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NEWSLETTER



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“God Pause”

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



Romans 8:26-39 (NRSV)

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Verse²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Verse²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Verse²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. Verse³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. Verse³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Verse³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Verse³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Verse³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Verse³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Verse³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." Verse³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Verse³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, Verse³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Devotion

In 1967, I preached on this text for "Youth Sunday." I am still moved by these words. The discernment we are talking about this week is often confusing and difficult, but also an amazing work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us, prays for us, teaches, and encourages us. God is for us! Nothing can separate us from God's love and promise in Christ Jesus—not teenage impatience, adult ambition, old age, trauma, self-pride, not our past or our future, no power on earth or beyond, not even our foolishness or lack of faith. Nothing! Wow! A family in a church I served embodied this for me. Their oldest son, driving recklessly, caused the death of his sixteen-year-old sister. Another son was disabled. Grief and challenge was around every corner, but they felt called to be foster parents. They took in special needs children and adopted two of them. They named their farm Mustard Seed Farm. (Matt.13:31-2)

Prayer

Dear God, you never give up on us. May we never give up on others who need our love and help. We long to know your will for us and our community. Amen.

Diane Koschmeder '90 M.Div.Retired, Harpers Ferry, IA

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

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



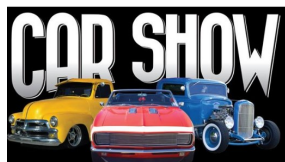
- August 06:** 9:30 Worship Service, Indoor, No Communion—Leader Julie Johnson
August 09: YOGA Car Show and Drive-In Diner, 5 to 7 PM—Open to ALL TO ATTEND
August 10: 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
August 13: 9:30 Worship Service, Indoor, No Communion—Leader NEEDED!!
August 20: 9:30 Worship Service, Outdoor with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker
August 21: September Newsletter Deadline
August 27: 9:30 Worship Service, Outdoor with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker



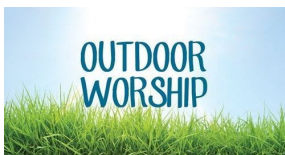
Venmo: GA Church now has Venmo! If you would like to use Venmo to place your Weekly/Monthly/Annual Offerings please do so!! Our account is **@GustafAdolf-LutheranChurch** or scan the QR Code. Thank you!



Leaders Needed: Worship Leader(s) are needed on the following dates as Pastor Jaime will be off. If you are interested in leading any of these dates please let Carrili know. **August 13th, September 10th** Thank You!



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Summer Outdoor Service: We are holding all Sunday worship services outside (weather permitting). Services will be held at 9:30am as normal, bring a chair and join us. On the Sundays that Pastor Jaime is off this summer we will hold indoor worship service, so **August 6th, August 13th we will be indoors.** Please spread the word and we will see you this summer.



Sunday Worship Service Assistant Lists: If you would like to be added and or removed from any of the worship assistant lists: Ushering, Reading, Communion, Greeters for the 2023-2024 Worship Season please let Carrili know by **August 5th.** Thank you for all you do to help GA Church Services run smoothly.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of Dennis “Denny” Howey.

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.



Office Hours: Pastor Jaime has updated her office hours, 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.



Church Finances: Finances were not available at the time of Newsletter Publication.

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Thank You: The Family of Kim Beckstrom would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards and attendance at Kim's Celebration of Life service. Thanks to WELCA for providing lunch, to Pastor Jaime for working with our family to have the kind of service Kim wanted. Kris Beck you rock, thanks for running sounds system and downloading our slide show and special music. Also, thanks to Pastor Jaime and Family and Barb & Steve Melroe for providing lunch at the Springs after the service.



Vacation Bible School: Thank you to all who helped out with VBS 2023 "God's New Creation" We had a GREAT 3 day event. We had around 30 kids in attendance, and a fun time was had by all learning about God's New Creation. See you NEXT YEAR!



Church Council: The vacant spot on the Church Council has been filled. Thank you to Joleen Hardy for stepping up to fill that position.

July/August Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kandyce Sandstrom

Donna Anderson

Janice Buchholz

Heather Hamann

Lynn Jacobson

Lannae Johnson

Marsha Murphy

Becky Sandness

Deb Tufty

Robbin Witkowski

Shalon Benneweis

Verna Anderson

Courtney Koepke

Ashley Hansen

Krista Peterson



August Birthdays

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- 1 Shane Orn
Nicholas Goettle
- 2 Bonnie Beem
Rayna Decker
Anthony Fuss
Ryan Grieger
- 4 Jamie Johnson
Tucker Larson
Jason Rodine
- 5 Heidi Johnson
Trace Hanson
Curt Tufty
Deb Thorsness
Jennifer White
Jasmine Seykora
- 6 Jeff Johnson
Miles Johnson
- 7 Alison Toepke
- 10 Matthew Odegard
- 11 Sydney Sitz
- 12 Nick Hardy
Shane White
Maisen Waloch
- 14 Alicia Kelsen
Alex Anderson
Brooklyn Ponzer
- 15 Paul Vincent
Moxzyn Hamann
- 16 Dale Beaver
Ashley Berreth
Connie Kracht
- 17 Ross Hardy
Julie Johnson
Tucker Meyer
Landon Meyer
- 18 Kami Wrage
- 19 Bryton Ciesynski
Lisa Jensen
- 20 Courtney Anderson
Jacob Hardy



- 22 Jerel Dux
Maddilyn Faber
- 23 Sean Anderson
Amy Swanson
Steve Nicholson
- 24 Trent Hardy
- 26 Bailey Kraft
- 27 Steve Jacobson
- 28 Crystal Taylor
- 30 Steve Morlock
- 31 Lee Schwagel Jr.

Ava Mairs

August Anniversaries



- 13 Dawson & Ashley Peterson
- 15 Karissa & Ben Hanson
- 18 Donna & Dave Hansen
- 20 Joan & Dewey Johnson
- 21 Betty & Duane Johnson
- 23 Jessica & Jerel Dux
- 25 Verna & Dean Anderson
- 26 Trudy & Duane Peterson
- 27 Dawn & Sean Anderson
Paula & Rodney Hansen
- 28 Courtney & Isaac Swanson
- 29 Nancy & Adam Wrage
- 31 Judy & Jeff Tyler

***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!

August Worship Assistants

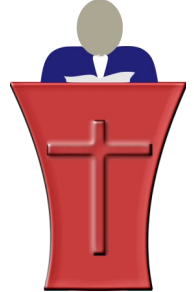
Acolytes

06 Hunter Lien
Moxynn Hamann
13 Jace Faber
Tucker Larson
20 Hudson Lien
Lando Decker
27 Jaila Nerison
Matt Stubbart



Readers

06 Michelle Goettle
13 Carrili Larson
20 Karla Waloch
27 Kirstin Kempel



Communion Assistants

06 Auston Creech
13 Mike Larson
20 Dennis Dahl
27 Kent Johnson



Greeters

06 Kirstin & Torey Kempel
13 Brian & Kari Gilje
20 Waswick/Potts
27 Dennis & Denise Dahl



Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



Ushers

Captain: Duane & Trudi Peterson
Shirley Fuss
Adam & Nancy Wrage
Michelle Goettle
Rosi Odegard




Mowing

July 30-Aug5 Kenwood Peterson
Aug 6-12 Kent Johnson
Aug 13-19 Dennis Dahl
Aug 20-26 Walter Wrage
Aug 27-Sept 2 Shawn Beck

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

Council minutes were not available at the time of Newsletter Publication.

AUGUST 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		01	02	03 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	04 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	05
06 Indoor 9:30 Worship No Communion	07	08	09 YOGA Car Show 5-7pm	10 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30PM	11 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	12
13 Indoor 9:30 Worship No Communion	14	15	16	17 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	18 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	19
20 Outdoor 9:30 Worship with Communion	21 September Newsletter Deadline 	22	23	24 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	25 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	26
27 Outdoor 9:30 Worship with Communion	28	29	30 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM	31		

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AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE