



GREETINGS!

Sounds Of Glory

Glory Of God Lutheran Church Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KATIE EMERY...

Transitions are difficult. It doesn't matter when or how they come, really. Whether they are expected or unexpected, planned or unplanned, welcome or unwelcome, all transitions have difficulty.

I have been thinking a lot about transitions lately: as the Rocky Mountain Synod prepares for a new bishop, as Excellence in Leadership prepares for the next season of organizational structure, and as I interview at congregations and ministries and contemplate the next steps for me in ministry. This congregation is also in transition as you navigate the time and space between settled pastors – a journey that I am privileged to walk with you for a season. And as I have been pondering what it means to be in transition, it was this verse from Deuteronomy that kept stirring in my heart and mind.

“Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.” Deuteronomy 31:8

This verse is spoken by Moses to the wandering Hebrew people as they come to their final leg of the journey. The Promised Land is in sight and they think that they will finally be settled after 40 years of unending transition. Then Moses drops the bomb that he will not be joining them in the Promised Land. He is about to die and the leadership will be handed over to another. And these words are what he speaks to them to calm them and reassure them.

Seasons of transition can be full of emotions. Fear, anxiety, uncertainty, frustration, discouragement, sadness, and loneliness are just a few of the multitude that may be experienced. Heaven knows I have felt all of these at times, and the Hebrew people felt them too. Moses speaks directly to their heightened emotions. He doesn't fix their emotions. He doesn't tell them that what they are feeling is bad. Instead, he offers the people one of the greatest gifts in times of transition, continuity. He assures them that the God that has led them out of slavery and throughout their time in the wilderness will still be with them in the next season of their journey and the season after that. God will both go before them as scout to protect them and remain with them where they are, no matter who the next human is who will lead them or wherever they will settle next. God has not and never will abandon them.

These words serve as an important reminder for us as well in our own transitions. We may not know exactly who or what comes next or when it will happen, which can make us fearful and anxious and discouraged. However, we too have the promise that whatever comes next, God has already gone ahead of us to prepare the way and will remain with us as we take each step in front of us. May this be as much of a source of comfort for us now as it was for the Hebrew people so long ago. God is with us in the transition and will never fail or abandon any of us.



May 2	John Scott
May 5	Dick Zinn
May 7	Barb Ebbesen
May 12	Eric Maruyama
May 14	Brad Willey
May 21	Jim Zapp
May 31	Janelle Conniff
	Tyler Kubasta





May 17th & May 18th

Each household that wishes to participate must pay a \$30 "space" fee to Glory of God by May 10th, 2024. If you pay by check, please write "RUMMAGE SALE FEE" in the memo line.

Each household that participates in the sale MUST manage their own sales, pricing, display & items to be sold. *GLORY OF GOD WILL NOT STORE ANY ITEMS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.*

The only time rummage sale items may be stored at the church is after noon (12:00 pm) on Thursday, May 16th in anticipation of the sale on May 17th & overnight on May 17th in anticipation of the sale on May 18th. Please be prepared to move all items yourself. *ALL NON-SOLD ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM GLORY OF GOD PROPERTY WHEN THE SALE ENDS ON MAY 18TH, 2024.*

We hope several households will participate and help make this sale a success!

Participation is not limited to members of GOG - if you know somebody who wants to have a yard/garage sale soon, invite them to participate in our rummage sale. Please contact Ann Craig at 720-231-9211 or acraig729@gmail.com with questions.



May Lunch Bunch is scheduled for:

Monday, May 13th at 11:30 AM

in the Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to Lynn Hornecker
so we have plenty of food!



Monday Night at the Movies is Back!

Monday, May 6th at 6:00 PM

"Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray.

Phil (Bill Murray), a weatherman, is out to cover the annual emergence of the groundhog from its hole. He gets caught in a blizzard that he didn't predict and finds himself trapped in a time warp. He is doomed to relive the same day over and over again until he gets it right.

We will be serving breakfast for dinner because breakfast is at the heart of Groundhog Day's depiction of small-town life.

This movie is rated PG and is a lighthearted comedy with some adult themes.

Watch the trailer by clicking [HERE](#)

We will see you at the movies!



COUNCIL POSITION UPDATE

As we have mentioned over the past several weeks, GOG has several opportunities to serve on council. We have prepared a list of filled positions and open positions for your consideration. Currently, we have three filled positions and six open positions.

The available council positions are...

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

EDUCATION

SOCIAL MINISTRY & EVANGALISM *(one position)*

FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP

. Please see ANY of our current council members with any questions. We will be voting in the new council at our upcoming semi-annual congregational meeting on May 19th.

May Prayer Families



May 5

Thompson, Tomka, Trepp, Van Winkle

May 19

Willey, Wood, Woolsey, Yergert

May 12

Venzke, Volzke, Waters, Wernlein

May 26

Zapp, Zeiler, Zinn, Adams



GOG's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be available in-person and via Zoom. The agenda and other details will be sent out soon!



BLURB

This month marked a milestone for GOG's Bingo session. We held our first "must-go" session on 4/20. It was nothing short of a resounding success!

The atmosphere was vibrant, the excitement palpable, and the sense of community overwhelming. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who played a part in making it such a triumph! Amidst the sea of volunteers, two of our volunteers need to be recognized for their amazing work with our session. **Nancy Hornecker** and **Natalie Craig** epitomize the spirit of volunteerism, demonstrating time and time again their passion for serving GOG and our Bingo community. Their contributions have not gone unnoticed, and this recognition is a testament to their outstanding commitment to the success of GOG's Bingo session. Congratulations Natalie and Nancy, and THANK YOU for all you do!

Sound System Update

Our new audio/ video system is installed!!

Thank you to Equalized Productions and everyone at Glory of God for your support on this. Please understand that our amazing technical team is now learning and getting used to operating this new system. We ask for your patience and offer your grace to the team as they are adjusting to it!



“Do Everything in Love”

1 Corinthians 16:14

Last summer, our sign outside the church office received a makeover, with fresh paint and new lettering. From time to time many neighbors, passers-by, and community members stop to admire it and even take photos of it. What an incredible reminder for them and us to always approach everything we do at GOG and in our lives from a place of love, kindness, and respect. This sign reflects the message GOG hopes to inspire the community with and what we stand behind, both figuratively and literally.

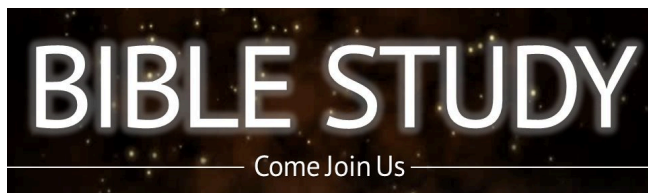


The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.



June & Ann are finally back home. June is healing well and will start physical therapy soon. We want to thank everyone for helping us in so many different ways - food, encouragement, instructions to use a cane, well-wishes, car rides, visits & prayers. This has been quite the journey & we are so thankful we have such amazing support! All of you have reminded us how wonderful our community at Glory of God truly is.

Thank you & blessings to all. - June & Ann



GOG's Bible Study

group meets Tuesdays at 11:00 AM.

We will meet in the conference room with coffee and snacks too!

All are welcome to join the group!



This month the Men's Group will be hosting fellowship on Mother's Day with some Voodoo Donuts, treats from the Taste of Denmark, and a breakfast casserole.

Happy Mother's Day!

THE GOG CRAFT GROUP

will meet on May 6th and 20th at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

The Craft Group meets at GOG every other Monday at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to be part of the Craft Group. Please see Debbie Losey if you would like more information!



Staff meetings with Alison and Michael are held twice a month. May meetings are scheduled for May 13th and May 28th. If there is something you would like brought to the staff's attention, please contact Nancy Hornecker so she can discuss it with them during this time.

God Bless You!

- Brad Willey, Rick Johnson, Diana Wood, June Marquez, Natalie Craig, Debbie Losey, Alison Bray, Bonnie Bliss, Monica Pattison, Nancy Hornecker for all of your amazing talents and gifts you provide to the GOG council.
- All of our Bingo volunteers for providing your talents in such a generous fashion
- Pastor Katie for your hard work and positive energy that you share with us every week
- Michael, Rick and Alison for your outstanding work and professionalism in representing GOG
- Colleen, Jan, Jessica and Roz for your beautiful musical gifts that you all share with us
- Diana Wood, Connie and Earl Bartram, Bob Lundgren and all who helped Nancy Harju with her move to her new home and all the work that goes along with that.
- June, Ann and everyone else that helped pull together an amazing Easter brunch.
- Juanita and Rick from their flexibility when the Bingo system went down this past weekend.
- Pastor Katie for her amazing attitude!
- The transition team for the group sessions.
- Our amazing council and congregation for doing so much.
- Michael and the tech team for getting us such great sound.
- Choir, band, Roz, Jessica, and everyone else that delivers our beautiful music every Sunday.
- Kathryn for all extra work for Holy Week.
- Kathryn and Marlene and the others that helped with Altar duties while I was gone.
- Pastor Katie for her willingness to change up our services AND for an AMAZING Holy Week service, AND for the great service this week. Humor and new perspectives are always appreciated.
- Michael for all the extra work on the Sound Booth transformation.
- Alison and Michael for being our constant at church.
- Juanita for being our constant at Bingo.
- Rick for getting his Bingo Games License.
- All the volunteers who show up each Saturday for Bingo.
- Lynn and her Lunch Bunch Group-they are so appreciated.
- Jan, Roz, Diana, and Pastor Katie for their great Worship planning...our services are so powerful.
- The Preschool and Petite Music for breathing life into our building during the weekday.
- Ann, June, Monica, and Dottie for their hard work on our amazing Easter Brunch.
- Volunteers for tirelessly giving their time each and every Sunday.
- Juanita and Nancy for communication and collaboration.
- Pastor Katie for willingness to support Glory of God and pastor our church during our time of transition.
- Michael continuing to learn the new sound system.
- Thank you to the worship team for their tireless effort in providing such great worship Sundays.
- Thank you to the Praise band and the worship team.
- Bob and Earl with their helping me keep the building maintained.
- For everyone who help keep the church doors open.
- Juanita for her great leadership.
- For all those who set up, prepared the food, and cleaned up on Easter Sunday.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Please pray for all those affected by natural disasters. Pray for protection for all religious and faith-based places of worship. Please pray for all those who serve in law enforcement, and all first responders and their loved ones.



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