

*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



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A Summer Prayer

Dear God, Thank you that it's summertime once again! Thank you for the bright sunshine, beaches for swimming and warm sand to sink my toes in. Thank you for your summertime gifts of ice cream cones, watermelon, fireworks and carnivals. Thank you for showers of rain and puddles to splash in. Remind me to think of You when the breeze is blowing, when the birds are singing, and when the sun is warm on my face.

All these good things are gifts from you. Remind me to pray to you each and every summer day with joy and wonder and thanks for all Your great gifts! Thank you for all Your awesome and amazing summertime blessings! Amen.

“God Pause”

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



Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! ²Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. ⁴His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. ⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God. ⁹For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. ¹⁰The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. ¹²Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Devotion

In Psalm 97, in a common Hebrew poetic device, the 42 Hebrew words of verses 1-6—calling the whole earth and the heavens to rejoice in the Lord as King—are balanced with the 43 words of verses 8-12—focused on Israel’s rejoicing in God’s reign of righteousness and justice. Verse 7 in between sounds a negative counterpoint about idol worship. But how can we see rejoicing and gladness, righteousness and justice, through the clouds and darkness of war’s explosions? Since Ash Wednesday’s beginning of the exodus of millions of refugees out of Ukraine I’ve been wondering where they found Polish churches to receive their mark of the cross in ashes on their brow, or palm branches or sacramental bread and wine, or seven last words from the cross, or anything “everlasting” on Easter? When we pray “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth (vs 1) as in heaven” (vs 6), may God be present with all, ruling in our hearts and in all the world!

Prayer

O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, bring your gentle rule into our hearts that we may love peace and do justice as we walk humbly with our God! Amen.

Rodney Anderson '74 M.Div.Senior Living Chaplain, the Waters of Eden Prairie, MN

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



June 05: 9:30 Worship service, No Communion—Leader Julie Johnson

June 08: Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM

June 09: Ruth Circle 2:30 PM

June 12: 9:30 Worship service with Communion

June 19: 9:30 Worship service with Communion— OUTDOOR WORSHIP :)

June 20: July Newsletter Deadline

June 26: 9:30 Worship service with Communion

June 26: Bridal Shower 1-3pm for Ashley Falts, Bride to be of Dawson Peterson

June 29: Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM

July 11-13: Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 PM—Open to any to attend please contact the office.

 **Leader Needed:** A leader will be needed for Worship on **Sunday July 10th**, as Pastor Jaime will be on vacation. If you are interested in leading please let Jaime or Carrili know.



Red Willow: If your child is interested in going to Red Willow bible camp, please contact Jaime. There are many different camp dates to attend. Jaime will be at Red Willow June 26-July 1 if kids grade 4-6 would like to join her. The church will help pay for your child to attend. Spread the word!

 **Amazon Smile:** As you do your **ONLINE** shopping don't forget GA Church is now a section you can donate to if you shop on Amazon. Just go to smile.amazon.com login as you normally do and choose GA Church as your donation choice and then just shop! Amazon.com will then donate 0.5% of any qualifying purchase to GA Church! There is no cost to sign up for this and it doesn't change how you shop, it's a very easy way to help support GA. GA Church has received **\$345.09** from Amazon smile purchases. Thank you!



VBS: Coming Up In July!! "Food Truck Party - On A Roll With God." Join us this summer for a Food Truck Party where we are invited to pray as Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:11: "Give us this day our daily bread." Kids will learn about the numerous ways God provides, loves, and cares for us while inviting them to join God in providing, loving, and caring for others.

Monday, July 11 - Wednesday, July 13, 5:30-7:30pm. Free enrollment for kids currently 4 years old - 6 grade. Please contact Pastor Jaime to sign-up and/or for more information. Please Spread the word to all the kiddos and parents and see you there!



Thank You: Thank you to our students and parents that made the Sunday School program successful this year! Special thanks to our Teachers, Carrili Larson and Pastor Jaime! Your time and talent in helping our youth along their faith journey is GREATLY appreciated.



Thank You: Thank you! The ladies of Bits N' Stitches want to say many thanks to those who support our mission. Either by financial gifts or specific gifts given. A Special Thank you to Eugene Hajek, who through Thrivent, obtained a donation for batting. We appreciate everyone's support.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of Lorie McKeever. 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: Toilet paper, Laundry soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Canned fruit, Canned meat (tuna/chicken), Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Soup (no tomato or cream of mushroom), Jelly, Miracle whip/mayonnaise** 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 **Givelify** 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. Any questions please feel free to call Carrili.

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. Any questions ask Carrili or Kris. Thank you and spread the word.



Outdoor Worship: June 19th, we will be having outdoor Sunday Morning Worship, service will remain at 9:30am. Some seating will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair if you would like. See you There!



Bulletin Donation Sheet: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2022 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.



Church Finances: For the month of April 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! **Starting: \$29,612.20 - Debts \$23,877.14 + Deposits \$12,155.61 = End \$17,890.67**

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Bridal Shower: June 26th 1-3PM at GA Church for Ashley Fults, bride to be of Dawson Peterson. The couple is registered at Target and Zola.com. Open to anyone to attend. See the bulletin in the Narthex for more information.



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



Rummage Sale: June 4th, 8am-2pm St. Arnold's Church in Milnor will be having a Free-Will rummage sale. Lunch will be available for purchase. Please see the poster in the Narthex for more information.



Confirmation Sunday: Congratulations to our Confirmands who Affirmed their Faith: Jakob Creech, Ryan Enge, Brea Johnson, Easton Johnson and Elliot Shockley. May God continue to guide you on your faith journey.

May/June Action Group

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

Jeannette Beckstrom

Shirley Christensen

Kari Gilje

Jeanie Stahl

Betty Melroe

Kay Swanson

Deb Thorsness

Linda Johnson

Denise Dahl

Lynn Anderson

Peggy Erickson

Shirley Fuss

Connie Kracht

Kyla Temple



June Birthdays

- 1 Phyllis Bauer
- 2 Trever Hansen
Shayla Heger
Kinzley Orth
- 3 Lucus Christensen
- 4 Kevin Anderson
John Edman
Joan Johnson
Jennifer Krause
Becky Sandness
William Witkowski
- 5 Michael Clapper
Bob Krause
- 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 Schmit
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 Rita Holmstrom
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

**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!

- 1 Jan & Scott Melroe
- 3 Melinda & Steven Morlock
- 5 Diane & Elwood Odegard
- 6 Kate & Chad Decker
- 7 Marsha & Mark Murphy
Tami & Dean Zink
- 8 Carrili & Mike Larson
- 10 Lynn & Sylvan Anderson
- 11 Margie & Zac Johnson
Patty & Clarmont Ulven
- 15 Shelly & Terry Beckstrom
- 18 Roxanne & Jeff Johnson
Donna & Jeff Anderson
- 19 Treana & Jeremy Berreth
- 21 Coleen & Dale Beaver
- 24 Mary & John Edman
Lannae & Miles Johnson
- 25 Alyson & Eric Dahl
- 28 Sharon & Dennis Peterson
Robbin & David Witkowski

June Worship Assistants

Acolytes

- 05 Athena Erickson
- Ryan Enge
- 12 MacKennzie Stubbert
- Lucus Christensen
- 19 Sawyer Toepke
- Kyle Potts
- 26 Jace Faber
- Braylyn Nelson



Readers

- 05 Alison Toepke
- 12 Kari Gilje
- 19 Michelle Goettle
- 26 Coleen Beaver



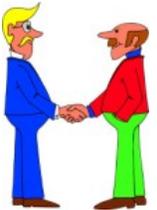
Communion Assistants

- 5 Kris Beck
- 12 Steve Melroe
- 19 Dennis Dahl
- 26 Jessica Peterson



Greeters

- 05 Randy & Karla Waloch
- 12 Heidi Beck Family
- 19 Raymond & Jeanie Stahl
- 26 Darrel & Becky Salberg



Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



Ushers

- Captain:** Eugene Hajek
- Chuck & Barb Klemetson
 - Steven & Melinda Morlock
 - Roger & Carolyn Klemetson



Lawn Mowers

- June 5-11 Walter Wrage
- June 12-18 Jeff Anderson
- June 19-25 Shawn Beck
- June 26- Martin Potts

Reminder: You are responsible to find your own replacement if you can't fulfill your duties. Thanks!

Council Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2022

In Attendance: Kris Beck, Sheridan McKeever, Jessica Peterson, Martin Potts, Mike Larson, Auston Creech, Barb Melroe

Meeting called to order by President Beck. Opening prayer. Approve agenda Potts/Creech

Secretary's Report – McKeever/ Larson. Motion carried to accept.

Pastor's Report – None- Pastor ill.

Men's Group – No report

Property- Dave McFarland donated poles for handicap signs. Mike will get them up soon.

Altar Guild- No report

Sunday School – Awards given to students and thank you geraniums to teachers. No date set for VBS yet. Looking for Superintendent.

YOGA – Working on possibly going to North Carolina for recreation, bible study and Habitat for Humanity project. Need to elect new officers. Discussed need to reimburse Rachel N. for ski trip money that was not refunded.

Music and Worship – Meeting soon to plan worship for the summer months.

WELCA- Will meet again in the fall. No events planned for now.

Old Business

Storhaug accounting very slow getting quarterly report to Michelle. She is still waiting as of today. Storhaug's were informed that if any penalties were accrued GA would not be responsible and they agreed. Kris will call other local accounting firms to get price quotes.

New Business

Auston adjusted the sump pump at the parsonage. Kris will call Swede's plumbing regarding plumbing the inside and outside sump pumps. She will also have them check the depth of the outside pump. Some think it may be down too deep.

A dehumidifier will be purchased for the basement at the parsonage and will attach a garden hose to have it drain into sewer.

Library update- Mike Larson will start installing floor. When that is complete Nelson's will install trim and it will be complete as far as construction. Discussed paying for project and donations have come in along with other church groups pledging support.

Discussion on janitor duties. Martin and Paul will talk to Rick about the absolutely necessary things that need to be completed each week.

Money in checking is going quickly. Discussion on saving anywhere we can. Possibly only having organist 2 times a month and decreasing pastor to three quarter time, which would require a congregational meeting. Asking our congregation to consider tithing or increasing their giving as able.

Treasures Report – Beginning balance \$29,612.20 and ending balance \$17,890.67. Melroe/ Larson Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting June 8, 2022 5:30 pm

Motion to adjourn Peterson/McKeever

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			01	02 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	03 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	04
05 9:30 Worship No Communion	06	07	08 Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM	09 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	10 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	11
12 9:30 Worship w/Communion MAC Sunday	13	14	15	16 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	17 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	18
19 9:30 Worship w/Communion Outdoor Worship Service	20 July Newsletter Deadline 	21	22	23 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	24 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	25
26 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Bridal Shower 1PM-3PM	27	28	29 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM	30		

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