



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.

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday!

Enjoy an extra hour of sleep and remember to set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night.

Visits from Dana:

Thanks to all of you who have already visited with me – it's wonderful to be able to get to know you better. However, I'm still looking to visit with as many folks as possible over the next few months. 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

Remembering The Saints In Our Lives Sunday, November 9

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 9. During worship, we'll name and ring bells for Glory of God folks who have died this last year. You will also have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have died, and we'll have a picture memorial while we're 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 (414-916-3241) or email (dana@gloryofgodchurch.net) on or before Thursday, November 6.

Semi-Annual Meeting And Chili Cook-Off on November 9

Sunday, November 9, will be a busy day here at Glory of God. We start a new sermon series on gratitude, we'll remember the saints in our lives, and right after worship, we'll have our semi-annual congregational meeting to vote on our 2026 budget and celebrate all that's happened here in 2025. And it turns out that no congregational meeting is complete without a chili cook-off. So this year, we're having one. There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table for those who wish to enter their chili. During the congregational meeting we'll have a chili lunch and can vote for our favorite chili. The winner will take home bragging rights and a really cool chili cook-off apron.

Thanksgiving Celebration on Wednesday, November 26

At 6:30 on the day before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 26), we'll celebrate and give thanks to God here at Glory of God. We'll be using the Holden Evening Worship liturgy, and if that isn't enough to get you here, we'll even have pie after worship. So please join us for a very thank-filled time of worship and fellowship. (You can sign up on the fellowship table to bring a pie for after the service.)

October Birthdays

Nov. 3	Tammy Kinney
Nov. 4	Nita Barchus
Nov. 7	Nick Eccles
Nov. 10	Christine Jessop
Nov. 11	Audrey Strickert
Nov. 13	Kim Hornecker
Nov. 16	Roz Kueter
Nov. 17	Rick Johnson

October Prayer Families

November 2

Schmelzel, Scott, Setzer, Shaffer

November 9

Shermaan, Strickert, Sutherland,
Swanson

November 16

Tanner, Thompson, Tomka, Trepp

November 23

Reesman, Reetz, Robinson, Roepcke

November 30

Waters, Wernlein, Willey, Wood

What's Coming Up on Sundays in November:

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

- **Bible Basics Sermon Series Finishes on Sunday, November 2.** We conclude our sermon series on Bible interpretation with a really practical look at how to select a Bible. We'll talk about the pros and cons of various translations and study Bibles, and a bit about online Bibles. A great way to help you select a Bible that speaks to you. We'll also celebrate all those born in November.
- **November 9: Gratitude Sermon Series Begins.** We'll look at what the Bible says about gratitude. We'll also celebrate the saints in our lives who have died. And afterward, we have a semi-annual meeting and chili cook-off.
- **An Attitude of Gratitude on November 16:** It turns out that gratitude is good for us, so how can we cultivate gratitude in our everyday lives.
- **On November 23, We Explore How Gratitude Can Change the World.** How might our lives and the world around us look if we all lived more thankful lives? And please stay after worship to set up for Advent and Christmas. November 30 - Advent Begins!
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A BIG THANKS . . . AND ANOTHER BIG THANKS

First, a big thanks to everyone who helped with our staff in-service day at Fletcher Miller School on Friday, October 24th. The staff was so thankful!! (You can check out some pictures on our Glory of God website.)

And another big thanks to those who helped with Wheat Ridge Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 25th. A huge number of kids and families showed up, and everyone had a wonderful time!!

Collection for the Homeless - One More Weekend

Throughout October, we've been collecting hats, socks, gloves, and hand warmers to help the Wheat Ridge Homeless Navigation Program. We'll continue to collect items through the first weekend in November, so if you've been meaning to bring something in, now is the time. (The collection box is near the door to the worship space.) It gets cold in Colorado in the winter, so thanks to everyone who is helping.

Monday Night at the Movies - Holiday Special

We're keeping the fun going with our next movie night – our Holiday Special! Join us Monday, December 1st at 6 PM for a cozy evening filled with festive cheer, an Ugly Sweater Contest, and plenty of "treats and sweets." It's sure to be a joyful way to kick off the holiday season!

And don't forget – we're planning our next one so please get your Christmas movie suggestions to Michael soon so we can make it another fun and festive night for everyone.

Come for dinner, a great movie, and fellowship. Bring a friend—there's a seat waiting for you!

Tuesday Bible Study

Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 AM for our Community Bible Study. We are reading Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, a letter of joy written by Paul while he was in prison. Everyone is welcome-- come and be part of this time of learning and fellowship.

Lunch Bunch on Monday, November 10

Join us for Lunch Bunch Monday, November 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and starts at 11:30. Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker.

Thanks To Lynn Hornecker

We are all so very grateful to Lynn Hornecker and Mark. Lynn has spearheaded our care ministry here at Glory of God for many years. Lynn is stepping back from this ministry now, as she hears God's call in other directions. So, we are looking for one, or a couple of people (or even a team of people) who feel passionate about caring for folks and are interested in helping. Please contact Pastor Dana if this is something you are considering and/or if you have any questions.

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, November 10th at 11:30 AM. Please contact Lynn Hornecker if you plan to attend or need a ride.

GOG Craft Group

Friday November 7th and 21st 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. Everyone is welcome, any time! Please join us!

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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Fletcher Miller School Winter Wonderland

As many of you know, we purchased a bunch of toys for Clark's Toy Workshop for the kids at Fletcher Miller School last month. On December 13, the school will have a Winter Wonderland party where everyone is invited for a pancake breakfast, crafts and fun, and the kids who use adaptive toys will be able to select their Christmas gift.

There are a couple opportunities for us to help, both on the day of the party and earlier. The School would like some help ahead of time – sorting premade crafts, wrapping some fake presents, and helping to make centerpieces. They'll also need help decorating for the event on Friday, December 12, and then people to help on the day of the party. We'll have sign-up sheets available, but if you know you'd like to be involved, please see Dana. (Since much of this stuff can be done at home, this is a great opportunity for everyone to be involved)

Glory of God's Columbarium

As most of you know, Glory of God has a really nice columbarium in the back of our building. Not only is it a beautiful space for outdoor worship in the summer, but it's also a place that holds the cremated remains of many of our beloved church folks. Over the last few years (probably due in large part to the pandemic), the operation of the columbarium has been handled primarily by GOG office staff, and we're now looking for people who would like to serve on the Columbarium Committee to assist in its future operation. If serving on the committee is something God may be calling you to do, please contact Pastor Dana.

Fellowship Help Wanted

Our fellowship time at Glory of God is so important to all of us. Thanks to all of you who bring in food or donate money. However, we could use more help with cleaning up afterward. There is a sign-up sheet right outside the kitchen window, and we're asking a few people or groups to sign up a couple weeks in advance to be responsible for upcoming Sundays. Let's all pitch in and help!

Men's Group: Faith, Fellowship, and Fun

The Men's Group loves connecting, laughing, and having fun! From bowling and movies to pool and corn mazes, our outings are all about friendship and hanging out. We meet about once a month. See Michael for details about our next outing—we'd love to have you join us!

Is it Christmas Yet?

Now, some of you may know how much I love Christmas – and I know it’s only November, but I start thinking Christmas way before Thanksgiving. I love pretty much everything about Christmas – both the secular and religious -- from the most sublime Christmas music to the tackiest front yard decoration. I love the movies, and the songs, and the food, and all the different Christmas traditions that help make this season really special.

So I have this idea. If any of you have traditions that you would like me to see, or wish to start a new Christmas tradition – like inviting the pastor over to visit – I am available. And, if you do invite me over, I will bring my own contribution to place on your tree, and you don’t even have to feed me. (If you want, I’ll even help decorate the tree. I’m actually great with tree lights -- although I am aware that some people are a bit possessive about their lights).

If, as you’re reading this, you’re wondering “is Dana trying to invite herself over during the Advent/Christmas season?” let me make this perfectly clear. The answer is a shameless “yes!” That’s exactly what I’m trying to do. I would love to see everyone’s Christmas decorations. (And I’ll bet anything that some of you are like me – you get going on Christmas decorations well before Thanksgiving.) So don’t forget to ask me early before my schedule fills up.

The Angel Giving Tree

Look for the Angel Giving Tree going up soon. The Angel Tree will benefit kids at Fletcher Miller School (and siblings) whose Christmas will be brighter with a gift from our congregation. Watch for more information appearing soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a big difference in child’s life this Christmas. Watch for more informations and please consider participating!!

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Bob Lundgren &
Nita Barchus

Important Dates in December

Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are coming up quickly. And since we've all got busy schedules during the holiday season, here is a little preview of what we've got scheduled here at Glory of God in late November and December. You'll hear a lot more about each of these events as they get closer, but go ahead and put these dates on your calendar now:

- **Decorating for Christmas:** After worship on Sunday, November 23.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship** (with pie afterward): Wednesday, November 26, at 6:30 PM
- **Advent Sundays:** November 30, and December 7, 14, and 21.
- **Christmas Movie Night and Ugly Sweater Contest:** Monday, December 1 at 6 PM.
- **Wednesday Fellowship Nights**, with a meal at 6 PM, followed by a time to watch and discuss parts of the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*: December 3, 10, and 17.
- **Fletcher Miller School Winter Wonderland:** Saturday, December 13.
- **Child Priority Preschool Christmas Programs:** December 8 at 9:30 AM. December 9 at 9:15 AM and 12:45 PM.
- **Christmas Eve service:** Wednesday, December 24.

From the Director of Child Priority

We've had some exciting activities over the past few weeks, with more to come!

Our recent pumpkin activity involved children working in teams to hammer various hardware pieces into pumpkins, creating unique faces and designs. We've also been busy with spooky artwork, crafting bats, cats, and Frankensteins, alongside beautiful fall leaf collages. The children particularly enjoyed making "cauldron potions" with baking soda, vinegar, and liquid colors, which always brought out lots of excitement and surprised expressions.

We want to thank all who attended our Halloween parades on Thursday and Friday. It was so thoughtful and kind of the church to serve coffee, warm cider and pumpkin pie to our parents & friends watching the parade!

As November approaches, we will be focusing on themes of gratitude and thankfulness. We also asked the children for their own turkey baking recipes, and past responses were quite creative:

1. "Hunt it with a net. Then you put it in the net, bring the net to the oven and put it in the oven. Easy!"
2. "Stuff it with peanuts and leftover candy."
3. "Let it cook for 100 hours, eat it with gravy and that is what my mom says."
4. "Cook it for one minute and then stuff it with mashed potatoes, eat it."

We hope everyone has a joyful Thanksgiving with their families!

Best regards,

Vanda

Director - Child Priority

GOG Photo Album



**Thank you all for bringing food for the staff
at Fletcher Miller School**



Trunk or Treat with GOG



**Corn Maze Fun
with the Men's Group**



Map of the Corn Maze

10-18-2025
My heart keeps THANKING
you for the WONDERFUL
food bag AND gift CARD.
What a blessing it WAS
for me AND I AM TOUCHED
BEYOND WORDS. So grateful,
So THANKFUL.
I PRAY the blessings you
give to others RETURN
to you A THOUSANDFOLD.
God bless you NOW
AN ALWAYS hold you
in the palm of his hand.
Thank you Thank you,
Barbara Campbell

Thank you so much for the
generous bag of food plus
gift cards They are so greatly
appreciated. I am very blessed
to be a member of this church.
These gifts were an added blessing!
So very grateful
Dottie Reesman

**Thank you
cards from
GWOH**

YOUR GENEROSITY IS
OVERWHELMING!
THANK YOU SO MUCH
Sincerely
Desma "Belle"
Haville
Highlands West
Community (Towner)

Dear Church & Gloria
I want to thank you for
all the lovely food and the
gift card!
Thank God for you and your thoughtfulness.
It is such a blessing when
times are hard. You gave
me such a GOD smile and
you did make a difference
in my life.
Loree Rasmussen

To all, 10-25
Thank You for
the food basket
& Gift Card also
Thank you for the
invite to your fall
festival. We
enjoyed the day
So again
Thank you
for all you did
Very much
appreciated.
Kaloea
Dawn
Kizzar

Bless You...

- **Pastor Dana** for your leadership and for inspiring our church to actively serve in the community.
- **Michael Taggart** for all he does at GOG.
- **Worship Team** for their dedicated work. Our music is SO in-sync with the message.
- **October Lunch Bunch**, we extend our thanks and gratitude to Lynn Hornecker, Diana Wood, and Ruth Zinn for preparing and serving a hot soup and salad lunch with all the fixings, and a delicious chocolate cake with candy corn from Marlene Baneck! You four are so awesome doing this ministry!
- **Michael Taggart/Debbie Losey and Pastor Dana** for planning and organizing amazing the FALL FESTIVAL.
- **All those** who step up and help with Fellowship.
- **All the people** who usher for us each Sunday.
- **To all our Volunteers** - seen and unseen.
- **Brad Willey** for his commitment to maintaining and caring for our church building.
- **Debbie Losey** for the extra work she does at GOG - craft group and altar.
- **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.
- **Bingo Volunteers** - it is a great way to support GOG financially, but beyond that it is an enjoyable way to spend time together.
- **Rick Johnson** for giving clear, effective announcements Sunday Sept 21 before worship began and for his management each week at Bingo and for his work at GOG.
- **The AMAZING Altar Guild Crew** for keeping the sanctuary looking beautiful and helping with communion and prep.
- **Connie Bartram** for keeping our giving records up to date and balanced and all of the other behind the scenes work you do. Thank you for updating the membership database, mailboxes and the members picture board in fellowship hall.
- **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!
- **Matheus Pagliacci**, your piano playing is so beautiful and wonderful.
- **Blue Grass Trio** for your lively, fun music on Reformation Sunday.
- **Fletcher Miller School** and all those who donated food and volunteered their time to bring it in for the staff.
- **Mariana Harris** assisting Pastor Vera with communion and the elements, and for filling in for Debbie when away at Women's retreat.
- **Diana Wood** providing continued support to our congregants that need extra support.
- **Praise Band, Choir, Matheus, Colleen and Roz** for leading our congregation in joyful music.
- **Nancy Hornecker** who shows such loving commitment to our congregants. Nancy is showing all of us what, "Love your neighbor" truly means and for the many things she does behind the scenes.
- **EVERYONE** who helped during the Fall Festival! You showed up & demonstrated the meaning of the word - CommUNITY!
- **Tim Grinstead** for handling the griddle and cooking what seemed like hundreds of hot dogs for the Fall Festival!
- **Nita Barchus** for planning & conducting the Women's Retreat.
- **EVERYONE** who helped and showed love & concern when we had a minor injury at the Women's Retreat! Our community is so supportive!