



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!!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Glory of God Lutheran Church is committed to bring people to Jesus and His love in a way that is accepting, compelling, creative and inspiring."

Council Members Wanted

We need your help! Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to a position of leadership in this congregation. We need some people to step forward and join us on council to help move this congregation forward as God's hands and feet in our community. If you have any questions or think this may be something you are being called to, please see any of our current council members or Pastor Dana. New council members will be elected at our semi-annual meeting on Sunday, May 11.

New Sermon Series - What it Means to Live as God's Steward

On Sundays after Easter, we'll explore what it means to live like a steward - more specifically, what it means to live like God's steward. Now you may think stewardship has something to do with giving money to a congregation, and I suppose it does. But really that's such a small part of it. Instead, stewardship has a whole lot more to do with how we live when we realize that everything - all that we see, all that we have, all that we are -- belongs to God. We'll spend the next five Sundays getting our heads and hearts around that idea and talking about what that means as we live every day.

Ministry of Encouragement Visit

Join us on Wednesday, May 14 for our first Ministry of Encouragement visit out of the building. We will meet at GOG at 8:15 and go to the Wheat Ridge Police Department. Come for the visit or provide some of the treats we will be taking with us. Find the sign up sheets on the Council is In table.

Mother's Day Worship ~ May 11

On May 11, we'll celebrate all those who provide motherly care with a little gift and a blessing. And since celebrations here at GOG usually (always) include food, the Men's Group will be responsible for fellowship after worship and will be providing some great food for everyone. (I hear it may include French toast and egg casseroles.) It doesn't get any better than this!! So moms -- bring your kids. And kids -- bring your moms. (And don't worry all of you who provide fatherly care -- your day is coming next month.)

Are You Graduating this Year?

If you are graduating this year, we'd like to recognize you during worship on June 1. We'll do a blessing during the service and then celebrate with cake afterward.

All graduations are cause for celebration! So whether you (or your child) are graduating from preschool, kindergarten, elementary or middle school, high school, college, post-college, some job-related training, or anything similar, we'd like to recognize you. Please contact Pastor Dana and/or complete a half-sheet on the council table with info about your graduation so we can share that information with the congregation. And then join us for the celebration!

Calling Everyone Interested in Becoming a GOG Member!

If you are considering membership here at Glory of God, now is your time!!! Please contact Pastor Dana. She'll meet with you and then we'll celebrate our new members on a Sunday in June.

Thanks to You All!

Lent and Holy Week are always busy times at Glory of God -- lots of worship opportunities and fellowship and community activities going on over a relatively short time. So thanks to all of you who helped with any of the worship and other recent events here at GOG. Because, of course, none of this could have happened without the efforts of so many of you.

But the truly amazing thing is that this is only a little piece of all that you did last month to make the lives of those around you better, as you lived each day as God's church in our world. Because as we all know, being church certainly has something to do with what we do here at Glory of God; but it has so much more to do with who you are out in the world as you go about your daily lives. That's where God constantly invites us to partner in all the Kingdom things God is already out there doing. That's where we live as the disciples God calls us to be.

Thank you for all you do!! God is powerfully at work in this community of faith. And I trust that God's work will continue in and through us throughout the remainder of 2025!

May Birthdays

May 2	John Scott
May 5	Dick Zinn
May 7	Barb Ebbesen
May 12	Eric Maruyama
May 14	Brad Willey
May 31	Tyler Kubasta

May Prayer Families

May 4

Hohn, Honold,
Hornecker, Jessop

May 11

Johnson, Kinney
Kirkland, Kubasta

May 18

Link, Linsenmeyer,
Losey, Lucas

May 25

Luchsinger, Lundgren,
Marquez, Maruyama

What's Coming Up on Sundays in May:

We have lots of fun stuff happening on Sundays in May. Check it out:

- **"What, Me a Steward?!"** on May 4. We start our new sermon series on stewardship with a look at what it means to be a steward and why it changes how we think of lots of other things. We'll also celebrate everyone with a May birthday.
- **Mother's Day on Sunday May 11.** We continue our look at stewards, as we celebrate Mother's Day on May 11 (see separate article). It's also our semi-annual meeting day (see yet another article). And we'll enjoy all that over brunch sponsored by the men's group.
- **On Sunday, May 18,** we continue our sermon series on stewardship with a look at how God has given us the very important job of being God's money managers. And don't forget to bring your change, because it's also noisy offering day.
- **Sunday, May 25,** we celebrate Memorial Day and continue our series on stewardship by looking at how we steward relationships.

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.

2025 Notice Of Semi-Annual Meeting

Our semi-annual meeting is coming up on May 11, 2025 at 10:30 am, after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate what's been going on at GOG during the first part of 2025, and to elect new council representatives. Because we do important things at our semi-annual meeting, we want you all there. So the men's group will be sponsoring a brunch during the meeting. (It's actually a Mother's Day brunch, but aren't we lucky that it just happens to occur on the same day as our semi-annual meeting.) If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact any current council member or Pastor Dana.



Child Priority Preschool News

May is such a fun month at Child Priority Preschool! It's hard to believe the school year is coming to a close, but we still have so many fun things planned with our students.

The kids have made so many wonderful friends this year and are so excited to come to school each day. Warm weather has us out on the playground as much as possible, playing games in the courtyard, and having picnic lunches when the sun is shining. The kids have been busy in their classrooms making handmade gifts and illustrating pictures of their moms for mother's day. Our special "Mystery Moms" will be on display, with each child drawing a picture of their mom and sharing all the things that make them special.

As the school year comes to an end, our Pre-K students will be celebrated at our graduation ceremonies on May 19th and May 20th. These are such special days to celebrate these wonderful kids and all that they have accomplished. Our amazing teachers will recognize each student individually as they receive their diploma on stage in front of their friends and family. Students will be dressed to impress, complete with graduation caps that they will toss in the air at the end of the ceremony to symbolize their transition to kindergarten. Although it's bittersweet saying goodbye to our graduating students, we feel so honored to have been a part of their lives and can't wait to see the amazing things they will go on to do.

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

Join us Monday, May 12th
in the Fellowship Hall
from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Please let Lynn Hornecker know if you will attend or need transportation.

GOG Craft Group

May 9th and 23th
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!

Easter Egg Hunt Thanks

Thanks to all of those who helped at our recent egg hunts. The Child Priority Preschool kids had a great time at the hunts we put on before Easter. And despite the four-plus inches of snow on the morning before Easter, a bunch of kids and families really enjoyed our first annual community egg hunt (and they each got lots and lots of eggs). Thanks to everyone who helped and/or participated in any of our egg hunts.



*Here are some pics of happy kids
(and a happy bunny).*

Craft Group

We have been very busy creating Birthday cards , candy hats for St patricks day for the preschool teachers, and 70 hats 14 sets, 3 scarves. Some will be given to the Wheat Ridge coalition for the homeless and some we will sell at the fall festival to support the group.



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Community Outreach & Social Ministry

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Office Hours

Pastor Dana

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
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Schedule varies based on
GOG events. Please contact
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Michael

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Rick

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Choir Director: Colleen Turner

Accompanist: Jessica Sweet

Blue Pinwheel Garden

April was a good month for
The Ralston House in Arvada
and Child Abuse Prevention
Month. Thank you to our
members who helped
purchase 75 blue pinwheels
and plant our Pinwheel
Garden again this year. Your
generosity is never ending.

Red Wagon Needs

Personal Hygiene Items,
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
Deodorant, Bath Tissue,
Feminine Hygiene Items

Monday Night at the Movies is back!

Bobbi Jo: Under the Influence
June 2nd, 6PM

We saw the trailer during the
Lenten Soup Suppers and it
was brought up as a good
movie to show.

Bobbi Jo Reed uses her
testimony as a 'blueprint of
hope' to transform lives and
provide keys to recovery in
Kansas City's most dangerous
neighborhood.

Save the Date: Fall Festival

Save the date for our
Fall Festival Sunday,
September 28th, 11AM - 2PM
After Church. Sign up sheets
for volunteers and vendor craft
tables will be on the council
table. Contact Michael Taggart
or Debbie Losey for more
details.



Colorado International Short Film Festival

Save the Date for our
Colorado International
Short Film Festival on July 25th
and 26th with almost
90 films submitted so far!
These films come from all
around the world. We will two
world premiere films from two
of our church members
Michael Bliss Taggart and John
Pattison. Contact Michael for
more details.

God Bless You...

- **Pastor Dana** for your leadership and for helping us to realize how meaningful the Lord's Prayer is for all of us. Thank you Dana for stepping up on a lot of "logistical" items for the Council, which will help us to be more of a "Visionary Council".
- **Alison Bray** for her love, support and dedication to Glory of God. You will be truly missed. Thank you for all of the many years of service you have given GOG!! We are so grateful for you!!!
- **Diana Wood** for cleaning the Youth room
- **Worship Team** for their hard work-our services are SO in-sync with our message
- **Fellowship** - All those who step up and help with Fellowship, especially Nita
- **Natalie Craig, June Marquez, and Ann Craig** for working on their Bingo license.
- **Worship Team** - They Rock!!!
- **All those** who step up and help with Fellowship, especially Nita Barchus.
- **Ali & Sean Arend, and Pastor Dana** for their help with the applications for our property tax exemption status
- **Bingo Volunteers** - Thank you!!!
- **Fellowship** - Thank you everyone who has stepped up and helped out in fellowship.
- **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 sprucing up 38th Ave. for Easter.
- **Ali and Sean Arend** for their help with the applications for our property tax exemption status
- **Executive Committee**, Bonnie Taggart, Ali Arend, Nancy Hornecker, Debbie Losey, for the extra hours you put in for your positions on church council.
- **Jeri Schmelzel** for offering her hospitality for the council transition.
- **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.
- **The women's ensemble**, Rosie, Colleen, Jan, Karen, Jessica and Roz on Maundy Thursday was phenomenal!! Thanks for sharing your talents.
- **Mark Hornecker** for his help with getting Tom Roepcke back for April's Lunch Bunch. And to Maria for arriving early to help set up tables and assist in the kitchen. It takes a village.
- **Tech Team** for volunteering and stepping up for Holy Week. You guys did an amazing job!
- **Heartfelt Thank You for a Generous Gift**
We are incredibly grateful for the generous anonymous donation of our new kitchen cart. What an amazing and thoughtful gift—it's already making a big difference in our kitchen!
To our anonymous donor: thank you for your kindness and support. Your generosity truly means the world to us!
- **From Child Priority:**
Thank you so much for all your hardwork and time commitment to make the Easter Egg Hunt So fun and special for the kiddos at Child Priority. The Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt were the highlight of the week.