



SOUNDS OF GLORY



Glory of God Lutheran Church Newsletter



"Do Everything in Love"

1 Corinthians 16:14

Don't Forget...

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!!



Fall Festival - Sunday, September 28 | 11 AM-2 PM

Join us for a day of food, fun, and fellowship! Highlights include a Rock Scavenger Hunt with prizes, Car & Bike Show, BBQ, baked goods and cake walk, live music, face painting, craft vendors, an art gallery, and games for all ages.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed both to promote the festival ahead of time and to serve as greeters and helpers on the day of the event. Sign up on the council table in the fellowship hall. Questions or concerns contact Debbie Losey or Michael Taggart.



Welcome Matheus Pagliacci, Our New Accompanist

It is a pleasure to be part of Glory of God Lutheran Church!

My first name is Portuguese, my last name is Italian and I moved to the US six years ago from Brazil, in order to pursue Music in grad school as an international student. My upbringing in the Baptist Church connected me to music making and that has been a considerable part of my identity to this day, bringing me to places I could never imagine geographically. I love dogs, exploring new restaurants (or any place to eat, really) and good conversation. Fun fact: Brazilian folks, including me, learn Portuguese in schools - the only official language of the country that varies among the 26 states and across its 3,287,357 sq miles.

September Birthdays

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

September Prayer Families

September 7

Haataja, Hall, Harju, Harris

September 14

Henderson, Hohn, Hornecker, Jessop

September 21

Johnson, Kinney, Kirkland, Kubasta

September 28

Link, Linsenmeyer, Losey, Lucas

What's Coming Up on Sundays in September:

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

- **Sunday, September 7** - 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 four community projects. (See our separate article about what we'll be doing.) We'll also celebrate everyone with a September birthday.
- **Sunday, September 14** - it's our last outdoor worship of the year, and we'll be going out in style with our annual pet blessing. We'll also be doing a noisy offering that Sunday, so bring your change.
- **Sunday, September 21** - we'll welcome Pastor Vera E. Guebert-Steward to preach and preside. Pastor Vera has been here before and is excited to visit again. (Dana and a bunch of other women are out at the women's retreat.)
- **Sunday, September 28** - We finish the month with a bang, as we begin our sermon series on Bible Basics, and then welcome the community to our annual Free Fall Festival from 11 to 2.

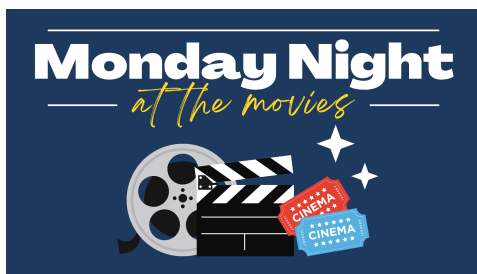
Please join us at 9 am each Sunday for worship, either in person or online. You can always check out our [GOG website](#) for more information.

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

God's Work our Hands is this coming Sunday, September 7th. This year's 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. We'll also have a sandwich bar for lunch. Working Together always makes for a fun event, but more importantly we are giving back to our community.



Monday Night at the Movies - The Blind Side

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 blends the spirit of fall with an inspiring true story? Join us for Monday Night at the Movies on October 6th at 6 PM as we share a meal and watch The Blind Side.

Based on the remarkable true story of Michael Oher, The Blind Side is a heartwarming film about compassion, family, and second chances. Just as fall reminds us of change and new beginnings, this story shows the power of kindness and how one family's willingness to open their hearts transformed a young man's life.

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

Tuesday Bible Study

Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 AM for our Community Bible Study. This month we begin a new study on 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, September 8

Pastor Brian Lubowa of Transform Families Ministry in Jinja, Uganda joins us for LUNCH BUNCH Monday, September 8 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited for lunch and presentation which will begin at 11:30. Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker.

Men's Group Picnic and Hike

The Men's Group will be gathering for a picnic and hike at Genesee Park on Friday, September 19th at 11 AM. The hike will be about 2 miles round trip, but if hiking isn't for you, we'd still love for you to join us for the picnic and fellowship. Food and drinks provided. Contact Michael for more information. 720-312-6502
1099 Genesee Mountain Rd, Golden, CO 80401.

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, September 8th at 11:30 AM. Please contact Lynn Hornecker if you plan to attend or need a ride.

GOG Craft Group

Every Friday in September
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
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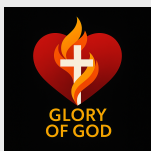
Mon. – Thurs., 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Michael

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Sun., 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Rick

Wed., 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM



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Bible Basics Sermon Series

One of the primary things we're 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. But in order to do that, we need to know about Jesus – what he did and said, and how God's Kingdom he proclaimed is relevant for all his followers today. Now some of you may already be very familiar with Jesus. But some of the rest of us may not know a whole lot about him. We don't know all the stories, and we're not sure how lots of what's in the New Testament connects with how we are called to live now.

Well, all that is about to change. Starting in January of 2026, we'll be looking at the "Essential Jesus" -- groups of bible passages which will tell us more about Jesus' life and teachings, and how they continue to speak today. And to help us get ready for that, we'll first spend some time on some "Bible Basics." We'll explore some Lutheran principles to help us better read and interpret the Bible, and look at how the historical and literary context of each passage, and our own social location, impact how we understand what we read. We'll even talk about how to pick the right Bible for you – about different translations and the different types of study bibles out there. By the end of our series, we may not all be biblical experts, but I hope we'll all be looking forward to exploring the New Testament stories of Jesus in more depth next year.

Fletcher Miller School

Exciting news -- Glory of God will be doing some partnering with Fletcher Miller School ; starting this fall. 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. A group of us will be going over to Fletcher Miller this month to learn more about its kids and its unique learning environment.

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. (You'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 in two weeks. 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! Please sign up **ASAP** on the form on the council table. Please contact Nita Barchus if you have any questions.

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 started this week, and it's so good to have them back in the building and out in the courtyard. (My office looks into the courtyard and the sights and sounds of all the children and teachers really livens things up.) Here at Glory of God, we're working to get out into our neighborhood and get to know our neighbors better. As it turns out, the kids, families and teachers at Child Priority Preschool are our nearest neighbors. So let's be very intentional about welcoming them all as they begin a new school year.

Calling All Pets

Calling all pets!! Glory of God's annual pet blessing is right around the corner. Sunday, September 14 is our last outdoor worship and it's also the day we'll bless our pets. For so many of us, our pets are a part of our family, so please bring your dogs and cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, birds, fish, reptiles and any other pet you've got for a laying on of hands (but no biting) and some kind words of blessing. Stuffed animals are also welcome (and for those who would prefer not to bring an actual pet, go ahead and bring a picture and we'll bless that.) And don't forget to tell your friends and family and everyone you know - all pets (and their families) deserve a blessing!

Joyful Noise

Will be on September 28 at 2 PM Golden Lodge 1111 NewStar Way in Golden (in the dining room - with the piano)

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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.

Thanks for a Great Installation

Both the council and I (Pastor Dana) want to thank you all for the wonderful installation worship service last month. It was a terrific celebratory day, and it's due to all of you who helped set up and clean up, brought food, helped with worship, and really got into the spirit of the day by dressing up, singing and dancing. Special thanks to Nita, Bob, Debbie, Connie and Earl for all their help cleaning up afterward, and to Ann and June for being there early to late - preparing food, grilling, and then putting things away.

I am so blessed to be a part of all of us who call ourselves Glory of God, and I am so excited to see what God has planned for our future.

Photos Courtesy of Connie and Michael



GOG Photo Album



Thanks Earl for all your work at GOG.



Delivering school supplies to Everitt Middle School.



Thank you to all our Volunteers at Bingo.



Superheroes at the Carnation Fest Parade.
Glory of God Lutheran Church



Men's Group at MorningStar Assisted Living.

Bless You's and God Sightings...

- **Pastor Dana** for your leadership and for getting our church involved in the Carnation Festival.
- **Tim Grinstead, Ron Casias and Ann Craig** for their vehicles used in the Carnation Festival Parade.
- **Michael Taggart** for all he does at GOG especially for the Film Festival and Monday at the Movies.
- **Worship Team** for their hard work. Our music is 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.
- **All those** who donated to the school supply drive for Everitt Middle School.
- **To all our Volunteers**
- **Brad Willey** for painting the bridge to make our outdoor services look great.
- **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 time.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Worship Committee** for an amazing job at finding our new accompanist. What a huge amount of work.
- **Kurt Esbenson** for all the work he has done for our church! From creating our beautiful new church sign to helping Brad replace the water heater in the sacristy, we are deeply grateful for your time, skills, and dedication.
- **Colorado Christian Film Festival** - Thank you to all the filmmakers, volunteers, and everyone who was a part of the fest. The film were thought provoking and inspiring.
- **Monday Night at the Movies** - What a blast watching Wonka together! A big thank you to all who volunteered to make the night special –the Wonka bars were a huge hit! Most of all, it was a joy to share the evening reflecting on where we see God's presence in the story.
- **Carnation Festival Parade** - Thank you for all who volunteered and helped the parade. A huge thanks to the craft group for making the flowers.