

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER



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A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God This summer In whatever you do
Wherever you go

Walking with God means...
Walking with honesty And with courage, Walking with love
And respect And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God This summer And every day and
In every situation

Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise For the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks For friends and good times,
Asking God's help In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow When you have failed

May you talk with God Every day. Amen.

- Author unknown

“God Pause”

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



John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

DEVOTION

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” How many times do you think you’ve heard this verse from the Gospel of John in your lifetime?

How is it that we could question the truth of it? Sometimes it may be when a marriage is falling apart—or a loved one gets cancer—or the world is disrupted by a pandemic and millions of lives are lost—certainly it is then that we might question God’s love.

And this is when we need to hear these words again. For even if we don’t understand the reasons behind life’s tragedies and sufferings, we can hear the hope in God’s promise of John 3:16. That God’s love is so deep that no disease or hate or tragedy will make us perish, for God’s Son has given us eternal life through a cross.

PRAYER

God of Promise, through your son we have been given hope for all that life brings to us. When we feel lost and alone and begin to question you, remind us of the promise of John 3:16. Amen.

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- June 06:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion—Louis Moehlman
- June 09:** 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting
- June 10:** 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
- June 13:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Norm Anderson
- June 20:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion—Louis Moehlman
- June 21:** July Newsletter Deadline
- June 25:** Carrili out of the office Thru July 3rd
- June 27:** 9:30 AM Worship Service No Communion—Lance Griese
- June 30:** 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting
- June 30:** VBS Sign-Up Deadline
- July 04:** No Church Service, Service resumes July 11th

amazonsmile **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 **\$291.50** from Amazon smile purchases. Thank you!

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 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.



Council Spot Filled: Thank you to Barb Melroe for volunteering to fill the vacant spot on council. We now have all the members that we need on council to be full according to the church constitution.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Bob Adermann, Curt Odegard, Sonja Olson. 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.



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.



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 Jaime 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 \$51943.70 - Debts \$10569.29 + Deposits \$18830.79 = End Balance \$60205.20**

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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!



Bridal Shower: For Andrea Johnson, Bride-to-Be of Jake Johnson. June 16th at 7PM at The City Brew in Wahpeton. They are registered at Target and on Zola. All are welcome.



Thank You: There aren't enough words to express how grateful I am to everyone involved with the benefit thrown for me to help with my battle with cancer. The committee that worked so hard, the businesses and community members that donated so much, and to all my family & friends that continue to support and pray for me throughout my journey. It is overwhelming. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! ~Shirley (Ponzer) Ayers~

May/June Action Group

**Co-Chairs: Joan Peterson
Donna Hansen**

Jeannette Beckstrom

Linda Johnson

Shirley Christensen

Denise Dahl

Kari Gilje

Lynn Anderson

Jeanie Stahl

Peggy Erickson

Betty Melroe

Shirley Fuss

Kay Swanson

Connie Kracht

Deborah Thorsness



June Birthdays

- 1 Phyllis Bauer
- 2 Trever Hansen
Shayla Heger
Kinzley Orth
- 3 Lucus Christensen
- 4 Kevin Anderson
John Edman
Joan Johnson
Jennifer Krause
Becky Sandness
William Witkowski
- 5 Michael Clapper
Bob Krause
- 6 Lannae Johnson
Madison Mairs
- 8 Hannah Carlblom
Kelsey Johnson
Raymond Johnson
- 9 Claire Anderson
- 10 Corey Waloch
Bethany Kempel
Alexis Schwagel
- 12 Linda McFarland
Roger Johnson
Lexie Schmit
Chad McFarland
- 13 Paige Walth
- 14 Tanner Kempel
Theresa Schwagel
- 15 Lane Christensen
- 17 Dennis Goltz
Dustin White
- 19 Cooper Fuss
- 20 Jennifer Herman
Stephanie McFarland
Randy Waloch
- 21 Reagan Crandall
Wally Skold
Jesse Zetocho
- 22 Blaine Stevens



- 24 Rita Holmstrom
Ginger Utecht
- 25 Tim Vincent
Shirley Waloch
- 26 Jaylesn Anderson
Chad Decker
Joleen Hardy
Elwood Odegard
- 28 Sharon Beckstrom
Darrel Salberg
- 30 Lyle Van Tassel
Jaida Dux



June 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!

- 1 Jan & Scott Melroe
- 3 Melinda & Steven Morlock
- 5 Diane & Elwood Odegard
- 6 Kate & Chad Decker
- 7 Marsha & Mark Murphy
Tami & Dean Zink
- 8 Carrili & Mike Larson
- 10 Lynn & Sylvan Anderson
- 11 Margie & Zac Johnson
Patty & Clarmont Ulven
- 15 Shelly & Terry Beckstrom
- 18 Roxanne & Jeff Johnson
Donna & Jeff Anderson
- 19 Treana & Jeremy Berreth
- 21 Coleen & Dale Beaver
- 24 Mary & John Edman
Lannae & Miles Johnson
- 25 Alyson & Eric Dahl
- 28 Sharon & Dennis Peterson
Robbin & David Witkowski

June Worship Assistants

Acolytes

- 06 Athena Erickson
- Ryan Enge
- 13 MacKenzie Stubbert
- Rayna Decker
- 20 Sawyer Toepke
- Kyle Potts
- 27 Carrie Osier
- Braylyn Nelson



Readers

- 06 Alison Toepke
- 13 Kari Gilje
- 20 Michelle Goettle
- 27 Coleen Beaver



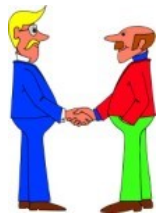
Communion Assistants

- 06 Kris Beck
- 13 Steve Melroe
- 20 Dennis Dahl
- 27 Jessica Peterson



Greeters

- Not Needed
- At This Time
- Due To COVID



Sound System

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



Ushers

- Captain:** Chuck & Barb Klemetson
 Eugene Hajek
 Steven & Melinda Morlock
 Roger & Carolyn Klemetson
 Bonna Schultz



Mowing

May 31-June 05	Dennis Dahl
June 06-12	Shawn Beck
June 13-19	Martin Potts
June 20-26	Jerrod Sandness
June 27-July 03	Adam Wrage

2nd Sunday

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

May 19, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

Attendance:, Martin Potts, Paul White, Mike Larson, Sheridan McKeever, Barb Melroe

CALL TO ORDER Time: 5:40pm called to order by Martin Potts**DEVOTION AND PRAYER**

Items to be added to Agenda - None

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved to Approve Agenda, Mike Larson, Second Paul White MC Yes**SECRETARY'S REPORT**Moved to Approve Minutes Jessica Peterson Second Martin Potts MC Yes**PASTOR'S REPORT**

May 2021 Pastor Report, May 2 - Affirmation of Baptism- 7 youth confirmed, May 7 - I was approved by EaND to be ordained in the ELCA!! 🙏🙏 May 19 - submitted application to apply for open doors grant through the ELCA. Open Doors grant is a random application process through the ELCA to grant funding of \$1500-2500 to churches nationwide that implement a new outreach program to connect with people in the community. We are planning to implement a golf program that reaches out to different age groups and community members. May 23 - Pentecost and high school senior recognition & quilt blessing. This will be my last day at GA until I receive an official call to be pastor. May 27 - last day of seminary June 6 - graduation!! July 21-23 RWBM leading VBS at GA

Thank you for this opportunity and experience to learn and grow as a person and pastor, and to serve the people of GA over the past 3 years. God's blessings to you all! ~ Jaime

CHURCH GROUP REPORTS

Property and Groundsv- We need to help Denise with insulation. Waiting on siding and brick for canopy. **WELCA – Lunch July 10th** **Men's Group – Lutefisk is on for last Sunday in October.** Paul has a letter to put in newsletter. **YOGA – Car Show; July 27-28 Crow Wing Canoe Trip**

Education – Altar Guild -

Worship and Music – Will plan Summer music Drive Thru – Manny's sale raised \$750 for canopy.

MIDivX Program Internship – Jamie Graduates June 6th

Covid 19 – CDC ok's no masks with vaccination Hope in the Heartland – No Updates

OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

Covid guidelines, Paul moved to appoint Barb Melroe to Council – Second by Sheridan McKeever, Appoint Synod Assemble Attendees – In person in Fargo (August 13th, 14th, 15th) – Zoom? – Martin Potts: Julie Potts, Looking for someone to help with livestreaming, screens, and sound system - Walter Wrage will help with livestreaming. Summer services – Same supply pastors; Barb will do Service on May 30th, Brian Gilji to use older tables, Sunday School Superintendent – still searching, Paul moved to cancel July 4th Service – Second by Sheridan McKeever

**TREASURER'S REPORT**Moved to Approve Report Martin Potts Second Mike Larson MC Yes**LORD'S PRAYER****ADJOURNMENT**Moved to Adjourn Mike Larson Second Paul White MC Yes Time: 6:15pm

Next Meeting: June 9, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	4 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	5
6 9:30 Worship Communion	7	8	9 Council Meeting 5:30 PM	10 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	11 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	12
13 9:30 Worship Communion Make-A-Change Sunday	14	15	16	17 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	18 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	19
20 9:30 Worship Communion	21 July Newsletter Deadline 	22	23	24 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	25 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	26 Carrili Off Thru July 3rd
27 9:30 Worship	28	29	30 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM VBS Sign-Up Deadline			

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INTERN PASTOR.....JAIME DECKER
SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....RICK GRIEGER
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AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE