



SOUNDS OF GLORY



Glory of God Lutheran Church Newsletter

Don't Forget...

Please join us at 9 AM each Sunday for Worship:

We are in person or online. You can always check out our [GOG website](#) for more information.

Daily Devotions:

If you'd like to receive daily email devotions from Dana, please email her to get in the Daily Devotions Group.

Visits from Dana:

Thanks to all of you who have already visited with me - it's wonderful to be able to get to know you better. However, I'm still looking to visit with as many folks as possible here at GOG. I'll meet anywhere you like (within reason) - your place, GOG, some other place like a coffee or fast-food place, wherever works for you. (I'll even spring for some coffee if that provides an added incentive.) Just call me (414-916-3241) or shoot me an email (dana@gloryofgodchurch.net) to set up a time. Thanks!!

Wrapped Candy And Egg-Fillers Needed for our Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Our second annual Glory of God Community Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 4. We are now collecting wrapped Easter candy to fill our plastic eggs. (Remember, the candy must be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in those little eggs.) And soon we'll have the plastic eggs out, and are asking for help filling the eggs with the candy. This is something everyone can do. (I usually fill eggs while watching TV. It makes me feel productive.) It's a team effort to get ready for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks everyone!

Daylight Savings Time Starts on Sunday March 8

Don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 7. You don't want to be late for worship on the 8th!!

Wednesday Night Soup Suppers During Lent

On each of the remaining Wednesdays in Lent (March 4, 11, 18 and 25) we'll gather for a soup supper at Glory of God. Then we'll spend some time discussing our Essential Jesus topic addressed in the prior Sunday sermon. Meals start at 6 pm, and we begin our discussion around 6:30, finishing by 7:15 (A sign-up sheet for anyone who wishes to bring food is on the council table, or call the church office if you can help.)

Fletcher Miller School Luncheon of Thanks

Fletcher Miller School is moving in April to its newly constructed building next door. We'll be doing a luncheon (and some afternoon snacks) for the staff on March 19, as they begin packing everything up. We'll also take this opportunity to thank the staff for all they're doing for the kids and families at Fletcher Miller. (Basically, we're turning the luncheon into a Ministry of Encouragement visit, where we provide food, flowers and a certificate of appreciation.) Since this is a luncheon for almost 100 people, I'm hoping lots of us will respond with food and other needed items. There's a sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall for those wishing to bring food, and a sign-up sheet for those who want to come and thank the staff. And we'll take a noisy offering on Sunday, March 8th to help with the luncheon.

Holy Week Opportunities To Worship

Holy Week, the week that begins on Palm/Passion Sunday and ends on Easter, is always a busy time here at Glory of God. It includes many powerful opportunities to worship. Here are some highlights:

- **Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service – Sunday, March 29, at 9 am.** We welcome Pastor Vera, who will preach and preside this Sunday as we walk with Jesus through the last week of his life, beginning with his celebratory entrance into Jerusalem and ending with his death on the cross five days later.
- **Maundy Thursday Worship – Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm.** We pick up our Essential Jesus readings as we focus on Jesus' last hours, beginning with his last supper with his closest friends. We'll also have an opportunity to experience a foot washing, as we look at how following Jesus is all about service.
- **Good Friday Worship – Friday, April 3, at 7:00 pm.** In this Tenebrae service, we journey with Jesus' through the shadows of his trial, condemnation and crucifixion via songs, readings, and the gradual dimming of lights. We end with the litany of the nails, as we confess our own involvement in all that happened on Good Friday.
- **Easter Sunday Services – Sunday, April 5, at 9 am.** We follow our Essential Jesus Easter readings as we celebrate the victory over sin and death on Easter morning, as God raises Jesus to new life. Our 9 am service is a joyful worship celebration, filled with music, singing, and lots of "alleluias".

All of these services are wonderful opportunities for people to encounter God through different worship styles and new experiences. Please invite your friends and family to come and meet God at Glory of God during Holy Week and Easter.

From Petals of Light



Glory of God church members,
 Thanks you so much for
 your generous donation. We
 purchased 150 teddy bears to
 include in the Care Packages
 we will deliver to hospitals
 in March. Thank you for
 helping offer comfort and hope
 to families experiencing the loss
 of a child. Teri, Shawn and
 the Petals of Light Board of Directors

March Birthdays

Mar. 10	Jalayne Kubasta
Mar. 14	Earl Bartram
Mar. 15	Jan Sherman Christian Schmelzel
Mar. 18	Jane Conniff
Mar. 19	Megan Garcia
Mar. 20	Jan Bryson Karen Haataja Kevin Kubasta
Mar. 21	Dianna Trepp
Mar. 22	Luke Eccles.
Mar. 31	Linda Austin

March Prayer Families

March 1

Paone, Pattison, Paul, Phetteplace

March 8

Reesman, Reetz, Robinson, Roepcke

March 15

Schmelzel, Scott, Seitier, Setzer

March 22

Shaffer, Sherman, Strikert, Sutherland

March 29

Swanson, Taggart, Tanner, Thompson

What's Coming Up on Sundays in March:

Here are some things to look forward to on upcoming Sundays:

• **Essential Jesus Miracles on March 1.**

We'll look at some of Jesus miracles over nature - a calming of a storm, walking on water, feeding 5000 and turning water into wine. What do these miracles tell us about God and God's Kingdom? We'll also sing to everyone with a March birthday.

• **On March 8, it's some of Jesus' Healing Miracles**

We'll look at some of my favorite healing miracles, like the Gerasene demoniac, the woman with a flow of blood and Jarius' daughter, the guy whose friends drop him through a roof, and the raising of Lazarus. We'll also take a noisy offering for our upcoming Ministry of Encouragement luncheon to Fletcher Miller School.

• **We Celebrate St Patrick's Day, and look as some of Jesus' Prayers on March 15.**

We'll go green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and explore what Jesus' prayers can tell us about our own prayer life.

• **On March 22, it's all about Jesus' Followers.**

We'll look at the stories of some of those folks who became Jesus' followers. And we'll explore faith -- both what it means and how it defines who we are as disciples of Jesus.

• **Palm/Passion Sunday on March 29.**

We welcome Pastor Vera, who will lead us in a Palm Sunday celebration and then quickly move into Holy Week and the passion of Jesus. Get ready to wave some palms and then walk with Jesus during those last days.

Remember, if you can't be here in person, we love to have you participate by watching live on zoom or on YouTube. Information on how to connect each week is on our GOG website.

March Lunch Bunch

Monday, March 9 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy music from Shirley and Tom Yook, performing hits from the '50s and '60s, while we serve our annual corned beef and cabbage feast with Irish soda bread, green jello salad, festive cake, and drinks. Wear your Irish green and bring a friend! RSVP to Lynn Hornecker by Thursday, March 5.

Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4

On Saturday, April 4 at 10 am, Glory of God will have its second annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. We'll divide the kids up by age groups and have filled plastic Easter eggs for them to find. And the Easter Bunny will be around before and after the hunt for some photo ops. The event starts promptly at 10 am, and given how fast kids can move when they are looking for eggs, you'll want to be there a bit early. This event is for the entire community, and we'll have over 2000 filled eggs!! So tell all your neighbors and friends, and don't forget an Easter basket to hold your eggs.

And to help us prepare for the hunt, please continue to bring bags of wrapped Easter candy to fill the eggs, and place them in the containers in the fellowship hall. And starting next Sunday, March 8, we'll have lots of empty plastic eggs that need to be filled with the candy. Take some empty eggs and candy and bring them back filled and ready to go. (We also have tape for those hard-to-close eggs.)

And finally, we also need volunteers to help on the day of the event from 9 to 10:30 - to hide eggs, supervise the egg hunt, and help clean up. A sign-up sheet is on the council table. We'll also have flyers that you can take to give to family and friends and to put up in local businesses. And please share our Facebook flyer on your social media.

Preschool Easter Egg Hunts

In addition to our Community Easter Egg Hunt, we'll also do two smaller egg hunts for the kids at Child Priority Preschool. The hunts will be on Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2. We could use a couple volunteers to help hide eggs before the hunts. If you can help on one or both days from 11:00 to 12:30 please contact Dana.



Pastoral Care Emergencies

If you need pastoral care in an emergency situation (hospitalization, accident, death) and it is during church office hours, Monday - Thursday - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, please contact the office. If outside those office hours, you can contact Pastor Dana directly at: **414-916-3241**. You can reach her by email at: **dana@gloryofgodchurch.net**

Lunch Bunch

We will gather on Monday, March 9th at 11:30 AM. Please contact Lynn Hornecker if you plan to attend or need a ride.

GOG Craft Group

Friday, March 16th & 30th
at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.
See Debbie Losey if you would like to participate.
Everyone is welcome!

GOG Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
in the conference room.
Everyone is welcome, any time!
Please join us!

Office Hours

Pastor Dana

Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
from 10:00 AM.

Schedule varies based on
GOG events. Please contact
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Care Bags for the Homeless

Thanks to all of you who are contributing supplies for our care bags for the homeless. (A special thanks to everyone who brought in 187 pairs of socks for our Super Bowl collection last month., and to the craft group that has knit over 30 hats.) Because of your generosity, the craft group has put together dozens of care bags that are now available to take and hand out to folks who need them.

And we're continuing to collect personal care items and snacks to make more care bags. In particular, we could use small deodorant, lip balm, small packages of kleenex, and non-perishable food items like small packages of crackers and cheese, granola bars, tuna/peanut butter packs, and beef jerky. Please put your items in the bin in the entryway.

Hospitality is Key

Pretty much every Sunday, we see one or two visitors at worship on Sunday mornings. So this is simply a reminder to be the welcoming church we tell everyone we are. I know it is tempting to spend time before and after the service with people we haven't seen during the week, but please do this first - look around and find people you don't know. Then go and welcome them, find out something about them, and introduce them to someone else. Connecting with others is what makes us all feel welcome. Thanks everyone!!

Faith and Lobby Day

This year's Faith and Lobby Day (coordinated by Together Colorado, along with our own ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod and other interfaith partners) is Monday, March 23. Last year we sent a group down to lobby at the State Capitol in downtown Denver. If you're interested or have any questions about this year's lobby day, contact Pastor Dana. Registration for the event is open.

Save the Dates:

Film Festival

July 17th, 6PM.

Meet the filmmakers.

Dinner and Independent
Films.

Fall Festival

September 27th, 11AM.

Our Free Community
Festival.

Get Connected on Social Media

We're working to grow our social media presence and would love your help! Follow Glory of God on Facebook, Instagram, and X, and be sure to like, comment, and share our posts.

Subscribe to Glory of God Lutheran Church on YouTube and visit our website for worship information and upcoming events. Your engagement helps us reach more people in our community and share God's love far and wide.

Men's Group

We had a wonderful time at our annual "first of the year" potluck at Kurt Schmelzel's home. Thank you, Kurt, for graciously opening your home and welcoming us so warmly.

We're planning monthly events and service opportunities, so check the announcements for updates. We're also looking forward to our Men's Retreat at Glen Isle Resort on October 22-24, 2026—more details coming soon.

Whether you're seeking fellowship, fun, service, or connection, there's a place for you. We're grateful to share these adventures together.

Child Priority Updates

As we head into March and enjoy this warm weather, we are looking forward to our upcoming celebrations. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special activity where children can dig for buried plastic gold coins in our sand area. The children will also make treasure boxes to store their finds, and we look forward to filling our classrooms with the excitement of rainbows and leprechauns.

Easter arrives early this year, and we are thrilled to announce that Pastor Dana will be returning as the Easter Bunny! This was a highlight of our spring last year and will accompany a large Easter egg hunt held for all classes over a two-day period. Pastor Dana, Michael, and other church volunteers will assist in hiding the eggs and supervising the festivities. Don't miss the fun!

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Bless You...

- **Ali Arend, Ann Craig, Nancy Hornecker and Connie Bartram, our Executive Committee on Church Council.** You all do SO MANY THINGS behind the scene that go unnoticed, but are a great benefit to our congregation.
- **Pastor Dana** for her ability to keep our eyes and hearts in the Bible and for her amazing sermons.
- **All who** step up to enhance our worship service, including Altar Guild, the new Assisting Ministers, our readers, our ushers and our greeters. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!
- **Michael Taggart** for all he does at GOG.
- **Kathryn Gault, Joanne Moon, Dick Zinn, and Don VanWinkle** for counting/recording/and depositing offering donations and other moneys GOG received from nonmembers, flowers, books, etc. for between 8 - 12 years!
- **To ALL** who volunteer in the sound booth. Because of our outstanding Tech Team, our worship experience is enhanced.
- **Rick Johnson** for all the many hats he wears at GOG including doing the PowerPoint for Sunday Services.
- **June Marquez** for the building looking SO much better - especially the floors & cleaner bathrooms.
- **Jan Bryson, Ann Craig, Paul Waters, Kim Hornecker, Roz Kueter, Colleen, Wil Swanson.** You all are doing a great job as vocal leaders to help lead the congregation in music on Sundays.
- **Glory Tones Choir** for taking on challenging pieces and making them sound effortless and beautiful.
- **Greeters** who come early to make Glory of God a welcoming space.
- **Alter Guild** that works behind the scenes each week to prepare the sanctuary for worship.
- **Care teams** who serve those in our congregation who need extra attention, care, assistance.
- **Jeri, Debbie and Ann** for their help with worship.
- **Many thanks to the Worship committee of Roz, Jan, Jeri, Colleen and Dana** who put in many hours to create meaningful services throughout the year.
- **Praise Band** for the hours they put in practicing and performing for us.
- **Debbie Losey** for the extra work she does at GOG - craft group, communion and so much more!
- **Colleen Turner** for conducting the choir.
- **Brad Willey & Bob Lundgren** for their constant support, helpful hands, and unfailing patience whenever something needs fixing.
- **Lynn and Mark Hornecker** for continuing to organize lunch bunch and making it a great time of fellowship.
- **Nancy Hornecker** for the many things she does behind the scenes.
- **Bingo volunteers** - Thank you to all the volunteers that spend every Saturday at bingo without fail - you have no idea how much help that is to us.
- **Bob Lundgren and Nita Bachus** for running fellowship each Sunday.
- **Connie Bartram** for all the work you do in the office keeping our giving records up to date.
- **All those** who helped plan and execute Nancy and Tom's big birthday celebrations
- **All the parishioners** who work after church services to decorate the church.