and behaviors, as well as condemn certain beliefs and lifestyles. But do we really know what the Bible says about some of these topics, such as homosexuality for instance? And why do people of faith, using the Bible, have such differing views on various topics?

Instead of having evening prayer services during Lent (there will be a short prayer service at noon), we will gather on Wednesday evenings in Lent and explore what the Bible does say in certain passages. We will begin with an introductory session on how to understand and use the Bible, then explore the Biblical passage related to the homosexuality (a topic on which there is a lot of disagreement), and then explore other Biblical passages as chosen by the group (see more information in the next Messenger.)

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Sunday School

Sunday School Schedule:

February 5 – No Sunday School – In One Place Worship at 10:30 a.m.

February 12, 19, & 26 – Regular Sunday school at 10:15

- A **Sunday school schedule** of classes and topics is available at the Sunday school table in the octagon. Please pick one up and put it on your refrigerator.
- **Parents**, remember to have your children sign in before coming to room C for opening and pick up their Sunday school papers and projects in their folders after worship.
- **Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday – February 22 at 7:00 p.m.**



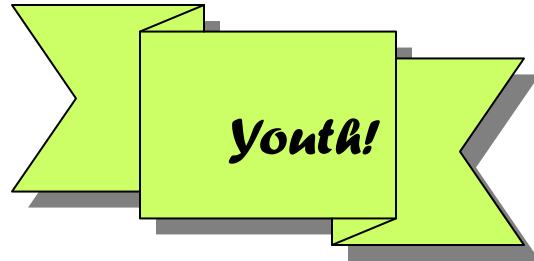
Lent is an important 40 day journey that can help children and their families grow in their faith and baptismal identities as children of God.

The season begins with Ash

Wednesday and the imposition of ashes – an important ritual for adults and children. To help our Sunday school children learn about and experience Lent, we will encourage them to participate in the disciplines of Lent – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (giving to the poor.)

- **Prayer** – each Sunday during opening, students will be asked to write down a prayer request on a piece of paper. Each student will draw a piece of paper and be asked to pray that request during the week.
- **Fasting** – on February 19, each student will take home a card that gives them an opportunity to write down something they will “give up” during Lent. They can bring back the card the following week and we will display them in the Sunday school opening room.
- **Almsgiving** – each student will be given a Hunger Coin Box to collect their coins in to bring back to worship on Easter Sunday
- **Bible Reading** – In addition to the three traditional disciplines of Lent, we will be encouraging children to read a short story or passage in their Bibles during the weeks of Lent.

We are Looking for Artists! We are looking for families, children, individuals who will *illustrate the gospel stories for Lent* by drawing four pictures that will then be used during worship on the large screen in the front of the worship center. Dates, gospel stories, and further instructions are available at the Sunday school sign-in table!



In Youth Group: During January and February we will be looking at the question: *Who is God?* We will discuss God and God’s role in our lives while looking at the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday January 29th Youth Led Sunday School: This Sunday the youth will be preparing and leading a lesson for the Sunday school classes.

Friday February 17th to Saturday February 18th Youth Lock-in: Come and join us to go swimming, ice skating and play games. If you are coming please let Sarah know, no later than Friday February 10th, so arrangements can be made for transportation and planning. Please email Sarah Whitney at youth@aplace2grow.org with any questions.

March Youth Activities: Youth activities for March are currently being planned. If you have any suggestions or ideas for events please contact Sarah.

Sunday April 8th Youth Easter Brunch: The youth will be serving brunch on Easter morning as a part of our fundraising. Please stay tuned for more information as we get closer to spring!



WORSHIP

Saturday Worship – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday worship is a less formal, shorter worship service in which we gather to hear the Word and share the Meal.

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

- **Sunday, February 19 – Transfiguration of our Lord - Jazz Service**



- **Easter Planning Team** – If you are interested in participating in a short term (two meetings at the most!) to plan the Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship services, please let Pastor Susan know as soon as possible!

- **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – February 22**

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear the readings for Ash Wednesday, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent, the people of God reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggest our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.



- **Noon – Joint ELCA Worship at Zion Lutheran** (Pastor Susan preaching)
- **7:00 p.m. – Worship at King of Glory with Imposition of Ashes**

Disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving (giving to the poor)

These are the traditional “disciplines” of Lent, designed to help individuals focus on and return to the Lord during a period of preparation for baptism. For those who have already been baptized, these disciplines serve the same purpose as we reflect on the meaning of and the living out of our baptisms. During the forty days of Lent, you are invited to practice these disciplines.

- **Prayer** – There will be a short (30 minutes) **noon prayer service** every Wednesday, beginning February 29 in the worship center.

During Saturday and Sunday worship, on the table where the prayers candles are, there will be a basket for you to write a prayer request (you do not need to iden-

tify yourself). The following weekend, those prayer requests will be written down on a single sheet of paper for you take home and include in your daily prayers.

- **Fasting** – Choose a day, meal, food item or other activity that you will fast from during Lent. If it is a meal or day that you fast, give the money you would have spent on that item and set it aside for your offering to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- **Almsgiving** – Set aside money each day/week to give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and/or a local food pantry such as House of Neighborly Service.

New Life for the Sake of the Whole World

Our Lenten journey toward Easter begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. The lessons on the Sundays of Lent this year focus on the five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and use them as lenses through which to view baptism.

The baptismal covenant is made with each of us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world. Baptism and God's grace is a *gift* not earned by anyone. It does offer us an opportunity, however, to ponder how we might live out our baptismal calling.

Members of King of Glory have demonstrated year after year that we are aware of the life-saving and efficient work of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal (WHA) and the HOPE and dignity it brings to so many people. Your dollars do make a difference!

The World Hunger Team invites you on a Lenten journey to ponder how your life in Christ can make a difference for the sake of the whole world. We will focus on the connections between gender and hunger and the comprehensive programs funded through ELCA World Hunger in this country and around the world.

The display table will be up in the concourse by February 19th. Be sure to stop by to pick up WHA coin boxes, calendars, and ideas to help you prepare for the second offering on Easter Sunday. New information on issues and projects will be added each



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EXTRAS

Health Ministry News

February is Healthy Heart Month and three of the activities this month that your Parish Nurses bring you are the **Blood Drive at KOG Saturday, February 4th**; a Heart Healthy display in the concourse, and continuing to offer monthly blood pressure checks, held between services each third Sunday!

Educating women to be Heart Smart is important, because it has been found that women are just as susceptible to heart attack as men.

In our 20's, it is easy to overlook the importance of living a heart healthy lifestyle. Start making small daily choices to help live a long and healthy life.

In your 30's, women get so involved in careers and/or family that they neglect to pay attention to their own health! Health needs to be your top priority. If you can avoid conditions that put you at risk for heart disease until you turn 50, your chances are really good you may never develop heart disease.

In your 40's, you may feel like you are too set in your ways to make changes, but it is never too late. No matter what life brings you in your 40's, a new career, family changes, or life's milestones-it's important to stay

happy and healthy so you can enjoy years to come.

Life in your 50's can involve a new career, sending kids to college or even returning to college yourself, but one thing is sure, your body is changing and those changes can affect your heart. Women who have heart attacks increase dramatically after age 55 and up. You have the power to reduce your risk. You can still make improvements in your diet and lifestyle that lead to a longer, happier life.

Information taken from the American Heart Association website.

Jan Whittet, Parish Nurse

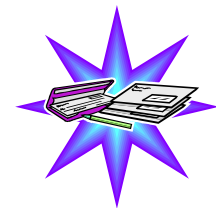
**The next
Messenger Deadline
is Sunday,
February 19**



**Messenger
Assembly will be
Thursday,
February 23
at 10:30 a.m.**

December 31, 2011 Consolidated Financial Report

	MONTH	YTD	BUDGET
INCOME:			
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$50,292	\$332,472	
NON-MEMBER	3,670	29,325	
	53,962	361,797	\$334,000
BUILDING USE FEES	1,755	22,849	20,000
INTEREST	24	352	1000
	55,742	384,998	\$355,000
EXPENSES AND DEBT:			
EXPENSES	29,442	341,524	342,830
DEBT PAYMENTS	2,623	30,106	31,770
	32,066	371,630	374,600
NET	\$23,676	\$13,368	-\$19,600



ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS HIGHLIGHT:

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ 4,730	
WORLD HUNGER	\$ 1,378	\$ 19,777	
ELCA DISASTER RELIEF	\$ -	\$ 1,810	
PLAYGROUND	\$ 643	\$ 8,571	
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR		\$ 6,649	
COMMUNITY GARDEN		\$ 2,471	
THANKSGIVING OFFERING		\$ 516	DONATION TO LARIMER COUNTY FOOD BANK



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*Graced by differences,
Nurtured by the Spirit, and Gifted to serve,
we invite and welcome all to grow in faith.*

The Messenger



- February 1: "Good News & Good Eats"
- February 4: Blood Drive
- February 12: Volunteer Thank-You Brunch
- February 19: "Ragtime, Rhythm, & Rootbeer" Fundraiser
- February 22: Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
- February 29: Lenten Prayer Service at Noon;
Bible study at 7:00 p.m.