



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

God's Work Our Hands is Coming!

"September 13th! Save the date and get your ugly yellow shirts out; it's God's Work Our Hands!

This year we have partnered with a few different organizations in our community. We will be making homeless bags for the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, filled with everyday items like socks, hats, hygiene items, snacks, and more! We will also be putting together goodie bags for the Seniors Resource Center. These goodie bags will be filled with sweets and treats to be given to the seniors that participate in their Adult Day program. We will work in a line to assemble the bags together in the fellowship hall. We have also partnered with Family Tree, an organization that helps the chronically unhoused. They have invited us to volunteer at their Marshall Street Landing location, which is an apartment building that has 85 units; they would like our help organizing their food pantry and kitchen. We will need 5 to 7 volunteers; if you feel called to participate, see Taylor or Megan Garcia for more info.



Free Fall Festival

As you know our free fall festival is coming up on September 27. It's our biggest annual community outreach and we want to make it a wonderful experience for all our neighbors and friends. Which means we need everyone's help:

First, please check the sign-up sheets on the table in the fellowship hall. Please help by signing up to bring a needed item and by helping on the day of the festival. Signing up to help on September 27 is key. We can't do this without lots of help. (And if you have family and friends who would like to help, sign them up too.)

Second, publicize the festival ahead of time by telling friends and family and by giving flyers to neighbors and local businesses. Also, please share our Glory of God posts on your own social media sites.

What's Coming Up on Sundays in September:

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

- **Sunday, September 6.** We begin a new sermon series on radical welcome. What does it look like to welcome like Jesus, both as a congregation and individually? We'll also celebrate everyone with a September birthday.
- **Sunday, September 13.** We'll have a shorter worship service, and then it's all hands-on-deck for "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday, as we spend time on several community projects. (See our separate article about what we'll be doing.)
- **Sunday, September 20.** We continue our sermon series on radical welcoming by looking at what it means to welcome others as a congregation in this worship space. We'll also be taking a noisy offering to buy toys for Clark's Toy Workshop to benefit the kids at Fletcher Miller School.,
- **Sunday, September 27.** We finish this month with a bang, as we continue our radical welcome sermon series and then welcome the community to our annual Free Fall Festival from 11 to 2. By living into our call to welcome everyone, we can make this one of our best fall festivals ever?
- **Sunday, October 4.** Pastor Vera will again join us to preach and preside, so please make her feel at home. She's been here a couple times now, and I know she's always happy to see you all. (I'll be off for a week or so with my daughter and son-in-law in Scotland.)

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Radical Welcome Sermon Series

One of the primary things we're always focusing on here at Glory of God is becoming better disciples of Jesus. As his followers, our goal is to do and say what Jesus would do and say if he were us.

So this September, we'll be looking at what it means to radically welcome others (all others), both as a congregation in worship and as individuals wherever we find ourselves. And we'll discover that, as followers of Jesus, welcoming and hospitality involve a lot more than simply being friendly to visitors on a Sunday morning.

September Birthdays

Sept. 9	Joanne Moon
Sept. 14	Norma Jean Luchsinger
Sept. 15	Kurt Esbenson
Sept. 28	Judy Roepcke

September Prayer Families

September 6

Ware, Willey, Wood, Yergert

September 13

Yook, Zeiler, Zinn, Adams

September 20

Arene, Arkins, Baneck, Barchus

September 27

Bartram, Beasley, Blumenschein, Brant

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Update on GOG Charitable Giving

August is the third month of our new Bingo Charitable giving program (where each month Glory of God contributes \$1000, divided among two charities selected and then voted upon by our bingo players and volunteers). Our \$1000 August contribution will be divided between Dave's Locker in Arvada (\$560), which loans medical equipment to anyone who needs it, and The Gathering Place (\$440), a Denver woman's shelter. Our two charities for September are The Community Table food pantry that serves folks across the Denver area, and Ralston House, a local child advocacy center. (Remember, all our bingo players and volunteers get to vote and select future charities – just one more great reason to be a bingo volunteer.)

In addition, our Noisy offering to help victims of Colorado's wildfires was a big one. We donated \$520 to the United Way of Southern Colorado at end of July, and over \$800 to the Rocky Mountain Synod Disaster Response in early August. These are great ways to give back to the community. Way to go, Glory of God!!!!

Support the Wheat Ridge Police Department Safe Stop Program

Glory of God is collecting donations for the Wheat Ridge Police Department's Safe Stop Program, which provides officers with snacks and beverages to offer community members during difficult situations.

Needed Donations:

Beverages: 12 oz. bottled water; 7.5 or 12 oz. Zero Sugar sodas; 12 oz. Gatorade Zero; 12 oz. Prime Ice Hydration Drinks; 16 oz. Gold Peak or Pure Leaf Unsweetened Tea.

Individually Packaged Snacks: Popcorn, Slim Jims, potato chips, mini candy bars, MadeGood Granola Bars and Mini Bites, BelVita Crunchy Breakfast Bars, and peanut bags.

Thank you for helping our church support our local police and share Christ's love through kindness and compassion.

Please Welcome our Child Priority Preschool Kids and Families

Teachers have been busy preparing for the start of preschool for the last couple weeks, and it's finally here! The kids start this Labor Day week, so you'll see families dropping kids off for the first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Wednesday, Sept. 9 around 9 am, (Drop-off on Tuesday and Wednesday, will be followed by a meet and greet time hosted by GOG.). It's so good to have kids back in the building and out in the courtyard.

Here at Glory of God, our September sermon series is all about welcoming. We already welcomed the staff with a welcome back brunch for which they were very appreciative. And now we also have a great opportunity to be very intentional about welcoming all the kids and families as they begin a new school year.

Fletcher Miller

I hope to connect with Fletcher Miller within the next couple of weeks to set up some partnering opportunities. Like last year, most of our involvement will be through events that support the Fletcher school staff so they can help the kids and families. We'll also be purchasing toys for Clark's Toy Workshop which provides free adapted toys to the students at Christmas. It's easy. Just go to the Clark's Toy Workshop wish list on Amazon at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14WHOFFSPCW9C/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex Select the toys you want to buy and they are directly to Clark's Toy Workshop to be adapted for the kids by volunteers.

Men's Group Outing

Join the Men's Group on Friday, September 25 at 11:00 AM for a fun outing to the Denver Museum of Nature & Science!

Come spend the day enjoying good conversation, fellowship, and time together while exploring the museum and all it has to offer. Whether you're a regular member of the Men's Group or have never joined us before, everyone is welcome!

This is a great opportunity to get out, enjoy some fellowship, and get to know one another better. We hope you'll join us for a fun day together!

Contact Michael to RSVP or with any questions.

Office Hours

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
from 10:00 AM.

Schedule varies based on GOG events. Please contact her directly to schedule an appointment.

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Lunch Bunch

Join us Monday, Sept. 14 at 11:30 AM for our Welcome Back luncheon. We are planning a festive salad and dessert bar accompanied by music from Shirley and Tom Yook. Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker.

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.

Women's Retreat

Women of GOG you are invited to retreat with us to the beautiful Colorado Mountains for a weekend of fellowship. Friday evening Oct 9 thru Sunday Morning Oct 11. Staying in a cabin at Snow Mt Ranch YMCA. We will carpool up. The cost will be covered primarily by BINGO funds with a small fee TBD; scholarships available. Sign up at church or through the church office.

It's Time for Choir - And You're Invited

Lift your voice and tune in your ears, The Glory Tones are back for another season! We're excited to be back and sharing our love of choral music to enhance your Sunday worship. We'd love to have you join us. All skill levels are welcome, whether you are a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise. Rehearsals, generally, are after Sunday Services. Come share the gift of music and community!

Bridge at GOG

Over the last few months, two bridge groups have made the St Mark's room here at Glory of God their home. Every Monday at noon, we have a drop-in group that first includes a half-hour of instruction, and then each table plays twelve boards. Contact the office if you have any questions and we can put you in touch with a representative from this group (or just show up on any Monday at noon).

And on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, we host a group geared toward beginner bridge players who want to play duplicate bridge. They play a sanctioned 0-299 duplicate bridge game. If you have any questions about the Wednesday game or wish to sign-up in advance to play, contact Luci Smits.

Joyful Noise in September

Joyful Noise will be visiting local nursing and assisted living centers to sing three times this Fall. Our first visit will be to Golden Lodge Assisted Living and Memory Care Center (1111 Newstar Way in Golden) on Sunday, September 13 at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun.

Statements are Coming

Please check your mailbox this month for your second triannual statement. Your statement will indicate how much you've given financially to Glory of God through the end of August 2026 and give you a short summary of how we're doing generally. If you have any questions regarding your statement (or if you don't get one and think you should) please contact Connie Bartram.

GOG Community Photos



Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Carnation Festival Parade with GOG



Monday Night at the Movies



Wednesday Summer BBQ's at GOG

Bless You...

- **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.
- **Pastor Dana** on her daily devotions.
- **Everyone** who works Bingo—you all significantly help our church finances!
- **Monica Pattison** for creating a new excel worksheet for counting and for depositing church income.
- **Fred Behnken** for researching and leading bible study of Genesis!
- **Church Council** members who stepped up for the Schmelzel's last minute to participate in Family Feud.
- **Debbie Losey** for reading last minute for Jeri when she was ill.
- **Bob and Nita** for their amazing work with Fellowship.
- **June** for keeping our church looking so shined and clean.
- **Michael** for all he does at GOG!
- **Rick Johnson** for all he does at Glory of God and Bingo.
- **Worship Team** for their great services.
- **Debbie, Bob, Kurt & Brad** for staying on top of all the property repairs & needs.
- **Everyone** who works on our property that keeps our church alive and beautiful!
- **To all** our dedicated bingo volunteers.
- **HUGE bless you to those members of the congregation** helping June (financially & physically) with her arm procedure & recovery!
- **June and Monica** for faithfully counting, recording, and reporting our offerings in Servant Keeper and Excel, and making sure the information gets to Rick Johnson. Thank you for your attention to detail and faithful service!
- **Everyone** who helped out for Monday Night at the Movies and to all who came and joined us!
- **To all** who made our summer bbq's so special.
- **Everyone** participating in the Wednesday BBQs. Always fun and delicious!
- **Congregation members** who demonstrate RADICAL hospitality to ALL of our visitors, just like Jesus would!
- **Altar Guild** for all the care and preparation that goes into creating a beautiful worship space and making Communion special for us each week. We are grateful for 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!
- **Debbie** for the countless ways you help and serve at Glory of God. We appreciate your dedication and willingness to jump in wherever needed!
- **Our Entire Congregation** for the love, prayers, encouragement, and care you show one another. What a blessing it is to be part of such a caring church family!
- **Tech Team** for working behind the scenes to keep our worship services running smoothly and helping us share our services with those worshipping online. We appreciate you!
- **Praise Band** for sharing your time and musical gifts with us each month. Your music brings energy and joy to our worship!
- **Assisting Ministers** – Fred, Ann, Debbie & Jeri for your willingness to serve and for the prayers, leadership, and presence you bring to our worship each week. Thank you for helping make our services meaningful!
- **Everyone** who helped set up and take down for our summer outdoor worship services! We are blessed to have such a wonderful outdoor sanctuary, and it wouldn't be possible without all the helping hands. Thank you for making our summer worship so special!
- **Council and Staff** for all they do!
- **Everyone** who generously gives to Safe Stop.