

*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Lent Worship Times

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Service 6:30PM

Feb 21: Wed Night Lent Worship 6:30 PM

No Potluck

Feb 28: Wed Night Lent Worship 6:30 PM

No Potluck

Wednesday Night Services will continue thru March 20th.

“God Pause”



Our 2024 Midweek Lenten Journey



Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in **love**, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to **equip** the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in **love**, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in **love**.



We are the body of Christ. We all use tools everyday of our lives. Tools can look like hammers, screwdrivers, and saws. They look like pencils to teachers, needles to quilters, paper to students, a computer to web designers, shoes to runners, Bibles to pastors, a pacifier to an infant. We are to share the love of Christ in our everyday lives, the tools we use represent where we bring the love of Christ on a daily basis. Let's represent the body of Christ through our tools and remind ourselves that we give our entire lives to God. Please bring a tool – from the very young to the very old and place them on our EQUIPPED display. Thank you for participating!

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Feb 04: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, No Sunday School

Feb 04: ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

Feb 08: Ruth Circle 2:30 PM

Feb 11: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, Make-A-Change, Sunday School Resumes After Worship

Feb 14: 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

Feb 14: Wednesday Education Resumes

Feb 18: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, Sunday School After Worship

Feb 18: 11:00 AM GA Foundation Meeting

Feb 18: 5:00 PM Men's Group Meeting & Supper

Feb 19: March Newsletter Deadline

Feb 21: Wednesday Education

Feb 21: Wed Night Lent Worship 6:30 PM - No Potluck

Feb 25: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, **Sunday School Sings**, Sunday School After Worship

Feb 28: Wednesday Education

Feb 28: Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM

Feb 28: Wed Night Lent Worship 6:30 PM - No Potluck

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 2024 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.

Leaders Needed: Leaders are needed for worship on the following Sunday. **March 10th.** If you are interested in leading, please let Carrili know. Thank you in advance for your help.

Annual Meeting: Yes, it's everyone's favorite time of year! The deadline for leader and financial reports from all church groups is **February 4th**, Thank you in advance for your cooperation. See you at the Meeting **March 3rd!**

Sunday School: Sunday school will resume February 11th and Wednesday Education on February 14th.


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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 Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry **Top Needs: Canned fruits/veggies, Beans, Soups, Cereal, Paper Products, Hygiene Items, Juice, Condiments, Flour, Sugar, Oil, Pasta.** Monetary donations are also appreciated. 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, potatoes, fresh vegetables and fruits). Drop off places in Gwinner for non-perishables are GA Lutheran Church, or Teals Market. You can also drop off items at the Food Pantry, located in the Gwinner. Community Center-104 Main St., every Tuesday, 1:00-4:00pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity! If you or anyone you know are in need, feel free to stop by the Gwinner location on Tuesdays from 1-4pm and pick up some supplies.

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.



SNOW REMOVAL!!: Yes, that nasty White Stuff is back! Reminder that snow removal is done on a voluntary basis at GA Church. Thank you in advance, to ALL who take their time and volunteer their equipment to keep GA safe this winter season.

Teals Receipts: YOGA is once again collecting Teals Grocery receipts to turn in to help fund their educational trips & events. If you would like to help them out all you have to do is save your Teals receipts and turn them into the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

YOGA Rose Sales: YOGA is selling Roses, balloons & candy for Valentine's Day, and they will deliver. See the sign on the Sanctuary or Fellowship door for more information. Contact a YOGA member to place your order.

WELCOME: To the newest member of GA Church, Waylon James Wrage, Baptized on 1-21-2024. Infant son of Megan & Walter Wrage. Congratulations and God Bless.

Church Finances:

For the Month of December 2023: (Not Available at time of publication)

Beginning Balance:\$ + Deposits:\$ - Expenses:\$ =

Ending Balance: \$

2024 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2024 Budget: \$195,310.00

Giving to Date: \$4592.00

Giving Needed by 12-31-24: \$190,718.00



Because you give...we worship, fellowship, learn, serve & grow. Thank you for your generosity

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The GA Men's Group: Annual meeting will be held at the church, Sunday, February 18th at 5:00pm starting with supper. The annual meeting will be at 6:00pm. Please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship and meal.

The GA Foundation: Meeting Sunday morning, February 18th at 11:00am in the pastor's office. If you have a project to be considered for funding, please attend the meeting, or contact Dennis Dahl or Kenwood Peterson.

Annual Meeting Booklets: The Booklets for the 2024 Annual Meeting will be available to pickup on the table in the Narthex on February 18th. Feel free to grab one and look it over prior to the Annual Meeting, but please bring the booklet back with you on March 3rd. Thank you and see you there!

Giving Hearts Day: February 8th, Giving Hearts Day continues to grow as a vital way to support synod ministry. The Eastern ND Synod is EQUIPPING LIVES and SHARING LOVE through individuals, congregations, parishes, and ministries. We hope that you will participate in this year's Giving Hearts Day. Our goal is to raise \$80,000! We have already raised \$40,000 in match dollars. <https://app.givingheartsday.org/#/charity/379>

Looking Ahead! :

1. **March 3rd:** 2024 Annual Meeting
2. **March 6th:** 6:30 Lent Worship
3. **March 13th:** 6:30 Lent Worship
4. **March 20th:** 6:30 Lent Worship
5. **March 28th:** Maundy Thursday
6. **March 29th:** Good Friday
7. **March 31st:** Easter



January-February Action Group

Co-Chairs: Rachel Nelson

DeAnna Youle

Dawn Anderson

Karen Anderson

Paula M Hansen

Carolyn Klemetson

Jaime Decker

Nicole Shockley

LaVon Stopplesworth

Tanya Walth

Laurie Lee

Karla Waloch

Janelle Mairs

Kristy Mairs

Sandra Nerison

Jessica Peterson



February Birthdays

- 2 Kelsey Beckstrom
Mike Larson
- 3 Janet Orn
Sam Gebeke
Marshall Weigelt
- 7 Clarmont Ulven
- 8 Kris Beck
Tayler Hansen
Sage Turchin
- 9 Chase McFarland
Emma Waloch
- 10 Jasmine Sherlock
- 11 Kirstin Kempel
- 12 Katelyn Decker
Dawson McKeever
Justin Rodine
- 13 Betty Melroe
Jennifer Kleingartner
- 14 Laura Thurston
- 16 Brian Tyler
Galen Metz
Kari Ulven
- 17 Lando Decker
- 18 Myrna Anderson
- 19 Michelle Ciesynski
- 20 Randy Holden
Kenwood Peterson
Jewel Jones-VanTassel
Trista Weigelt
- 21 Shirley Christensen
Preston Odegard
- 22 Dennis Peterson
- 23 James D. Johnson
Lucas Lutt
- 24 Dennis Dahl
Sierra McKeever
- 25 Logan Peterson
Chad Vincent

- 26 Kristy Hohnadel
- 27 Terry Beckstrom
- 28 Aidan Anderson
- 29 Dawson Peterson



February 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!

February Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants

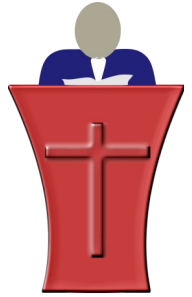
- 04 Steve Melroe
- 11 Joleen Hardy
- 14 Becky Salberg
- 18 Michelle Ciesynski
- 21 Youth
- 25 Shirley Waloch
- 28 Auston Creech



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Readers

- Joleen Hardy
- Carrili Larson
- Youth
- Kirstin Kempel
- Youth
- Julie Johnson
- Youth



Greeters

All Members of GA Are Invited To Welcome our Visitors and Each Other.



Ushers

- Captain: Dan & Stacy McKeever**
- Darrel & Becky Salberg
 - Calli & Lucas Jacobson
 - Heather Swanson
 - Sean & Dawn Anderson



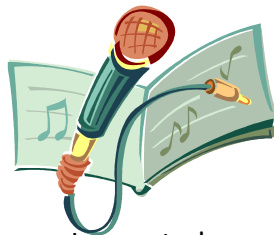
Snow Removal

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Sound System

Sound System is now A Paid Position.

Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.



Council Meeting for January 2024 had not been held yet at time of Newsletter Publication

Meeting Scheduled for 1-31-2024

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				01 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	02 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	03
04 9:30 Worship with Comm No Sunday School Annual Report Deadline	05	06	07	08 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30PM	09 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	10
11 9:30 Worship with Comm Sunday School Make-A-Change Sunday	12	13	14 Wed Education Resumes 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday	15 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	16 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	17 Hanson Wedding
18 9:30 Worship with Comm Sunday School 11am Founda- tion Meeting 5:00pm Men's Group Meeting	19 March Newsletter Deadline 	20	21 Wed Education 6:30 PM Lent Worship—No Potluck	22 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	23 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	24
25 9:30 Worship with Comm Sunday School Sunday School Sings	26	27	28 Wed Education 6:30 PM Lent Worship—No Potluck 5:30 Altar Guild	29 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon		

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TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....TRUDY PETERSON
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
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AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE