

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church  
Gwinner, North Dakota

# MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



**BLESSING of the WHEELS**

Join us - all are Welcome!

**SPRING** is here!  
*The roads and sidewalks are clear.*

WEDNESDAY  
**MAY 4, 2022**

**Bring your wheels!**

- ▶ bicycles
- ▶ tricycles
- ▶ motorcycles
- ▶ ATVs
- ▶ rollerblades
- ▶ skates/skateboards
- ▶ scooters
- ▶ strollers
- ▶ walkers
- ▶ wheelchairs

FOOD: 6 P.M.  
BLESSING: 6:30 P.M.  
*Following the service, we will enjoy a ride around town together!*

FRONT LAWN · GA CHURCH  
· 207 1ST ST. SE · GWINNER, N.D.

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**Please Join US!**

**For the Blessing of the Wheels  
Community Event on May 4th!**

**6:00 PM Meal**

**6:30 PM Blessing**

**We will take a ride around town  
with all our "wheels" after service**

**Please spread the word this is a  
Community Wide Event!**

# “God Pause”

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



## **Psalm 118:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

## **Devotion**

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." This verse was the theme of my parents' wedding and guided their marriage and relationship with their five sons. For them "the day" was the day of Jesus' resurrection. This was surely not the original intent of the psalmist, but the early church recognized these words as describing the way God's children were saved through the death and resurrection of God's Son. Jesus remains the gate through which God leads us to eternal life. Our response is simply gratitude. The psalmist concludes by giving thanks to the LORD for God's steadfast love, a common expression used in the Old Testament to affirm God's attitude toward all God's children. In this season of Easter we celebrate that love in the resurrected Christ.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your gift of salvation. Amen.

Jeb Monge '69 M.Div. Interim Pastor, Clear Lake, SD (Semi-retired)

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

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- May 01:** Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM, **Affirmation of Baptism**
- May 04:** 5th & 6th Grade Afterschool Program 3:15 PM
- May 04:** Blessing of The Wheels 6:00 PM Meal, 6:30 PM Blessing
- May 07:** Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM, **Sunday School Kiddos Sing & Award Sunday**
- May 11:** Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- May 12:** Ruth Circle 2:30 PM
- May 15:** Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM, **Senior Recognition Sunday & Quilt Blessing**
- May 16-22:** Pastor Jaime Off
- May 22:** Worship Service 9:30 AM—Leader Kyla Temple
- May 23:** June Newsletter Deadline
- May 25:** Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM
- May 29:** Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM

**amazonsmile** **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 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!

**UPDATE** **Insulation Update:** The heating and cooling ducts in the north half of the church are now insulated thanks to Luke Hartman, Kent Johnson, Alex Koepke, Mike Larson, Lucas Melroe, Darrel Salberg and Walter Wrage. They installed 77 batts of insulation for a total of 1,232 sq. ft. This completes the project. All the duct work in the attic is now wrapped with an additional 6 inches of insulation. ~Dennis Dahl~

**WOW!** **Thank You:** WOW!!! THANK YOU to everyone who helped in some way with GA's Spring Fling. We had over 100 people attend our event! There was an exchange of laughter, smiles, cheering and celebrating as people enjoyed games, food, prizes, and conversations. Thank you for opening our doors and welcoming and serving our community! God is good all the time and all the time God is good! ~ Pastor Jaime ~

**Confirmation** **Confirmation Sunday:** Affirmation of Baptism for 8th grade confirmation students will be held on Sunday May 1st during worship. Confirmands please be here at 8:45AM to get ready and take pictures.

**ST LOVE SUNDAY SCHOOL!** **Last Day of Sunday School:** The last day of Sunday school will be **May 8th**. The kiddos will be singing that Sunday during church and awards will be presented during worship. Then they will have a fun last day of Sunday School. We hope to see you all there as we send the Sunday school year out on a great note!

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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: Laundry Soap, Juice, Vegetable Oil, Pancake Mix, Kleenex, Toilet Paper.** 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.



**Easter Lily Donations:** Red & Yellow Tulips were donated by Dennis & Sharon Peterson in Memory of Their Parents, An Easter Lily was donated by Sam & Brandi French in Memory of Samantha, Yellow Tulips were donated by Kent & Julie Johnson in Honor of their Grandchildren, An Easter Lily was donated by Kent & Julie Johnson in Memory of Those they have lost, An Easter Lily was donated by Adam & Nancy Wrage in Memory of Their Parents, An Easter Lily was donated by Adam & Nancy Wrage in Honor of their Grandson Elliot, An Easter Lily was donated by Kirstin & Torey Kempel in Honor of their Children, Tulips were donated by Kirstin & Torey Kempel in Honor of their Parents. Thank you to everyone who donated an Easter Lily or plant to help make our worship service beautiful this Easter Season.



**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 March 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Starting : \$30,967.58 - Debts \$22,024.02 + Deposits \$15,388.14 = End \$24,331.70**

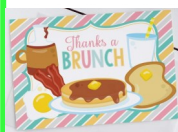
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**Senior Recognition Sunday:** May 15th will be Senior Graduate Sunday & Quilt Blessing Sunday. Please come and help us wish our High School graduates from GA the very best on their future endeavors. Our Seniors are: Alannah Beck, Logan Decker, Braxtyn Hamann, Avery McFarland, Sheridan McKeever, Angelica Olson, Paige Walth, Trista Weigelt, Alexis Sarith, Rylan Brouillard, Chase Lindberg, Ava Mairs.



**First Communion:** Congratulations to our youth of GA who received their First Communion during Maundy Thursday Service: Sawyer Toepke, Jace Faber, Megan Enge, Larissa Brouillard, Tyson Porter, Tucker Larson, Ryatt Koester and Journey Sargent. May God Bless you all as your grown on your faith journey.



**Easter Breakfast:** Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Easter Breakfast by supplying items to be used to make the breakfast, and Thank you to all those who attended and helped support the Youth of GA. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



**Thank You:** THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the benefit for Wyatt Ellestad. The benefit was a big success. The event took in \$4,413 and served approximately 150 people. This involved organizations, business, and countless people. Thank you to all who helped, provided, and donated. ~The Ellestad Benefit Committee~



**Leader Needed:** A leader will be needed for Worship on Sunday June 5th and July 10th, as Pastor Jaime will be gone for Synod Assembly and vacation. If you are interested in leading please let Jaime or Carrili know.



**Red Willow:** If your child is interested in going to Red Willow bible camp, please contact Jaime. There are many different camp dates to attend. The church will help pay for your child to attend. Spread the word!



**Bridal Shower:** Bridal Shower in honor of Harley Mairs. 10:00 AM May 7th, at The Springs Golf Course in Gwinner. Everyone is welcome. Harley & Jesse are registered on Amazon & Target.

## May/June Action Group

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

Jeannette Beckstrom

Shirley Christensen

Kari Gilje

Jeanie Stahl

Betty Melroe

Kay Swanson

Deb Thorsness

Linda Johnson

Denise Dahl

Lynn Anderson

Peggy Erickson

Shirley Fuss

Connie Kracht

Kyla Temple



# May Birthdays

- 1 Jeff Anderson  
Graeme Jacobson
- 2 Doug Hanson
- 3 Tristen Peterson
- 4 Kallie Decker
- 5 Joan Peterson
- 6 Paula M. Hansen  
Jaila LaTraille
- 7 Trudi Christensen
- 8 Dennis Decker  
Jessica Griggs
- 9 Joel Asche  
Nate Hansen  
Nick Hansen  
Jeanie Stahl
- 11 Riley Taliaferro  
James Goettle
- 14 Carrie Herberg  
Neairah Netterville
- 15 Peggy Olson  
Karen Euscher  
Justen Kleingartner
- 16 Jace Faber
- 18 Eric Beem  
Lily Walth
- 19 Dale Johnson  
Kendra Euscher  
Nikki Sims
- 20 Hudson Lien
- 21 Macy Mairs
- 22 Linda Johnson
- 23 Carter Gilje  
Jax Johnson



- 24 Mike Kleingartner  
Gloria Smith  
Karla Waloch
- 27 Nick Vincent  
Corey Jacobson
- 28 Samuel Waloch
- 29 Tanaya Crellin  
David McFarland
- 31 Dan McKeever



# May 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 Brendan & Michelle Ciesynski
- 4 Chuck & Barb Klemetson  
Dan & Stacy McKeever
- 8 Mike & Jenny Kleingartner
- 9 Doug & Trudi Christensen
- 19 Jerry & Peggy Erickson
- 28 Tom & Robin Rehborg

# May Worship Assistants

## Acolytes

- 01 Moxynn Hamann
- Maddilyn Faber
- 08 Tristen Peterson
- Jaela Nerison
- 15 Brea Johnson
- Braylyn Nelson
- 22 Aryanna Nerison
- Jaila LaTraille
- 29 Skylar Peterson
- Cyprian Johnson



## Communion Assistants

- 01 Julie Johnson
- 08 Kent Johnson
- 15 Mike Larson
- 22 Shirley Waloch
- 29 Barb Melroe



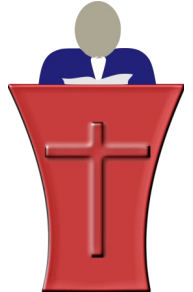
## Sound System

Volunteers Needed  
To Learn  
The New System



## Readers

- 01 Joan Peterson
- 08 Kirstin Kempel
- 15 Karla Waloch
- 22 Carrili Larson
- 29 Julie Johnson



## Greeters

- 01 Sean & Dawn Anderson
- 08 Karlie Shockley/Lily Walth
- 15 Shirley Christensen/Betty Melroe
- 22 Waswick/Potts Family
- 29 Dennis & Denise Dahl



## Ushers

- Captain: Paul White**
- Richard & Peggy Olson
  - Brian & Val Bjork
  - David & Linda McFarland
  - Heidi Becl



## 2nd Sunday

- Halle Lien
- Karlie Shockley
- Marshall Weigelt
- Brea Johnson

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

**Council Meeting Minutes for April 13 ,2022**

In Attendance: Kris Beck, Sheridan McKeever, Jessica Peterson, Mike Larson, Martin Potts, Barb Melroe and Pastor Jaime Decker

Meeting called to order 5:30PM Opening prayer with Jaime

Approval of Meeting Agenda by Peterson/Larson. Motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report – Over 100 people attended Spring Fling. 8 students for First communion to be held on Maundy Thursday. Palm Sunday 100 people at service and fund raiser for Wyatt Ellestad served 150. Over \$4000 raised. Looking ahead May 1<sup>st</sup>, affirmation of baptism. May 4<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of the wheels. May 8<sup>th</sup>, last day of Sunday school. May 16-23 Pastor Jaime gone to Denver for continuing ed. Synod assembly June 3-5. Also discussed conflict resolution. We need to go directly to person involved or go with the person with the conflict to the person involved. No discussing behind someones back.

**Committee Reports**

WELCA – Next meeting April 24, 2022.

Men's Group – Managed the burger and brat feed fundraiser for Wyatt Ellestad. Over \$4000 raised.

Property – Insulation project complete and leftover insulation has been returned. Discussion on Fellowship hall lighting. Do we change it all or fix ones not working. Decided to fix due to cost of replacement.

Altar Guild – White paraments are being redone. Did not come as ordered.

Sunday School – May 8<sup>th</sup> is last day. Children will be singing and getting awards.

YOGA – Assisted with Easter egg hunt and planning Easter breakfast. April10th had Faith/Food/Film at home of Casey and Jaime Decker. It was well attended.

Music and Worship – Lent/Easter theme "Full to the brim"

**Old Business:**

Will stay with Storhaug Accounting at this time.

Would like to ask Jeff Anderson, Steve Melroe and Gene Hajek to help with member list committee.

Pastor Jaime will check with Kirstin K. and Nancy W. about event booklet.

**New Business:**

Library remodel update- \$1183.03 paid to Hansen Lumber. \$1000 of that was from selling/donation of old library furniture. Rest was from general fund.

Need to find another pianist for times when Indy or Becky can't play. Suggested to use "canned music" if needed.

Treasures Report – Ending balance \$24,331.70 Peterson/Larson. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 11, 2022.

Motion to adjourn by McKeever/Potts



# MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
01 9:30 Worship w/Communion <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>	02	03	04 <b>5th &amp; 6th Grade Meets 3:15 PM</b>  <b>Blessing of the Wheels 6:00 PM</b>	05 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	06 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline <b>Jaime Off</b>	07
08 9:30 Worship w/Communion <b>M-A-C Sunday</b> <b>S.S Kids Sing</b> <b>Last Day of Sunday School</b>	09	10	11 <b>Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM</b>	12 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Ruth Circle 2:30 PM</b>	13 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline <b>Jaime Off</b>	14
15 9:30 Worship w/Communion <b>Senior Recogni- tion Sunday &amp; Quilt Blessing</b>	16 <b>Jaime Off</b>	17 <b>Jaime Off</b>	18 <b>Jaime Off</b>	19 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Jaime Off</b>	20 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline <b>Jaime Off</b>	21 <b>Jaime Off</b>
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CUSTODIAN.....RICK GRIEGER  
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