



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

GOG is in the Carnation Festival Parade!

Again this year, Glory of God will be walking in Wheat Ridge's largest festival parade on Saturday, August 8 at 9:30. June will be driving her green car (named "Sprout") and our intrepid walkers (some may be in costume) will hand out flyers (attached to packets of fruit snacks) to advertise our upcoming Fall Festival. This is a terrific opportunity to help the community get to know both our Glory of God church and our September fall festival. **We could definitely use more walkers, so if you are interested in joining us, please contact Dana.**

What's Coming Up on Sundays in August:

As many of us prepare for the beginning of another school year, we also have a lot going on at GOG on Sunday mornings that you don't want to miss. Here's what worship will look like during August:

- **Sunday, August 2.** We'll be outside as we continue our sermon series "I'm Glad You Asked." This week we'll look at some questions that relate to salvation through Jesus - what does it mean, how does it happen, what's our role? And what about hell? We'll also celebrate everyone with an August birthday.
- **Sunday, August 9.** We continue our sermon series "I'm Glad You Asked." We'll look more deeply at Christianity and other faiths and exactly who is saved. What does the Bible say? What does Jesus say? And what does the ELCA say?
- **Sunday, August 16.** We're outdoors with our second annual Bible Family Feud game. (See separate article.) Test your bible knowledge against our two competing families, learn something new, and have lots of fun.
- **Sunday, August 23.** We finish up our sermon series as I try to answer your questions about the ELCA and other denominations. We'll look at some differences among faith traditions and the relationship between the ELCA and other denominations. And bring your change because we'll be taking our monthly noisy offering.
- **Sunday, August 30.** It's our last scheduled outdoor worship service of the year, and we'll go out in style with our annual pet blessing. Tell your friends and bring your pets for a joyful and fun worship

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Colorado Christian Short Film Festival

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Colorado Christian Short Film Festival such a wonderful success!

We are incredibly grateful to our volunteers, sponsors, filmmakers, musicians, donors, and everyone who attended and supported the festival. Your time, generosity, encouragement, and enthusiasm helped create a welcoming and memorable experience for everyone involved.

It was a joy to celebrate faith, creativity, and community together. Thank you for your generosity, your time, and your enthusiasm. We couldn't have done it without you, and we look forward to seeing you again at next year's festival!



Bible Family Feud Coming on August 16

The Schmelzel family will be defending their championship, as they take on the Hornecker clan in what will be a hotly contested game of Bible Family Feud during outdoor worship on Sunday, August 16. Just like last year, each family will test their bible knowledge as they vie for bragging rights and our amazing top banana trophies (or some other very cool prize). And all of us get to participate by answering (in advance) the bible questions we'll use for the game. This was our best attended outdoor worship service last year, and you don't want to miss this year's game!

God's Work our Hands Sunday

Save the date -- our annual "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday is coming up on September 13. Prepare for a shorter worship service, so we can spend some time serving our neighbors both inside and outside the church building. Look for more info coming soon!

Free Fall Festival on September 27

Our biggest annual party (and outreach event) is coming up on Sunday, September 27, from 11-2, as we invite all our neighbors to our Free Fall Festival. As usual, we'll have lots of free food and drinks, our car show, cake walks, scavenger hunts, kids' games, live music and lots more. (And look for some new activities this year.) This event, intended to both thank our community and give them a taste of us fun folks at GOG, will be a big one. And that means we'll need everyone's help on the day of the event, and lots of help publicizing and preparing beforehand as well. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to see the many ways you can participate.

Two More Wednesday BBQs

Even if you've missed some of our potluck BBQs in June or July, it's not too late. You can join us for our final Wednesday BBQs on August 12 and 19, starting at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and join us for great food and even better company. This is also a perfect opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends for a fun and relaxing evening. Hope to see you all there.

Monday Night at the Movies is Back!

Join us Monday, August 24, at 6:00 PM for our first movie of the season, Up. Follow Carl, a widower who sets off on an unexpected adventure to fulfill a lifelong dream--only to discover a surprising companion along the way. Dinner and drinks provided. Invite your family and friends.

August Birthdays

Aug. 2	Judy Linsenmeyer
Aug. 3	Rob Maruyama
	Don Trepp
Aug. 7	Colin Eccles
Aug. 8	Beverly Thompson
Aug. 12	Phil Paone
Aug. 24	Kenny Link
Aug. 25	Grant Bryson

August Prayer Families

August 2

Reesman, Reetz, Robinsosn,
Roepcke

August 9

Schmelzel, Scott, Setzer, Shaffer

August 16

Sherman, Smits, Sutherland,
Swanson

August 23

Taggart, Thompson, Tomka, Trepp

August 30

Van Winkle, Vaseleski, Venice, Volzke

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Bingo Charitable Giving

At our May semi-annual congregational meeting, we committed to give back to our community and tie it to our weekly Saturday bingo games. So starting in June, each month Glory of God contributes \$1000, divided among two charities selected by our bingo players and volunteers. Each Saturday, all of our bingo folks and volunteers vote for one of the two monthly charities, with the \$1000 contribution divided based on the percentage of votes each charity receives.

During the first two months of our program, we've given to the following charities: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (\$530), and American Heart Association (\$470) in June; and The Avi Project (\$580) and the American Lung Association (\$420) in July. (Our first two charities were selected in memory of Juanita Linsenmeyer and Natalie Craig, who were instrumental in Glory of God's bingo participation.)

Our two charities for August are Dave's Locker in Arvada, which loans medical equipment to anyone who needs it, and The Gathering Place, a Denver women's shelter. This is a great way to give back to the community. Way to go, Glory of God!!!!

Upcoming Sermon Series - Radical Welcoming

During September, we'll be looking at what it means to radically welcome others (all others), both in the worship space and out in the world wherever we find ourselves. We'll explore what it means to welcome like Jesus both as a congregation and as individuals. And I suspect we'll discover that, as followers of Jesus, welcoming and hospitality are a lot more complicated, and a lot more important, than simply being friendly to visitors on a Sunday morning.

Women's Retreat

Our GOG Women's Retreat is coming up soon. Save the dates, as it runs from Friday evening, October 9 through Sunday morning, October 11. Once again, we'll be up at the YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch, and you can expect wonderful accommodations, fellowship, conversation and food. Look for sign-up forms, which will be out soon.

Tuesday Bible Study

During the month of August, we'll finish up the biblical book of Genesis and then decide on our next bible study focus. There's always room for more people, so please join us at 10:30 every Tuesday morning for some great conversations and fellowship.

Child Priority Preschool News

Child Priority Preschool is getting geared up for another fun school year! Classes begin soon, and you'll see the teachers here over the next few weeks to set up their classrooms and playground. You may also see small groups of kids coming for short visits right before school starts to meet their teachers and all their new friends.

Glory of God will be providing a brunch to thank the preschool staff for all they do on Wednesday August 26. Contact Nancy Hornecker if you'd like to help with that.

Partnering with Fletcher Miller School

Like last year, Glory of God will be doing some partnering with Fletcher Miller School this coming school year. Fletcher Miller has just moved into its amazing new building at 200 S. Kipling St in Lakewood (less than five miles from GOG), where it can better serve students with significant support needs in preschool, kindergarten-12th grade, and its transitional program for older kids.

As you may remember, Fletcher's unique student body means that our partnership looks a bit different than it might at other Jeffco public schools, but our goal remains the same - to do what we can to support teachers and families as they help the kids at Fletcher thrive. Like last year, most of our involvement will be through events that support the Fletcher school staff (over 100 people dedicated to the kids), and to purchasing toys for Clark's Toy Workshop which provides free adapted toys to the students at Christmas. (We'll learn more about partnership opportunities with Fletcher Miller during the year, but anyone who wants to help immediately can check out the Clark's Toy Workshop wish list on Amazon. You buy the toys and they are sent directly to Clark's Toy Workshop to be adapted for the kids by volunteers.)

Invite Some Friends

I've noticed a number of visitors in worship over the last couple weeks. So thanks to those of you who have been inviting family and friends to worship with us over the summer. And please continue to do so - summer is a great time to share our Glory of God family with the important people in our lives. After all, we know that the world needs what we have!

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
from 10:00 AM.

Schedule varies based on
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Lunch Bunch Lunch Bunch will not be happening August 10th as the Crew, sadly, is not available to host. Lunch Bunch will resume in September so please watch for an announcement the first week in September.

Save the Date - Men's Retreat in October

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 everyone. 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.

Support the Wheat Ridge Police Department Safe Stop Program

Throughout August and September, Glory of God Lutheran Church is collecting donations to support the Wheat Ridge Police Department's Safe Stop Program. This wonderful outreach provides officers with beverages and snacks they can offer to community members during difficult situations, helping create moments of comfort, compassion, and connection.

We invite you to help by donating any of the following items:

Beverages

- 12 oz. bottled water
- 7.5 oz. or 12 oz. cans of soda (Zero Sugar varieties preferred), including Coke Zero, Sprite Zero, Pepsi Zero, Dr Pepper Zero, Mountain Dew Zero, and A&W Root Beer Zero
- 12 oz. Gatorade Zero (Red, Blue, White, or Orange)
- 12 oz. Prime Ice Hydration Drinks (Variety Pack)
- 16 oz. Gold Peak or Pure Leaf Unsweetened Tea
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Individually Packaged Snacks

- Popcorn
- Slim Jims
- Potato chips
- Mini candy bars
- MadeGood Granola Bars
- MadeGood Mini Bites
- BelVita Crunchy Breakfast Bars
- Peanut bags

Please remember that all snack donations must be individually packaged.

Your generosity helps provide a simple act of kindness that can make a meaningful difference during someone's day. Thank you for supporting the Wheat Ridge Police Department and for helping our church share Christ's love with our community.

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** for her leadership and for her amazing sermons.
- **Popcorn people** for getting the popcorn and filling the popcorn bags for movie Sunday.
- **Luke Eccles** for helping pass around the popcorn during worship service.
- **Gloria Beasley and Connie Bartram** for greeting and ushering Sunday service collecting noisy offering and distributing popcorn in addition to the usual tasks.
- **June and Debbie** for hosting the huge birthday surprise party for Ann!
- **Brad and Bob** for always answering our calls, and doing the work around here that needs to be done. Plus all the extra work they do.
- **New Council members Megan and Taylor.**
- **Ann** for Leading us.
- **June** for keeping our building so clean.
- **Michael** for keeping all of us going.
- **Rick Johnson** for all he does at Glory of God and Bingo.
- **Debbie, Ann and June** for spearheading the 4th of July picnic. It was a YUMMY celebration and nice to be around church family.
- **To the new faces** who volunteered at Bingo recently, **Christy and Blair, Marci, Ron and Beth.**
- **To all** that help set up, cook, and clean up the Wednesday BBQ dinners.
- **To everyone** participating in the Wednesday BBQs. Always fun and delicious!
- **To everyone** in the congregation and community who donated to the NOISY offering.
- **Altar Guild** for making our sanctuary feel inviting and welcoming. Many hands go into preparing our communion meal each week and we appreciate your efforts.
- **To the Faithful** who are at Bingo on a regular basis: **Rick Johnson, Judy Linsenmeyer, Nancy and Kim Hornecker, Jan Bryson, Ali Arend, Ann Craig and June Marquez, Dianna Trepp, Connie and Earl Bartram, Nita Barchus, Kathryn Gault, Joanne Moon, Diana Wood, Rob Maruyama, Pastor Dana, Jeri Schmelzel.** You are ALL a Blessing to this ministry which helps both to keep our church running and now is helping more charitable organizations.
- **Debbie** for all she does at GOG!
- **Huge BLESS YOU** to our entire congregation for your prayers & care of each other! We are an amazingly supportive & loving community! Keep doing the good work!
- **Tech Team** for making us sound so good and look so good on our streaming platforms.
- **Praise Band** for volunteering your time monthly to make beautiful music and enhance our worship service.
- **Assisting Ministers, Fred, Ann, Debbie and Jeri.** Your participation in service and your prayers are adding depth to the service.
- **June and Monica** being naturals in counting, recording, and reporting offerings in Servant Keeper and Excel and providing them to Rick Johnson.
- **To everyone** who helps to set up AND take down outdoor worship. We are very lucky to be able to gather in our outdoor sanctuary and it is made possible by the MANY people who get the equipment out there.
- **Council and Staff** for all they do!