

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



2 Big Events coming up at G.A. in October

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Lutefisk Supper: will be held on **October 30th from 1:00-5:30PM.** WELCA will also have a bake sale at the same time.

Trunk or Treat: GA Church will be holding their 8th Annual Trunk or Treat event on Monday, **October 31st, from 5:30-6:30 PM.** If you are interested in bringing a "Trunk" for the kids to Trick or Treat at please contact Carrili. This is a great time for all the kids and adults Trunks will need to be parked and set up by 5:15PM. Please spread the word and invite all the kiddos you know to come have a great time! This event is Open to the Public.

“God Pause”

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



God Pause

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NRSV)⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; Verse⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; Verse⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. Verse⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. Verse¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. Verse¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Verse¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. Verse¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you Verse¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, Verse¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Verse¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. Verse¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Verse¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, Verse¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Devotion

The scripture today includes the conviction that, though the love of money may provide temporary satisfaction, the love of God lasts forever. As a young pastor I often asked a parishioner with a successful business who tithed to speak during our annual stewardship emphasis. He emphasized how much more money he felt he had when he tithed. He focused on giving to God first and shared how he prayed about business decisions before making them. Today's reading especially addresses the dangers of eagerness to be rich, a topic that may be on our minds as the challenges of current cost of living increases are well evident. Money continues to be a need we ask God to help us with. Money talks, we are told, but so does God. As the letter to Timothy says, our true hope rests not on the uncertainty of riches, but on our God who richly provides for us all that we need for richness of life.

Prayer

Gracious God, instill in us your love that lasts forever. Our money is yours. Let us use it to further your work while enjoying some of it for ourselves. Amen.


Roger Haug '75 M.Div.Retired, Waseca, MN

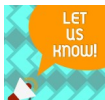
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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- Oct 02:** 9:30 Worship service with Communion, Sunday School to follow Worship
- Oct 05:** Wednesday Evening Worship, 5:30 meal, 6:15 education, 6:45-7:30 Worship, 7:30 Confirmation
- Oct 09:** 9:30 Worship service with Communion, 3rd grade Bibles & Preschool Book presentation, Sunday School Sing during worship, Sunday School to follow Worship, Church Council meeting to follow worship.
- Oct 10-11:** Pastor Jaime Off
- Oct 12:** Wednesday Evening Worship, 5:30 meal, 6:15 education, 6:45-7:30 Worship, 7:30 Confirmation
- Oct 13:** Ruth Circle 2:30 PM
- Oct 16:** 9:30 Worship without Communion-LEADER NEEDED, Sunday School to follow Worship
- Oct 17-22:** Pastor Jaime Off
- Oct 19:** No Wednesday Night Services or Classes
- Oct 22:** Bridal Shower for Amber Gabel 10am-Noon at GA.
- Oct 23:** 9:30 Worship service with Communion, NO Sunday School
- Oct 24:** November Newsletter Deadline
- Oct 26:** Wednesday Evening Worship, 5:30 meal, 6:15 education, 6:45-7:30 Worship, 7:30 Confirmation
- Oct 30:** 9:30 Worship service with Communion, Sunday School to follow Worship
- Oct 30:** Lutefisk Supper & Bake Sale 1:00-5:30 PM
- Oct 31:** Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30 PM-Open to all to attend

 **Leader Needed:** A leader will be needed for Worship on **October 16th**, as Pastor Jaime will be gone. If you are interested in leading please let Carrili know.

 **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 and let her know. Thank You.

 **Venmo:** GA Church now was Venmo! If you would like to use Venmo to place your Weekly/Monthly/Annual Offerings please do so!! Our account is @GustafAdolf-LutheranChurch or scan the QR Code. Thank you!



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Pans & Bowls: There are quite a few Pans and Mixing/Serving bowls that have been left behind at the church after events. They have been collected and placed on the little counter by the window in the kitchen. If they are yours or you know who they belong to please take them home with you. Thank you.



Worship Team

2022-2023 Worship Assistants: The Lists are Available on the Table in the Narthex. They have also been emailed out. Please look them over and mark down the dates you are scheduled to help with services at GA. Reminder you are responsible for finding your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill your dates. Thank you in advance for all you do for GA to keep services rolling smoothly.

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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 fruits/veggies, Cereal, Paper products, Juice, Condiments.** 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 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. 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.



Volunteers Needed: If anyone is willing to serve supper on Wednesday Evenings for the 5:30 PM worship services. Please contact Kirstin Kempel 701-680-0672 or Barb Melroe 701-680-1698.

Wednesday Nights: Starting October 5th, we will be offering weekly Wednesday night programming in addition to Sunday mornings. Our vision is to help create more opportunities and availability for people to engage in faith formation. Families and individuals are invited to attend Wednesday and/or Sunday programming, or Both! (Adjustments of the schedule may occur as the year goes on.) **Wednesday evening programming (available to the public):** 5:30 - 6:30pm - supper (free will), 6:15 - 6:45pm - education/faith formation (pre-k -6 grade, YOGA, adult), 6:45 - 7:30pm - Worship service 7:30 - 8:30pm – confirmation.



Church Finances: For the month of August 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church!
Starting: \$27,058.20 - Debts \$24,448.06
+ Deposits \$15,004.46 = **End \$17,614.60**

Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



Bring Your Basket: Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth and the synod staff are eager to come be with you, as we get to know each other better and listen for God's voice among us through scripture, prayer, and facilitated conversation. This is your opportunity to speak to the future of our work together as a synod. You don't need to literally bring any baskets, but we do want you to bring yourself and other congregation members. Like a basket is woven together, we can begin to weave together what we have and where we are going as the Eastern North Dakota Synod. **Wahpeton Conference, Thursday, October 6th 5:30pm – 8:00pm, Milnor Lutheran Church, 321 2nd St, Milnor, ND. 5:30pm Supper will be provided – Free Will**



Bridal Shower: Bridal Shower for Karah Sandness, Saturday October 1st at 10:00AM at The Springs. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Macy's. Open to anyone to attend.

Bridal Shower: Bridal Shower for Amber Gabel bride to be of Tanner Kempel will be held Saturday, October 22nd at GA Church from 10am-Noon. Bring your favorite recipe in place of a card. The couple is registered at Amazon and Target. Open to all to attend.

Bridal Shower: Bridal Shower for Emma Armbrecht bride to be of Spencer Brockman will be held Saturday, October 15th at Zion Church from 10am-Noon. The couple is registered at Amazon. Open to all to attend.



Candy Donations: If you would like to donate candy for the Trunk or Treat event you can drop them off at the office with Carrili by October 28th. Thank you for your support!

Thank You: A Big Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Corn Feed event, and a thank you also to all those who attended the feed and supported our back-to-school blessing event.

Sept/October Action Group

**Co-Chairs: Barb Melroe
Becky Salberg**

Sharon Beckstrom

Michelle Goettle

Traci Hanson

Linda McFarland

Melinda Morlock

Peggy Olson

Sharon Peterson

Mary Rotenberger

Ginger Utecht

Ashlee Lien

Kris Nerison

Vicki Osier

Crystal Taylor

Alison Toepke



October Birthdays

- 2 Teagan Beck
Jaime Decker
Ellie Schroeder
- 3 Shane Johnson
Larry Swanson
- 4 Sasha Jensen
- 5 Courtney D. Anderson
Dewey Johnson
Chance Noonan
- 11 Izabelle Beck
- 12 Duane M. Johnson
- 13 Melinda Morlock
Raymond Stahl
- 14 Jeannette Beckstrom
- 15 Brea Frederick
- 16 Eric Johnson
Riddik Berg
- 17 Riley Christensen
Marie Odegard
- 18 Dillon Morlock
- 19 Drew Krause
Aleysha Sarith
- 20 Sara Anderson
Lee Falk
Brittney Hansen
Darrel Swanson
Gerad Nerison
- 22 Betty Johnson
- 24 Karissa Hanson
- 25 Pete Sherlock
- 26 Cole Turchin
- 27 Hailey Decker
Carolyn R. Jacobson
- 29 Zander Bauer
Ryan Enge
Cyprian Johnson
Steve Melroe
Kay Swanson
DeAnna Youle

- 30 Maggie Rasmussen
Chris Johnson
- 31 Avery McFarland



October Anniversaries



- 18 Riley & Justan Taliafero
- 19 Paula & Derrick Hansen
- 21 Deb & Steve Johnson
- 22 Wendy & Darrel Swanson

***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!

October Worship Assistants

Acolytes

- 02 Emerson Beck
- Elijah Hanson
- 09 Braylyn Nelson
- Sofya Herman
- 16 Jaila LaTraille
- Cyprian Johnson
- 23 Kyle Potts
- Hunter Lien
- 30 Tristen Peterson
- Payten Herman



Communion Assistants

- 02 Auston Creech
- 09 Barb Melroe
- 16 Mike Larson
- 23 Kris Beck
- 30 Dennis Dahl



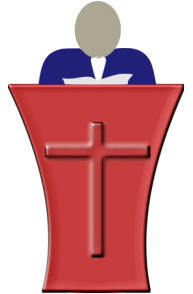
Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



Readers

- 02 Karla Waloch
- 09 Michelle Ciesynski
- 16 Barb Melroe
- 23 Kari Gilje
- 30 Kirstin Kempel



Greeters

- 02 Timothy & Jessica Peterson
- 09 Paetyn Hamann
- Claire Anderson
- 16 Jeannette Beckstrom/Connie Kracht
- 23 Kent & Julie Johnson
- 30 Ashlee Lien & Family



Ushers

- Captain:** Jeff & Donna Anderson
- Duane & Betty Johnson
 - Dean & Verna Anderson
 - Zac & Kyla Temple
- 2nd Sunday** Teagan Beck, Payten Herman
Elliot Shockley, Brooklyn Ponzer



Lawn Mowers

- Oct 2-8 Walter Wrage
- Oct 9-15 Mike Larson
- Oct 16-22 Kent Johnson
- Oct 23-29 Dennis Dahl
- Oct 30-Nov05 Kenwood Peterson

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

Council Meeting Minutes for September 21,2022

In Attendance: Martin Potts, Mike Larsen, Kris Beck, Barb Melroe, Pastor Jaime, Jessica Peterson, Auston Creech
Meeting called to order at 5:00 Approval of Meeting Agenda by Potts/Larson. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report –Peterson/Creech. Motion carried to accept.

Pastor's Report – Outdoor service September 4. Wrage wedding September 10. Castaways September 16-18.
Upcoming- Rally Sunday September 25. Bibles to Pre-K and 3rd graders October 9 and 12 with Wednesday evening programing beginning October 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Committee Reports

WELCA – no report

Men's Group – no report

Property – Mike will get heat tape up. Martin checked trees for any trimming needs. Auston has Hansen Lumber checking on cost of storage shed.

Altar Guild- No report

Education-Rally Sunday September 25.

YOGA – Rachel Nelson has stepped down as leader. Pastor Jaime has people in mind to replace and she will speak with them. 18 youth (3 from outside GA) attended Castaways. They and adult leaders have been invited to speak at worship service this Sunday.

Music and Worship – Meeting soon to plan fall worship and start on Advent.

New Business:

Letter to congregation to mailed out this week.

Wednesday night program starting October 5. 5:30-6:30 meal, 6:15-6:45 education (pre-k -adult), 6:45-7:30 worship 7:30-8:30 confirmation Times may have to be adjusted as we go along.

Bishop Tessa and the Synod staff will be at Milnor Lutheran October 6, 2022 from 5:30 to 8:30. Supper will be provided. This is a chance for Wahpeton Synod to ask questions and get to know each other.

Jess has research grants for out Wednesday night programing. DRN and Bremer have funds available.

Decided against a fall fundraiser this year with new programing starting.

Decided to change council meetings to second Sunday of the month after church service.

Old Business:

Treasures Report – Ending balance \$17614.60

Moved to approve report- Melroe/Larson.

Next Council Meeting October 9,2022 at 10:45 am Motion to adjourn Potts/Melroe

OCTOBER 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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02 9:30 Worshi w/ Communion Sunday School	03	04	05 Wednesday Night Worship 5:30 PM	06 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	07 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	08 Koepke/ Anderson Wedding
09 9:30 Worship W/ Communion MAC Sunday 3rd Grade Bibles Preschool Books S.S. Sings Church Council Meeting	10 Jaime Off	11 Jaime Off	12 Wednesday Night Worship 5:30 PM 3rd Grade Bibles Preschool Books	13 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	14 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	15
16 9:30 Worship No Communion LEADER NEEDED Sunday School	17 Jaime Off	18 Jaime Off	19 Jaime Off No Wed Night Worship	20 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Jaime Off	21 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	22 Bridal Shower Amber Gabel 10am-Noon
23 9:30 Worship w/ Communion NO S.S. Class	24  November Newsletter Deadline	25	26 Wednesday Night Worship 5:30 PM	27 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	28 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	29
30 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Lutefisk Supper 1-5:30 PM	31 Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30				Jaime Off	

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