

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church  
Gwinner, North Dakota

# JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



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## 2021 is Here!!

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful” ([Hebrews 10:23](#)).

To be without hope is a dangerous place to be because at that point life feels like it’s not worth living. You may have felt like this, but you don’t have to remain in that place. You can have hope in the one who saved you and has promised to bless you and keep you.

### Prayer:

Lord, in this new year help me to remember your promises and who you are. It is because of you that I can have hope because you are faithful. Let your faithfulness be the thing I remember and rely on. Let that be the source of my hope and joy. In your name I pray, Amen.

# From The Intern Pastor

No Report Available

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- Jan 03:** 9:30 Church Service—No Communion
- Jan 06:** No Confirmation
- Jan 10:** 9:30 Church Service—No Communion
- Jan 10:** Make-A-Change Sunday
- Jan 13:** Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- Jan 13:** Confirmation 6:45 PM
- Jan 14:** Ruth Circle 2:30 PM
- Jan 17:** 9:30 Church Service—No Communion
- Jan 18:** ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE :)
- Jan 20:** Confirmation 6:45 PM
- Jan 24:** 9:30 Church Service—With Communion
- Jan 25:** February Newsletter Deadline
- Jan 27:** Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM
- Jan 27:** Confirmation 6:45 PM
- Jan 31:** 9:30 Church Service—With Communion

**amazon smile** 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](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 **\$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!



Thank You: YOGA would like to Thank everyone that bought poinsettias the sale went great, and thank you for your continued support of the youth of GA...thank you!!



Thank You: Thank you to all who donated goodies or lefse for the WELCA bake sale. We had a wonderful variety! Thanks also, to anyone who purchased bake sale items. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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

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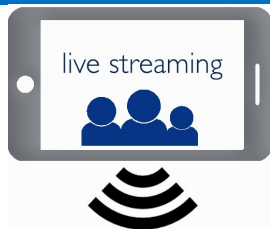
**Our Sympathies :** Go out to the family and friends of: ElRoy Odegard. May God's loving embrace help you through this difficult time, and may the many happy memories ease your pain.



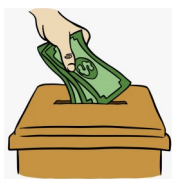
**The Sargent County Food Pantry:** The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry is in need of the following items at this time: **Top Needs: Laundry soap, Dish soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar soap, Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Deodorant, Kleenex, Paper towels.** As always, monetary donations 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](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.



**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!**



**Annual Meeting Deadline:** The deadline to Turn in reports to Carrili is January 18th. All treasurers and leaders of church groups please get your info turned in. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**Church Finances:** For the month of September 2020: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Beginning Balance \$59422.40- Debts \$15977.00 + Deposits \$23629.01 = End Balance \$67074.41**

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

**Poinsettias:** Thank you to everyone that has donated a plant to make our worship space beautiful this Christmas Season! A Red Poinsettia was given by Gene Hajek in Memory of Mavis Hajek, A Red Poinsettia was given in Memory of Gerald Beckstrom by Jeanette Beckstrom and Families, A White Poinsettia was given in Memory of Corwin Waswick by Julie & Olivia Waswick, A Jingle Bell Poinsettia was given in Loving Memory of ElRoy & LaVelle Odegard by the Odegard Family, A Jingle Bell Poinsettia was given in Memory of Debra & Gail by Shirley Waloch, A Jingle Bell Poinsettia was given in Memory of David Nelson by Kirstin Kempel, A Red Poinsettia was given in Memory of Grandma Gladyce Nelson by Karla Ulven, A Jingle Bell Poinsettia was given in Memory of Bill & Berty Huebner by Dave & Robbin Witkowski, A Red Poinsettia was given in Memory of Ted & Hazel Kempel by Dave & Robbin Witkowski, A White Poinsettia was given in Memory of Leon & Millie Witkowski by Dave & Robbin Witkowski, A Jingle Bell Poinsettia was given in Memory of Their Grandchildren by Kent & Julie Johnson, A Red Poinsettia was Given to Wish All A Merry Christmas by Kent & Julie Johnson, A Jingle Bell Poinsettia was given in Memory of their Departed Loved Ones by the Ciesynski Family. A Jingle Bell Poinsettia was given in Memory of ElRoy Odegard by the McKeever Family. A Red Poinsettia was given in Memory of Manny Hegle by the McKeever Family. A Red Poinsettia was given by Norma, Gloria and Maxine in Memory of Grant, Marie & Gerald Beckstrom.



**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 thank you 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





# January Birthdays

- 1 Bryan Christensen  
Jackson Odegard
- 2 Kylie Anderson
- 3 Athena Erickson  
Deb Johnson  
Ashley Hansen  
Peyton Vincent
- 4 Kent Johnson
- 5 Austin Johnson  
Matthew Stubbert
- 6 Ryan Holden  
Jenna Johnson  
Norma Lacher
- 8 Jan Melroe
- 9 Doug Anderson  
Chloe Beck
- 10 Raymond Johnson
- 11 Jason Bauer  
TJ Johnson
- 12 Jan Bjork  
Troy Jacobson
- 14 Masyn Stahl
- 15 Bret Buckingham
- 16 Angelica Olson
- 17 Karla Frederick  
Elijah Hanson
- 18 Charles Klemetson
- 20 Amanda Tufty
- 21 Logan Decker  
Jaden Gilje  
Della Teske  
Jeremy Walth
- 22 Elizabeth Hardy  
Scott Udem
- 23 Marissa Hanson  
Victoria Sandness
- 24 Alyssa Tindell



- 26 Lucas Osier  
Jessica Peterson
- 27 Shelley Anderson  
Richard Jacobson  
Karah Sandness  
Helen Mairs
- 28 Skylar Peterson
- 29 Nicole Flannery  
Karla Ulven
- 30 Payten Herman

# January Anniversaries



- 3 Lynnae & Dennis Decker
- 12 Carolyn & Steve Jacobson
- 25 Lynn & Troy Jacobson
- 28 Peggy & Richard Olson

***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!***

# January Worship Assistants

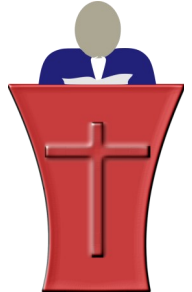
## Acolytes

- 03 Rayna Decker
- Ryan Enge
- 10 Teagan Beck
- Brea Johnson
- 17 Kyle Potts
- Cyprian Johnson
- 24 Ethan Weigelt
- Jaylene Herman
- 31 Halle Lien
- Mackenzie Stubbart



## Readers

- 03 Joan Peterson
- 10 Nancy Wrage
- 17 Steve Melroe
- 24 Karla Waloch
- 31 Carrili Larson

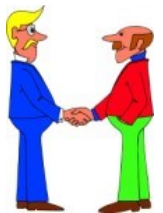


## Greeters

- Not Needed
- At This Time
- Due To COVID

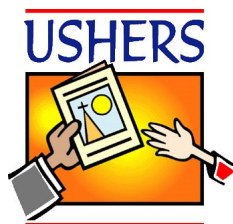
## Communion Assistants

- 03 Kirstin Kempel
- 10 Joan Peterson
- 17 Courtney Anderson
- 24 Mike Larson
- 31 Becky Salberg



## Ushers

- Captain:** Scott & Jan Melroe
- Dale & Coleen Beaver
  - Jerrold & Becky Sandness
  - Steve & Barb Melroe
  - Troy & Lynn Jacobson



## Sound System

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



## 2nd Sunday

- Carter Gilje
- Nate Hansen
- Lily Walth
- Alannah Beck

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

**Council Meeting Minutes for December 9th, 2020**

In Attendance: Kim Schubert, Jaime Decker, Kris Beck, Mike Larson, Martin Potts, Jolene Hardy

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM Approval of Meeting Agenda by Potts/Larson

Secretary's Report – approval of November 11<sup>h</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes by Potts/Hardy Devotion and Prayer Led by Jaime Decker

**Pastor's Report**

Nov 22 - led service of thanksgiving with people from congregation presenting their written prayers

Nov 24 - internship meeting

Nov 29 - led worship - first Sunday of Advent

Theme for Advent season is "Those Who Dream"

Dec 6 - Elroy Odegard funeral, family only with burial at Gwinner Cemetery

Confirmation held on Wednesday evenings

Dec 20 - leading Blue Christmas service @ 5pm; hoping it can be live-streamed??

Dec 22 - fall semester ends

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve service

Dec 27 - lead worship

**Church Work Group Reports:**

Drive-thru Committee – N/A

WELCA – Bake Sale Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> after church until noon.

Men's Group – Meeting back in January

Property – Parsonage water heater leaking, it has been replaced. Valves still need to be replaced.

Altar Guild – N/A

Sunday School – Last day of Sunday School for the year is Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

YOGA – 104 poinsettias sold. Great job YOGA!

Music and Worship –

MIDivX Program Internship Committee – Met

Hope in the Heartland Committee – N/A

Covid-19 Committee – Been going by what the governor suggests

**Old Business:**

Discuss installing railing up on west door

**New Business:**

Discuss Christmas Eve service

Discuss Rick Fund

Discuss west rear doors

Discussed sound system – trial and error at this time

Treasurers Report approved by Hardy/Potts






Next Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Adjournment at 6:47PM by Larson/Potts Lord's Prayer





# JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	2
3 9:30 Worship	4	5	6 <b>No Confirmation</b>	7 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	8 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	9
10 9:30 Worship  <b>Make-A-Change Sunday</b>	11	12	13 <b>Church Council 5:30 PM</b>  <b>Confirmation 6:45 PM</b>	14 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon  <b>Ruth Circle 2:30 PM</b>	15 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	16
17 9:30 Worship	18 <b>ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE</b>  	19	20 <b>Confirmation 6:45 PM</b>	21 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	22 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	23
24 9:30 Worship Communion	25 <b>February Newsletter Deadline</b>  	26	27 <b>Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM</b>  <b>Confirmation 6:45 PM</b>	28 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	29 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	30
31 9:30 Worship Communion						

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

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