



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.

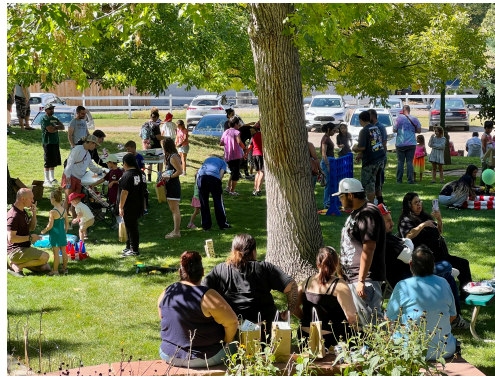
Visits from Dana:

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



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 only wonderful comments from people who attended. Not only did everyone have a great time, but God showed up all over the place – in all the folks who spontaneously brought their cars and bikes, in the former chaplain who came to bless me at the start of the festival, in the many many folks who stopped to thank this congregation for hosting the event, in the boy who read his poem at the end of the day, in all the people who enjoyed the craft sale in fellowship hall, in the band that got some of us dancing on the lawn, in the little girl who was so excited to win a cake, in all the kids who showed off the rocks they found, in the grateful folks who enjoyed our really tasty burgers, hot dogs and desserts . . . and those are just some of the things I know about!

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. (And I'm guessing we'll need more help next year, because as word about our festival gets out, we'll have even more neighbors showing up!)

Photos will be shared on social media and on our website.

October Birthdays

Oct. 2	Paula Robinson
Oct. 3	Kathryn Gault
Oct. 7	Belinda Lundgren
Oct. 8	Dottie Reesman
Oct. 13	Frank Wernlein
Oct. 17	Baileigh Natale
Oct. 22	Taylor Garcia
Oct. 25	Monica Pattison
Oct. 28	Mary Lou Venzke
Oct. 30	Heidi Link

October Prayer Families

October 5

Luchsinger, Lundgren, Marquez

October 12

Maruyama, Moon, Nuanes, O'Brien

October 19

Pattison, Paul, Kirkland, Kubasta

October 26

Reesman, Reetz, Robinson, Roepcke

What's Coming Up on Sundays in October:

Here's some stuff to look forward to on Sundays in October:

- **Bible Basics 2 on Sunday, October 5:** - we'll continue our look at bible basics with a focus on some Lutheran insights that help us interpret the Bible. We'll also celebrate all those with October birthdays.
- **Sunday, October 12:** - we'll dig deep into the historical and literary context of biblical interpretation, as we look at talking snakes and man-eating fish. We'll also take a noisy offering for the kids and staff at Fletcher Miller School.
- **Sunday, October 19 - More Bible Basics** - This Sunday we'll explore how who we are (our experiences, history, etc.) impact how we interpret the Bible, by looking anew at a couple of Jesus' famous parables.
- **Reformation Sunday on October 26** - We'll celebrate the 508th anniversary of the Reformation. We'll also continue our look at how we read and interpret the Bible, with an emphasis on how the Bible continues to apply to us today.
- **Bible Basics Sermon Series Finishes on 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 translations, study Bibles, and the pros and cons of online Bibles. A great way to help you select a Bible that speaks to you. And it's also All Saints Sunday.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

For those of you who really like to plan ahead, daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 2. So make sure to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1.

Hospitality - It's Up to All of Us

A couple Sundays every month, we have visitors who worship with us. We're always telling people how welcoming we are, so when people come to visit, we all need to do our best to make that welcome a reality. Yes, we have ushers/greeters every week, but that time after walking through the door and before the service starts (as well as after it's over) is key for our visitors - that's when they either feel welcomed or not. So please take some time every Sunday before and after worship to greet people you don't know. (Go ahead and invite them to stay for coffee and snacks after worship, and then make sure you sit with them.) Let's all do our best to make everyone who walks in that door feel like the beloved children of God we know they are.



Monday Night at the Movies - "Remember the Titans"

As the crisp air of autumn settles in and football season kicks off, what better way to spend an evening together than with dinner and a movie that captures the spirit of teamwork, perseverance, and community?

Join us for Monday Night at the Movies on October 6th at 6 PM as we share a meal and watch Remember the Titans.

Based on the true story of a high school football team in Virginia, it is an inspiring film about unity, overcoming adversity, and the power of working together. Just as fall reminds us of change and new beginnings, this story shows how courage, friendship, and faith can transform lives.

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 studying the book of Amos. Amos, one of the Old Testament prophets, speaks boldly about justice, righteousness, and God's call to faithfulness. Everyone is welcome—come and be part of this time of learning and fellowship!

Lunch Bunch on Monday, October 13

Join us for Lunch Bunch Monday, October 13 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and starts at 11:30. Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker.

Men's Group Corn Maze Fun, Friday October 17, 10:30 AM

Get lost in the 7-acre Corn Maze at Chatfield Farms. Fly through twists and turns in this year's birds-of-prey-themed maze, featuring eagles, falcons and vultures. Soar to new heights to view the maze from a 15-foot-tall bridge. RSVP with Michael.

\$20 Adults | \$18 Seniors (65+)

Chatfield Farms Location

8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Road

Littleton, CO 80128

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, October 13th at 11:30 AM. Please contact Lynn Hornecker if you plan to attend or need a ride.

GOG Craft Group

Friday October 3rd and 17th
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

As many of you know, GOG is beginning a partnership with Fletcher Miller School this year. Fletcher Miller School is less than 5 miles away in Kipling and is the only public school in Colorado that deals solely with students with significant support needs.

In September, a couple of us from GOG went on a tour of the school and we'll be sharing some of our observations over the next months. However, what we all came away with were the powerful stories of kids and staff and the amazing things being done at Fletcher to literally change the lives of these kids and their families. We are truly blessed as a congregation to have the privilege of playing even a small part in what's happening there.

We are already helping by participating in Clark's Toy Workshop, an opportunity to buy specific toys that will then be modified to add a switch access so that they can be played with by kids with complex special needs. (We saw some of these toys on our tour, and the creativity just blew me away.) We'll be doing a noisy offering on Sunday, October 12 to help buy some toys.

On Friday, October 24, we'll also be providing the staff at Fletcher Miller with some drinks and snacks during an in-service workday. More information as to the specific items we'll need will be coming soon, but please consider being a part of this partnership however you can.

If anyone who wants to help immediately you can check out the [Christmas in July program](#) to purchase toys which will be adapted for kids through Clark's Toy Workshop.

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.

Women's Retreat

The women had a wonderful time at Snow Mountain Ranch this past weekend! It was a beautiful time of fellowship, reflection, and renewal. Together, we studied the Fruits of the Spirit, diving deeper into how we can live out love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our daily lives. Amid the beauty of the mountains, God's presence was felt in both the study and the fellowship shared. Thank you to everyone who made this retreat such a meaningful and refreshing experience!

Trunk or Treat Tailgate in Wheat Ridge

I (Pastor Dana) have signed up Glory of God to participate in Wheat Ridge's Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 25, from 4 - 6 p.m. at The Green at 7101 W. 38th Street. (Trunk or Treat events are really common in the Midwest where I come from, but for anyone who doesn't know what they are, it's where a group of cars gather in a parking lot and decorate their trunks with creative disguises, and children go from car to car for treats.) So my car will be out there representing Glory of God, and I'd love a couple other people to join me, either by bringing their own cars or helping me decorate mine. We can come in costumes (or not). I'm not the best car decorator, so I could use some help. (They even have prizes for best car, although I'm not shooting to win.) Each car also has to bring at least 2000 treats (which means there will be a lot of kids and families present). 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.

Collection for the Homeless

During October, we will again be helping out the Wheat Ridge Homeless Navigation Program by collecting hats, socks, gloves, and hand warmers. (We're focusing on the hand warmers, but feel free to bring in any of the needed items.) It gets cold in Colorado in the winter, and we can help a lot of people by providing these needed items. (There will be a collection box near the door to the worship space.)

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Statements are Coming

Please check your mailboxes this month for your triannual statements. Your statement will indicate how much you've given financially to Glory of God so far in 2025, and give you a brief summary of how we're doing generally. If you have any questions regarding your statement (or if you don't get one and believe you should) please contact Connie Bartram.

Thank You for Serving During "God's Work. Our Hands."

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday such a success! Whether you organized, packed, painted, built, delivered, lent a hand, or simply showed up ready to serve—we couldn't have done it without you.

It was wonderful to see so many people working side by side, sharing their gifts, and making a real difference in our community. Your willingness to step in and serve shows the love of Christ in action. Thank you for being part of this special day! We delivered food bags last week and so many of the seniors expressed their gratitude.

How to Fund Glory of God Now and Through a Legacy Gift

Please give some thought and prayerful consideration of including Glory of God Lutheran Church in your financial plans. Working with your attorney or other professional, ask them to:

- Direct gifts to Glory of God in your estate distributions.
- And/or designate some or all of your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement IRA(s) to the church in 2025. Your tax advisor can explain any tax benefits and make sure any gifts are properly deducted.
- Clip this article for when you visit your estate and tax planner next time.

By increasing your current giving, you will enable our church to pay for all of the things that we budgeted a year ago during the congregational budget meeting. Help us be in the black, not the RED, to fulfill our many community and in-house missions.

Thank you, Connie Bartram, Council Treasurer

Child Priority Updates

Hi Glory of God Families, We wanted to share how amazing our September start to preschool has been! We've had so much fun playing together and making new friends. The giggles, the cuteness, and all the wonderful conversations are truly why we do this.

This week, we enjoyed our field trip to Anderson Farms. We took a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch and each child got to choose a pumpkin. Anderson Farms offers so many activities that we spent about three and a half hours there and had lunch. From jumping pads and live animals to mazes and playgrounds, the fun never stopped!

Our Halloween parade where kids arrive in costumes takes place on October 30 and 31 around 9:25 AM. If the weather permits, we will parade around the courtyard.

GOG Photo Album



Beautiful sunrise at the women's retreat
Photo by Debbie Losey



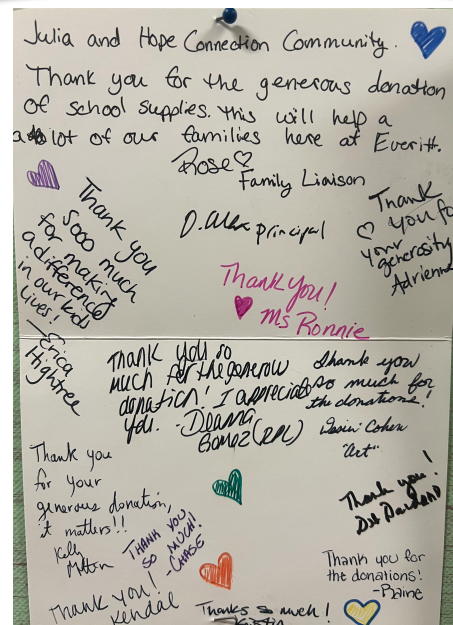
Men's Group Hike at Genesee Park



God's Work. Our Hands
Photos by Debbie Losey and John Pattison



Lunch Bunch



Thank you card from
Everitt Middle School

Bless You...

- **Pastor Dana** for your leadership and for getting our church involved in community events.
- **Michael Taggart** for all he does at GOG.
- **Worship Team** for their dedicated work. Our music is SO in-sync with the message.
- **June Marquez and Ann Craig and all our helpers** for the Summer Wednesday BBQ's.
- **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.
- **Nancy Hornecker** for the many things she accomplish behind the scenes.
- **Rick Johnson and all the 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 his management each week at Bingo and work at GOG.
- **The AMAZING Altar Guild Crew** for keeping the sanctuary looking beautiful and helping with communion and prep.
- **Praise Band** for all the great music.
- **Everyone** who participated in a phenomenal Installation Service.
- **Everyone** who helped out during God's Work. Our Hands.
- **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 updating 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 Bartram** - A big thank you for 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.
- **Kurt Esbenson** for all the work creating our beautiful new church sign to helping Brad replace the water heater in the sacristy, and fixing our dishwasher. we are deeply grateful for your time, skills, and dedication.
- **Bob Lundgren, Kurt Esbenson , Pastor Dana & Joanne Moon and others** for repairing the white fence along the west side of the property.
- **Michael Taggart and Debbie Losey** for getting the Fall Festival organized and executed.
- **All** who volunteered and worked to coordinate GWOH (Kathryn) it was an amazing day.
- **Matheus Pagliacci**, your beautiful piano playing is so wonderful.
- **Joanne Moon** for her willingness to help lead GWOH while Kathryn had surgery.
- **Dale Catlin, Tammy Kinney, Debbie Losey, Natalie Craig** for the many ways you gave your time and talents to GWOH.