



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

Summer Sermon Series - I'm Glad You Asked . . .

Our summer series will be based on your faith and theology questions. Starting May 3, we'll have a box on the table in fellowship hall where you can insert your faith questions. I'll collect them all and address them in sermons on various Sundays in the summer. This is your chance to ask questions about topics that you've always wondered about. Odds are that if you have a question about something, someone else is wondering about it too. (Past topics have included angels, heaven and hell, forgiveness, grace, different denominations and more.) All questions are good questions!

Mother's Day Worship ~ May 10

On May 10, we'll celebrate all those who provide motherly care with a little gift and a blessing. So kids - bring your moms. And moms -- bring your kids. (And don't worry all of you who provide fatherly care - your day is coming next month.)

Are You Graduating in 2026?

If you are graduating this year, we'd like to recognize you during worship on Sunday, May 31. We'll have a slide show and do a blessing during the service, and then celebrate with cake afterward.

All graduations are cause for celebration! So whether you (or your child) are graduating from preschool, kindergarten, elementary or middle school, high school, college, post-college, some job-related training, or anything similar, we'd like to recognize you. Please contact Pastor Dana and/or complete a half-sheet on the table in the fellowship hall with info about your graduation so we can share that information with the congregation. (Also provide a picture of your graduate for the slide show.) And then join us for the celebration!

Calling Everyone Interested in Becoming a Glory of God Member!

If you are considering membership here at Glory of God, now is your time!!! Please contact Pastor Dana if you may be interested. She'll set up a meeting with you so you can get to know GOG a bit better, and then we'll celebrate our new members on a Sunday in June (hopefully, Sunday, June 14, if that works for our new members).

What’s Coming Up on Sundays in May:

We have lots of fun stuff happening on Sundays in May. Check it out:

- **May 3 – Essential Jesus Sermon Series Finale: Who is Jesus to You?** We finish off our four -month sermon series with the same question with which we began - who is Jesus? But this time, the question becomes personal, as we ask ourselves who is Jesus to us. And it turns out that each of our answers will impact who we are individually and as a congregation.
- **Sunday, May 10 – Faith of the Heart and Mother’s Day.** We’ll look at what it means “to believe” and have an experiential faith of the heart. We’ll also celebrate Mother’s Day with a little gift and a blessing.
- **Sunday, May 17 – Pastor Vera** will preach and preside as we celebrate the ascension of Jesus, forty days after his resurrection.
- **Sunday, May 24 - It’s Pentecost!** We’ll remember the birthday of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit with some foreign language readings and swishy things. And don’t forget to wear red!
- **Sunday, May 31** - We begin our summer sermon series, “I’m Glad You Asked . . .” where we’ll tackle your questions about faith, God and religion. This is your chance to submit your questions and find out the answers in subsequent sermons.

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Tuesday Bible Study

Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 AM for a welcoming and engaging Bible study. In May, we will continue our journey through the book of Genesis, exploring its stories of creation, faith, and God’s promises. Come share your thoughts, ask questions, and gain new insights as we grow together in understanding and community.

May Birthdays

May 2	John Scott
May 5	Dick Zinn
May 7	Barb Ebbesen
May 12	Eric Maruyama
May 14	Brad Willey

May Prayer Families

May 3

Arkins, Austin, Baneck, Barchus

May 10

Bartram, Beasley, Behnken, Blumenschein

May 17

Brant, Breckinridge, Bryson, Casias

May 24

Catlin, Conniff, Craig, Dunham

May 31

Ebbesen, Eccles, Esbenson, Garcia

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Bob Lundgren &

Nita Barchus

May Semi-Annual Meeting

Our semi-annual meeting is this Sunday, right after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new council representatives and to celebrate all that's happening here at GOG during 2025 and the first part of 2026. We'll feed you, and we have really cool annual reports to help us celebrate all that's happening. Because we do important things at our semi-annual meeting, we want you all there, so please try to make it. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact any current council member or Pastor Dana.

Noisy Offering Pinwheel Thanks

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our April noisy offering for Ralston House and our pinwheel garden. We collected \$325 in our noisy offering, and when added to other amounts collected for Ralston House, we have quite a large pinwheel garden "growing" in front of our building. Way to go, Glory of God!!!!

Summer Events

With the weather warming up and lots of community events on the horizon, it's time to head out and become more involved in our communities and neighborhoods. So far, we're planning to participate in a couple of Pride events in June and to again march in the Wheat Ridge Carnation Parade in August. As always, we're looking for other events that would be fun to be a part of, so if you know of community events in the Wheat Ridge, Arvada, or Golden area that GOG might want to participate in, please contact Pastor Dana.

Edgewater Pride Event

Our first community event this summer will be the Edgewater Pride event on Saturday, June 6, from about 11 - 2. Like last year, we'll be bringing our kids games and could use a couple more volunteers to help with the games and welcome folks that stop by our table. Please contact Pastor Dana if you can help. Thanks everyone!

GOG Craft Group

Monday, May 4th & 18th at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. See Debbie Losey if you would like to participate. Everyone is welcome!

Lunch Bunch - Special May Gathering (One Week Early!)

We're sending our May Lunch Bunch invitation early as we're moving our gathering up one week to Monday, May 4 at 11:30 AM.

After lunch, we'll welcome a guest from the WRPD Crime Prevention Unit, sharing helpful and timely information about senior scams and crimes in Wheat Ridge and surrounding areas, with time for Q&A.

We'll also celebrate Cinco de Mayo a day early with a festive meal featuring burritos, tacos, green chili, refried beans, salsa, chips and guacamole, plus churros and ice cream sundaes for dessert.

This will be our final Lunch Bunch before our summer break, so don't miss this time of food, learning, and fellowship!

Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker soon (text, email, or in person) so we can plan accordingly.

Child Priority Updates

As we enter May, our final month of school, we are celebrating a wonderful year together. While it is a time for celebration, it is also a bittersweet moment as we say goodbye to the many families with whom true friendships have evolved. We are especially proud of our Pre-K students, many of whom have been with us for three years and are now ready for kindergarten.

Our Pre-K graduation ceremonies will take place on May 18 and 19. During the ceremony, students will receive trophies, diplomas, medals, and graduation caps. Teachers will also share personalized tributes for each child. It is truly a magical time.

Looking ahead, we are already planning for Fall 2026 and are excited to welcome new families starting their school journey. Please note that we will be closed for the summer and will reach out in September with further updates. We feel blessed and filled with gratitude to use this wonderful church facility and provide children with the best possible experience.

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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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 dedicated leadership and for leading us through the meaningful Essential Jesus series.
- **All those** who participated in GOG activities surrounding Easter Week.
- **Sean Arend** for stepping up and taking on the property tax issue this year, for meetings with attorneys, and for filing the reports in 2025 and 2026.
- **For everyone** that made Natalie's memorial service so amazing. It truly was a wonderful event.
- **All** who provided special Music during Holy Week. Praise Band on Palm Sunday, Choir on Maundy Thursday and Easter. It takes time to prepare, and your efforts are very much appreciated.
- **All** who decorated the sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter.
- **All** who step up to enhance our worship service.
- **All** who made the Easter Egg Hunt a success, from Pastor Dana getting the eggs, the congregation providing candy and stuffing the eggs, to the volunteers on Hunt Day. You made some very happy kids.
- **Everyone** who contributed to the Easter Brunch. It was welcoming to members and visitors alike. It takes work and you all outdid yourselves.
- **To ALL** who volunteer in the sound booth. Because of our outstanding Tech Team, our worship experience is enhanced.
- **Connie Bartrum** for her faithful volunteer service in maintaining Servant Keeper and keeping our membership photo wall up to date.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Tech crew** for keeping the slides moving and the congregation engaged during worship.
- **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 & Kurt Esbenson** for all you do at GOG—for your constant support, helpful hands, and unfailing patience whenever something needs attention.
- **Lynn and Mark Hornecker** for continuing to organize lunch bunch and making it a great time of fellowship.
- **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.
- **All the parishioners** who work after church services to decorate the church.
- **Nancy Hornecker and June Marquez** for tracking down the perfect vacuum to keep our church clean.
- **Assisting Ministers, our readers, our ushers and our greeters.** THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!
- **Michael Taggart** for all he does at GOG.