



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

Bingo Volunteers Wanted

Thanks to all of you who have been volunteering at Bingo on Saturdays!!! (And some folks volunteer pretty much every Saturday - an extra special thanks to you.) If you haven't yet volunteered, please check it out. Volunteering at bingo is easy and fun. Not only do you get to meet all sorts of new people, but you also get to know your fellow GOG bingo volunteers a lot better. **We especially need lots of volunteers this Saturday, June 6**, when we expect a lot of bingo players. Please contact Rick Johnson or Ann Craig (or any of our bingo regulars) if you have any questions.

Edgewater Pride Event

Our first community event this summer will be the Edgewater Pride event this coming Saturday, June 6, from about 11 - 2. The event takes place at the Edgewater Public Market at 5505 W 20th Ave, Edgewater. Like last year, we'll be bringing our kids games and welcoming folks who stop by. If you are in the area, please visit our tent and say hello.

Upcoming Summer Stuff

School is out and summer is here! Which means it's time to get outside. And while I know all of you have busy summers, I hope you'll also be able to participate in some of the fun summer stuff we'll have going on at Glory of God.

As in past years, we'll have outdoor worship services on the first and third Sundays, (starting this Sunday, June 7). We'll also have some other fun services, like a pet blessing, Christmas in July, some movie Sundays, and two game Sundays. (On Sunday, June 21, we'll do a bible trivia game for the entire congregation. And, since last year's Family Feud went so well, we'll be doing it again outside in August. If your "family" - and family can include blood relatives and/or close friend - would like to play, see Dana.) And we'll be involved in some some community events this summer - for certain the Edgewater Pride event and the Carnation Festival parade in August, but hopefully a couple more. We'll also have our Wednesday potluck BBQs, our film festival weekend, our God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, and everything culminates in our big free festival on Sunday, September 27. Overall, a lot of opportunities to see God working in the world and for us to be a part of it all.

What's Coming Up on Sundays in June:

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

- **We begin "I'm Glad You Asked . . ." on June 7.**

We're enjoying our first outdoor summer worship, and we'll intro our summer sermon series in which Dana tries to answer some of your faith and theology questions. We start with an intro on the importance of questions (and even doubt) to growing our faith. We'll also extend happy birthday wishes to everyone born in June.

- **Sunday, June 14 - Week 2 of "I'm Glad You**

Asked . . ." We'll look at some of your questions about what happens after we die. Where do we go? When? And what difference does it make to our lives right now? We'll also welcome our new members.

- **Father's Day on June 21.** We celebrate all those who provide fatherly care, and we'll test our biblical knowledge with an all-congregation bible trivia game. We all get to learn something and have fun doing it. And we get to enjoy some bluegrass music throughout worship.

- **Sunday, June 28** we recognize Pride Sunday with our next sermon in our "I'm Glad You Asked . . ." sermon series, with a look at what the Bible says about our LGBTQIA+ siblings. And don't forget to bring your change because it's also noisy offering Sunday.

Please join us at 9 am each Sunday for worship, either in person or online. You can always check out our GOG website for more information.

Tuesday Bible Study

Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 AM for a welcoming and engaging Bible study. Together, we explore Scripture, share insights, and grow in faith and understanding. Come ask questions, join the conversation, and be part of a supportive and encouraging community.

June Birthdays

June 3	Beth Swanson
June 8	Dana O'Brien
June 9	June Marquez
June 10	Nancy Hall
June 12	Dale Catlin
June 14	Kristine Volzke
June 15	Marianna Harris Heather Volzke
June 16	Sue Tomka Ed Hohn
June 17	Liam Ware
June 18	EL Brant
June 20	Lynn Bray
June 22	Crysta Bartram Fred Setzer
June 23	Nancy Hornecker
June 26	Tanner Bryson

June Prayer Families

June 7

Gault, Girin, Grinstead

June 14

Haataja, Hall, Harju, Harris

June 21

Henderson, Hensley, Hohn,
Hornecker

June 28

Jessop, Kinney, Kirkland, Kubasta

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Fellowship

Bob Lundgren &
Nita Barchus

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 Sunday, June 14.

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

Our summer series is based on your faith and theology questions. Starting June 7, Dana will try to answer some of your questions in our sermon series called, "I'm Glad You Asked . . .". You've already sent in some really great questions, but she is always looking for more. Just email Dana with any questions or put them in the box on the table in Fellowship Hall. And remember, if you have a question about something, odds are that 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!

New Council

At our semi-annual meeting in May, we elected some new council members who will start their council service in July. Thanks to Taylor Garcia who will serve as our new outreach and social ministry rep, Debbie Losey who will become our property rep, and Kathryn Gault who will be our treasurer. In addition, Ann Craig becomes our new President, Jeri Schmelzel continues on worship, Nancy Hornecker continues as secretary, and Nita Barchus and Bob Lundgren will continue to jointly serve on fellowship. A big thanks also to our outgoing council members, Ali Arend, Connie Bartram and Brad Willey, who have done amazing jobs leading here at GOG these last years. We are blessed here at Glory of God with some wonderful folks who know that leading is done through service.

Father's Day Worship ~ June 21

On June 21, we'll celebrate all those who provide fatherly care with a little gift and a blessing. (And since celebrations here at GOG usually include food, I'm betting we'll have something special after worship as well.) We'll also all have a chance to test our bible knowledge by playing a game of Bible Trivia. So dads -- bring your kids. And kids - bring your dads. It's a great opportunity for some family fun.

GOG Craft Group meets every 1st and 3rd Monday in the fellowship hall starting at 10 AM. See Debbie Losey if you would like to participate. Everyone is welcome!

Lunch Bunch will not meet in June and July as our team will be vacationing and taking care of other things during that time. Look for an announcement in July about the return of our fellowship time together.

Child Priority Preschool News

Child Priority Preschool finished the school year in the middle of May and the kids and teachers are ready to take a break for the summer. Graduation ceremonies were terrific, as families and friends gathered to watch their kids celebrate their first big educational milestone. Already, the building is feeling empty, and we are looking forward to the return of the kids and teachers in the fall.

Wednesday Potluck BBQs

Again this year, we'll gather for a meal and to hang with old and new friends on the second and third Wednesdays of each month during the summer. Wednesday BBQs start at 6 pm and are perfect opportunities to invite your neighbors and friends for a fun and relaxing evening. Our first Wednesday BBQ is on Wednesday, June 10, so please bring something to share if you can.

Outdoor Worship in the Summer

Don't forget what has become one of Dana's favorite parts of the summer here at Glory of God - outdoor worship on the first and third Sundays of June - August (except not June 21). We've tried to make outdoor worship accessible for all, by communing folks at their seats and by setting some chairs closer to the building and under the shade. We have a wonderful space out back and it is a joy to use it! Not only do we get to see God's amazing creation all around us, but almost every Sunday we get to hear the rooster next door chime in on some of our songs or liturgy.

Save The Dates:

Film Festival

July 17 & 18
Meet and greet with local Filmmakers and enjoy a showcase of their films.

Fall Festival

September 27
from 11 AM-2 PM
for a fun-filled Fall Festival for all ages!

Women's Retreat

October 9-11
YMCA SMR
RSVP with Debbie

Men's Retreat

October 22-24
Glen Isle Resort
RSVP with Michael

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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Accompanist: Matheus Pagliacci

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.
- **Ali** – your personal GOG story in the annual report was so touching! Thanks for sharing it! And your effective leadership of council and the church.
- **Musicians** who volunteer so much of their time and talent to make our worship meaningful each week.
- **Matheus Pagliacci** for sharing your talents and Composition with the congregation on May 10.
- **Worship team** for the hours and hours they put into creating such powerful services.
- **Pastor Dana** for her amazing sermons.
- **Everyone** who participates in community outreach and events. Thank you for your dedication serving others through our church and community, and to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival and other events such a success.
- **Care teams** who quietly and faithfully support members of our congregation in times of need.
- **June Marquez** who seems to be everywhere at once—cleaning, hosting, helping, and making things happen.
- **Michael Taggart** for stepping into the Parish Administrator role, in addition to his Tech Coordinator role, and for all the work he does day in and day out (that goes seen and unseen.)
- **Bob Lundgren and Nita Bachus** for their dedication to fellowship each Sunday.
- **Fellowship team and everyone** that volunteer time, money, and really hard work for the many celebrations you've helped bring together (and clean up after!)
- **Rick Johnson** for all he does at Glory of God and Bingo.
- **Property volunteers** for taking care of even the small (but important!) details that help keep our space welcoming and cared for – the old youth room, the library, our storage areas, our outdoor spaces, St. Mark's, and so much more that goes heavily used, but often unseen.
- **Volunteers** that keep Glory of God going. We have so many people with wonderful skills and talents who are so willing to share them with others. Suffice it to say that pretty much everyone has contributed in one way or another to God's work in and through this church. Thank you to each and every one of you!
- **Monica and June** for their extraordinary work with counting offering and all income sources, using Servant Keeper, and the Excel report so well.
- **Earl and Connie Bartram** for their help at Bingo and for Connie updating the church directory with new faces and wall pictures. Thank you for printing, folding, and stuffing Pastor's letter with the Jan-April donation statements.
- **Men's Group** for the delicious food during Fellowship on Mother's Day.
- **Debbie Losey** for stepping into the Property Liaison role.
- **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.
- **Kurt Esbenson, Don Van Winkle, Bob Lundgren, and his grandson** for tearing out and replacing the damaged sidewalk with new concrete.
- **Kathryn Gault** for buying and planting roses at the sanctuary entrance – they're a beautiful addition to the church landscape!
- **Earl Bartram** for all of the flowering perennials throughout our landscapes!