



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



Thanks for the Festival!

Thanks to everyone at Glory of God for making this year's Free Fall Festival a terrific success. The weather was delightful, and I've heard wonderful comments from people who attended. Not only did everyone have a great time, but God showed up all over the place - in all of you who showed up big time to welcome our neighbors, in all the folks who brought their cars and bikes, in the faces of the kids really enjoying themselves, and in the many folks who stopped to thank this congregation for hosting the event. I'm guessing each of you saw God all over the place too. (By the way, the blue shirts looked really great!)

This was an entire Glory of God effort, so thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who came and brought their friends. I'm already looking forward to next year's Festival.

Thanks for God's Work Our Hands!

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's God's Work, Our Hands on Sunday, September 13th. We got a lot done and had a wonderful time doing it. We packed over 100 bags for the homeless, packed over 85 goodie bags for folks at the Senior Resource Center, helped Luci Smits bake a whole bunch of cookies for kids to decorate, and sent a number of folks over to the Marshall Street Landing location of Family Tree to organize the kitchen and pantry. (And then we followed up the following week with a Noisy Offering of \$350 for Family Tree.)

Thanks so much everyone - this was a group effort and it's great to know we were able to help a bunch of organizations help a bunch of people. And it's also great to see God working through all of your hands!

What's Coming Up on Sundays in October:

As we move into Fall, it turns out that October is another busy month, with a lot going on Sunday mornings that you don't want to miss. Here's what worship will look like during September:

- **Sunday, October 4.** Pastor Vera will again join us to preach and preside, so please make her feel at home. She'll continue our Radical Welcome sermon series with a focus on how we welcome as individuals.
- **Sunday, October 11.** We finish our Radical Welcome series with a look at how welcoming becomes a lifestyle. And how welcoming can be both costly and change the world. We'll also celebrate all those with October birthdays.
- **Sunday, October 18.** With an election coming up, we'll spend three weeks looking at what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus in a divisive election year. And we start where we always start - with a reminder of who we are and how our identity shapes how we act in these polarizing times. We'll also be taking a noisy offering to buy toys for Clark's Toy Workshop to benefit the kids at Fletcher Miller School.
- **Reformation Sunday on October 25.** We'll celebrate the 509th anniversary of the Reformation. We'll also continue our sermon series on living our faith in a divisive election year, with an exploration of how we treat others in accordance with the eleventh commandment: Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk.
- **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.

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October Birthdays

Oct. 2	Paula Robinson
Oct. 3	Kathryn Gault
Oct. 7	Belinda Lundgren
Oct. 8	Dottie Reesman
Oct. 17	Baileigh Natale
Oct. 22	Taylor Garcia
Oct. 25	Monica Pattison
Oct. 28	Mary Lou Venzke
Oct. 30	Heidi Link

September Prayer Families

October 4

Brant, Breckinridge, Bryson, Casias

October 11

Catlin, Conniff, Craig, Ebbesen

October 18

Eccles, Esbenson, Foos, Foster

October 25

Garcia, Gault, Girin, Grinstead

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Property

Debbie Losey

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Taylor Garcia

Megan Garcia

Fellowship

Bob Lundgren &

Christians in a Divisive Election Year

Given that mid-term elections are just a month away, our next sermon series will focus on how we live as Jesus' disciples during this increasingly divisive time. We'll look at how our faith calls us to be active participants in elections and our government, how we are called to act and treat others (with a focus on those whose politics differ from ours) and how our faith impacts our vote. We know that our faith impacts every aspect of our lives, and politics is no exception. Indeed, during these polarizing times, it's increasingly important to show others what it means to live as Jesus' disciples now.

Trunk or Treat Tailgate in Wheat Ridge

Glory of God is again participating in Wheat Ridge's Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 24, from 4 - 6 pm at The Green (7101 W. 38th Street). We participated last year, and not only was it lots of fun, but it was packed. Hundreds of kids, some in some very creative costumes, and families walking from car to car collecting candy. My car will be out there representing Glory of God, and I'd love a couple other people to join me in handing out candy and welcoming the little trick-or-treaters. (Costumes are optional.) This is another great opportunity to be involved in the community, get our name out there, and help make a whole bunch of kids and families happy. (And I guarantee you will have a great time too.)

Remembering the Saints in Our Lives on Sunday, November 2

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2. During worship, you will have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have died. We'll also try something new – a picture memorial of some of our beloved saints while we are lighting candles. If you would like to include a picture of your loved one in our picture memorial, please provide Pastor Dana with a picture (along with your loved one's name, date of birth and date of death) via text or email on or before Thursday, October 30.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

For those of you who really like to plan ahead, daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1. So make sure to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31.

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

Please save the date of 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. Look for the sign-up sheet (coming soon) for those who wish to enter their 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.

Child Priority Preschool Updates

October will be filled with fun fall activities at Child Priority Preschool!

This month, we are taking a field trip to Anderson Farms, where the children will enjoy a morning of fall fun, including hayrides to the pumpkin patch and exploring the farm. In the classroom, they will learn about the changing season, pumpkins, apples, leaves, and other signs of autumn through colorful art projects and hands-on activities that encourage creativity, exploration, and learning.

Please mark your calendars for our Halloween parade on October 29 & 30 at 9:25 AM.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that we won 'Best of the Best' schools again in Jeffco! Thank you for your continued support.

Noisy Offering for Fletcher Miller

Our first partnering with Fletcher Miller School this year will be our noisy offering to purchase toys for Clark's Toy Workshop, which provides free adapted toys to the Fletcher Miller students at Christmas. This is a big one, so please save your change and bring it all on Sunday, October 18 to help buy some really cool toys for the kids. (And if you'd like to get a head start, you can purchase toys directly from Clark's Toy Workshop wish list on [Amazon at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14WHOFFSPCW9C/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14WHOFFSPCW9C/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)) You select the toys you want to buy and they are sent directly to Clark's Toy Workshop to be adapted for the kids by volunteers.)

Statements are Out

Statements have been put in your mailbox (or mailed), so if you didn't get your statement (or have any questions about it) please contact Connie Bartram.

Office Hours

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
from 10:00 AM.

Schedule varies based on
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Lunch Bunch

Join us on Monday, October 19 at 11:30 AM for a time of fellowship, good conversation, and fun together. We'd love to have you join us! Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker so we know how many to expect.

Women's Retreat

Women of GOG, our woman's retreat is coming up quickly. On Friday, October 9 through Sunday morning, October 11, you are all invited to retreat with us to the beautiful Colorado Mountains for a weekend of fellowship. We'll be staying in a cabin at Snow Mt Ranch YMCA. The cost will be covered primarily by BINGO funds, with a \$100 contribution for those who are able. There is a sign-up list on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up soon so we know how many to plan for.

Men's Retreat

Join us for a relaxing and refreshing weekend at Glen Isle Resort in Bailey, Colorado, from October 22-24. This is a wonderful opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life, enjoy the beauty of the Rocky Mountains, and spend meaningful time with your church family.

Whether you're looking for fellowship, time to recharge, or simply a chance to enjoy God's creation, the Glen Isle Retreat offers something for all the men of GOG. If you've never attended before, we encourage you to join us for this special weekend of faith, friendship, and fun.

For more information, please contact Michael Taggart.

Monday Night at the Movies in November

Monday, November 2 at 6:00 PM

Join us for another fun night of Monday Night at the Movies! Gather with friends for a relaxing evening, a good movie, and great fellowship. The movie will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

Food and beverages will be provided. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and enjoy a night at the movies with us!

Bridge at GOG

Two bridge groups meet regularly at Glory of God in the St. Mark's room.

Mondays at noon: A drop-in bridge group meets for a half-hour of instruction followed by twelve boards at each table. If you have questions, contact the office and we can put you in touch with a representative, or simply stop by any Monday at noon.

First and third Wednesdays: A group for beginner bridge players meets to play sanctioned 0-299 duplicate bridge. If you have questions or would like to sign up in advance, contact Luci Smits.

Joyful Noise in October

Joyful Noise will be visiting Brookdale Assisted Living on Sunday, October 18, beginning at 2:00 PM. Come join us as we share music, joy, and fellowship with the residents!

Brookdale Assisted Living

7720 Allison St.

Arvada, CO 80005

God's Work. Our Hands.



Fall Festival



Thank you to all our volunteers

Family fun with Dana



Sober Souls

Bear Hugs

Bless You...

- **Pastor Dana** for her daily devotions and thoughtful sermons. We are grateful for the time, care, and heart she puts into sharing God's message with us!
- **Worship Team** including Jeri, Roz, Jan, Colleen and Dana for coordinating music to match the sermon message every week and for the hours and hours they put into creating such powerful services.
- **Everyone** who works Bingo—you all significantly help our church finances!
- **Fall Festival Planning and Coordination team** that helped prepare for another fabulous Community Event.
- **Everyone** involved in making our Fall Festival such a success!
- **Ali & Sean** for sharing baby Rainey and bringing so much joy!
- **Pastor Vera** for covering while Dana is away.
- **Church Council** for the time, thought, and care you give to helping guide GOG. We appreciate your willingness to serve, make decisions, and help keep our church moving forward!
- **Glory Tones Choir** for sharing your voices.
- **Bob and Nita** for all you do for Fellowship and for helping with food and meals.
- **June** for always keeping our church looking so shiny and clean. We are so grateful for all the care and love you put into making our church a welcoming place for everyone!
- **Michael** for all he does as our Parish Administrator and Tech Administrator. We appreciate his time, care, and all the behind-the-scenes work that keeps GOG running smoothly!
- **Rick Johnson** for all he does at Glory of God and Bingo.
- **Debbie, Bob, Kurt & Brad** for all their help with property maintenance. We appreciate the time, hard work, and care they put into keeping our church property looking great.
- **Everyone** who works on our property that keeps our church alive and beautiful!
- **To all** our dedicated bingo volunteers.
- **ALL the vocal leaders**, especially Jan, Roz and Colleen for leading songs in worship.
- **Connie** for keeping Servant Keeper updated, helping get everyone's pictures into the system, for our directory, and getting the financial statements out. We appreciate all the time and care she puts into keeping our records organized and up to date!
- **Debbie Losey** for coordinating and helping make our newly redone parking lot happen! Thank you for your time, effort, and coordination to get this project completed.
- **June and Monica** for faithfully counting, recording, and reporting our offerings each week. We appreciate all you do!
- **Taylor and Megan** for Coordinating God's Work Our Hands, which was a great success.
- **April at family tree and everyone** that volunteered during God's Work. Our Hands.
- **Everyone** who showed up for GWOH work day.
- **All the volunteers** who helped with the fall festival.
- **Everyone** who made the baskets for the Fall Festival Raffle.
- **Altar Guild** For all the care and preparation you put into our worship space and Communion each week. We appreciate all you do!
- **Nancy & Kim Hornecker** for all the important work you do behind the scenes. So much of what you do happens quietly, but it makes a big difference! We appreciate your willingness to jump in wherever needed and all the care you put into helping GOG.
- **Tech Team** for all they do behind the scenes.
- **Our Entire Congregation** - A big thank you and blessing to everyone at GOG for the kindness, care, and encouragement you share with one another. You help make GOG a welcoming and caring community, and we appreciate each of you!