

JUNE 2025

NEWSLETTER



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Outdoor Worship

Outdoor worship begins Sunday,
May 25th, weather permitting.

We will plan to have worship
outdoors every Sunday in June
except Sunday, June 8th.

“God Pause”

ACTS 16:9-15 (NRSV)

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Verse¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. Verse¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, Verse¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. Verse¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. Verse¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. Verse¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

DEVOTION

They went down to the river to pray. That seems like a good idea; a river can be a nice place to express gratitude to God, to worship, to pray. I wonder if there was a moment when they saw someone there and thought of going elsewhere so they could pray in peace, to not disturb or be disturbed.

Perhaps a little companionship and conversation about the grace of God was exactly what the women needed at that moment, though, and perhaps it was exactly what these apostles needed too. It is always a good day to share with someone what you are grateful to God for; it is always a good day to open your hearts to someone new. Maybe today is that very day. Maybe today you can find a place of prayer and have a life changing encounter too.

PRAYER

Lord God, you have filled our lives with your grace. Help us find a place to pray today and help those prayers be cause for celebration. Amen.

Rev. Mark T Niethammer '09 M.Div.Senior Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

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

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June 01: 9:30am Outdoor Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime

June 07-08: Pastor Jaime at Synod Assembly

June 08: 9:30am Indoor Worship no Communion—Leader Julie Johnson

June 08-14: Carrili on Vacation

June 12: 2:30pm Ruth Circle

June 15: 9:30am Outdoor Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime

June 16: Book Study 6:30pm

June 22: 9:30am Outdoor Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime

June 23: July Newsletter Deadline

June 29: 9:30am Outdoor Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime

Venmo: GA Church has Venmo! If you would like to use Venmo to place your Weekly, Monthly, and Annual Offerings or any other donations please do so!! Just scan the QR Code. Thank you!



Lutefisk Supper Suggestions: There is a suggestion box on the table in the Narthex (front entry), the Lutefisk committee is looking for suggestions/ideas on how to improve the Lutefisk meal and/or change the meal. Please feel free to leave a comment/idea. Thank you for your thoughts.

Burger & Hotdog Feed: The Burger / Hot Dog fundraiser was a success, with 65 people served. The Men's Group would like to thank Duane Johnson for the use of his grill, to those who brought salads, desserts, worked and organized the event. We couldn't have done it without you. Proceeds will be used for church improvements and youth activities.

Live Stream: Sunday May 18th was our last live-stream service for the Summer. We will resume live-streaming services in September.

VBS: You're Invited to Vacation Bible School! Join us for an exciting time of Faith, Fun, and Friendship at VBS, August 4–6 from 6:00–8:00 PM at GA Church! All PreK through elementary-aged kids are welcome for three evenings of games, music, crafts, and learning about God's love. We're also looking for volunteers to help make this event special! If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Emma Waloch: (701) 371-9923. We can't wait to see you there!

Do You Know: of anyone that does not get our monthly newsletter, but would like to? If so, please contact Carrili at 701-678-2552 or e-mail: galutheranchurch@outlook.com and let her know. Thank You.

Book Study: Our book pick for the month of June is "Under the Whispering Door" by TJ Klune. Grab a copy of the book, read it entirely, and join us at the church for conversation on Monday, June 16th at 6:30pm.

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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.



Food Pantry: The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry Top Needs: Prepared meals (hamburger helper, stuffing mix, etc.), Pasta (preferably no spaghetti) & pasta sauce, Flour, sugar, cooking oil, Pancake mix & syrup, Baked beans & pork 'n beans, Shelf stable juice, Cake & cookie mixes, Soups (preferably cream soups), Coffee, Household items (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, laundry soap, dish soap), Personal items (shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste). Monetary donations: are also appreciated, they can be sent 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). 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.

Mowing List: The mowing list has been completed and emailed out to those who have volunteered to help. Thank you in advance for keeping the church looking great this spring and summer. If you would like to be added to the list please let Carrili know.

Dog Beds: The Bits N' Stitches Quilters have dog beds for sale, \$5.00 Each. Please contact Julie Johnson or Becky Salberg. The proceeds from the sale of the beds will go towards purchasing more supplies for Quilting. Thank you!

Church Finances: For the Month of April 2025:

Beginning Balance: \$ 47,173.11, Deposits: \$ 12,666.03 Payments: \$13,912.84 Ending Balance: \$ 45,926.30

2025 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2025 Budget: \$232,550.00 **2025 Giving to Date:** \$ 81,153.30 **Giving Needed:** \$151,396.70

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



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Looking Ahead:

August 4-6: Vacation Bible School



Bulletin Donation Sheet: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2025 church season is on the table in the Narthex (front entry). If you would like to donate/sponsor a bulletin for a Sunday, please mark it down and give your payments to Carrili. Bulletin donations are \$15.00 per Sunday. Thank you for your support.

Rental Agreement: The GA Church Council passed a motion to charge a fee for rental of chairs, tables, and use of the Fellowship Hall/kitchen. The price for renting chairs is \$10/table and chairs is \$10/8 chairs. The Fellowship Hall/kitchen rental fee is \$50/day. (Please note that wedding rental fees are different.) If you would like to rent from the church, please contact the our secretary Carrili, Pastor Jaime, or a church council member. You will need to fill out a contract and pay the fee before removal or use of the facility. Council made this rental decision based on community need. The fees will offset costs for repair or replacements.

May-June WELCA Action Group

**Co-Chairs: Joan Peterson
Donna Hansen**

Kari Gilje

Betty Melroe (Honorary)

Linda Johnson

Lynn Anderson

Shirley Fuss

Kyla Temple

Vanessa Beaver

Jeanie Stahl

Deb Thorsness

Denise Dahl

Peggy Erickson

Connie Kracht

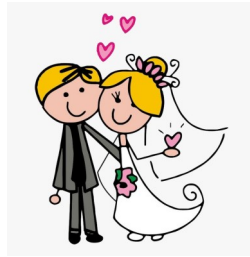
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June Birthdays

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- 1 Phyllis Bauer
Nora Swanson
- 2 Trever Hansen
Shayla Heger
Kinzley Orth
- 3 Lucus Christensen
- 4 Kevin Anderson
Joan Johnson
Jennifer Krause
Becky Sandness
William Witkowski
- 5 Michael Clapper
- 6 Lannae Johnson
Madison Mairs
- 8 Hannah Carlblom
Kelsey Johnson
Raymond Johnson
- 9 Claire Anderson
- 10 Corey Waloch
Bethany Kempel
Alexis Schwagel
- 12 Linda McFarland
Roger Johnson
Lexie Thares
Chad McFarland
- 13 Paige Walth
- 14 Tanner Kempel
Theresa Schwagel
- 15 Lane Christensen
- 17 Dennis Goltz
Dustin White
- 19 Cooper Fuss
- 20 Jennifer Herman
Stephanie McFarland
Randy Waloch
- 21 Reagan Crandall
Wally Skold
Jesse Zetocha
- 22 Blaine Stevens



***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!

- 24 Ginger Utecht
- 25 Tim Vincent
Shirley Waloch
- 26 Jaylesn Anderson
Chad Decker
Joleen Hardy
Elwood Odegard
- 28 Sharon Beckstrom
Darrel Salberg
- 30 Lyle Van Tassel
Jaida Dux

June Anniversaries

- 1 Jan & Scott Melroe
Lexie & Brayden Thares
- 3 Melinda & Steven Morlock
- 5 Diane & Elwood Odegard
- 6 Kate & Chad Decker
- 7 Marsha & Mark Murphy
Tami & Dean Zink
- 8 Carrili & Mike Larson
- 11 Margie & Zac Johnson
Patty & Clarmont Ulven
- 15 Shelly & Terry Beckstrom
- 18 Donna & Jeff Anderson
- 19 Treana & Jeremy Berreth
- 22 Grace & Carter Anderson
- 24 Lannae & Miles Johnson
- 28 Sharon & Dennis Peterson
Robbin & David Witkowski

June Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants

If you feel called to help offer God's gift of Holy Communion to God's people, please let Pastor Jaime or the ushers know before worship service or come forward when Pastor Jaime asks for communion assistants. All ages are welcome to assist with Holy Communion.



Sound System

Sound System is now

A Paid Position.

Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.

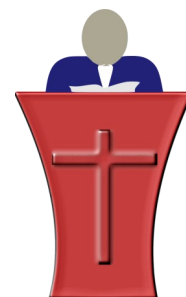


Mowing Schedule

June 01-07	Walter Wrage
June 08-14	Kenwood Peterson
June 15-21	Shawn Beck
June 22-28	Martin Potts
June 29-July 05	Jerrod Sandness
July 06-12	Adam Wrage
July 13-19	Brian Gilje
July 20-26	Walter Wrage
July 27- Aug 02	Kenwood Peterson

Readers

01	Becky Salberg
08	Volunteer
15	Michelle Goettle
22	Nancy Wrage
29	Carrili Larson



Greeters

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



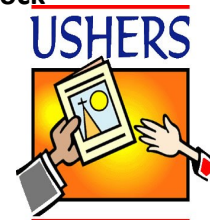
Ushers

Captain: Steven & Melinda Morlock

Chuck & Barb Klemetson

Vanessa & Keith Beaver

Emma & Taylor Waloch



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

GA Church Council Meeting - May 14, 2025 Members Present: Kirstin, Sharon, Emma, Mike, Paul, Walter. Also present: Pastor Jaime Kirstin called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Adopt the agenda: Paul made a motion. Mike seconded.

Secretary's Report: Report was emailed out. One change was made to a baptism date. Sharon made a motion to approve. Walter seconded.

Pastor's Report: - 5/4 Confirmation class presented their projects with a celebration supper following - 5/15 Pastor Jaime has Wahpeton conference in Milnor - 5/15 Burial for Myrna Anderson, funeral was back in March - 5/18 High School senior recognition Sunday, cake reception will follow during fellowship - Outdoor worship to hopefully begin, weather permitting, Memorial Day weekend - June 6-8 Synod Assembly in Fargo

Church Work Groups:

Property and Grounds (Mike, Martin) - Gutters installed on west side - Walter and Mike worked on leaky areas on the roof in the Fellowship Hall. Filled cracks with tar for temporary fix. Need to find someone to come in and repair shingles/roof soon. - Parsonage discussion. Basement and pipes with issues. Paul made a motion to hire a plumber. Emma seconded. Motion carried.

WELCA (Sharon) - No Report

Men's Group (Walter) - 65 attended burger feed. 11 from St. Vincent's attended. \$669 in Free Will offering collected.

YOGA (Emma) - No report

Education (Emma) - Planning VBS for the 3 evenings on Aug. 4-6th. Starting to look for volunteers and making plans. Info sent to Carrili to put in the June newsletter.

Worship and Music (Paul) - No Report. Paul will update soon with the summer worship plan.

Old Business: - GA Church Rental Fees/Contract. Paul made a motion to approve the contract (with added note saying GA has the right to void contract in case of funeral). Walter seconded.

- Expensive electric bill explained due to not switching back to geothermal instead of electric during cold months.

- Response to Foundation Committee - Kirstin going to get back to them about the possibility of a roof project which could use funding.

- Lutefisk Supper meeting to be planned. Tabled for now.

- All Pastor Jaime's vacation days filled.

- Constitutional Changes below. These will need to be voted on at a congregational meeting. - Remove treasurer - Change date of Annual Meeting - Family members on church council/staff/pastor - Pastor being put in charge of hiring/supervision for paid staff

New Business: - Copy machine rep came and worked on all issues with the printer.

- Water leak Altar Guild fridge/freezer. Kirstin is going to look at the freezer and see if it's working properly.

- New safe purchased for storage of staff evaluations

- Looked at Council Retreat posters/notes and Council Covenant/Goals


Treasurer's Report: Balance as of today: \$45,926.30

Emma made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Mike seconded it.

Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded it. Ended in Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting June 8th at 7:30 PM.

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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>
01 9:30 Outdoor Worship w/ Communion	02	03	04	05 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	06 Jaime's Sabbath	07 Jaime's Sabbath Jaime at Synod Assembly Carrili Vacation
08 9:30 Worship No Communion Julie Johnson Jaime at Synod Assembly Carrili Vacation Council Mtg 7:30PM	09 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Carrili Vacation	10 Carrili Vacation	11 Carrili Vacation	12 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30pm Carrili Vacation	13 Jaime's Sabbath Carrili Vacation	14 Jaime's Sabbath Carrili Vacation
15 9:30 Outdoor Worship w/ Communion	16 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Book Study 6:30pm	17	18	19 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	20 Jaime's Sabbath	21 Jaime's Sabbath
22 9:30 Outdoor Worship w/ Communion	23  July Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	24	25	26 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	27 Jaime's Sabbath	28 Jaime's Sabbath
29 9:30 Outdoor Worship w/ Communion	30 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline					

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....ADALEE HILL
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KIRSTIN KEMPEL
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YOGA LEADERS.....AUSTON CREECH

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