

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



Goodbye Summer!



A Prayer For The Harvest

Gracious and Holy God,
We thank you for the bounty of the land
and for those who plant and harvest
that the world might be fed.

We are grateful for the harvest that has
been successfully and safely completed.
And, we pray that you graciously watch over
those farmers yet to complete their harvest.
Grant them favorable weather conditions and keep them safe.

Where there is anxiety, give peace.
Where there is depression, restore hope.
Where there is economic uncertainty, grant protection.

Life-giving God, we trust in your faithfulness
and your promise to abide with us always.
So, we are bold to pray that joy and
gladness be restored to our orchards and farms and ranches.

We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we
have our hope and salvation. Amen.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough

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“God Pause”

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



Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." Verse ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" Verse ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Verse ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. Verse ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Verse ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. Verse ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' Verse ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' Verse ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Devotion

When do we know that we have enough? My parents and grandparents survived the Great Depression, so I learned the saying, "waste not, want not," from a young age. I learned to use things as long as possible, to take care of them, and to hang on to them in case I needed them when the next crisis came. Our culture also encourages us to stock up now, while prices are low (so we can buy more)! In addition to causing unnecessary worry about our future, we accumulate possessions until we sometimes even have to pay for more places to store them. Somewhere along the way we passed the point of having enough and lost our focus of what is really important. This is what Jesus illustrates in the Parable of the Rich Fool. Through greed we idolize wealth, take our eyes off God and Jesus' commandments to love God, and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Prayer

God of abundance, you feed us every day. Help us trust that you are enough, and that in your hands we are safe to give of ourselves and feed a world hungry for food, water, love, and forgiveness. Amen.

Bernhard Asher '16 M.S.M. Choir Director, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



August 01-07: Pastor Jaime Off

August 06: 10:00 AM Bridal Shower for Megan Christiansen bride-to-be of Walter Wrage

August 07: 9:30 AM Worship Service Without Communion—Joleen Hardy Leader

August 10: 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting

August 11: 2:30 PM Ruth Circle

August 14: 9:30 AM Worship Service Without Communion—Leader NEEDED!!

August 21: 9:30 AM Worship Service With Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

August 22: September Newsletter Deadline

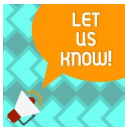
August 28: 9:30 AM Worship Service With Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

August 31: 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting

Leader Needed: A leader will be needed for Worship on **August 14th**, as Pastor Jaime will be on vacation. If you are interested in leading please let Jaime or Carrili know.



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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 and let her know. Thank You.



Venmo: GA Church now was Venmo! If you would like to use Venmo to place your Weekly/Monthly/Annual Offerings please do so!! Our account is @GustafAdolf-LutheranChurch or scan the QR Code. Thank you!



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Thank You: 🎵 "If you see us rollin' into your neighborhood. Come taste and see that the Lord is good!" 🎵 Thank you VBS kids, families, volunteers, & community for your presence and participation this week at our VBS Food Truck Party! We hope you continue to be "on a roll" with God and remember to pray, God ~ give us this day our daily bread. God is great! God is good! By God's hands we are all fed! ~ Pastor Jaime & Markie

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of Sandra Asche, Norma Lacher and Jerry Erickson. 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: Canned fruits/veggies, Cereal, Paper products, Juice, Condiments.** 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>

Online Giving: GA Church now has online giving available you can download the Givelify App or **Givelify** you can go to 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 just search for GA Lutheran Church on YouTube, a link is also available on the church website on the page with the bulletins. The bulletin for each Sunday will be posted on the church website 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.



Bulletin Donation Sheet: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2022 church season is on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to donate/sponsor a bulletin for a Sunday please mark it down and get your payments to Carrili. Bulletin donations are \$15.00 per Sunday. Thank you for your support.



Church Finances: For the month of June 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church!
Starting: \$19,324.53 - Debts \$22,949.55 + Deposits \$27,078.86 = End \$22,453.84



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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!



2022 WELCA Annual Meeting: September 24th, 2022 in Medina ND. Keynote Speaker Deb Wald: Singer, Song Writer, Poet & Spiritual Advisor, Member of Hope Lutheran of Fargo and Golden Oldies Musical Group. If you are interested in attending please contact Paula Hansen WELCA President and she will get you registered. If you want more information please see the sign on the Sanctuary Door. Thank you!



Bridal Shower: A Bridal Shower for Megan Christiansen bride-to-be of Walter Wrage will be held August 6th at GA Church from 10am-Noon. All are welcome to attend. The couple is registered at Target and Menards!



Sunday School Teachers!: As we head into the 2022-2023 Sunday School year if you are interested in being a teacher and or a sub please let Jaime know! Thank you in advance for helping our youth on their faith journey.

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
Jasmine Seykora
- 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
Moxsyn 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
- 28 Courtney & Isaac Swanson
- 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-
church@outlook.com](mailto:galutheran-church@outlook.com)***

Thanks!

August Worship Assistants

Acolytes

- 07 Hunter Lien
- Moxynn Hamann
- 14 Jace Faber
- Jakob Creech
- 21 Brea Johnson
- Lando Decker
- 28 Jaila Nerison
- Matt Stubbert



Communion Assistants

- 07 Auston Creech
- 14 Mike Larson
- 21 Dennis Dahl
- 28 Kent Johnson



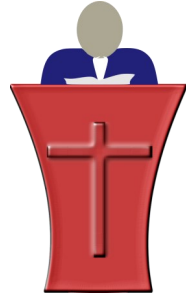
Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



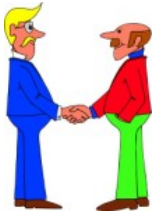
Readers

- 07 Michelle Goettle
- 14 Carrili Larson
- 21 Nancy Wrage
- 28 Kirstin Kempel



Greeters

- 07 Torey & Kirstin Kempel
- 14 Brian & Kari Gilje
- 21 Waswick/Potts Family
- 28 Dennis & Denise Dahl



Ushers

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



Lawn Mowers

- July 31-Aug 06 Kenwood Peterson
- Aug 7-13 Kent Johnson
- Aug 14-20 Dennis Dahl
- Aug 21-27 Walter Wrage
- Aug 28-Sept 03 Shawn Beck

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

July 10, 2022– Unapproved Minutes

President Kris Beck, called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Council members present Kris Beck, Martin Potts, Paul White, Auston Creech, and Mike Larson. Also, present Pastor Jaime Decker.

Devotion and prayer led by: None

Secretary’s Report. Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Potts/Larson. All in favor, motion carried.

Church Work Group Reports:

Property and Grounds – Doors still aren’t working House of Glass has been called. Outlet on the canopy didn’t work for outdoor service going to try and get Crossroads Electric to look at them. Mike plans to install the new heat tape and vent pipes before winter.

WELCA

Men’s Group

YOGA – Yoga paid the remaining balance at Total Home of \$2,208.97

Education – VBS July 11-14, 2022. The theme is Food Truck Party, on a roll with God, so there will be food trucks for the public to enjoy starting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 13.

Altar Guild

Worship and Music – Music is planned for the summer

Drive Through Committee – The signs are installed.

New Business:

Olson Accounting has been hired to do the church payroll and reports for us.

Letter has been sent to the congregation by email about the financial needs of the church. We are planning on mailing it still but working on cleaning up the membership list.

Pastor Jaime discussed plans about having Wednesday worship starting in October. The details are finalized, she will get more information in the coming months.


Treasurer’s Report: Motion to accept. White/Creech. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn meeting. Larson/Potts. All in favor, motion carried.

Lord’s Prayer

Next Meeting: August 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm

AUGUST 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	01 Jaime Off	02 Jaime Off	03 Jaime Off	04 Jaime Off	05 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	06 Jaime Off Bridal Shower 10AM
07 9:30 Worship No Communion Jaime Off	08	09	10 Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM	11 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	12 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	13
14 9:30 Worship No Communion MAC Sunday Jaime Off	15	16	17	18 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	19 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	20
21 9:30 Worship w/Communion	22 September Newsletter Deadline 	23	24	25 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	26 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	27
28 9:30 Worship w/ Communion	29	30	31 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM			

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....RICK GRIEGER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
SCS SUPERINTENDENT.....JAN MELROE & BARB MELROE
YOGA LEADERS.....DAWN ANDERSON & RACHEL NELSON

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