



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.

Essential Jesus Bible Studies on Zoom

Our Essential Jesus bible studies recommence on the Wednesday after Easter (April 8) at 6:30. Since we are no longer meeting for Lenten soup suppers, our bible studies will be via zoom only. Join us as we take a deeper look at the Essential Jesus readings for the prior week. Zoom information is sent out each week.

Second Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 4

Our second annual Glory of God Community Easter Egg Hunt is this week Saturday (April 4.)

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.

Thanks to all of you, we'll have more than 2500 filled plastic eggs for the event. However, we still need your help in two ways. First, we need more folks to sign up to help on Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30 (or however long you can stay). You'll be hiding eggs, supervising the hunt and helping to clean up afterward.

We also need to really publicize our egg hunt out in the community. So please tell all your family, friends and neighbors, and hand out our flyers and post them on businesses and places around town. Also, please share our flyer on Facebook and whatever social media you are on. Thanks so much for everyone's help!!!

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 AM to 12:30 PM, please contact Dana.



Holy Week Opportunities To Worship

Holy Week, the week that began 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:

- **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.

Easter Brunch

This Easter Sunday, we look forward to celebrating the joy and hope of the resurrection together as a church family. Following the worship service, all are warmly invited to gather for a festive potluck brunch in the fellowship hall.

This special time of sharing a meal is a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate, and enjoy one another's company. We are grateful for the many ways our congregation comes together to make occasions like this meaningful and welcoming for all. Thank you for being part of our Easter celebration—we can't wait to share this joyful day with you!

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, April 13th at 11:30 AM. Please contact Lynn Hornecker if you plan to attend or need a ride.

GOG Craft Group

Monday, April 6th & 20th
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!

March Birthdays

April 2	Bex Schmelzel
April 5	Will Foos
April 7	Ruth Zinn
April 11	Janet Adams
April 13	Inge Kirkland
April 15	Luke Breckinridge
April 18	Sandy Henderson
April 23	Tim Grinstead
April 26	Kurt Schmelzel

March Prayer Families

April 5

Tomka, Trepp, Van Winkle, Vaseleski

April 12

Venzke, Reetz, Volzke, Wernlein

April 19

Willey, Wood, Yergert, Yook

April 26

Zeiler, Zinn, Adams, Arend

What's Coming Up on Sundays in April:

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

• **Easter Celebration on April 5.**

We celebrate Jesus' 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".

• **On April 13, we'll look at Jesus' Post-Resurrection appearances.**

We continue our Essential Jesus sermon series, and it turns out the resurrected Jesus is a pretty busy guy. He appears to his followers in a locked upper room, on the road to Emmaus, and on a seashore for breakfast. We'll also celebrate all those with birthdays in April.

• **The Early Church on April 19.**

We'll look at the introductory chapters of Revelation and see how the early churches were dealing with some of the same assimilation issues that the church faces today. And don't forget to bring your change, because we'll take a noisy offering.

• **On April 26, we'll look at Jesus' Second Coming.**

We're all going to learn something as we hear what the Bible says (and what it doesn't say) about Jesus' second coming. Then we'll explore how that impacts our lives today.

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.

Natalie Craig's Celebration of Life is happening Friday, April 10th at 10am, followed by inurnment in our columbarium and a light meal at 11:30am - all are welcome to join in the celebration.

The family asks everyone wear purple, as that is Natalie's favorite color. If you don't have anything purple, please wear bright colors.

The Craig family has received approval from executive council to place a memorial stone bench in the backyard here at Glory of God - similar in style & size to the other one. If you'd like to make a contribution for the bench, please mark it "Natalie Craig memorial bench".

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Natalie's name to Community Table Food Bank in Arvada, Foothills Animal Shelter in Golden or The Action Center in Lakewood.

We are collecting canned food for Community Table. Please bring donations to the Celebration or leave in the red wagon in the Narthex.

Please SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, May 3 right after worship for our Semi-Annual Congregational meeting.

This year at our semi-annual congregational meeting, we'll be electing a couple of new council members. Open positions include: Vice President, Education, Property, Outreach and Evangelism.

These roles are vital to the life and leadership of our church, helping guide ministry efforts, support our congregation, and strengthen our mission in the broader community. Serving on council is a great way to make a lasting impact alongside fellow members who care deeply about the Glory of God's future.

If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more about these opportunities, we encourage you to prayerfully consider how your gifts might align with these roles. Council is a rewarding way to deepen your connection to GOG while helping shape its direction for years to come. Please reach out to current council members or church leadership with questions or to express interest.

Child Priority Updates

We are just returning from spring break where our preschool families did some traveling. A few families went as far as Tahiti and Italy while some stayed close and visited Glenwood hot springs and Great Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs.

Our Easter egg hunt is this week on Wednesday and Thursday. That cute bunny, Pastor Dana, will be making an appearance!

We also have the Denver Museum of Nature and Science coming to give us an animal workshop entitled 'Wonder Wild Senses'. It's the last two months of school and it's filled with fun learning!

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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. Because of your generosity, we have care bags still available on a table in the fellowship hall for you to take and hand out to folks who need them.

Fletcher Miller School Update

Thanks to all of you, we provided the staff at Fletcher Miller School with a wonderful lunch and ministry of encouragement visit a few weeks ago. The staff was very grateful for our appreciation (and all the good food).

As many of you know, any day now, Fletcher Miller is moving to its newly constructed building next door. On April 29, they'll be holding an open house for alumni and community members and we've been invited. This is a great opportunity to see some of the amazing things they do at the school (and how their work with the kids and families will be even more amazing with all the new support they'll be getting in the new building). Please save the date and look for more info to come.

Purchase Some Blue Pinwheels

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, which means you will see "gardens" of blue pinwheels planted all around the community. You can help plant our pinwheel garden at Glory of God by purchasing one (or more) pinwheels from Lynn Hornecker. Thanks for your support!

Tuesday Bible Study

Please join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for a wonderful group bible study. In April, we'll be looking at the biblical book of Genesis. Share your thoughts and gain new insights, as we explore this story of origins.

Save the Dates:

Film Festival
July 17th, 6PM.

Meet the filmmakers.
Dinner and Independent
Films.

Fall Festival
September 27th, 11AM.

Our Free Community
Festival.

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 leading a fabulous sermon series and opening our eyes to who Jesus is.
- **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 faithfully counting, recording, and depositing offerings, as well as managing other funds received by GOG—including donations from non-members, flowers, books, and more—we thank you for your many years of dedicated service.
- **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.
- **Roz and Mark Biesterfeld** for sharing your musical gifts during worship on March 8.
- **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 their constant support, helpful hands, and unfailing patience whenever something needs fixing. Thank you for fixing the dishwasher, putting up the baby changing stations, and the plaque in the Columbarium.
- **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.
- **Connie Bartram** for all the work you do in the office keeping our giving records up to date.
- **All the parishioners** who work after church services to decorate the church.
- **Nancy Hornecker** cleaning up loose ends on bank signatory authorities for deposits, check signing, and doing business in general with the FirstBank, and closing out the Foothills Credit Union account.
- **To all of you** for your prayers for Crysta following her stroke on Feb. 17th.
- **Kathryn Gault** who has taken over the cashier job at bingo. Natalie would be proud of you.
- **Ali & Sean A., Lara S., Monica P. & John P., Nancy & Kim H., Lynn & Mark H.,** and all who came to visit family while Natalie was in the hospital.
- **Kurt Esbenson** for always being there when we need help with a problem that needs solved.