

# JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



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## A Summer Gloria

Glory be to God...

for clear blue skies and sunny days  
for fresh green grass and leafy trees  
for vivid purple flowers and well-tended gardens  
for fluffy white clouds and gentle breezes  
for bright red buses and busy streets

Glory be to God...

for people stepping out with sandaled feet  
for children playing games with delighted squeals  
for picnics and street parties  
for street traders and market stalls  
for long days and short nights.

Glory be to God...

for seasons  
for summer  
for sunshine

*A prayer by Chick Yuill*

# “God Pause”

## **Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church**

### **Congregational Meeting Minutes for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

38 members of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church were in attendance.

Kirstin Kempel called the meeting to order at 10:44am.

**Devotion & Prayer:** Lead by pastor Jaime Decker. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Joleen Hardy and second by Kandyce Sandstrom. No opposed. Motion passed.

#### **Business:**

**1)** Roof Committee met and made the decision to re-shingle the church’s roof to solve the leaking problem. Insulation is also needed in the attic. Explanation was made as to why metal was not chosen and went with shingles again. Metal roof didn’t accommodate the angle of the sanctuary roof well. The understructure of the roof and the insulation will also be addressed when the re-shingling is done. Explained what has been done to already monitor and try to solve the problem such as heat and humidity monitoring. Keith Beaver explained the need for vapor barrier, more insulation and an ice barrier on the roof. If the motion to repair the roof passes it will be done ASAP. Both contractors said they should be able to get to it this summer. Sharon Beckstrom mentioned to thank Keith Beaver for all his work putting the estimate together and talking to the contractors, and to Walter Wrage for his help as well.

**2)** The council will share 2 bids (discuss these bids)

a) Riverside Building Center: \$23,254.14 materials

b) Hansen Lumber & Hardware: \$23,254.14 materials

c) Roofing Work Estimates: Barry Fernow: \$42,000 incidentals are \$75.00/hr and SD Lapp Roofing: \$39,026 no cost for incidentals listed by this contractor. Payment is half up front, rest at completion for both of these contractors.

-Appointing of 3 Tellers for tallying Votes: Joleen Hardy, Trudy Peterson, Kandyce Sandstrom

**3)** Congregational vote (vote will be done by ballot)

a) Yes to re-shingling the roof: 35

b) No to re-shingling the roof: 02

Motion passed, and second ballot for materials and contractor will be passed out.

**4)** Congregational vote (if the vote is Yes) to choose a bid (vote will be done by ballot)

a) Riverside Building Center: 17 Votes

b) Hansen Lumber & Hardware: 18 Votes

c) Lapp Construction: 03 Votes

d) Barry Fernow: 32 Votes

Supplies will be purchased from Hansen Hardware and the contractor will be Barry Fernow. Insulation will be purchased from Riverside.

5) Discussion of possible fund raisers

Stock Growers Bank has approved GA church for a loan for the cost of the repair and labor.

If a church meal is held this year to replace the lutefisk supper the funds raised will be put towards the church roof repairs.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rhonda Weigelt and second by Mike Larson. No Opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:26am.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s prayer led by Kirstin Kempel.

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**June 01-04:** Pastor Jaime off Non-Contracted Time

**June 05-07:** Pastor Jaime off for Synod Assembly

**June 07:** 9:30am Worship Service, No Communion—Leader Julie Johnson

**June 08-13:** Carrili off for Vacation

**June 11:** 2:30pm Ruth Circle

**June 14:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

**June 17:** 6:00pm Church Council Meeting

**June 21:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

**June 22:** July Newsletter Deadline

**June 28:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

**June 29-July 5:** Pastor Jaime off Non-Contracted Time

**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!



**Senior Graduates:** Congratulations to Quentin Bauer, Ryan Enge, Jakob Creech, Easton Johnson, Elliot Shockley and Brea Johnson. Best wishes to you all and God Bless.

**Mowing List:** The list had been completed and emailed out to those who are on it. There are also printed copies available on the table by the secretary's office. Thank you in advance for all of your time and effort in keeping the church lawn looking great this Summer!

**LOOKING FOR HELP:** GA Church will be looking for a new Janitor come August, as our current one will be headed to college. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the position please contact Kirstin Kempel.

**Thank You:** The GA council would like to thank whoever purchased and replaced the mats/rugs at the entrances of the church. They look beautiful and we appreciate your generous donation.

**Burger & Hotdog Feed:** The 2026 Burger fundraiser was a success, with 58 people served. The Men's Group would like to thank Duane Johnson for his help and the use of his grill, to Walter for organizing the event and cooking, to those who brought salads and desserts and to those who helped serve and clean up. We couldn't have done it without you. Proceeds will be used for church improvements and youth activities.

**Summer Live Stream:** May 17th was the last day of Live Stream services for the summer season. Live stream services will resume September 13th. Please spread the word to those who view our

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**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



**Food Pantry:** The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry Ongoing Needs: Any shelf-stable, non-perishable Items are needed. Suggested items: Canned items, ready-meals (hamburger helper, mac-n-cheese, stuffing mix), pasta & pasta sauce, pancake mix & syrup, shelf-stable juice, cereal, peanut butter. We also can use household items (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, laundry soap, dish soap) and personal items (shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, tooth-paste). 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, bread, potatoes, fresh vegetables and fruit). 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.

**Bulletin Donations:** The bulletin donation sheet for the 2026 Church year is available on the table in the narthex. Bulletins cost \$15.00 per worship service to sponsor, please give payments to Carrili. Thank you!

**Congregational Meeting Results:** On Sunday, May 3rd a congregational meeting was held after worship service to discuss and vote on replacing shingles on the church's roof. The condition of the shingles has led to continuous leaking for years. The vote was done by ballot, and the vast majority voted "yes" to re-shingle the roof. A contractor will be hired soon and building supplies will be purchased. Thank you to all those that attended the meeting. The church council welcomes all ideas for fund raisers to help cover the cost of this big project.

**Thrift Store Update:** From Brenda Schreiner: Hello! Please thank your councils and congregations! Grace and Goods Thrift Store was able to donate \$295 to the Kedish House for the month of April!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS):** Will be held at GA August 3-5 for ages Pre-K thru 6th grade. The theme this year is *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God!* Keep your eyes open for more info and registration. All are welcome.

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## **Looking Ahead!**

**July 7-14:** YOGA Trip

**Aug 3-5:** Vacation Bible School



**Outdoor Worship:** We will be worshipping outdoors on the front lawn of the church on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. You are invited to bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. Chairs will be provided.

**Senior Meals:** Gwinner now hosts a Senior Meal at Noon at the Community Center on Main Street, Monday –Friday. Call 701-678-3815 to sign up.

## **May-June WELCA Action Group**

**Co-Chairs: Rhonda Weigelt  
Donna Hansen**

Kari Gilje

Betty Melroe

Linda Johnson

Lynn Anderson

Shirley Fuss

Kyla Temple

Vanessa Beaver

Jeanie Stahl

Deb Thorsness

Denise Dahl

Peggy Erickson

Connie Kracht

Jericho Brockman

Joan Peterson

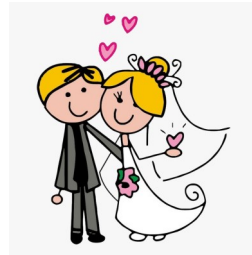


# June Birthdays

- 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 Zetocho
- 22 Blaine Stevens



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



# June 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 con-  
tact the church office at  
678-2552 or email us at***

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

***Thanks!***

- 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.



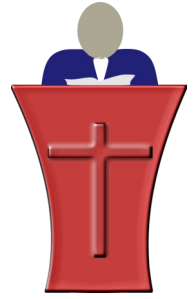
## Mowing Schedule

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| May 31- June 6  | Walter Wrage     |
| June 07-13      | Kenwood Peterson |
| June 14-20      | Shawn Beck       |
| June 21-27      | Martin Potts     |
| June 28-July 04 | Jerrod Sandness  |



## Readers

- 07 Becky Salberg
- 14 Sharon Beckstrom
- 21 Nancy Wrage
- 28 Carrili Larson



## Greeters

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



## Ushers

**Captain: Emma & Taylor Waloch**

Chuck & Barb Klemetson

Vanessa & Keith Beaver

Steven & Melinda Morlock



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

**Council Meeting Minutes 5/20/26**

Written by Kirsten. Members present: Kirstin, Trudy, Lori, Keith, Sharon and Pastor Jaime. Meeting called to order: Pres. Kirstin called the meeting to order at 5:59pm.

Devotions and Prayer: Pastor Jaime led devotion and prayer to start the meeting.

Adopt the agenda: Any additions: None

Kirsten called for a motion to approve the agenda, Sharon made the motion and Trudy 2nd.

Secretary Report: Discussed report. Kirstin called for a motion to approve the report, Lori made the motion, Trudy seconded.

Pastor Report:

April 26: Creation Service; Masyn Stahl, Caleb Adams, and myself took 6 students to NDSU Crossroads Campus Ministry to serve a meal for the college students and worship with them.

May 3: Confirmation students presented their projects to the congregation during worship service; congregational meeting to vote on repairing the roof.

May 11-17: non-contracted time.

Looking ahead:

Plan to have an outdoor worship whenever weather permits

June 1-4: non-contracted time

June 5-7: attending Synod Assembly, annual meeting for the Easter ND Synod in Fargo.

**Work group reports**

Property and grounds: Keith will talk to Dennis to see if he has extra tiles. We need to order more that are similar to our tiles. The correct procedure to repair was discussed.

Welca: No report.

Men's Group: No report.

Yoga: No report.

Education: VBS is Aug. 3-5 in evenings. The curriculum had been ordered, Emma Waloch is leading it.

Alter Guild: No report

Worship and Music: No report.

**New Business:** We need to draft a letter of request for donations for the roof fund. Pastor Jaime, Kirstin, and the stewardship committee will do this.

Loans for the roof fund were discussed. After totaling all the donations so far, we will only have to take out a loan for around \$30,000. Walter will talk to Jeff about the interest rates. We will not be taking out a loan at this time. About \$33,000 will be needed for the downpayment to the contractor and Rodney for the labor and materials. This is about 1/2 of the total cost. We have enough money to cover this at the moment.

It was discussed that there should be no parking on the south side of the parking lot during this project. Keith will talk to Barry and Trudy will talk to Rodney.

We will need a new custodian starting in August.

**Old Business:** Fundraisers for the roof. The men's group had brought up serving a prime rib dinner in the fall.

**Treasure's Report:** Sharon made a motion to approve, Keith 2nd.

Adjournment: Kirsten moved to adjourn the meeting, Trudy made the motion, Keith 2nd.

Lord's Prayer: Kirstin lead the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting: June 17th at 6:00pm

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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<br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Non-contracted<br>time                                  | 02<br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Non-contracted<br>time | 03<br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Non-contracted<br>time | 04<br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Non-contracted<br>time  | 05<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath<br><br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Synod Assembly | 06<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath<br><br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Synod Assembly |
| 07<br>9:30 Worship<br>no Communion<br>Leader Julie<br>Johnson<br><br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Synod Assembly | 08<br>12 Noon<br>Bulletin<br>Deadline<br><br>Carrili Off<br>Vacation              | 09<br>Carrili Off<br>Vacation                    | 10<br>Carrili Off<br>Vacation                    | 11<br>Bits 'N Stitches<br>Quilting<br>9am to Noon<br><br><b>Ruth Circle<br/>2:30PM</b><br><br>Carrili Off<br>Vacation | 12<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath<br><br>Carrili Off<br>Vacation            | 13<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath   |
| 14<br>9:30 Outdoor<br>Worship w/<br>Communion<br>Pastor Jaime   | 15<br>12 Noon<br>Bulletin<br>Deadline   | 16   | 17<br><b>6:00 PM Church<br/>Council Meeting</b>  | 18<br>Bits 'N Stitches<br>Quilting<br>9am to Noon   | 19<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath   | 20<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath   |
| 21<br>9:30 Outdoor<br>Worship w/<br>Communion<br>Pastor Jaime   | 22<br>12 Noon Bulletin<br>Deadline<br><br><b>July<br/>Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b> | 23   | 24   | 25<br>Bits 'N Stitches<br>Quilting<br>9am to Noon   | 26<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath   | 27<br>Pastor Jaime's<br>Sabbath   |
| 28<br>9:30 Outdoor<br>Worship w/<br>Communion<br>Pastor Jaime   | 29<br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Non-contracted<br>time                                  | 30<br>Pastor Jaime off<br>Non-contracted<br>time |  |   |   |   |



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