

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Congregational Meeting:

Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 PM we will hold a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on calling a pastor. **We will have supper at 6:00 PM prior to the meeting.** Men's group will be serving burgers and brats, council members will bring dishes to pass. We want to make it known that all are welcome to bring a dish to pass.

PLEASE spread the word about this meeting, as we need enough members of GA present (quorum) to pass the vote.

It is a very important decision for GA and we appreciate you taking the time to attend this meeting. Hope to see you there as we move on with this exciting step at GA.

“God Pause”

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



2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. Verse⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. Verse⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Verse¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something Verse¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. Verse¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has not according to what one does not have. Verse¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between Verse¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. Verse¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Devotion

I would call myself frugal or penurious because it sounded much better than stingy or cheap. I enjoy giving to others, sharing my time and gifts with people, being kind and encouraging, and helping others out, but I wanted to cultivate a generous spirit. I couldn't turn off the voice in my head that said, "What's in it for me?" I loved giving to others and sharing myself, but I sure loved getting gifts too. Several years ago I received a prayer rock with the word generous on it. Alright, let's give this genuine generosity a go. I prayed about it almost every day and tried to be intentionally and willingly giving of myself, my time, and treasures to others. There were days I was frustrated, but I witnessed God's transforming love and generosity not only in me, but in others too. I still really like getting gifts.

Prayer

Giving God, help us to be generous with our love and kindness and care as we share your bountiful spirit with all. Amen.

Meg Sander '89 M.Div.Semi-retired; Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells, MN.

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS





- July 04:** No Church Service, Service Resumes July 11th.
- July 08:** 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
- July 11:** 9:30 AM Church Service, No Communion—Lance Griese
- July 14:** 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting
- July 18:** 9:30 AM Church Service, No Communion—LEADER NEEDED
- July 21:** 9AM-3PM Vacation Bible School—Registration Required
- July 21:** 7:00 PM **Congregational Meeting**, Supper prior to meeting at 6:00 PM
- July 22:** 9AM-3PM Vacation Bible School
- July 23:** 9AM-Noon Vacation Bible School
- July 24:** Hansana/Wik Wedding
- July 25:** 9:30 AM Church Service, No Communion—LEADER NEEDED
- July 26:** August Newsletter Deadline
- July 27-29:** YOGA Canoe Trip

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HELP! 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.

 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!

 LEADERS NEEDED: We are in need of Leaders for Worship This summer **July 18th, 25th, August 1st, 8th and 15th**. If you are interested in leading any of these dates, please contact Kris Beck. Thank you for your help!

 July 4th: This year there will be no church Service on Sunday July 4th. Please spread the word to those who may need to know. Thank you and we will see you back on the 11th of July! Have a safe 4th Everyone.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Dorene Brown, Stephen Orn, Gretchen Vann, Donald Fauss and Nancy Gulsvig. 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>



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.



Come to Vacation Bible School: Red Willow will be leading Bible School at GA this summer July 21-23 for kids who will be entering 1st - 6th grade in the fall. There is no cost for the camp, but a registration form does need to be filled out for each child and turned into the office by **June 30th**. Forms are located on the table in the Narthex. Please turn completed forms into Kris or Carrili. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.



Church Finances: For the month of March 2020: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Beginning Balance \$63742.44 - Debts \$30662.57 + Deposits \$15419.77 = End Balance \$48499.64**

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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.

Can You Help?: GA Church needs 3 members to volunteer to attend Synod Assembly Aug 13-15. The church pays the expenses. Let Kris know if you are interested!



Drive Thru – Due to scheduling, the brick work around the canopy columns will be installed in August or September. After the brick work is done the rest of the siding and rain gutters will be installed. 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



July Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Melroe
Heather Dienstmann
Hunter Lien
- 2 Janice Buchholz
- 3 Gaye Udem
- 4 Halle Lien
- 5 Kim Bauer
- 7 Colton Decker
Glenn Comegys
Mercedes Orth
- 8 Judy Berg
Lee Allan Smith
Jaela Nerison
- 9 Alex Jacobson
Gail Krause
- 10 Shon Jacobson
- 11 Ramzy Olson
- 14 Linda Goltz
- 16 LaLionie Bautz
- 18 Carol Holmstrom
- 19 Verna Anderson
Brian Gilje
Roxanne Johnson
Heather Hamann
- 20 Anissah Carlblom
- 21 Roger Asche
Jetter Berg
- 22 Lory Bock
- 23 Chris McFarland
- 25 Justin Berg
Aryanna Nerison
- 29 Anna Holden
- 30 Trevor Christensen
Niyaa Jennings
- 31 Deb Tufty



July 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 Thanks!

- 1 Kay & Larry Swanson
- 3 Joan & Kenwood Peterson
- 9 Becky & Mike Sitz
- 13 Karen & Kevin Anderson
Alex & Jesse Jacobson
- 15 Gelene & Blair Hemminger
- 17 Denise & Dennis Dahl
- 19 Lindy & Marvin Zetocha
- 21 Della & Calvin Teske
Lori & Kenny Wiederholt
- 22 Gaye & Scott Udem
- 23 Becky & Jerrod Sandness
Elisha & Corey Otonichar
Sandra & Gerad Nerison

July Worship Assistants

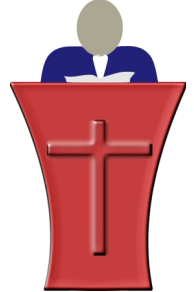
Acolytes

- 04 No Service
- 11 Jaylene Herman
- Lucas Osier
- 18 Jaxyn Christensen
- Easton Johnson
- 25 Teagan Beck
- Elijah Hanson



Readers

- 04 No Service
- 11 Val Bjork
- 18 Barb Melroe
- 25 Joan Peterson



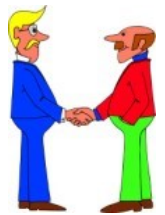
Communion Assistants

- 04 No Service
- 11 Shirley Waloch
- 18 Martin Potts
- 25 Barb Melroe



Greeters

- 04 No Service
- 11 Val Bjork
- 18 Kent & Julie Johnson
- 25 Kenwood & Joan Peterson



Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



Ushers

- Captain:** Kenwood & Joan Peterson
Auston Creech
Shirley Christensen
Timothy & Jessica Peterson
Shirley Waloch



Mowing

June 27-July 03	Adam Wrage
July 04-10	Brian Gilje
July 11-17	Jeff Anderson
July 18-24	Mike Larson
July 25-31	Kent Johnson

2nd Sunday

Reminder: You are responsible to find your own replace-

President Kris Beck, called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Council members present Kris Beck, Martin Potts, Paul White, Barb Melroe, and Mike Larson.

Devotion and prayer led by: None

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

Church Work Group Reports:

1. Property and Grounds

2. WELCA

3. Men's Group

4. YOGA – Crow Wing Canoe Trip July 27, 28, & 29, 2021

5. Education – VBS July 21-23, 2021

6. Altar Guild

7. Worship and Music

8. Drive Through Committee – Dennis reported on the drive through. He is working on getting the final numbers.

Old Business and New Business:

Motion was made to rescind all Covid protocols and procedures. White/Melroe. All in favor, motion carried.

Still looking for some extra help with livestreaming, screens, and sound system. Walter Wrage has been helping Kris but there will be some Sundays where there is no livestream or screens.

Jaime has graduated from seminary and will be off until she is called as our new pastor.

Still looking for Sunday School Superintendent.

VBS will be held July 21-23.

There will be no July 4th service. Enjoy your weekend with family and friends celebrating our great country!

Congregational meeting was set for July 21st at 7:00 pm to send a letter of Call to Jaime. Burgers and brats will be served before. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a dish to pass or just come and enjoy a meal and fellowship prior to our meeting.



Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept. Melroe/Potts. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: July 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	2 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	3
4 No Worship Service	5	6	7	8 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	9 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	10
11 9:30 Worship Make-A-Change Sunday	12	13	14 Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM	15 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	16 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	17
18 9:30 Worship LEADER NEEDED	19	20	21 VBS 9-3 Congregational Meeting 7PM	22 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon VBS 9-3	23 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline VBS 9-Noon	24 Hansana/Wik Wedding
25 9:30 Worship LEADER NEEDED	26 August Newsletter Deadline 	27 YOGA Canoe Trip	28 YOGA Canoe Trip	29 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon YOGA Canoe Trip	30 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	

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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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