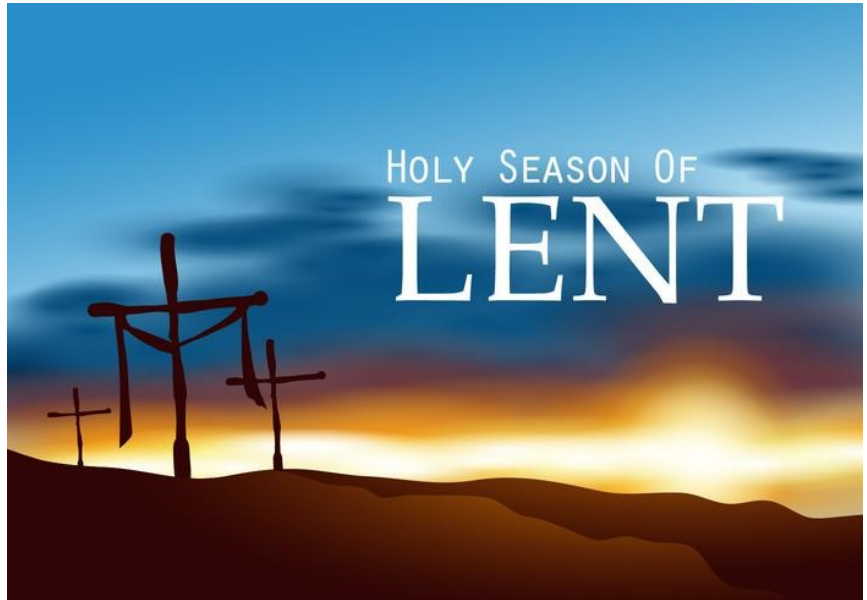
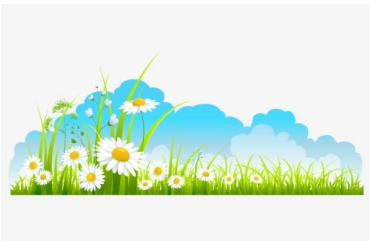


*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



Lent Services

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 PM
Thru March 24th No Potluck

Palm Sunday March 28th

Maundy Thursday

April 1st 6:30 PM

Good Friday

April 2nd 6:30 PM



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From The Intern Pastor

No Report Available

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- March 03:** 6:30 PM Lent Service
- March 07:** 9:30 AM Church Service, No Communion—Gretchen Christensen
- March 10:** 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting
- March 10:** 6:30 PM Lent Service
- March 11:** 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
- March 14:** 9:30 AM Church Service, No Communion—Lance Griese
- March 17:** 6:30 PM Lent Service
- March 21:** 9:30 AM Church Service, With Communion—Pastor Norm Anderson
- March 22:** April Newsletter Deadline
- March 24:** 6:30 PM Lent Service
- March 28:** 9:30 AM Church Service, With Communion—Jaime Decker—Palm Sunday
- March 31:** 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting

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 You shop. Amazon gives. 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.



2021 Council Elections: Paul White was elected to the council at the annual meeting, Jessica Peterson was elected back for another term, positions within the council are as follows: President - Kris Beck, Vice President - Martin Potts, Secretary - Courtney Anderson, Treasurer - Jessica Peterson.



Can You Help?: Council is looking for 1 more member to join them. There were not enough names on the ballot to elect a full council at the annual meeting, so please if you are interested let them know. We need a full council to properly decide on church issues. Also, we need 3 members for Synod Assembly Aug 13-15. Let Kris know if you are interested!



Easter Lily Sign-Up Sheet: If you would like to donate an Easter Lily to decorate our worship space for the Easter Season, please sign your name and who the plant is in memory/honor of on the sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

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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: 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>

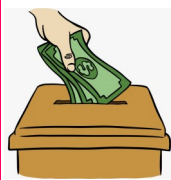


Online Giving: GA Church now has online giving available you can download the Givelify App or you can go to www.galutheranchurch.org and click on the Donate Now tab. As always your donations to GA are greatly appreciated! Thank you. Any questions please feel free to call Carrili.



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 January 2020: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Beginning Balance \$60322.46- Debts \$25305.71+ Deposits \$11783.34 = End Balance \$46800.49**

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Drive-Thru Update: The next phase of the drive thru is hopefully starting in the next month. Supplies are starting to be delivered for the canopy roof! Exciting times. The hope of the church is that we will not need to take out another loan for this next phase. 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.



Annual Meeting Minutes: The Annual Meeting minutes are available on the church website under the Newsletter tab. If you want to look them over please go to www.galutheranchurch.org and check it out.

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.**

March\April Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kris Beck

Nancy Wrage

Jackie Meyer

Michelle Ciesynski

Kari Ulven

Nicki Erickson

Karla Ulven

Betty Johnson

Patty Ulven

Barb Klemetson

Shirley Waloch

Janae Sherlock

Rhonda Weigelt

Della Teske

Kirstin Kempel

Judy Tyler

Kalea Melcher



March Birthdays

- 1 Nicki Erickson
- 2 Jolene Lauth
Brad Zetocha
- 3 Corey Odegard
MacKenna Sherman
- 4 Eric Dahl
Peggy Erickson
- 6 Dylan Goettle
- 7 Carter Anderson
Gracin Salberg
- 8 Kim Beckstrom
- 9 Morgan Heger
- 10 Tyler Vincent
Blayke Jacobson
- 12 Bobby Beckstrom
Aaron Flannery
Richard Olson
- 13 Patricia Creech
- 14 Jonathon McFarland
- 15 Ashlee Lien
- 17 John Crandall
Samuel Crandall
Casey Flannery
Lucas Jacobson
- 18 Jeremy Berreth
Tracy Nicholson
Wendy Swanson
- 19 Arlin Sandstrom
- 20 Darby Swanson
Rodney Utecht
Janelle Mairs
- 21 Hope Ciesynski
Allen Johnson
- 22 Daro Crandall
- 23 Emerson Beck
Addyson Hardy
Mike Richter
Hans Swanson
Vicki Osier



- 24 Shelly Beckstrom
- 25 Bridger Crandall
Diane Odegard
- 26 Charlene Smith
- 27 Samantha Kranzler
Scott Melroe
Lee Schwagel
Rhonda Weigelt
Natalie Otonichar
- 28 Zasha Johnson
- 29 Bruce Holden
Kandyce Sandstrom
- 30 Keith Beaver
Michael Witkowski
Warren Seykora
- 31 Jeremy Griggs
Ryan Johnson



March Anniversaries

- 1 Ginger & Rodney Utecht
Anna & Bruce Holden
Carolyn & Roger Klemetson
- 9 Kirstin & Torey Kempel
- 17 Timothy & Jessica Peterson
- 21 Becky & Darrel Salberg

***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!

March Worship Assistants

Acolytes

- 03 Youth
- 07 Payten Herman
Easton Johnson
- 10 Youth
- 14 Tristen Peterson
Mackenzie Stubbert
- 17 Youth
- 21 Kyle Potts & Elliot Shockley
- 24 Youth
- 28 Ethan Weigelt & Ryan Enge



Communion Assistants

- 03 Shirley Waloch
- 07 Joleen Hardy
- 10 Kris Beck
- 14 Steve Melroe
- 17 Dennis Dahl
- 21 Courtney Anderson
- 24 Michelle Goettle
- 28 Carrili Larson



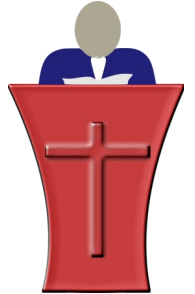
Sound System

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



Readers

- 03 Youth
- 07 Joleen Hardy
- 10 Youth
- 14 Michelle Goettle
- 17 Lent
- 21 Kari Gilje
- 24 Youth
- 28 Michelle Ciesynski



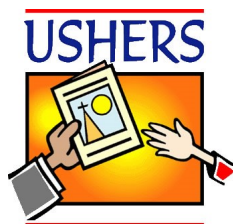
Greeters

- Not Needed
- At This Time
- Due To COVID



Ushers

- Captain:** Torey & Kirstin Kempel
Miles & Lannae Johnson
David & Donna Hansen
Terry & Karen Euscher



2nd Sunday

- Sage Turchin
- Jack Mairs
- Aleysha Sarith
- Chloe Beck

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

February 10, 2021 Council Meeting

President, Kris Beck, called the regular council meeting to order at 5:34 pm. Intern Pastor Jaime Decker and council members Kris Beck, Martin Potts, Mike Larson, Courtney Anderson, Jessica Peterson, and Sheridan McKeever were present.

Devotion and prayer led by: Jaime Decker

Items Added to Agenda. Council Elections—Salary and employee taxes

Motion to adopt agenda. Peterson/Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report.

January/February 2021 Pastor Report

Confirmation held on Wednesday evenings

Dec 20 - led Blue Christmas service @ 5pm; Dec 22 - fall semester ended Dec 24 - Christmas Eve service - around 60 people attended in person Jan 4th - final eval for CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) which was part of seminary/synod program to become ordained in ELCA. Jan 11 - winter semester started with intensives for the week Jan 30 - baptism for Riddik Berg Jan 31 - led service Jan 31 - attended men's group meeting Feb 7 - annual meeting Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday - Lent starts. Midweek services will be held Wednesdays at 6:30pm. No meals this year Feb. 25-26 - MDIVX virtual retreat Feb. 26 - last day of winter term Feb 27 - Spring semester starts with intensives - last semester of seminary!!!! Feb 28 - lead service

Update with seminary and synod candidacy: two weeks left for winter term and then start spring semester - last semester!

Approval interview with Luther Seminary in April. Approval interview with synod in May. Graduation commencement from Luther June 6 - virtual Regional interview with bishop in June Ordination - July/August?

Church Work Group Reports:

Property & Grounds: Roof progress was discussed. Light on bell tower needs attention.

WELCA: None

Men's Group: Annual meeting was held. Discussion about burger/brat feed. Going to send out letter for donation for lutefisk supper

YOGA: None

Education: Red Willow will be open for camps this summer. Looking for Sunday School Leader

Altar Guild: None

Worship & Music: Sing 2 verses of hymns

Drive Thru: None

MIDivX: Jaime's final eval is due on Monday.

Covid 19: None

Hope in the Heartland: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Covid guidelines – open fellowship for coffee and discussed having burger/brat feed

Appoint council member – still looking for someone

Appoint Synod Assemble Attendees – Kris Beck, looking for 2 more

Looking for someone to help with livestreaming, screens, and sound system

Council Training on Zoom Feb. 28th from 2-5 pm

Items Added to Agenda:

Council election: President – Kris Beck, Vice President – Martin Potts, Secretary – Courtney Anderson, Treasurer – Jessica Peterson. Motion to accept election. Peterson/Anderson. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to increase pianist/organist to \$67. Peterson/Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Peterson/Larson. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. **Lord's Prayer** **Next Meeting:** March 10, 2021 5:30 pm



MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Lent Service 6:30 PM	4 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	5 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	6
7 9:30 Worship	8	9	10 Council Meeting 5:30 PM Lent Service 6:30 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 Lent Service 6:30 PM	18 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	19 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	20
21 9:30 Worship Communion	22 April 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 Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM			

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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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PAUL WHITE, MIKE LARSON,
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE