

*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



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RALLY SUNDAY

Will be September 12th!!
 Please spread the word and we hope to see you all there as we kick off the 2021-2022 worship season.

We are excited to announce that Sunday School will resume classes on September 12th. Classes will be held after worship service. Please spread the word to anyone who has kiddos that want to attend Pre-K to 6th grade.
 Hope to see all your smiling faces!

“God Pause”

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



James 1:17-27 (NRSV)

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Verse ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Verse ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; Verse ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Verse ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. Verse ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. Verse ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; Verse ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. Verse ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act they will be blessed in their doing. Verse ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Verse ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Devotion

The readings for this week share in their reflections on God's gift of wisdom. In the next several weeks we will be reading the epistle of James and hearing about wisdom as that "perfect gift of God." In the gift of wisdom we experience God's generosity in creation as consistent and purposive. Through the ways we make use of wisdom to live whole lives God is making good on God's investment in us. It is indeed an "implanted word" which has power to enable us to be both hearers and doers—as the psalmist says, to be ones whose words and actions are in harmony. Most importantly, when our words and actions are in harmony, it is our neighbors who benefit. For when we know who we are, the gifted children of God's creation, our hearing and doing come together and conform in care and service for those most in need of our love.

Prayer

God of Wisdom, continue to mold and shape us by your perfect gift and purpose, that we may be shaped in such a way that our hearing and doing conform, and that our lives may ring true in love and service to our neighbor. Amen.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- Sept 01:** Outdoor Worship & Backpack Blessing
- Sept 05:** 9:30 AM Worship with Communion
- Sept 05:** Coffee Hour Resumes
- Sept 07:** 5:00 PM Sunday School Room Cleaning
- Sept 08:** 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting
- Sept 09:** 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
- Sept 12:** RALLY SUNDAY—9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion
- Sept 12:** Sunday School Classes Resume following Worship
- Sept 19:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion
- Sept 19:** Bible Presentation Pre-K, Kindergarten and 3rd Grade.
- Sept 20:** October Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 26:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion
- Sept 29:** 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting



Back-Pack Blessing: Wednesday **Sept 1st** is the Back to School Outdoor Worship Service, with a blessing for school teachers, administrators, school employees, students, parents, and their backpacks. Men's group will be providing burgers and hotdogs. Meal starts at 6pm and service at 6:45pm. Please bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on. Spread the word and see you all there!

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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!



Newlyweds: Congratulations to Courtney & Isaac Swanson who were married at GA Church on 8-28-21. May God Bless you on your marriage journey.



Coffee Hour: Will resume on September 5th. WELCA group leaders will contact you in regards to serving your month. Thank you and see you all there!

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Lori Eiter, Don Larson, Sharon Hurt and Clarence Colgrove. 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>

Givelify 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.



Bibles: Sunday September 19th, 3rd Grade, Kindergarten and Pre-School students will receive their bibles during worship. Please spread the word to any kiddos that are in those grades, we hope to see them on this exciting day!

2020-2021 Worship Assistants: The Worship assistant lists for the 2021-2022 church year have been emailed out. There are also printed copies available on the table in the Narthex, and a copy on the church website. Please check it out and mark down the dates on your calendars. Thank you for all you do for GA Church!



Church Finances: For the month of July 2021: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Beginning Balance \$48910.13 - Debts \$22987.26 + Deposits \$17439.42 = End Balance \$43362.29**

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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.



Ordination: Jaime’s Ordination and Installation is set for Sunday October 17 at 4:30pm at GA Church. Please spread the word and we hope to see you there! Lunch will follow.

Confirmation: Classes will resume in October, stayed tuned for more information.

Sunday School Room Cleaning: September/October WELCA group will meet September 7th at 5:00 PM to clean the Sunday school rooms.

Ideas Needed: We are in need of your ideas for projects for the church to do for God’s Work Our Hands. At this time a date is not scheduled, but we still want ideas. Think outside the box it doesn’t have to just be yard work or cleaning. Please give your GREAT ideas to Jaime Decker. Thank you.

Siding: The church has extra steel siding (dark brown), J Channel, House wrap, L Channel available from the canopy project. If you are interested in purchasing it please contact Mike Larson.

Sept/Oct 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



September Birthdays

- 1 Troy Olson
- 3 Coleen Beaver
- 4 Dean Anderson
Zoey Bauer
Terry Euscher
- 6 Kristy Mairs
- 7 Courtney Steichen
Adam Wrage
Sofya Herman
- 10 Eugene Hajek
Elisha Otonichar
- 11 Donna Anderson
Bryer Crandall
Mara Edman
David Hansen
- 15 Kyle Potts
- 16 Randy Hanson
Shannon Wiederholt
- 17 Shirley Fuss
Barb Melroe
- 18 Dylan Frederick
- 19 Karlie Shockley
- 20 Susan Geidt
Kaylee Otonichar
- 21 Jerry Erickson
Robin Rehborg
- 22 Alannah Beck
Jace Dux
- 23 April Grieger
Darren Benneweis
- 24 Taylor Goettle
- 25 Denise Dahl
Sharon Peterson
Jessica Sherlock
Becky Sitz
- 27 Lynnae Decker
Brian Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Nick Witchey
Linde Zetocho



- 28 Carolyn J. Jacobson
Larry Johnson
Amy McGuire
Jack Mairs
- 29 Heidi Beck
- 30 Paetyn Hamann
Sarah Bleecker
Mason Nicholson
Robbin Witkowski
Timothy Peterson



September Anniversaries

- 4 Linda & David McFarland
- 5 Jackie & Michael Kleinsasser
- 6 Sara & Zachary Anderson
- 7 Ashley & Gage Hansen
- 8 Sharon & Kim Beckstrom
Karla & Randy Waloch
- 13 Gail & Bob Krause
- 14 Kari & Brian Gilje
Kandyce & Gene Sandstrom
- 20 Janelle & Robbie Mairs
- 26 Amanda & Jesse Anderson
- 29 Brandi & Sam French
- 30 Barb & Steve Melroe

*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!*

September Worship Assistants

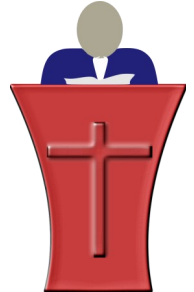
Acolytes

- 5 Teagan Beck/Ethan Weigelt
- 12 Cyprian Johnson/Skylar Peterson
- 19 Ryan Enge/Jaylene Herman
- 26 Athena Erickson/Lando Decker



Readers

- 5 Karla Waloch
- 12 Joan Peterson
- 19 Nancy Wrage
- 26 Joleen Hardy



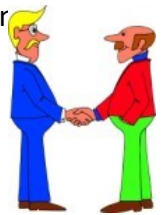
Communion Assistants

- 5 Paul White
- 12 Michelle Goettle
- 19 Jessica Peterson
- 26 Dennis Dahl



Greeters

- 5 Rosi Odegard
- 12 Rayna Decker/Aidan Anderson
- 19 Casey & Jaime Decker Family
- 26 Dennis & Denise Dahl



Sound System

Volunteers Needed

To Learn

The New System



Ushers

Captain: **Rodney & Ginger Utecht**

Jeannette Beckstrom

Jeremy & Jackie Meyer

Chad Crandall

Ashlee Lien



Mowing

August 29– Sept 4	Adam Wrage
Sept 5-11	Brian Gilje
Sept 12-18	Jeff Anderson
Sept 19-25	Mike Larson
Sept 26-Oct 02	Kent Johnson

2nd Sunday

Kyle Potts

Tristen Peterson

Ethan Weigelt

Braylyn Nelson

Reminder: You are responsible to find your own replace-

August 15, 2021 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER Time: 7:00pm DEVOTION AND PRAYER

Items to be added to Agenda

Coffee Hour

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved to Approve Agenda: Barb Melroe Second Paul White MC Yes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Moved to Approve Minutes Courtney Anderson Second Martin Potts MC Yes

CHURCH GROUP REPORTS

Property and Grounds – Looking at adding carpet squares in entry to help catch water in winter months. ~100sqft of siding left over that can't be returned due to special order, looking at using for other windows or possibly selling, would potentially sell for \$225, Mike Larson to post on Facebook to sell. Needing to return pallet to Riverside as they charge \$80 for pallets that are not returned. Divots by geothermal noticed while mowing going to move fill from Wright Park to help fill in.

WELCA – No Update

Men's Group – Lutefisk Date set for 10/24/2021; shipping pricing has gone up 40-50cents from last year.

YOGA – Had Canoe trip ~20 attended

Education – Jan and Barb Melroe have offered to be Sunday School Superintendents, meeting with Jaime on 8/16 to discuss plans. Lynn Jacobson and Kirstin Kempel have offered to help direct the Christmas Program

Altar Guild -

Worship and Music -

Drive Thru – Light switch for canopy was going to be wired in thru the office but was put on the pillar of canopy outside with a cover. We will leave it there for now unless we notice issues this winter.

Covid 19 -

Hope in the Heartland -

OLD BUSINESS—None

NEW BUSINESS: Dennis Dahl update on Drive Thru - Discuss Jaime's start date and compensation, Jan Melroe and Barb Melroe are going to be Co-Sunday School Superintendents – Jaime is going to meet with them in the next couple of weeks. Backpack blessing/back to school service will probably be Sept. 1 with a meal being served after service. Jaime is looking for thoughts and ideas from everyone.



Synod Assembly update. Ordination is set for Sunday, October 17 at 4-4:30. Time not for sure. Potentially an outdoor ceremony, discussion further on Pot Luck, or Sandwiches, Salad, & Cake. Gods Work Our Hands is set for September 12. We are wanting to participate on this date. Jaime will be attending Synod Fall Conference September 12-15 at Fair Hills. Discuss increase in rent – as of 1/1/2022 will go up from \$1,000 to \$1,250. Communion – Planning to save some of the communion cups for outdoor services. Coffee Hour – Becky is going to work on getting a letter sent on the first Sunday in Sept. for Coffee Hour to start up again.


TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved to Approve Report Courtney Anderson Second Barb Melroe MC Yes

LORD'S PRAYER, ADJOURNMENT Moved to Adjourn, Paul White Second Mike Larson, MC Yes.

Time: 8:20pm Next Meeting: September 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Outdoor Wor- ship & Back- Pack Blessing 6:00 PM	2 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	3 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	4
5 9:30 Worship w/ Communion	6	7 Sunday School Room Cleaning 5:00 PM	8 Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM	9 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	10 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	11
12 9:30 Worship w/ Communion RALLY SUNDAY Make-A-Change Sunday S.S. Class	13	14	15	16 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	17 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	18
19 9:30 Worship w/ Communion S.S. Class Bible Presentation	20 October Newsletter Deadline 	21	22	23 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	24 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	25
26 9:30 Worship w/ Communion S.S. Class	27	28	29 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM	30 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon		

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TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
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YOGA LEADERS.....DAWN ANDERSON & RACHEL NELSON

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