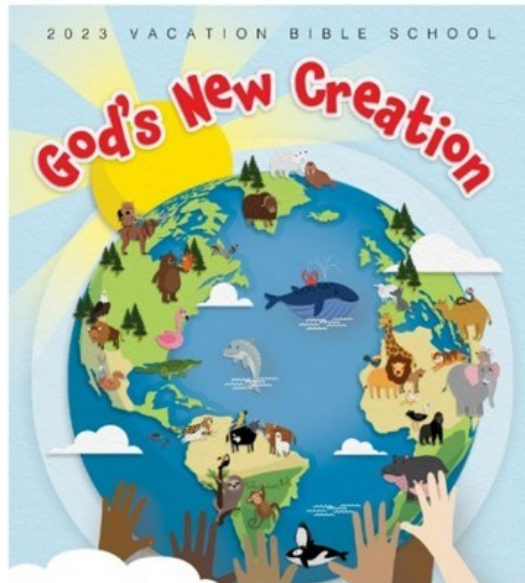


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We are excited to welcome kids of ALL ages to learn, play, and sing to explore God's New Creation! Together, we will learn about hunger, hope, and the work to which God calls us in the world.

****3 yrs & younger must be accompanied by an adult****

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**JULY 17-19
5:30-7:30 PM**

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**Or completed a printed Form on
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“God Pause”

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



Romans 6:1b-11 (NRSV)

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? Verse²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Verse³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Verse⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Verse⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Verse⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. Verse⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. Verse⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Verse⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Verse¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. Verse¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Devotion

Searching for “newness of life” leads people to extremes. Adrenaline junkies take remarkable risks for a few moments of feeling alive. Yet for all the desperate searching, many suffer today from depression, addictions, and anxieties. So-called “deaths of despair” affect children as well as adults. We long for greater peace, justice, and equality. Can we find new life in Christ?

New life begins with a new identity. Baptism cleanses us from the past, but it goes farther. Participating in the death of Christ we can rise to new life, living not as we have but as we ought, not captive to our fears, but by the power of faith, not in slavery to our base instincts but serving the Savior who has freed us we become alive as God intends. It’s been said, “Nothing glorifies God more than a human being fully alive.” Faith is freedom “from” the past, but also “for” living in “newness of life.” What’s lifegiving to you?

Prayer

Renewing Lord, who died that we might live, who carried our brokenness to the cross so we might be made whole, help us to walk in newness of life today. Amen.

Jeffrey V. O’Grady ’86 M.A. Retired PCUSA Pastor, Nashville, Tennessee

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

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- July 02:** 9:30am Indoor Worship Service, no Communion—Gretchen Christenson
- July 08:** 10:00am Bridal Shower for Nicole Ennis bride to be of Rahk Hansen
- July 09:** 9:30am Indoor Worship Service, with Communion—Pastor Trichelle Kirchenwitz
- July 13:** 2:30pm Ruth Circle
- July 16:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service, with Communion—Pastor Jaime
- July 17-19:** Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30pm
- July 23:** 9:30am Outdoor (Christmas In July) Worship Service, with Communion—Pastor Jaime
- July 24:** August Newsletter Deadline
- July 25-27:** YOGA Canoe Trip
- July 26:** 5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting
- July 30:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service, with Communion—Pastor Jaime

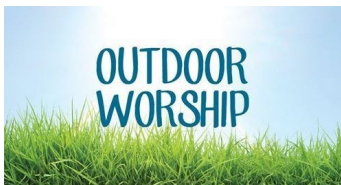
Venmo: GA Church now has Venmo! If you would like to use Venmo to place your Weekly/Monthly/Annual Offerings please do so!! Our account is **@GustafAdolf-LutheranChurch** or scan the QR Code. Thank you!



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 6th, August 13th, September 10th and September 17th.** Thank You!



Car Show & Drive-In Diner: YOGA will be hosting Wednesday, August 9th 5-7pm at the GA church parking lot. All vehicles, Tractors, Motorcycles, Etc. are Welcome! Burgers, Hotdogs and Ice-cream floats will be served. Spread the word and see you there!



Summer Outdoor Services: Starting May 28th we will begin 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 on **July 2nd, July 9th, August 6th, August 13th we will be indoors.**

Please spread the word and we will see you this summer.



Christmas In July: July 23rd we will be having Outdoor Worship 9:30am "Christmas in July" church service. Please join us, there will be lessons and songs for Christmas. Stay Tuned for more information. See you there!

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of Sylvan Anderson.

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 changed 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.



YOGA Canoe Trip: YOGA will be going on their annual canoe trip July 25-27. Keep an eye out for more information about signing up as the date approaches, contact Pastor Jaime with questions.



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

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Volunteer Needed: Church Council has 1 spot vacant that needs a volunteer to fill it. It will 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!

July/August Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kandyce Sandstrom

Donna Anderson

Heather Hamann

Lannae Johnson

Becky Sandness

Robbin Witkowski

Verna Anderson

Ashley Hansen

Janice Buchholz

Lynn Jacobson

Marsha Murphy

Deb Tufty

Shalon Benneweis

Courtney Koepke

Krista Peterson



July Birthdays

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- 1 Lucas Melroe
Heather Dienstmann
Hunter Lien
- 2 Janice Buchholz
- 3 Gaye Undem
- 4 Halle Lien
- 5 Kim Bauer
- 7 Colton Decker
Glenn Comegys
Mercedes Orth
- 8 Judy Berg
Lee Allan Smith
Jaela Nerison
- 9 Alex Jacobson
Gail Krause
- 10 Shon Jacobson
- 11 Ramzy Olson
Gage Hansen
- 16 LaLonnie Bautz
- 19 Verna Anderson
Brian Gilje
Roxanne Johnson
Heather Hamann
- 20 Anissah Carlblom
- 21 Roger Asche
Jetter Berg
- 22 Lory Bock
- 23 Chris McFarland
- 25 Justin Berg
Aryanna Nerison
- 29 Anna Holden
- 30 Trevor Christensen
- 28 Alexander Koepke
- 31 Deb Tufty



July Anniversaries

- 1 Kay & Larry Swanson
- 3 Joan & Kenwood Peterson
- 9 Becky & Mike Sitz
- 13 Karen & Kevin Anderson
Alex & Jesse Jacobson
- 17 Denise & Dennis Dahl
- 19 Lindy & Marvin Zetocha
- 21 Della & Calvin Teske
Lori & Kenny Wiederholt
- 22 Gaye & Scott Undem
- 23 Becky & Jerrod Sandness
Elisha & Corey Otonichar
Sandra & Gerad Nerison
- 29 Emma & Taylor Waloch

***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!

July Worship Assistants

Acolytes

02 Sofya Herman
Aryanna Nerison
09 Jaylene Herman
Lucus Christensen
16 Payten Herman
Maddilyn Faber
23 Teagan Beck
Elijah Hanson
30 Emmerson Beck
RayLee Odegard



Communion Assistants

02 Shirley Waloch
09 Becky Salberg
16 Martin Potts
23 Barb Melroe
30 Paul White



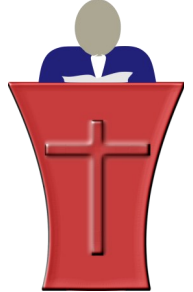
Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



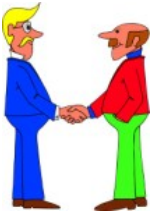
Readers

02 Julie Johnson
09 Val Bjork
16 Barb Melroe
23 Joan Peterson
30 Alison Toepke



Greeters

02 Shirley Fuss
Michelle Goettle
09 Brian & Val Bjork
16 Kent & Julie Johnson
23 Kenwood & Joan Peterson
30 Gerad & Sandra Nerison



Ushers

Captain: Courtney & Alex Koepke
Auston Creech
Shirley Christensen
Kenwood & Joan Peterson
Shirley Waloch





Mowing

02-08 Jerrod Sandness
09-15 Adam Wrage
16-22 Brian Gilje
23-29 Walter Wrage

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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02 Indoor 9:30 Worship No Communion	03	04	05	06 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	07 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	08 10:30 am Bridal Shower Nicole Ennis
09 Indoor 9:30 Worship With Communion	10	11	12	13 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30PM	14 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	15
16 Outdoor 9:30 Worship with Communion	17 VBS 5:30-7:30pm	18 VBS 5:30-7:30pm	19 VBS 5:30-7:30pm	20 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	21 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	22
23 Outdoor 9:30 Worship with Communion	24 July Newsletter Deadline 	25 YOGA Canoe Trip	26 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM YOGA Canoe Trip	27 YOGA Canoe Trip	28	29
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