

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church  
Gwinner, North Dakota

# JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER



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## Vacation Bible School

“Food Truck Party - On A Roll With God.”  
Join us this summer for a Food Truck Party where we are invited to pray as Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:11: “Give us this day our daily bread.” Kids will learn about the numerous ways God provides, loves, and cares for us while inviting them to join God in providing, loving, and caring for others.

**Monday, July 11 - Wed, July 13, 5:30-7:30pm.**

Free enrollment for kids currently 4 years old - 6 grade. Please contact Pastor Jaime or the office to sign-up and/or for more information. Please Spread the word to all the kiddos and parents and see you there! You do not need to be a member of GA to attend. Thank you! REGISTRATION forms are available on the table in the Narthex, they must be filled out to attend. Thank you!

# “God Pause”

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



## **Luke 9:51-62**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. Verse <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; Verse <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. Verse <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" Verse <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. Verse <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village. Verse <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Verse <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Verse <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Verse <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Verse <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Verse <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## **Devotion**

Our dad enjoyed driving through the mountains on our family vacations. With a sweeping hand-gesture he would point out the majestic view, even while driving on roads with a steep drop-off to our right. We children would exclaim, "Just drive!" This week's gospel reading marks a turning point in Luke's story of Jesus. In the previous chapter we looked in on the vision of Jesus' future, affirmed by Moses and Elijah. We saw continued acclaim by the crowds. We also saw the disciples confused regarding the purpose and the means of this realm, which Jesus was proclaiming. When I hear the words, "set his face," I think of singular focus. Yet looking at details more closely, we see Jesus' determination did not block his peripheral vision of the Spirit's leading. He encounters rejection because of the direction he is going. Complete condemnation and destruction does not, however, deter him from the course of his journey and purpose.

## **Prayer**

Loving God, open the eyes of my heart, that with constant focus on Jesus, I may also see the persons around me he is calling me to serve. Amen.

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

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- July 03:** Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 AM
- July 04-10:** Pastor Jaime Off
- July 10:** Worship Service Without Communion 9:30 AM
- July 10:** Church Council Meeting 5:00 PM
- July 11-13:** Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 PM—Anyone can attend please contact the office to register.
- July 14:** Ruth Circle 2:30 PM
- July 17:** Worship Service With Communion 9:30 AM
- July 24:** Worship Service With Communion 9:30 AM
- July 25:** August Newsletter Deadline
- July 27:** Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM
- July 31:** Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 AM

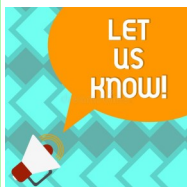


**Leader Needed:** A leader will be needed for Worship on **Sunday July 10th and August 14th**, as Pastor Jaime will be on vacation. If you are interested in leading please let Jaime or Carrili know.



**Outdoor Worship:** July 3rd & 31st, we will be having outdoor Sunday Morning Worship, service will remain at 9:30am. Some seating will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair if you would like. See you There!

**amazon smile** **Amazon Smile:** As you do your **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 shop. Amazon gives 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. GA Church has received **\$345.09** from Amazon smile purchases. Thank you!



**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.

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**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: Toilet paper, Laundry soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Canned fruit, Canned meat (tuna/chicken), Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Soup (no tomato or cream of mushroom), Jelly, Miracle whip/mayonnaise** 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](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. 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 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 May 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church!  
**Starting Balance: \$26,823.55 - Debts \$23,358.14 + Deposits \$8,282.61 = Ending Balance \$11,748.02**



# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**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!



**2022-2023 Worship Assistants:** Carrili will be working on the Worship Assistant lists for 2022-2023. If you would like to be added and or removed from any of the lists please let her know by July 25th.

**Worship Team**

Thank you for all you do for GA worship services.

## 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
- 16 LaLonnie 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
- 28 Alexander Koepke
- 31 Deb Tufty



# July Anniversaries

- 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

***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!***

# July Worship Assistants

## Acolytes

- 03 Brea Johnson
- Aryanna Nerison
- 10 Jaylene Herman
- Lucus Christensen
- 17 Jaxyn Christensen
- Easton Johnson
- 24 Teagan Beck
- Elijah Hansen
- 31 Emerson Beck
- RayLee Odegard



## Communion Assistants

- 03 Shirley Waloch
- 10 Becky Salbger
- 17 Martin Potts
- 24 Barb Melroe
- 31 Paul White



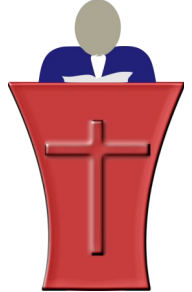
## Sound System

Volunteers Needed  
To Learn  
The New System



## Readers

- 03 Volunteer Needed
- 10 Val Bjork
- 17 Barb Melroe
- 24 Joan Peterson
- 31 Alison Toepke



## Greeters

- 03 Shirley Fuss
- Michelle Goettle
- 10 Brian & Val Bjork
- 17 Kent & Julie Johnson
- 24 Kenwood & Joan Peterson
- 31 Gerad & Sandra Nerison



## Ushers

**Captain:** Timothy & Jessica Petersor.

- Auston Creech
- Shirley Christensen
- Kenwood & Joan Peterson
- Shirley Waloch



## Lawn Mowers

- June 26-July 02 Martin Potts
- July 03-09 Jerrod Sandness
- July 10-16 Adam Wrage
- July 17-23 Brian Gilje
- July 24-30 Walter Wrage

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

Council Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2022-Unapproved

In Attendance: Martin Potts, Mike Larsen, Kris Beck, Barb Melroe, Paul White Pastor Jaime, Michelle Goettle

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Opening prayer and devotion on Psalm 8 by Pastor Jaime

Approval of Meeting Agenda by White/Potts. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report –Larsen/Potts. Motion carried to accept.

Pastor's Report – Very busy May- confirmation, blessing of the wheels, graduation/quilt blessing. Attended conference in Denver. June attended synod assembly.

Committee Reports

WELCA – no report

Men's Group – no report

Property – New kitchen window being installed in parsonage. Kris will call to have sensor in front doors of the church adjusted.

Altar Guild- No report

Sunday School – VBS scheduled for July 11-13.

YOGA – Agreed to pay for flooring in library and sofa if funds needed .

Music and Worship – Outdoor worship scheduled for June 19. Need to meet again soon.

Old Business

Pastor Jaime will ask Kirstin and Nancy to add turning of electronic eye on the doors and locking them after anyone uses the church to the church use booklet.

New Business

Motion to change accounting firm from Storhaug to Ptacek after many problems as reported to the council by Michelle Goettle. White/Larsen. Motion carried.

Motion to give money raised by sale of old library items to Nelsons for their hard work on the library remodel. Potts/White. Motion carried.

Request denied by council from Coach Jenna Anderson to have GA church name placed on volleyball t-shirts for a fee.


Treasures Report – Ending balance \$11,748.02 Melroe/Potts Discussion followed regarding increasing income. Decided to meet again on 6-13-22 to work on membership list and make calls.

Next Council Meeting July 13,2022 at 5:30 pm

Motion to adjourn Potts/White



# JULY 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					01 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline <b>Jaime Off</b>	02
03 9:30 Worship W/ Communion <b>Outdoor Worship</b>	04 <b>Jaime Off</b>	05 <b>Jaime Off</b>	06 <b>Jaime Off</b>	07 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Jaime Off</b>	08 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline <b>Jaime Off</b>	09 <b>Jaime Off</b>
10 9:30 Worship No Communion MAC Sunday <b>Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM Jaime Off</b>	11 <b>VBS 5:30-7:30 PM</b>	12 <b>VBS 5:30-7:30 PM</b>	13 <b>VBS 5:30-7:30 PM</b>	14 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Ruth Circle 2:30 PM</b>	15 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline <b>Jaime Off</b>	16
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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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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

KRIS BECK (PRESIDENT), MARTIN POTTS ( VICE PRES.),  
BARB MELROE (SECRETARY), JESSICA PETERSON (TREASURER),  
PAUL WHITE, MIKE LARSON, AUSTON CREECH  
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE