

APRIL 2022

NEWSLETTER



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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 10th 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 14th 6:30 PM

Good Friday, April 15th 6:30 PM

Easter Sunrise Service, April 17th 7:00 AM

Easter Service, April 17th 9:30 AM



“God Pause”

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



2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Devotion

New creation. This phrase is perhaps familiar. We hear it when a child or an adult is baptized. Maybe we hear it occasionally in a sermon. We certainly hear it in Paul's letters. But what is it? The last couple of days, God's promise has been the focal point of these devotions. God's promise opens up or introduces us into God's renewal of creation. Through the promise—God's steadfast love always offered—God invites us into new creation. God invites us into God's ongoing activity, which is reconciling the world, reconciling all humanity, all creation to God's self. We are invited to participate in this work: to be ministers of reconciliation. Don't hide behind the walls created by society, whether they be boundaries of race, gender, class, etc. Living in those categories is old creation. God always invites us into the new beginnings of freedom, love of neighbor, and care of creation.

Prayer

God of disruption, you break down the barriers that divide; your promise reconciles all peoples. Dismantle within us all those barriers we build, so that your good intent, your new creation may be revealed. Amen.

Dirk G. Lange—Professor of Worship and Frederik A. Schiotz Chair of Christian Missions, Luther Seminary

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- April 03:** Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM, Sunday School & YOGA to follow
April 05: 1st Communion Class 5:30 PM
April 06: 6:00 PM Potluck, 6:30 PM Mid-Week Lent Service
April 06: 5th & 6th Grade After School Program 3:15 PM
April 10: Palm Sunday Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM, Sunday School & YOGA to follow
April 10: Sunday School Kids Sing during worship—Easter Egg Hunt After worship Service
April 10: Burger & Brat Feed 11:00-12:30 PM at GA
April 13: 5th & 6th Grade After School Program 3:15 PM
April 13: Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM
April 14: Ruth Circle 2:30 PM
April 14: Maundy Thursday & First Communion 6:30 PM
April 15: Good Friday Service 6:30 PM
April 17: Sunrise Easter Service 7:00 AM, Easter Breakfast follows, Second Service 9:30 AM
April 18: May Newsletter Deadline
April 20: 5th & 6th Grade After School Program 3:15 PM, Confirmation 6:30 PM
April 20: Multi-Community Choir Easter Cantata 7:30 PM
April 24: Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM, Sunday School & YOGA to follow
April 27: 5th & 6th Grade After School Program 3:15 PM, Confirmation 6:30 PM
May 01: Confirmation Sunday, Confirmands be at church at 8:45 AM
May 04: Blessing of the Wheels outdoor service & supper 6:00 PM

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We're Having a COCKOUT! **Brat & Burger Feed:** The Men's Group will be putting on their "Burger and Brat Feed" Sunday, April 10th from 11:00 - 12:30. Proceeds to help defray cost of YOGA activities. Spread the word and see you there!

First Communion: First communion class will be April 5th 5:30-7PM at GA, we ask that the child and a parent(s) attend. Supper will be served. First communion will be given during Maundy Thursday service April 14th 6:30 PM.

Easter Breakfast: YOGA will be having their Annual Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service on Easter Morning April 17th. We hope to see you all there for some delicious food, and to help support our Youth of GA.

Annual Meeting Minutes: The 2022 Annual Meeting minutes are available for you to view on the church website www.galutheranchurch.org just click the "Annual Meeting Minutes" link right on the main page.


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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Richard "Dick" Johnson, Scott Walden and Opal Hegle. 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, Dish Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash and Paper Products.** 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. 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.

Election Results: Auston Creech & Kris Beck were elected to council, Steve Melroe, Lannae Johnson & Julie Johnson were elected to GA Foundation Directors and Dawn Anderson was elected to the Auditing Committee. Julie Waswick, Martin Potts & Joleen Hardy will be attending Synod Assembly in June.

Mission Statement: At the Annual Meeting a new mission statement was adopted for GA Church, it is as follows: To share the Good News of God's Word and to serve the community and the world.

Digital Bridal Shower: There will be a digital Bridal Shower for Kendra Euscher on April 30th at 11:00 AM. Zoom link: <https://umich.zoom.us/j/92876967241> Meeting ID: 928 7696 7241 Passcode: K+E see poster in church narthex for more information.



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 February 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Beginning Balance \$31159.76- Debts \$19848.10 + Deposits \$16334.79 = End Balance \$27646.45**

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Easter Egg Hunt: Will be held on April 10th after church service. If you would like to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt please have them to the church office by April 3rd. Spread the word, and see you kiddos there!

Easter Lily Sign-Up Sheet: If you bring in a Lily or other plant to decorate for the Easter Season, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Please write your name, plant type and who it is in memory/honor of. Thank you.

Easter Cantata: The Multi Community Choir will be performing "No Greater Love" by Lloyd Larson, Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30 PM at GA Church. Please spread the word, this event is open for the whole community to attend.



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.

Thank You: To everyone who donated their time, equipment and muscle to help with snow removal this year at GA. Your efforts in keeping the church safely accessible in the winter are very much appreciated!

Mowing List: The mowing list for the church yard will be coming out soon. If you would like to be put on the list for this summer and/or taken off the list please let Carrili know asap. Thank you in advance for your help!



Blessing of The Wheels: Spring is here. The roads and sidewalks are clear. So let's share a meal and bless the wheels! Bring your wheels - bicycles, tricycles, motorcycles, ATVs, rollerblades, skates/skateboards, scooters, strollers, walkers, wheelchairs, etc., and join us for a Blessing of the Wheels on **Wednesday, May 4th @ 6pm on the front lawn at GA Church**. Food will be served starting at 6-6:30 with a short blessing of the wheels service at 6:30pm. Following the service everyone who brings their wheels is invited to come along for a ride. All are welcome.

Leader Needed: A leader will be needed for Worship on Sunday May 22nd, as Pastor Jaime will be gone for continuing education. If you are interested in leading please let Jaime or Carrili know.

March /April Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kris Beck

Nancy Wrage

Jackie Meyer

Michelle Ciesynski

Nicki Erickson

Betty Johnson

Barb Klemetson

Janae Sherlock

Della Teske

Judy Tyler

Kari Ulven

Karla Ulven

Patty Ulven

Shirley Waloch

Rhonda Weigelt

Kirstin Kempel

Kalea Melcher



April Birthdays

- 1 Karson Beckstrom
Kari Gilje
Paul White
- 2 Ethan Weigelt
- 3 Nancy Comegys
Tysen Hansen
Benjamin Odegard
- 4 Ginny Margolis
- 5 Jaylene Herman
- 6 Kristin Witkowski
- 7 Kris Nerison
- 8 Dawn Anderson
- 9 Jerry Fuss
- 10 Lynn Anderson
- 11 Marah Wittenburg
Shalon Benneweis
- 12 Chelsey Anderson
Chad Crandall
- 13 Tyler Beckstrom
Mary Edman
Lynn Jacobson
- 14 Shawn Beck
Treana Berreth
Ben Hanson
Olivia Waswick
Ken Wiederholt
- 15 La Von Stopplesworth
Sawyer Toepke
- 17 Joshua Crellin
Brandon Holden
James Johnson
Sheridan McKeever
- 19 Randy Christensen
Jason Nelson
- 20 Jared Crellin
Emma Osier
Cody Huffar
- 21 Chris Tufty
- 22 Marsha Murphy
Nancy Wrage



- 23 Steve Johnson
Kyle Sanchez
- 25 Rodney Hansen
Carolyn Klemetson
- 26 Val Bjork
Joey McGuire
Max Schroeder
- 27 Kaitlyn Shockley
- 28 Kristi Beaver
Jaxyn Christensen
- 30 Richard Olson
Karlie Shockley

April 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!

- 02 Rachel & Jason Nelson
- 08 Karla Ulven & Craig Beedy
- 09 Shalon & Darren Benneweis
- 12 Val & Brian Bjork
- 18 Jolene & Tim Christensen
- 19 Darci & Roger Asche
Karen & Terry Euscher
- 28 Carolyn & Richard Jacobson

April Worship Assistants

Acolytes

- 03 Easton Johnson
Jakob Creech
06 Youth
10 Jaxyn Christensen/Braylyn Nelson
14 Youth
15 Youth
17 Early-YOGA
Late-Elijah Hansen
Cyprian Johnson
24 Ethan Weigelt/Teagan Beck



Communion Assistants

- 03 Joan Peterson
06 Michelle Ciesynski
10 Courtney Anderson
14 Jessica Peterson
15 Martin Potts
17 Early-Kris Beck
Late-Paul White
24 Becky Salberg



Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



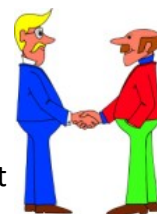
Readers

- 03 Barb Melroe
06 Youth
10 Coleen Beaver
14 Youth
15 Youth
17 Early-YOGA
Late-Val Bjork
Joleen Hardy
24



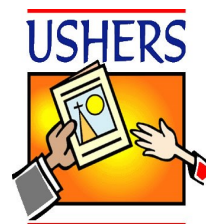
Greeters

- 03 Adam & Nancy Wrage
06 Youth
10 Brea Johnson/Marshall Weigelt
14 Youth
15 Youth
17 Early-YOGA
Late-Steve & Barb Melroe
24 Rhonda Weigelt
Traci Hanson



Ushers

- Captain:** Pete & Janae Sherlock
Dennis & Denise Dahl
Shawn & Kris Beck
Courtney Anderson & Alex Koepke



2nd Sunday

- Sheridan McKeever
Trista Weigelt
Aidan Anderson
Rayna Decker

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

Council Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2022

In Attendance: Jess Peterson, Sheridan McKeever, Barb Melroe, Pastor Jaime Decker and Austen Creech.

Meeting called to order 5:30PM by Kris Beck President

Approval of Meeting Agenda by Jess Peterson and seconded by Sheridan McKeever.

Secretary's Report – Not available

Pastor's Report

Committee Reports

WELCA – Had election of officers and discussed upcoming Spring Fling Next meeting will be April 24 after church service.

Men's Group – Will be having Burger and Brat feed on March 13 after church. Proceeds to go to YOGA.

Property – Insulation around ducts on south side of building is complete, More insulation has been ordered to complete the project.

Altar Guild – New paraments ordered. Will ask church groups for donations.

Sunday School – No report

YOGA – No report

Worship and music – Met to plan Lenten services

Old Business

Pamphlet holder has been installed and table removed from the Narthex.

New Business:

Election of officers: Ballot brought forth.

President- Kris Beck, Vice-president- Martin Potts, Treasurer –Jess Peterson, Secretary-Barb Melroe. With no further nominations brought forth, a motion for unanimous ballot was accepted and motion carried.

Discussion on changing accounting service from Storhaug to Olson. Peterson will check with Storhaug is there will be any changes since selling their business. Will table discussion regarding change until after this conversation.

Committee for member list- Pastor Jaime would like the council members to start this process. She will also write up a script to use for calls to non-active members.

Committee for church events- Pastor Jaime will speak to Kirstin Kempel and Nancy Wrage if they would make a booklet with what is offered and pricing.

Treasures Report – Ending balance \$27,646.45 Peterson/Creech motion carried.

Next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Creech/McKeever.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	2
3 9:30 Worship w/Communion S.S. Class & YOGA	4	5 5:30 PM First Communion Class	6 5th & 6th Grade Meets 3:15 PM 6:00 PM Lent Service	7 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	8 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	9
10 9:30 Worship w/Communion S.S. Class & YOGA M-A-C Sunday S.S Kids Sing Burger & Brat Feed Easter Egg Hunt	11	12	13 5th & 6th Grade Meets 3:15 PM Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM	14 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM w/ 1st Communion	15 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Good Friday Service 6:30 PM	16
17 7:00AM Easter Sunrise Service YOGA Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship w/ Communion NO Sunday School or YOGA	18 May Newsletter Deadline 	19	20 5th & 6th Grade Meets 3:15 PM Confirmation 6:30PM Easter Cantata 7:30 PM	21 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	22 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	23
24 9:30 Worship w/ Communion S.S. Class & YOGA SPRING FLING Fun Day	25	26	27 5th & 6th Grade Meets 3:15 PM 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting Confirmation 6:30M	28 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	29 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	30

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....RICK GRIEGER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
SCS SUPERINTENDENT.....JAN MELROE & BARB MELROE
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PAUL WHITE, MIKE LARSON, AUSTON CREECH
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE