

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER



GA's Vacation Bible School

open to community
- all ages -
*3ys and under
must be
accompanied
by adult

Camp Firelight
A SUMMER CAMP Psalm 56:3
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

July 15-17

\$25 single
\$40 family

5:30pm Meal
6-7:30pm VBS

Register at galutheranchurch.org
or call 701-678-2552

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church, 207 1st St SE, Gwinner, ND

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VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at GA
July 15th-17th 5:30-7:30PM

Open to all ages to attend,
ages 3 and younger must be
accompanied by an adult.

Cost - \$25 individual and \$40 family

Sign up online at
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“God Pause”

Mark 4:35-41

35On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." Verse36And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. Verse37A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. Verse38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Verse39He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. Verse40He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" Verse41And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

DEVOTION

How many of us have been worried about things that seem like “no big deal” to others? That would seem to be the case in the gospel reading for today. The disciples with good reason are in an agitated state—they are in a boat in a storm and are fearing for their very lives. But Jesus seems untroubled! In fact, Jesus is in the back asleep on a cushion! What seemed like a big deal to the disciples, was no big deal to Jesus. That situation is like so very much of our lives. What seems like a big problem, is not. The things that we worry about are not the same as the things that God is thinking about! We have our agendas, and they are not always the same as God’s. Thinking like God is not an easy thing for us. We are much better at thinking about ourselves. We do not see things the same way that God sees them.

PRAYER

O God, help us to see things as you see them. May our priorities be the priorities that you would have us all share. Amen.

Dean Lundgren '94 M.Div.Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Nerstrand, Minnesota

A daily devotion brought to you by the alumni of Luther Seminary: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- July 03:** Summer Reading Camp K-2nd: 9-9:45am, 3rd & 4th: 10-10:45am, 5th & Up: 11-11:45am
- July 04:** Offices Closed for Holiday
- July 07:** 9:30am Indoor Worship Service, No Communion – Leader Jim Wilson
- July 07-09:** Pastor Jaime on Vacation
- July 10:** Summer Reading Camp K-2nd: 9-9:45am, 3rd & 4th: 10-10:45am, 5th & Up: 11-11:45am
- July 11:** Ruth Circle 2:30PM
- July 14:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service, Make-A-Change Sunday – Pastor Jaime Decker
- July 15:** Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30PM
- July 16:** Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30PM
- July 17:** Summer Reading Camp K-2nd: 9-9:45am, 3rd & 4th: 10-10:45am, 5th & Up: 11-11:45am
- July 17:** Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30PM
- July 21:** 9:30am Christmas In July - Outdoor Worship Service – Pastor Jaime Decker
- July 22:** August Newsletter Deadline
- July 22:** Summer Reading Camp K-2nd: 9-9:45am, 3rd & 4th: 10-10:45am, 5th & Up: 11-11:45am
- July 23-25:** YOGA Canoe Trip
- July 28:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service – Pastor Jaime Decker
- July 29:** Summer Reading Camp K-2nd: 9-9:45am, 3rd & 4th: 10-10:45am, 5th & Up: 11-11:45am



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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Watering Schedule: To water the newly planted landscaping plants/trees. There is a sheet on the bulletin board by the office. When you come in to water plants please check the sheet prior to watering so you know what needs water and then mark down what was watered so the next person coming in to volunteer knows what plants/trees need attention. This is done on a voluntary basis, so please if you have time, it would be greatly appreciated.



Book Study: We are taking a break for the month of July and will resume book study in August. Date and book yet to be determined. Contact Pastor Jaime with any questions.



VBS: Vacation Bible School will be held at GA July 15th-17th 5:30-7:30PM. Open to all ages to attend, ages 3 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. This year's theme: Camp Fire-light - a summer camp adventure with God. The theme verse is "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" Psalm 56:3. Kids will explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. Kids will learn ways they can put their trust in God when they are afraid, challenged, or called to do

God's work and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ. VBS cost - \$25 individual and \$40 family, payments can be made, with cash, check or Venmo, Online registration is available at

www.galutheranchurch.org

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Mertis Hill and Karen Otteson, 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 and soups, paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels), pasta, sugar, cooking oil. 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 are GA Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church, or you can 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. Food Pantry Phone #: 701-680-7049.

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.



Christmas In July: Sunday July 21st, 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!



YOGA Car Show: YOGA will be hosting their Annual Car Show August 7th from 5-7pm at the GA Parking lot, they will be serving hotdogs/brats, burgers and sweet corn! Come on out and see the nice cars and get some supper.



Summer Reading Camp: Kids Pre-K-12th grade are invited to join Pastor Jaime for a weekly reading camp throughout the summer months. We will meet for 45min/week. Books will be provided. Incentives will be given to encourage kids to read on their own and/or with an adult throughout the summer. No cost to families. Please contact Pastor Jaime to sign up and/or if you have any questions at 701-680-2637. Next session is Wednesday, July 3rd.

Church Finances:

For the Month of May 2024:

Beginning Balance: \$42892.70, Deposits: \$21556.19, Payments: \$7542.79

Ending Balance: \$56906.10

2024 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2024 Budget: \$210,770.00

Giving to Date: \$56,826.00

Giving Needed by 12-31-24: \$153,944.00



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

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2024 Mowing Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| June 30-July 06 | Jerrod Sandness | September 01-07 | Martin Potts |
| July 07-13 | Adam Wrage | September 08-14 | Mike & Carrili Larson |
| July 14-20 | Brian Gilje | September 15-21 | Adam Wrage |
| July 21-27 | Walter Wrage | September 22-28 | Brian Gilje |
| July 28- August 03 | Kenwood Peterson | Sept 29 - October 5 | Walter Wrage |
| August 04-10 | Jeff Anderson | October 6-12 | Mike & Carrili Larson |
| August 11-17 | Dennis Dahl | October 13-19 | Kent & Julie Johnson |
| August 18-24 | Kent & Julie Johnson | October 20-26 | Dennis Dahl |
| Aug 25 - 31 | Shawn Beck | October 27-Nov 02 | Kenwood Peterson |
| | | November 03-09 | Shawn Beck |
| | | November 10-16 | Martin Potts |
| | | November 17-23 | Jerrod Sandness |



Looking Ahead! :

August 7: YOGA Car Show & Feed 5-7pm

August 14: Church Council 5:30 pm

August: Book Study Resumes date TBD



July-August WELCA Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kandyce Sandstrom

Donna Anderson

Heather Hamann

Lannae Johnson

Becky Sandness

Robbin Witkowski

Verna Anderson

Krista Peterson

Janice Buchholz

Lynn Jacobson

Marsha Murphy

Deb Tufty

Shalon Benneweis

Courtney Koepke



July Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Melroe
Heather Dienstmann
Hunter Lien
- 2 Janice Buchholz
- 3 Gaye Udem
- 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
Heather Hamann
- 20 Anissah Carlblom
- 21 Roger Asche
Jetter Berg
- 22 Lory Bock
- 23 Chris McFarland
- 25 Justin Berg
Aryanna Nerison
- 28 Alexander Koepke
- 29 Anna Holden
- 30 Trevor Christensen
- 31 Deb Tufty



July Anniversaries

- 1 Kay & Larry Swanson
- 3 Joan & Kenwood Peterson
- 9 Becky & Mike Sitz
- 13 Karen & Kevin Anderson
Alex & Jesse Jacobson
- 15 Bethany & Adam Sakry
- 17 Denise & Dennis Dahl
- 19 Lindy & Marvin Zetocha
- 21 Della & Calvin Teske
Lori & Kenny Wiederholt
- 22 Gaye & Scott Udem
- 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 con-
tact the church office at
678-2552 or email us at***

***[galutheran-
church@outlook.com](mailto:galutheran-church@outlook.com)***

Thanks!

July Worship Assistants

Readers

- 7 Julie Johnson
- 14 Val Bjork
- 21 Barb Melroe
- 28 Joan Peterson



Communion Assistants

- 07 Becky Salberg
- 14 Martin Potts
- 21 Kirstin Kempel
- 28 Paul White

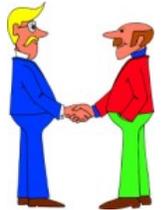


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Greeters

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



Ushers

Captain: Kenwood & Joan Peterson

- Auston Creech
- Krista & Logan Peterson
- Shirley Waloch
- Courtney & Alex Koepke



Sound System

Sound System is now
A Paid Position.
Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.



Reminder: If you are unable to fulfill your duties it is up to you to find a replacement. Thank you!

Council Meeting- June 12, 2024

President Kris Beck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members present: Kris Beck, Mike Larson, Kirstin Kempel, and Sharon Beckstrom. Also present: Pastor Jaime Decker and YOGA representative Jakob Creech

Devotion and prayer led by: Pastor Jaime Decker

Approve agenda: Kirstin/Mike. Motion carried

Secretary's Report: Mike/Sharon. Motion carried

Pastor's Report: Confirmation Sunday was held May 5th, two baptisms on May 11th, Stewardship skit was May 12th, she attended a conference in May, and held H.S. Senior recognition day on May 19th. On June 1-2-attended Synod Assembly with Mike and Carrili. She is holding a Summer Reading Camp Wed. mornings in June and July for k-12 students. There are 3 sessions. Outdoor worship began in June. Book Study was held June 11th. Pastor Jaime will officiate Grace Mathias and Carter Anderson's wedding June 22nd.

Church Work Group Reports:

Property and Grounds: Plants have been watered once, but it needs to continue weekly. Parsonage plants need water, too. New trees need to be watered, and Mike will look into this. West Fellowship Hall door needs to be replaced. Kris will check on this. More heat tape needs to be installed to prevent ice dams that happened this past winter. Mike will get volunteers to do this.

WELCA: No report

Men's group: No report

Education: VBS-July 15-17. Theme: Campfire Light. A meal will be offered at 5:30.

Altar Guild: No report

Worship/Music: Summer worship series:The Good Book. Our summer worship centers on dwelling in the scripture.

YOGA: Kentucky trip is June 23-27. Six youth and 2 adults are attending.

New Business:

- Stewardship letters for first quarter were sent out.
- No livestreaming this summer and most services will be held outdoors.
- Staff evaluations still need to be completed and bonuses need to be given out.
- Sohn's Food Truck will not be at GA. Pastor Jaime helped her get set up at Bohnenkamp's site.
- After school program will be planned soon for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Wedding Policy has been updated.
- Annual meeting may be moved up two weeks, but we'll have more discussion on this.
- Committee formed (Indy, Auston, Pastor Jaime, & Kirstin) to develop an Emergency Response Plan

Treasurer's Report: Some bills were discussed. Motion to accept. Mike/Jakob. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting. Sharon/Mike. Motion carried.

Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be August 14th at 5:30 pm.

JULY 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 01 | 02 | 03 Reading Camp | 04 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Offices Closed | 05 Jaime's Sabbath | 06 Jaime's Sabbath |
| 07 9:30 Indoor Worship No Communion Pastor Jaime on Vacation | 08 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Pastor Jaime on Vacation | 09 Pastor Jaime on Vacation | 10 Reading Camp | 11 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 | 12 Jaime's Sabbath | 13 Jaime's Sabbath |
| 14 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Comm Make-A-Change Sunday | 15 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline VBS 5:30-7:30 | 16 VBS 5:30-7:30 | 17 Reading Camp VBS 5:30-7:30 | 18 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon | 19 Jaime's Sabbath | 20 Jaime's Sabbath |
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CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR.....JAIME DECKER
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TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....TRUDY PETERSON
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
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YOGA LEADERS..... AUSTON CREECH, JACKIE MEYER

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SHARON BECKSTROM, PAUL WHITE, AUSTON CREECH
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE