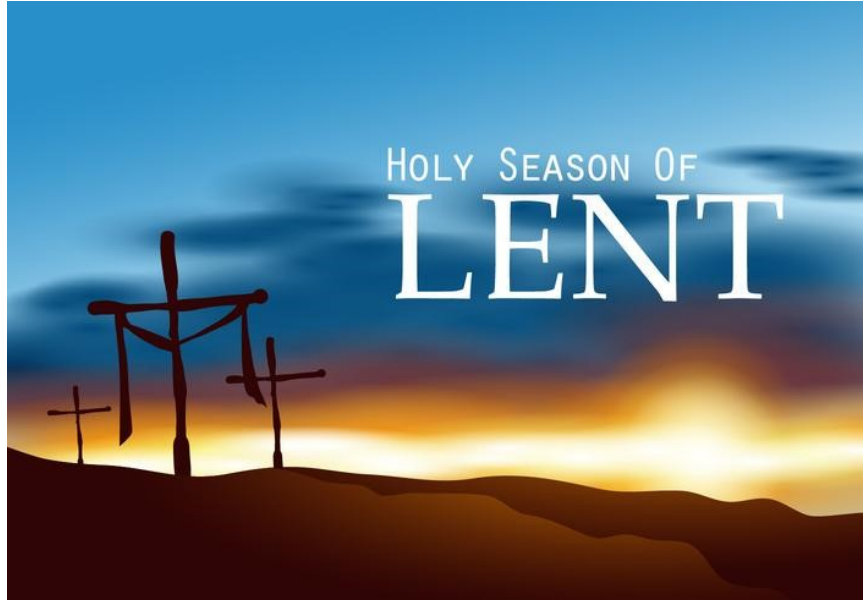


*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Ash Wednesday

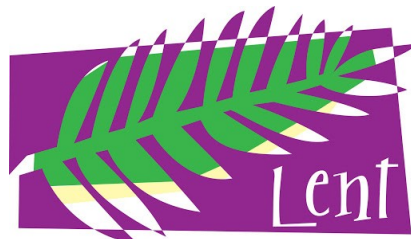
February 17th 6:30 PM

Lent Services

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 PM

No Potluck

February 24 thru March 24



From The Intern Pastor

Greetings!

The month of February is upon us which means that the season of Lent is approaching. Lent begins on February 17th with Ash Wednesday. Our theme for this Lenten Season is "Again & Again," by A Sanctified Art Organization. We will be using this theme for our Sunday and Wednesday midweek services. The following is an introduction to the theme by the authors of A Sanctified Art.

"In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats - every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?" And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.

This theme provides a clear invitation in a time when much is unclear. Even if worshipping apart, we come to God again and again with our prayers, our dreams, our hopes, and our doubts. Even if from a distance, we will continue to be community to one another - especially when it's hard - by choosing each other over and over again. We will continue to love God with the same persistence God chooses and claims us. Our sub-theme, *A Lenten Refrain, speaks to the ways God can make music of our lives. "Refrain" also reminds us that Lent is a season of abstaining from certain practices in order to take on new rhythms and habits.*

In this season, we need rituals - both old and new - to remember and be transformed. Embodied practice builds muscle memory. Repetition helps re-train our neural pathways. We need the 46 days of Lent because this season shapes us into more faithful disciples. Join us this Lent as again and again, we bring all of who we are to God and trust that God will meet us, time and again, along the way." (A Sanctified Art Organization)


Blessings in Christ ~ Intern Pastor Jaime


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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS





- Feb 03:** 6:45 PM Confirmation
- Feb 07:** 9:30 AM Worship Service No Communion-Gretchen Christenson
- Feb 07:** Annual Meeting after Worship Service
- Feb 10:** 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting
- Feb 10:** 6:45 PM Confirmation
- Feb 11:** 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
- Feb 14:** 9:30 AM Worship Service No Communion-Lance Griese
- Feb 17:** 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb 21:** 9:30 AM Worship Service With Communion-Pastor Norm Anderson
- Feb 22:** March Newsletter Deadline
- Feb 24:** 6:30 PM Lenten Worship (No Potluck)
- Feb 28:** 9:30 AM Worship Service With Communion-Jaime Decker


 **Amazon Smile:** As you do **ONLINE** 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 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 **\$253.07** from Amazon smile purchases. Thank you!


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

 **Snow Removal:** Uffda who would have though we would have to think about this already! Just a reminder snow removal is done on a voluntary basis, so if you have the time and equipment it would be greatly appreciated if you helped keep our church safe this winter for those that will be using the facility. Thank you!

 **Annual Meeting:** 2021 Annual Meeting for GA Church will be February 7th after worship service. Please spread the word. Hope to see you there!

 **Annual Meeting Booklets:** The Annual Meeting booklets are printed and on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to take one to review prior to the meeting please feel free to do so, just remember to bring it back with you on February 7th for the Annual Meeting. Thank you and see you all there!

 **Thank you:** A HUGE Thank You to everyone who turned in their Annual Meeting reports this year. I had all but a few by the deadline and that is amazing! Your help and efficiency is greatly appreciated. Carrili L.

 **Poinsettia Plants:** Please take home your poinsettias if you would like to keep them. Have them removed by the 3rd of February. Thank you.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Charles “Bennie” Rodine. 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 vegetables (corn, peas, beans), canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.** 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 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. 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 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 2021 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.



WELCA Booklets: 2021 WELCA booklets are printed and available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a copy, please feel free to grab one. Thanks!



Church Finances: For the month of September 2020: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Finances not available at time of publication.**

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Giving Hearts Day: Giving Hearts Day is February 11th! EAND Synod has a BOLD goal for this year - to raise \$100,000 for Synod ministries! Giving Hearts Day continues to grow and be a vital avenue to support synod ministry and we thank-you for all the ways you've supported this day in the past. Donate February 11th at GIVINGHEARTSDAY.ORG.



 Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA



Drive-Thru Donations: If you are interested in donating to the sidewalk/drive-thru project, you can do so by dropping your donation in the offering plate or the mail. Please make sure to put a note on the memo that it is for the Drive-Thru protect. Thanks so much!

Changes to Usher Duties: First off thankyou to everyone who helps with ushering at GA your help is greatly appreciated. With the impact of COVID-19 the ushering duties have changed just a little bit, the following list includes the new duties:

1. Turn on Automated Door Openers
2. Ushers please direct people into the sanctuary, no loitering in the narthex, before and after service
3. Ushers will still hand out bulletins, church will provide gloves if needed
4. If there is communion there will be a table with the single serve cups set out in the back, just encourage everyone to take one on the way into service.
5. Offering tray will be set in the back of sanctuary just point it out for people to drop off their offering on way in or out.
6. Usher out a single row at a time when service is done to help with maintaining social distancing and reduce congestion.

January/February Action Group

Co-Chairs: Rachel Nelson

Jessica Peterson

Dawn Anderson

DeAnna Youle

Paula Mae Hansen

Karen Anderson

Jolene Lutt

Carolyn Klemetson

Nicole Shockley

Jaime Decker

Tanya Walth

LaVon Stopplesworth

Karla Waloch

Laurie Lee

Kristy Mairs

Janelle Mairs

Sandra Nerison



February Birthdays

- 2 Kelsey Beckstrom
Mike Larson
- 3 Janet Orn
Sam Gebeke
Marshall Weigelt
- 7 Clarmont Ulven
- 8 Kris Beck
Tayler Hansen
Sage Turchin
- 9 Chase McFarland
- 10 Jasmine Sherlock
- 11 Kirstin Kempel
- 12 Katelyn Decker
Dawson McKeever
Justin Rodine
- 13 Betty Melroe
Jennifer Kleingartner
- 14 Laura Thurston
- 16 Brian Tyler
Galen Metz
Kari Ulven
- 17 Sylvan Anderson
Lando Decker
- 18 Myrna Anderson
- 19 Michelle Ciesynski
- 20 Randy Holden
Kenwood Peterson
Jewel Jones-VanTassel
Trista Weigelt
- 21 Shirley Christensen
Preston Odegard
- 22 Dennis Peterson
- 23 James D. Johnson
Lucas Lutt
- 24 Dennis Dahl
Sierra McKeever
- 25 Logan Peterson
Chad Vincent



- 26 Kristy Hohnadel
Jackie Wrage
- 27 Terry Beckstrom
- 28 Aidan Anderson
- 29 Dawson Peterson

February Anniversaries



***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!

February Worship Assistants

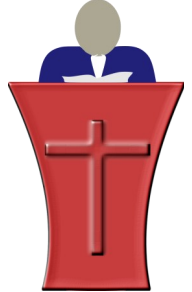
Acolytes

- 07 Hunter Lien
- Lucas Osier
- 14 RayLee Odegard
- Athena Erickson
- 17 Youth
- 21 Maddilyn Faber
- Lando Decker
- 24 Youth
- 28 Halle Lien
- Aidan Anderson



Readers

- 07 Coleen Beaver
- 14 Carrili Larson
- 17 Youth
- 21 Kirstin Kempel
- 24 Youth
- 28 Julie Johnson



Greeters

- Not Needed
- At This Time
- Due To COVID

Communion Assistants

- 07 Steve Melroe
- 14 Jessica Peterson
- 17 Kris Beck
- 21 Shirley Waloch
- 24 Michelle Ciesynski
- 28 Becky Salberg



Ushers

- Captain:** Dan & Stacy McKeever
 Sean & Dawn Anderson
 Chris McFarland
 Jon & Wendy McFarland
 Darrel & Becky Salberg



Sound System

- Not Needed
- At This Time
- Due To New
- Sound System



2nd Sunday

- Carrie Osier
- Nick Hansen
- Kennedi Faber
- Alexis Saryth

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

January 6, 2021

President, Kris Beck, called the regular council meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members Kris Beck, Joleen Hardy, Jessica Peterson, Martin Potts, and Youth Representative Sheridan McKeever were present.

Devotion and prayer led by: None

Discussion and approval of the 2021 Budget.

Jessica P. had \$500 added to official meeting for pastor and \$1,000 added to Call Committee.

Motion to approve the budget with changes. Potts/Peterson. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held about moving the Annual Meeting date. Last year at the Annual Meeting a motion was made to move the meeting to March. It needed a second congregational vote but due to the pandemic we were not able to have a second meeting. The synod office said we as council could have a continuing resolution to move the meeting and have a second vote at the Annual Meeting, if we chose to. We decided to leave the meeting this year at February 7th.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn meeting. McKeever/Hardy. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: February 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Annual Meeting February 7, 2021 following church



FEBRUARY 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 Confirmation 6:45 PM	4 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	5 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	6
7 9:30 Worship Annual Meeting	8	9	10 Council Meeting 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM	11 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	12 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	13
14 9:30 Worship Make-A-Change Sunday	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 PM	18 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	19 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	20
21 9:30 Worship Communion	22 March Newsletter Deadline 	23	24 Lent Service 6:30 PM	25 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	26 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	27
28 9:30 Worship Communion						

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MIKE LARSON, MARTIN POTTS, COURTNEY ANDERSON,
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE