

APRIL 2023

NEWSLETTER



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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 2nd 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 6th 6:30 PM

Good Friday, April 7th 6:30 PM

Easter Sunrise Service, April 9th 7:00 AM

Easter Service, April 9th 9:30 AM



“God Pause”

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



Romans 8:6–11 (NRSV)

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Verse⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, Verse⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Verse⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. Verse¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. Verse¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Devotion

Did you know that if you place one end of a 12-inch birch log in dishwashing liquid and then blow on the other end, your breath can make bubbles on the soapy end? Just like that birch log, we can conduct the breath of God through our work and our everyday life. “People who are self-centered aren’t able to please God. But you aren’t self-centered. Instead, you are in the Spirit” (Romans 8:8–9, CEB). It’s a great reminder to comprehend that being “in the Spirit” can simply mean being open so that God’s Spirit can flow through us. It gives us the freedom to be generous with our lives, our time, our money. This passage promises that when we let the Spirit guide our lives, “the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you” (Romans 8:11, CEB). We don’t have to supply all the effort—God will provide.

Prayer

God of generosity, you gave us everything we need, and in you we find our greatest satisfaction. Be with us as we worry about how and what we are doing, and remind us that you are there, animating our lives with your breath of life. Amen.

Ben McDonald Coltvét, Associate Director of Digital Content, Faith+Lead

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

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- April 02:** Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am, Sunday School Sings, Sunday school after worship
April 02: Easter Egg Hunt after worship, Palm Sunday Dinner 11am-1pm, Cinema Sunday 2pm.
April 06: 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30pm, and First Communion
April 07: 6:30 PM Good Friday Worship
April 09: 7:00 AM Sunrise Easter Service, YOGA Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service
April 09: 9:30 AM Easter Worship, No Sunday School
April 12: 5:15 PM Wednesday Worship & Education
April 13: 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
April 15: Kempel Bridal Shower 10am-Noon
April 16: Holy Humor Worship 9:30am, Sunday school after worship, Council Meeting After Worship
April 16: Cinema Sunday 2:00 pm.
April 19: 5:15 PM Wednesday Worship & Education
April 23: 9:30 AM Sunday Worship, Sunday School after Worship, Cinema Sunday 2:00 PM
April 24: May Newsletter Deadline
April 25: 5:15 PM Wednesday Worship & Education, 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting
April 30: 9:30 AM Sunday Worship, Sunday School after Worship, Cinema Sunday 2:00 PM

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!

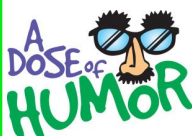


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Bulletin Donation Sheet: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2023 church season is on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to donate/sponsor a bulletin for a Sunday please mark it down and get your payments to Carrili. Bulletin donations are \$15.00 per Sunday. Thank you for your support.



First Communion: "Do this for the remembrance of me." Do you remember receiving your first communion? Who was there? The first taste of the bread and wine? Our youth who have taken the first communion class will be receiving their First Communion during our Maundy Thursday service, April 6. We invite you to remember your first communion as we celebrate alongside our youth who will taste the promise of God's grace and hear the words, "Do this for the remembrance of me."



Holy Humor Sunday: April 16th, On this first Sunday of Easter, let us laugh alongside God in the face of death, knowing that death is not final. Bring your funny "church appropriate" jokes to share with the assembly during this service filled with laughter and hope as we celebrate the promise of the resurrection and life everlasting.



Council Retreat: April 15 - 9 am - 3 pm: at Pastor Jaime's house. Pastor Jule Ballinger will be leading the council members and Pastor Jaime in a team building/leadership retreat.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Patti Anderson and Kenny Bartl. 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 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.



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.



Easter Egg Hunt: GA Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 2nd after worship. Any kiddos can hunt for eggs!



Office Hours: Pastor Jaime has changed her office hours, New hours are: Monday- 9:30-11:30am, Tuesday-9:30-11:30am, Wednesday-1:00-3:00pm. She is also available by cell 701-680-2637. Friday will still remain her day off.



Palm Sunday Dinner: WELCA will be having a Palm Sunday Dinner, Sunday April 2nd from 11am-1pm. It is Free Will and Open to ANYONE to attend. So please spread the word and we will see you there!



Church Finances: For the month of February 2023: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church!
Starting: \$32,908.81- Debts \$19,733.75 + Deposits \$16,521.76
= End \$29,696.82

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This year for Sunday School music we are going to be singing **1 Sunday a month**. We will try and sing on the **2nd Sunday** of each month as that is the "youth" Sunday, as long as the schedule allows. There are a few Sundays that will not be on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **ALL CHILDREN** ages 4 years thru 6th Grade are welcome to join us! For the 2022-2023 school year they will sing on the following Sundays: **April 2nd, May 7th** Please try and have your child/children here as many Sundays as possible thru the year to practice, so that come the performance days we actually know the words. I understand that not every Sunday everyone can be here, but please try and come to as many as possible. **May 14th is the LAST DAY of Sunday School.** Also, the following Sundays there will not be Sunday school class for the 2022-2023 year: **April 9th.** Sincerely, Carrili Larson- Music Instructor.



Easter Breakfast: YOGA will once again be holding their Annual Easter Breakfast. It will be held between the Sunrise and Regular worship service on April 9th Easter Sunday. Open to all to attend. Please spread the word.



Volunteer Needed: Church Council has 1 spot vacant that needs a volunteer to fill it. It will just be for 1 year to finish a term of a member that has stepped down. If interested please let Kris or Carrili know. Thank you!



Synod Assembly: GA is in need of 1 more member to attend Synod Assembly in Fargo, June 3-4. The church pays all expenses for the event. If you are interested please let Pastor Jaime or Carrili know by April 20th. Thank you.

March/April Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kris Beck
Nancy Wrage

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 Johnson

Jackie Meyer



April Birthdays

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- 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
Lynn Jacobson
- 14 Shawn Beck
Treana Berreth
Ben Hanson
Olivia Waswick
Ken Wiederholt
- 15 La Von Stoppleworth
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

02	Tristen Peterson
	Braylyn Nelson
06	Youth
07	Youth
09	Early-YOGA
	Late-Elijah Hansen
	Cyprian Johnson
16	Ethan Weigelt/Teagan Beck
23	Emerson Beck/Hunter Lien
30	Skylar Peterson/Cyprian Johnson



Communion Assistants

02	Joan Peterson
06	Michelle Ciesynski
07	Auston Creech
09	Early-Kris Beck
	Late-Jessica Peterson
16	Paul White
23	Martin Potts
30	Becky Salberg



Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



Readers

02	Barb Melroe
06	Youth
07	Youth
09	Early-YOGA
	Late-Val Bjork
16	Joleen Hardy
23	Julie Johnson
30	Nancy Wrage



Greeters

02	Adam & Nancy Wrage
06	Youth
07	Youth
09	Early-YOGA, Late-Steve & Barb Melroe
16	Auston Creech & Family
23	Brian & Val Bjork
30	Rhonda Weigelt/Traci Hanson



Ushers

Captain:	Shawn & Kris Beck
	Dennis & Denise Dahl
	Pete & Janae Sherlock
	Timothy & Jessica Peterson



<u>2nd Sunday</u>	Cyprian Johnson
	Hunter Lien
	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 19, 2023

In Attendance: Martin Potts, Mike Larson, Kris Beck, Barb Melroe, Auston Creech, Jakob Creech Pastor Jaime,
Meeting called to order at 10:50 am Opening prayer and devotion Approval of Meeting Agenda by A. Creech/ Larson. Motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report – Will be helping Wyndmere Lutheran with First Communion classes and holding First Communion classes at GA on 3/27/23. Taking confirmation class and mentors to Dahlstrom Funeral Home. Returned from vacation.

Committee Reports

WELCA – Having Palm Sunday Dinner. Free will, open to public.

Men's Group – will head up landscaping project around church and parsonage. Having Burger and Brat feed 3/26/23.

Property and Grounds- Leak continues to leak. Mike and Kent shoveled valleys and applied snow melt. Mike also contacted Novak Electric to check vents.

Altar Guild- Getting ready for Holy Week and Easter. Meet last Wednesday of the month.

Sunday School – No change

YOGA – Helping with Burger and Brat feed on 3/26 and getting ready for Easter breakfast.

Music and Worship – Meeting 3/23/23 to plan Holy Week and Easter.

Old Business

New Business

Election of Officers- A. Creech moved and J. Creech seconded unanimous ballot for :

Kris Beck-President, Martin Potts- Vice President, Mike Larson-Treasurer and Barb Melroe Secretary.
Motion carried.

B. Wednesday night services have been cancelled frequently due to weather.

C. Council Leadership retreat led by Pastor Jule Ballinger to be held 4/15/23 starting at 9
at Pastor Jaimes's home.

D. Discussion about annual meeting. Custodian, office hours for Pastor, new Stewardship
Committee.

E. Discussed need to fill Jessica's council seat. Barb will contact Courtney Koepke.

F. Drive through loan- will be paid off with funds from Manny Hegle and GA Foundation.

Treasurer's Report – Moved to approve- Melroe/ Larson

Next Council Meeting- April 15, 2023 after church service. Motion to adjourn- A. Creech/ J. Creech

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<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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2 9:30 Worship Sunday School S.S. Sings Egg Hunt Palm Sunday Dinner 2pm Cinema Sunday	3	4	5	6 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM First Communion	7 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Good Friday 6:30 PM	8
9 7:00 Easter Sunrise 9:30 Worship No S.S Class YOGA Breakfast	10	11	12 5:15 PM Wed Worship & Edu- cation	13 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	14 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	15 Kempel Bridal Shower 10am Council Retreat
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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....RICK GRIEGER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
SCS SUPERINTENDENT.....MARKIE TOSO & RACHEL NELSON
YOGA LEADERS.....

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PAUL WHITE, AUSTON CREECH
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE