



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.

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**](mailto:dana@gloryofgodchurch.net)

Daylight Savings Time Ends this Sunday, November 1

Everyone gets an extra hour of sleep this first day in November. But before you go to bed Saturday night (October 31), make sure to set your clocks back one hour.

Remembering The Saints In Our Lives Sunday, November 1

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1. During worship, we'll name and ring bells for Glory of God folks who have died this last year. You will also have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have died, and we'll have a picture memorial while we're lighting candles.

Monday Night at the Movies

Join us this Monday, November 2, at 6:00 PM at Glory of God for Girl Climber, an inspiring documentary about Emily Harrington's attempt to climb Yosemite's El Capitan in under 24 hours. Enjoy the film, dinner, and fellowship with friends. Food and beverages provided, and everyone is welcome!

Rainey Arend is Getting Baptized

I haven't participated in a baptism in a couple years. So I'm really looking forward to celebrating Rainey Arend's baptism on Sunday, November 8, during worship. And I hope you can be there too, because we all know that even if we aren't Rainey "official" godparents, she is definitely our godchild.

November 15th Semi-Annual Meeting and Chili Cook-Off

On Sunday, November 15 after worship, we'll have our semi-annual congregational meeting to vote on our 2027 budget and celebrate all that's happened here in 2026. And we'll also have our second annual Chili Cook Off. There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table for those who wish to enter their chili. (Those of us not entering the chili cook-off are asked to bring a side or dessert that goes with chili.) And like last year, during the meeting we'll vote for our favorite chili, and the winner will take home bragging rights and a really cool (but inexpensive) prize.

Saying Goodbye to Colleen

We are sad to report that Colleen Turner is resigning from her position as Choir Director here at GOG. Her last day will be Sunday, November 15. She has done an amazing job as our choir director for the last 9 years, and while we are very sad to see her go, we are also excited for her as she moves on to a new opportunity with an Episcopal church in the area. And you now have another good reason to attend worship on November 15th, because we'll be thanking Colleen for all she has given to this congregation over the years. We have been very blessed to have her with us, and wish her all the best.

What's Coming Up on Sundays in November:

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

- **Our Election Sermon Series Finishes on Sunday, November 1.** We remember the saints in our lives and we finish our sermon series on the upcoming election with the question HWJV - How Would Jesus Vote? We look at how our faith guides our voting, just as it guides the rest of our lives. (We'll also celebrate all those with November birthdays.)
- **November 8: Our Generosity Sermon Series Begins.** We'll look at the biblical basis of generosity and how generosity applies to all areas of our lives. We'll also celebrate the baptism of Rainey Arend.
- **Sunday November 15:** We'll explore generosity as a spiritual discipline, and look at its benefits and challenges. We'll also celebrate Colleen Turner's music ministry here at GOG. And afterward, we have a semi-annual meeting and chili cook-off.
- **On November 22, We Finish our Sermon Series on Generosity.** We'll look at the ties between generosity and gratitude and explore some practical ways we can all become more generous. And please stay after worship to set up for Advent and Christmas.
- **November 29 - Advent Begins!** We're preparing for Christmas a bit differently this year with a sermon series called the Advent Conspiracy.

THANKSGIVING + FRIENDS = FRIENDSGIVING

Join us for the 2nd Annual NGC Friendsgiving on Thursday, November 27th, at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Gather with friends for an afternoon of good food, laughter, and fellowship as we celebrate the season of gratitude together. Whether you're a longtime friend or new to the group, everyone is welcome to come share in the fun and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast with our church community. Sign-up sheets will be available soon, so keep an eye out for more details! Come and get your turkey on! For questions, please contact Ann Craig, Debbie Losey, or June Marquez. We look forward to celebrating with you!

November Birthdays

Nov. 3	Tammy Kinney
Nov. 4	Nita Barchus
Nov. 7	Nick Eccles
Nov. 10	Christine Jessop
Nov. 11	Audrey Strickert
Nov. 13	Kim Hornecker
Nov. 16	Roz Kueter
Nov. 17	Rick Johnson

November Prayer Families

November 1

Haataja, Hall, Harju, Harris

November 8

Henderson, Hensley, Hohn, Hornecker

November 15

Jessop, Johnson, Kenny, Kirkland

November 22

Link, Linsenmeyer, Losey, Lubick

November 29

Luchsinger, Lundgren, Marquez, Maruyama

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Our First GOG Video Christmas Pageant

We all may remember Christmas pageants with little kids dressed as shepherds, wise men and angels as they retold the nativity story through songs and dialogue. This year, we all have the opportunity to do our own Christmas pageant. We'll be performing a pageant called Do Not be Afraid but it will be done a bit differently that you may remember. Families who want to participate will select the scene they want to act out. They will video the scene on a phone and then Michael will compile all the scenes into one very cool Christmas pageant.

I'll be sending more information out soon, but if you think this is something you and your family may be interested in, here' are the scenes we'll need volunteers for: a scene with Mary and the angel Gabriel; a scene with Joseph and the angel; a scene with Caesar Augustus; a scene with Mary and Joseph; a scene with three magi and Herod; and a scene with some shepherds, some angels and some animals (this could be for a big family or a bunch of friends). If you think you may be interested in participating, please contact Dana for more info and to discuss what will work for you. This will be loads of fun!!!!

Let's All Conspire This Advent

This year, we'll celebrate Advent a bit differently here at Glory of God. We'll be joining the Advent Conspiracy, a countercultural movement that started almost 20 years ago to counter the role of consumerism so prevalent at Christmas. The Advent Conspiracy encourages us to spend this time before Christmas focused less on consumption, and more on four easy-to-remember principles I'm guessing are pretty consistent with how Jesus might celebrate the holiday if he were physically here today: worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all. I guarantee that participating in the Advent Conspiracy will change your Christmas,

The Angel Giving Tree

Look for the Angel Giving Tree going up soon. The Angel Tree will benefit kids at Fletcher Miller School (and siblings) whose Christmas will be brighter with a gift from our congregation. This year every family at Fletcher Miller is being invited to participate, so I'm guessing we'll have a lot more angels on our tree! Watch for more information appearing soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a big difference in child's life this Christmas.

A Big Thanks! And Another Big Thanks!!

A big thanks to those who helped with Wheat Ridge Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 24th. A huge number of kids and families showed up, and everyone had a wonderful time!!

And another big thanks to everyone who brought candy for the event. Even though there were hundreds of kids, we had more than enough.

November Lunch Bunch Date & Time Change

Brian Lubowa from Transform Families in Jinja, Uganda will be visiting us again to share progress with his school and church and present needs. Please join us Monday, November 16 from 9:30-11:30 for breakfast and presentation by Brian. Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker.

Important Dates in December

Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are coming up quickly. And since we've all got busy schedules during the holiday season, here is a little preview of what we've got scheduled here at Glory of God in late November and December. You'll hear a lot more about each of these events as they get closer, but go ahead and put these dates on your calendar now:

- **Decorating for Christmas:** After worship on Sunday, November 22.
- **Advent Sundays:** November 29, and December 6, 13, and 20.
- **Wednesday Fellowship Nights,** with a meal at 6 pm, followed by a time to discuss our mid-week Advent theme (which I haven't finalized yet): December 2, 9, and 16;
- **Christmas Movie Night: Monday,** December 7 at 6
- **Fletcher Miller School Winter Wonderland:** Saturday, December 5
- **Child Priority Preschool Christmas Programs:** Wednesday, December 9 and Thursday December 10
- **Christmas Eve service:** Wednesday, December 24 at 5.

Office Hours

Pastor Dana

Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
from 10:00 AM.

Schedule varies based on GOG events. Please contact her directly to schedule an appointment.

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Some Fletcher Miller News

First, a big thanks to everyone who donated toward October's Noisy Offering to help Fletcher Miller School. We were able to send \$500 to Clark's Toy Workshop to help with adapting toys for this Christmas. On December 5, the school will have a Winter Wonderland party where all Fletcher Miller families are invited for a pancake breakfast, crafts and fun, and the kids who use adaptive toys will be able to select their Christmas gift. We're looking for a couple of folks who may want to help serve food during the event.

Through the Looking Glass: An Art Reception

Everyone is invited to join Michael Bliss Taggart on Friday, December 4, from 6:00-9:00 PM for the grand opening of Studio333 and an opening art reception featuring Through the Looking Glass. Enjoy Michael's artwork through the years, along with special guest musicians, poets and vendors from GOG. Bring your family and friends and join the celebration at the Genesis Gallery at Lakewood Methodist Church, 1390 Brentwood St., Lakewood, CO 80214.

Scholarship Fund Applications

Glory of God has scholarship funds available to support individuals pursuing further education. Students and adults interested in applying are invited to submit an essay to members of the Church Council. For application details and additional information, please contact a Council member.

Joyful Noise in October

Join us November 15th at 2:00 PM for Joyful Noise at Applewood Place. 2800 Youngfield St. Lakewood CO. 80215. Come share the joy of music and fellowship with the residents!

Child Priority Updates

As we welcome the month of November, we are looking forward to a wonderful season of learning, laughter, and special activities at Child Priority Preschool! The children will be enjoying fall-themed projects, seasonal activities, and opportunities to learn and grow together.

We are hoping the weather will allow us to continue spending time outside, enjoying the fresh air and getting some energy out before winter arrives.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Pastor Dana, Nancy, and Christie for hosting such a delightful pre-parade gathering for our preschool families! The coffee, warm cider, and pumpkin pie were such a lovely treat, and we truly appreciate the warmth, generosity, and welcoming spirit they share with our families.

We are also excited to begin preparing for our annual holiday program on December 9th and 10th! The children will be working hard to get ready for this special celebration, and we look forward to sharing their excitement and holiday spirit with our preschool families.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving season!

Bless You...

- **Pastor Dana** for her daily devotions and thoughtful sermons. We appreciate the time, care, and heart she puts into sharing God's message with us.
- **Worship Team** for coordinating music that connects with each week's message and for the many hours spent creating meaningful and inspiring worship services.
- **Church Council** for the time, thought, and care you give to guiding GOG and helping our church continue to grow and move forward.
- **Glory Tones Choir** for sharing your voices and bringing beautiful music to our worship services.
- **Our Vocal Leaders** for leading us in song and helping make worship engaging and uplifting.
- **Our Bingo Volunteers** for your dedication and hard work. Your efforts make a significant difference in supporting our church finances!
- **Bob and Nita** for all you do to support fellowship, organize food, and help provide meals for our church community.
- **June** for keeping our church clean, shiny, and welcoming. We are grateful for the care and love you put into making GOG a wonderful place to gather.
- **Michael** for all he does as our Parish Administrator and Tech Administrator. Thank you for the many behind-the-scenes tasks that help keep everything running smoothly!
- **Rick Johnson** for all your contributions to Glory of God and your help with Bingo.
- **Debbie, Bob, Kurt, and Brad** for your hard work maintaining our church property and helping keep our grounds looking their best.
- **Our Property Volunteers** for the many ways you care for our building and grounds. Your time and dedication help keep our church beautiful, functional, and welcoming.
- **June and Monica** for faithfully counting and recording our weekly offerings.
- **Everyone Who Serves Behind the Scenes** from preparing meals and organizing events to caring for our spaces and supporting worship. Thank you for all the little things that make a big difference.
- **Our Men's Retreat Participants and Organizers** for making time to step away from everyday routines, build friendships, share fellowship, and strengthen connections within our church community.
- **Our Women's Retreat Participants and Organizers** for creating opportunities for fellowship, reflection, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Thank you for helping nurture meaningful connections among the women of GOG.
- **Nita, Ann, and Carol** for the lessons at the women's retreat.
- **Everyone** that helps with Communion.
- **Everyone** who has helped out with fellowship in October.
- **Altar Guild** for preparing our altar and Communion with care each week.
- **Tech Team** for keeping our sound, livestream, and online worship running smoothly.
- **Our Entire Congregation** for the kindness, generosity, and encouragement you share with one another.
- **Prayer Warriors** for keeping our church family in your prayers and offering support when needed.
- **Fellowship Volunteers** for helping with meals, refreshments, and church gatherings.
- **Event Organizers and Helpers** for planning activities and special events that bring us together.
- **Our Generous Donors** for supporting GOG through financial gifts and donations.
- **Everyone Who Welcomes Others** for helping visitors feel at home.
- **All Our Volunteers** for sharing your time and talents to keep GOG a caring, active, and welcoming community.