



SOUNDS OF GLORY



Glory of God Lutheran Church Newsletter

Don't Forget...

Daily Devotions:

If you'd like to receive daily email devotions every morning from Dana, please email her to get in the Daily Devotions Group.

Visits from Dana:

We've had a bit of a slow-down in visits lately. So I'm hoping that more of you will contact me to schedule a visit to get to know each other a bit better. I'll meet anywhere you like (within reason) - your place, GOG, some other place like a coffee or fast-food place, wherever works for you. (I'll even spring for some coffee if that provides an added incentive.) Just call me (414-916-3241) or shoot me an email (dana@gloryofgodchurch.net) to set up a time. Thanks!!



"Do Everything in Love"

1 Corinthians 16:14

Bishop Meghan is Coming

On Sunday, August 24, we'll be worshipping at 2 in the afternoon, rather than our normal time of 9 am. The schedule change is so we can welcome Bishop Meghan to preach and to install Dana as pastor here at Glory of God. We're hoping this will be a fun and celebratory service, and you are all invited to wear your most colorful clothes to reflect the joy of the day. And, as always at Glory of God, we'll have food after worship. We hope to get a good turn-out of Glory of God folks, so please come and bring your friends and family.



Thanks for a Wonderful Film Fest!!!

Thanks so much to everyone who worked so hard to make our recent Colorado Christian Short Film Fest such a success. There were over 80 people here for the opening night and all the other blocks of films were well attended and are really enjoyable. (Some of the films were comforting, others funny, and others challenged us to think about our faith a bit differently.) Thanks to everyone who worked to set up and take down everything, who publicized the event, who provided food and worked behind the scenes to make our guests feel welcome, and to all those who joined us to watch these terrific films. And a special thanks to the film makers (especially those who came to the event and shared some of their film-making wisdom), to our judges, and to Michal Taggart who spearheaded the entire two-day festival. If you weren't able to attend this year, you're definitely going to want to put it on your schedule for next year, since I suspect it will become more and more popular each year. Glory of God is fortunate and very blessed to be a part of this ministry!!!

See photos of the Fest on page 7.

August Birthdays

Aug. 2	Judy Linsenmeyer
Aug. 3	Rob Maruyama
	Don Trepp
Aug. 8	Beverly Thompson
Aug. 24	Kenny Link
	Margot Paul
Aug. 25	Grant Bryson
Aug. 28	Rosemary Johnson
	Alison Bray

August Prayer Families

August 3

Austin, Baneck, Barchus, Bartrum

August 10

Beasley, Behnken, Brant,
Breckinridge

August 17

Bryson, Casias, Catlin, Craig

August 24

Dunham, Ebbesen, Eccles,
Esbenson

August 31

Garcia, Gault, Girin, Grinstead

What's Coming Up on Sundays in August:

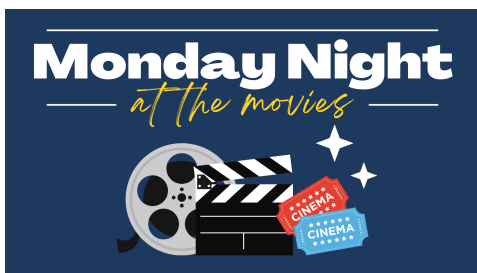
As many of us prepare for the beginning of another school year, we continue to have a lot going on at GOG on Sunday mornings that you don't want to miss. Here's what worship will look like during August:

- **Sunday, August 3** - We'll be outside as we continue our sermon series on Did Jesus Really Say That? This week we'll look at not just a saying but an entire theology often called the prosperity gospel. You may not have heard of it, but it's very popular in the US and around the world. Our sermon will focus on "God wants you to be wealthy, healthy and happy (and if you have enough faith, it will happen)." We'll also celebrate everyone with an August birthday.
- **Sunday, August 10** - We continue our sermon series Did Jesus Really Say That? We'll look at the extremely popular phrase, "Everything Happens for a Reason." Really? And don't forget to bring your change, because we'll do a noisy offering to help a local school.
- **Sunday, August 17** - We're outdoors and we're playing a game called Bible Family Feud. (See more in separate article.) Test your bible knowledge against our two competing families, learn something new, and have lots of fun. We'll also bless all those folks headed back to school, and the supplies we've collected.
- **Sunday, August 24** - Bishop Meghan is coming to preach and install Dana as pastor here at Glory of God. However, since installations are not done on Sunday mornings in this Synod, our worship service that Sunday is moved back to 2 pm.
- **Sunday, August 31** - We continue our sermon series Did Jesus Really Say That? We'll look at the phrase "The Bible said it; I believe it; that settles it," which will also begin our transition into our next sermon series on biblical interpretation.

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.

Wednesday BBQs

Join us for our final month of Wednesday BBQs. On August 13 and 20th starting at 6 pm, bring a dish to share and join us for great food and even better company. And this is a perfect opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends for a fun and relaxing evening. Hope to see you all there.



Monday Night at the Movies - August 4 at 6 PM

Discover how one dreamer changed the world—one bite at a time. Join us for a family-friendly screening of Wonka, along with food, drinks, and community. We need at least 15 attendees to keep this ministry going—your presence and support make a difference. Bring a friend—everyone is welcome!

Bible Family Feud Coming on August 17

The Schmelzel family will be taking on the Craig/Marquez family in what should be a hotly contested game of Bible Family Feud during outdoor worship on Sunday, August 17. Just like the TV version of the game, each family will test their bible knowledge, as they vie for bragging rights and a very cool prize (if I can come up with something). Look for more information soon, because we all get to participate by answering (in advance) some bible questions which we'll use for the game.

Tuesday Bible Study

Throughout the month of August, we're continuing to explore Nadia Bolz-Weber's book *Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People*. We're reading one or two chapters each week, and since they are pretty self-contained, you can jump in at any time (even if you haven't read the earlier chapters). So please join us at 10:30 every Tuesday morning for some really great conversations.

Lunch Bunch on Monday, August 11

After a 2-month hiatus, Lunch Bunch is back!!!! Join us on Monday, August 11 for a great meal and wonderful fellowship. Please contact Lynn Hornecker with any questions.

GOG is in the Carnation Festival Parade!

I'm told that in the past, Glory of God had a float in the Carnation Festival Parade. Well, then this year, it's déjà vu all over again, as we'll again be marching in Wheat Ridge's largest festival parade on Saturday, August 9 at 9:30. We'll have a fancy car (thanks Tim and Ron) and some intrepid walkers (some in costume) to hand out flyers advertising our upcoming fall festival. This is a terrific opportunity to help the community both get to know our Glory of God church and our September fall festival. If you are interested in walking with us, please [contact Dana](#).

Pastoral Care Emergencies

If you need pastoral care in an emergency situation (hospitalization, accident, death) and it is during church office hours, Monday - Thursday - 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, please contact Alison. 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, August 11th at 11:30 AM and plan to eat around noon. Please contact Lynn Hornecker if you plan to attend or need a ride.

GOG Craft Group

Every Friday in August
at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.
See Debbie Losey if you would like to participate.
All are welcome!

GOG Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
in the conference room.
All are welcome, any time!
Please join us!

Office Hours

Pastor Dana

Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
from 10:00 AM.

Schedule varies based on
GOG events. Please contact
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Rick

Wed., 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM



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Save the date for our Fall Festival

Join us on Sunday, September 28th from 11 AM to 2 PM for our
Fall Festival—a fun-filled day for the whole family! Enjoy a
Scavenger Rock Hunt with lots of prizes for the kids,
plus FREE family fun including:

Car and Bike Show • Baked Goods & Cake Walk • BBQ & Live
Music • Face Painting • Craft Vendors • Art Gallery

And lots of Games & Activities for All Ages.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and community for an afternoon of
celebration, connection, and fall fun! We're also looking for
volunteers and greeters to help make the day a success – if
you're available to lend a hand, we'd love to have you on the
team!

Talk to Debbie Losey or Michael Taggart for more information.

Fletcher Miller School

Exciting news -- Glory of God will be doing some partnering with
Fletcher Miller School in the future. The school, located at 200 S.
Kipling St in Lakewood (less than five miles from GOG), is a Jeffco
public school that offers a unique academic environment for
students with significant support needs. Fletcher serves kids in
preschool, kindergarten-12th grade (and has transition services
for older kids) while offering both academic programs, as well as
physical, occupational and speech therapy so students can
access their curriculum.

Fletcher's unique student body will mean that our partnership
may look a bit different than it might with another Jeffco public
school, but our goals will be the same – to do what we can to
support teachers and families as they help the kids at Fletcher
thrive. (We'll learn more about Fletcher in the near future, but
anyone who wants to help immediately can check out the
[Christmas in July program](#) to purchase toys which will be
adapted for kids through Clark's Toy Workshop.)

Women's Retreat

Our GOG Women's Retreat is coming up soon. It runs from Friday evening, September 19 through Sunday morning, September 21. We'll focus on the fruit of the Spirit, and you can expect wonderful accommodations, fellowship, conversation and food. And we'll have also have a special guest - expect to see the Holy Spirit all over the place! You can sign up on the form on the council table.

Child Priority Preschool News

Child Priority Preschool is getting geared up for another fun school year! Classes begin on September 2, but we will be gussying up all the classrooms and playground over the next few weeks. We love creating an enriched learning environment for all these fresh little minds. Small groups of children will come for short visits on August 27 & 28 to meet their teachers and all their new friends. We are excited for the gaggle of giggles coming our way!

Invite Some Friends

I've noticed a number of visitors in worship over the last couple weeks. So thanks to those of you who have been inviting family and friends to worship with us over the summer. And please continue to do so - summer is a great time to share our Glory of God family with the other important people in your lives. After all, we know that the world needs what we have!

God's Work our Hands is coming up September 7th. This years activities will include food bags for senior citizens, Tee Shirt Bags, continuing work on the fence and lastly we will be stuffing goody bags for the homeless. A sandwich bar for lunch. Working Together always makes for a fun event but more importantly we are giving back to our community.

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Kathryn Gault

Fellowship

Bob Lundgren &
Nita Barchus

Men's Group Community Service at MorningStar

This month, the Men's Group will be visiting **MorningStar** Assisted Living & Memory Care (10100 W 38th Ave) for a tour and time of connection with the residents. It's a meaningful opportunity to serve, build relationships, and share compassion with the elders in our community.

MorningStar of Wheat Ridge is an active senior living community offering assisted living and memory care. Our intimate neighborhoods are what sets us apart from other communities. When your loved-one's health and lifestyle are your main priorities, we offer a combination of assisted living and memory care services. With life enrichment associates leading purposeful activities 7 days a week and in house therapy available 5 days a week, we can meet a variety social, emotional, and physical needs. We pride ourselves on being a vibrant, health-conscious, thriving community that encourages residents to live life to the fullest.

Red Wagon Needs

Our Red Wagon ministry is currently in need of personal hygiene items to support individuals and families in our community. Items especially needed include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, bath tissue, and feminine hygiene products. Your donations go a long way in helping others feel cared for and supported—thank you for your continued generosity!

WRPD SAFE STOP DONATION NEEDED

Help us support our **Wheat Ridge Police Department** through the **Safe Stop Program** this summer. We're collecting the following **individually packaged snacks and beverages** for Summer 2025:

Beverages (12-16 oz. bottles with screw-on lids)

- Water bottles (12 oz.)
- Coke Zero, Sprite Zero (plastic bottles)
- Gatorade Zero - Red, Blue, White, or Orange
- Prime Ice Hydration Drink - Variety Pack
- Minute Maid Lemonade (16 oz.)
- Gold Peak or Pure Leaf Tea (16 oz.) - *Unsweetened, please*

Snack Items (individually packaged)

- Popcorn bags
- Slim Jim's
- Potato chip bags
- Mini candy bars
- Protein bars

Your generous donations help keep our officers refreshed and fueled while they serve our community.

Thank you for continuing to care for those who care for us!



God Bless You...

- **Pastor Dana** for your leadership and great sermons.
- **Ali** for taking over as President
- **Ann** for stepping in as VP
- **Connie** for stepping in as Treasurer
- **Michael Taggart** for all he does at GOG.
- **Worship Team** for their hard work-our services are SO in-sync with our message.
- **June Marquez and Anne Craig and all our helpers** for the Wednesday BBQ's.
- **All those** who step up and help with Fellowship.
- **All the people** who usher for us each Sunday.
- **Our music teams**-they ROCK!!!
- **To all our Volunteers**
- **Counters**, Dick Zinn, Don Van Winkle, Joanne Moon, Kathryn Gault
- **Debbie Losey** for the extra work she does at GOG.
- **Council Members** - Thank you for keeping our church running and for all the behind the scenes work the council has been doing to support GOG.
- **Earl Bartram** for all his volunteer work on keeping the property looking beautiful.
- **Nancy Hornecker** for her assistance with in-person tasks like tax filing, signing checks, keeping our church looking fantastic.
- **Bingo volunteers** for your help.
- **Rick Johnson** for his management each week at Bingo and work at GOG.
- **The AMAZING Alter Guild Crew** for keeping the sanctuary looking beautiful and helping with communion.
- **Connie Bartram** for all the work you do in the office keeping our giving records up to date and balanced and all of the other behind the scenes work you do. Thank you for working on the membership database.
- **Tech Team** -Thank you! We can't have a service without you!
- **Bob Lundgren** for all the volunteer work he does at Glory of God! Thank you Bob!
- **Earl and Connie Bartrum** - A big thank-you to for helping with weeding, groundskeeping, and sprucing up the West Entrance! Your hard work has made a visible difference, and we're grateful for the time and care you've put into making our church grounds welcoming and beautiful for all who visit.
- **New Council Members** - Thank you for stepping up into these open council positions.
- **Marlene Baneck** for taking on table decorations for the fellowship hall
- **Worship committee** for the planning of our amazing services
- **Luke Breckinridge** for donating his couch and bookshelves to our youth room and arranging the move with movers, as well as, getting rid of our old furniture from that room.
- **Roz, Jan Bryson, Dana and Colleen** for the time and discernment put in to finding our new accompanist. We are excited to welcome Matheus.
- **Nancy Hall** for your willingness to step up and take over coordinating our ushers/greeters. They are such an important part of starting Sunday Worship.
- **Diana Wood** for coordinating our ushers/greeters these past few years. You bless our congregation in so many ways.

