

*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church  
Gwinner, North Dakota*

# AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER



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## Pastor Update

We are excited to announce that we have extended a call to Jaime Decker. She has graciously accepted, and she will start August 23rd and will be ordained in October.

This is an exciting new chapter for GA Church, please share the good news.

# “God Pause”

**A daily devotion brought to you by the alumni of Luther Seminary**



## **John 6:24-35 (NRSV)**

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. Verse<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Verse<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Verse<sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Verse<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Verse<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." Verse<sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Verse<sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Verse<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. Verse<sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Verse<sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Verse<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

## **Devotion**

A popular statement, often mistakenly attributed to St. Francis, goes "Always preach the gospel, and, if you must, use words". Anna didn't need to use words. We called her "Little Anna," not because she was a child but because her frame had shrunk to the point she stood barely five feet tall. The driver of our church van told me that when he drove up to her house and pushed the button to open the sliding door on the other side of the van, she was so short he couldn't see her standing there. What he did see was her hand reaching up into the van with a can of beef stew for the neighborhood food shelf. I learned from Anna that if I wanted to influence parishioners to give to the food shelf or contribute to the World Hunger Appeal, it was best not to talk about it but to contribute myself. So when I tire of contributing food or money, I think of Anna and her can of beef stew.

## **Prayer**

Generous God, you provide bread for the hungry. Help us to turn our words into actions in your name. Amen.

Richard Mork '70 M.Div Retired Pastor, Blaine, Minnesota

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- August 01:** 9:30 AM Worship with Communion—Kirsten Frantsvog
- August 08:** 9:30 AM Worship with Communion—Kirsten Frantsvog
- August 08:** Make-A-Change Sunday
- August 11:** Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- August 12:** Ruth Circle 2:30 PM
- August 15:** 9:30 AM Worship, No Communion—Julie Johnson
- August 22:** 9:30 AM Worship, No Communion—Gretchen Christenson
- August 23:** September Newsletter Deadline
- August 25:** Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM
- August 28:** Sorenson/Swanson Wedding
- August 29:** 9:30 AM Worship with Communion—Jaime Decker

**amazon smile** Amazon Smile: As you do **BACK TO SCHOOL** shopping don't forget GA Church is now a selection you can donate to if you shop on Amazon. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) login as you normally do and choose GA Church as your donation choice and then just shop! Amazon.com will then donate 0.5% of any qualifying purchase to GA Church! There is no cost to sign up for this and it doesn't change how you shop, it's a very easy way to help support GA. Year to date GA Church has received **\$291.50** from Amazon smile purchases. Thank you!



**Sunday School Director:** GA Church is looking for a new Sunday School Director. If you are interested in this position please contact the church. Thank you in advance for helping our youth on their faith journey.



**Dog Beds:** The Bits N' Stitches Quilters have pillow dog beds for sale. \$5.00 Each. If interested contact Julie Johnson or Becky Salberg. The proceeds from the sale of the beds will go towards purchasing more supplies for Quilting. Thank you!



**Newly Baptized:** Congratulations to Beckett Hansen, infant son of Ashley & Gage Hansen who was baptized on 7-25-21 here at GA Church. May we all welcome him and help guide him on his faith journey.



**Newlyweds:** Congratulations to Becky & Josh Hansana who were married at GA Church on 7-24-21. May God Bless you on your marriage journey.

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**Our Sympathies :** Go out to the family and friends of: Those who have lost a loved one. May God's loving embrace help you through this difficult time, and may the many happy memories ease your pain.



**The Sargent County Food Pantry:** The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry is in need of the following items at this time: **Top Needs: Paper towels, Kleenex, Laundry soap, Dish soap, Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, Toothpaste and toothbrushes.** As always, monetary donations are always appreciated. Please Send them to PO Box 101, Forman ND 58032. Monetary donations are used for: vouchers for the grocery store for perishable items (milk, eggs, butter, bread, cheese, fresh vegetables and fruits). At Christmas and Easter, we purchase and distribute food boxes to many residents of Sargent County. Drop off in Gwinner at GA Lutheran Church. You can also drop off items at the Food Pantry, located in the Gwinner Community Center, every Tuesday, 1:00-4:00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!! Check out their Facebook page too! <http://www.facebook.com/scfpnd>

**Givelify Online Giving:** GA Church now has online giving available you can download the Givelify App or you can go to [www.galutheranchurch.org](http://www.galutheranchurch.org) and click on the Donate Now tab. As always your donations to GA are greatly appreciated! Thank you. Any questions please feel free to call Carrili.



**Church Services:** If you would like to watch church service live from home you can do so on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) just search for GA Lutheran Church on YouTube, a link is also available on the church website on the page with the bulletins. Church service is also still being broadcast on 89.9FM if you would like to listen from the parking lot. The bulletin for each Sunday will be posted on the church website [www.galutheranchurch.org](http://www.galutheranchurch.org) if you would like to view it while you listen to the service.

If you miss the live service a recording will also be posted on the church website which you can view at anytime. Any questions ask Carrili or Kris. Thank you and spread the word.



**Do You Know:** of any members that do not get our monthly newsletter, but would like to?

If so, please contact Carrili at 701-678-2552 or

[galutheranchurch@outlook.com](mailto:galutheranchurch@outlook.com) and let her know. Thank You.

Also, please make sure that you have a current e-mail address on file with the church so that you can receive the newsletter. If you would let it mailed out hardcopy to you please let Carrili know. Thanks!



**Church Finances:** For the month of March 2020: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church!

**Not Available at time of Publication.**

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**Drive-Thru Update:** The hope of the church is that we will not need to take out another loan to finish this project. With the giving we have already received for the first phase (cement work) and donations from church groups, we will still need around \$29,000.00 to finish this next phase (Roof). Due to COVID fundraising is not an easy option at this time. So, we are reaching out to you, the members of GA, and just asking you to make donations for this next phase. If you are wanting to donate please note on your donation that it is for the drive-thru project and mail them in or drop them in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for all your support of GA Church.



**Sunday School Director:** GA Church is looking for a new Sunday School Director!! If you are interested please contact the church or Jaime. Thank you in advance.



**Drive Thru – BRICK WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED!** Now that the brick is done the rest of the siding and rain gutters will be installed, **THIS WORK STARTED FRIDAY 7-30-21!** The electricity will be connected, and a dimmer switch will be installed to control the canopy lights. There will also be electric receptacles on 2 of the columns.

**Ice Dam Project** – Phase One which made it possible for cold air to enter the attic is completed. Phase 2 which insulates the ductwork is on hold. Kent Johnson, Darrel Salberg and myself did a trial run and at that time, it was determined it was too hot in the attic to get a crew of volunteers involved. This will be done later this fall when the temperatures are cooler. Phase 3 which adds more blown in insulation will be determined after the air ducts are insulated. Thank you, Kent and Darrel for your suggestions and help. ~Dennis Dahl~

## July/August Action Group

**Co-Chairs: Kandyce Sandstrom**

Donna Anderson

Janice Buchholz

Heather Hamann

Carol Holmstrom

Lynn Jacobson

Lannae Johnson

Marsha Murphy

Becky Sandness

Deb Tufty

Robbin Witkowski

Shalon Benneweis

Verna Anderson

Courtney Anderson



# August Birthdays

- 1 Shane Orn  
Nicholas Goettle
- 2 Bonnie Beem  
Rayna Decker  
Anthony Fuss  
Ryan Grieger
- 4 Jamie Johnson  
Tucker Larson  
Jason Rodine
- 5 Heidi Johnson  
Trace Hanson  
Curt Tufty  
Deb Thorsness  
Jennifer White
- 6 Jeff Johnson  
Miles Johnson
- 7 Alison Toepke
- 10 Matthew Odegard
- 11 Sydney Sitz
- 12 Nick Hardy  
Shane White  
Maisen Waloch
- 14 Alicia Kelsen  
Alex Anderson  
Brooklyn Ponzer
- 15 Paul Vincent  
Moxyn Hamann
- 16 Dale Beaver  
Ashley Berreth  
Connie Kracht
- 17 Ross Hardy  
Julie Johnson  
Tucker Meyer  
Landon Meyer
- 18 Kami Wrage
- 19 Bryton Ciesynski  
Lisa Jensen
- 20 Courtney Anderson  
Jacob Hardy



- 22 Jerel Dux  
Maddilyn Faber
- 23 Sean Anderson  
Amy Swanson  
Steve Nicholson
- 24 Trent Hardy
- 26 Bailey Kraft
- 27 Steve Jacobson
- 28 Crystal Taylor
- 30 Roger Klemetson  
Steve Morlock
- 31 Lee Schwagel Jr.  
Ava Mairs



# August Anniversaries

- 15 Karissa & Ben Hanson
- 18 Donna & Dave Hansen
- 20 Joan & Dewey Johnson
- 21 Betty & Duane Johnson
- 23 Jessica & Jerel Dux
- 25 Verna & Dean Anderson
- 26 Trudy & Duane Peterson
- 27 Dawn & Sean Anderson  
Paula & Rodney Hansen
- 29 Nancy & Adam Wrage
- 31 Judy & Jeff Tyler

*Have  
you been left out of the  
birthday and  
anniversary page?  
Or is the date always  
wrong?  
If you have noticed any  
mistakes in the monthly  
newsletters,  
please contact the church  
office at 678-2552 or  
email us at [galutheran-  
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Thanks!*

# August Worship Assistants

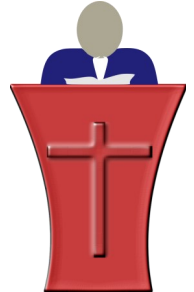
## Acolytes

- 01 Hunter Lien
- Aleysha Sarith
- 08 Carrie Osier
- Jakob Creech
- 15 Brea Johnson
- Lando Decker
- 22 Rayna Decker
- Matt Stubbert
- 29 Lucus Christensen
- RayLee Odegard



## Readers

- 01 Michelle Goettle
- 08 Tucker Larson
- 15 Nancy Wrage
- 22 Kirstin Kempel
- 29 Alison Toepke



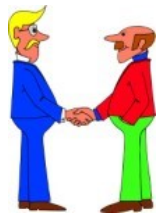
## Communion Assistants

- 01 Jessica Peterson
- 08 Mike Larson
- 15 Dennis Dahl
- 22 Kent Johnson
- 29 Joleen Hardy



## Greeters

- 01 Gerad & Sandra Nerison
- 08 Kirstin & Torey Kempel
- 15 Brian & Kari Gilje
- 22 Martin Potts & Julie Waswick
- 29 Dennis & Denise Dahl



## Sound System

Volunteers Needed  
To Learn  
The New System



## Ushers

- Captain:** Rosi Odegard  
Shirley Fuss  
Duane & Trudi Peterson  
Michelle Goettle  
Adam & Nancy Wrage



## Mowing

August 01-07	Dennis Dahl
August 08-14	Shawn Beck
August 15-21	Martin Potts
August 22-28	Jerrod Sandness
August 29– Sept 4	Adam Wrage

## 2nd Sunday

**Reminder:** You are responsible to find your own replacement if you can't fulfill your duties. Thanks!

7-21-21

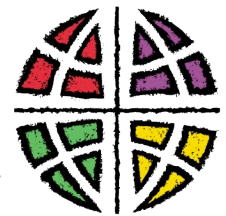
Meeting called to order by Kris Beck, 55 people in attendance.

Kirstin Kempel gave a prayer to open the meeting.

**Tellers:** Stacy McKeever, Nancy Wrage, Jessica Peterson

**The Call :** Discussion was held in regards to calling Jaime Decker to be the pastor here at GA Church. It was stated that a start date will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. A Motion was made to call Jaime as our pastor by Dennis Dahl, Kandyce Sandstrom second, no opposed motion carried. Ballots were cast, 55 total votes, all were yes. So Jaime Decker will be called as the pastor her at GA Church.

**Compensation & Benefits:** Kris Beck presented the benefits and compensation packages which included options of Pay with insurance and no experience, and the option of insurance and pay with 3 years experience. It was suggested from Synod that the 3 year option be followed for her experience while she was in school. It was discussed that the housing allowance could be removed as Jaime has her own home. Council will discuss that at a special meeting with Jaime. Jaime had asked to be a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time pastor, it was discussed that if she went  $\frac{3}{4}$  time then pay would decrease accordingly. Council is recommending full time not the  $\frac{3}{4}$  pastor. A motion was made by Dennis Dahl, Second Chad Crandall to vote on whether  $\frac{3}{4}$  or full time. All in favor, no opposed. A vote by hand was held and 48 for full time and 2 for  $\frac{3}{4}$ , rest chose not to vote, vote passed and it is decided that Jaime will be approached that we are requesting full time employment. Compensation packages were discussed and explained. A motion was made to vote on compensation package 2 by Jessica Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirstin Kempel, no opposed motion passed. Vote was held and 50 yes, 4 no, 1 no vote, so package 2 will be offered to Jaime for pay.



Meeting was adjourned by Kris Beck.



# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship w/ Communion	2	3	4	5 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	6 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	7
8 9:30 Worship w/ Communion  <b>Make-A-Change Sunday</b>	9	10	11 <b>Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM</b>	12 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Ruth Circle 2:30 PM</b>	13 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	14
15 9:30 Worship	16	17	18	19 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	20 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	21
22 9:30 Worship	23 <b>September Newsletter Deadline</b>  	24	25 <b>Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM</b>	26 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	27 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	28 <b>Swanson/ Sorenson Wedding</b>
29 9:30 Worship w/ Communion	30	31				

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