

# JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER



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## Summer Outdoor Services

Starting **May 28<sup>th</sup>** we will begin holding Sunday worship services **outside** (weather permitting).

Services will be held at 9:30am as normal, so bring a chair and join us!

On the Sundays that Pastor Jaime is off this summer we will hold **indoor** worship service, so on **June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be **indoors**.

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

# “God Pause”

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



## **John 20: 19-23 (NRSV)**

"19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Verse20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Verse21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Verse22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Verse23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## **Devotion**

Receiving the Holy Spirit implies letting go of an old reality in order to receive a new one. The action of Jesus' breathing on those gathered disciples enlightens and empowers them. Through Jesus and the breath of the Spirit, God infused the power the disciples would need to engage in ministry. Like those disciples, apart from the Holy Spirit we cannot do anything.

Our congregation had been asked to house displaced neighbors. The congregation mobilized immediately, stepping up to care for whoever, whenever they would arrive. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, politics, spirituality, etc., room was made for everyone. It seemed like a "Pentecost moment!" John's Gospel articulates this version of the "Great Commission." Let us celebrate this call to embody Christ's mission through our actions and with our words, but (as the saying goes) without being jerks about it.

## **Prayer**

We have found forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. Help us always to lean on the Holy Spirit's power as we yearn to be your hands and voice wherever there is hurt, anxiety, or uncertainty. Amen.

Lyn Crase '03 M.Div., '11 D.Min.Pastor, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Modesto, CA

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

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**June 04:** Indoor Worship 9:30 AM, No Communion - Leader Gretchen Christenson

**June 08:** Ruth Circle 2:30 PM

**June 11:** Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM, Communion - Pastor Jaime Decker

**June 14:** Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM

**June 15:** Vacation Bible School Early Bird Registration Deadline

**June 18:** Indoor Worship 9:30 AM, No Communion - Leader Needed

**June 19:** June Newsletter Deadline

**June 25:** Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM, Communion - Pastor Jaime Decker

**June 28:** Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM

**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. June 18th, July 2nd, July 9th, August 6th, August 13th, September 10th and September 17th. Thank You!

**Congratulations Graduates:** On Senior Sunday, May 14th, we Recognized all our Graduating Seniors and Bits N' Stitches also presented each graduate with a hand-made quilt. 2023 Seniors are: Claire Anderson, Kennedi Faber, Carter Gilje, Karlie Shockley, Lily Walth and Sage Turchin, Emma Osier and Isabella Ferderer. Congratulations Graduates and Best Wishes on your Futures!

**Congratulations Confirmands:** On May 7th the following students were confirmed at GA Church: Larissa Brouillard, Payten Herman, Braylyn Nelson, Tristen Peterson, Kyle Potts, Nora Swanson, Ethan Weigelt. Congratulations and may guide God and your family here at GA guide you on your faith journey.

**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!

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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.



**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](http://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](http://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](http://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, New 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.

**Cinema Sundays:** Have concluded at this time. Stay tuned for the new start-up date for this fall!



**Church Finances:** For the month of May No council Meeting was held so there were no Finances available at time of Publication.



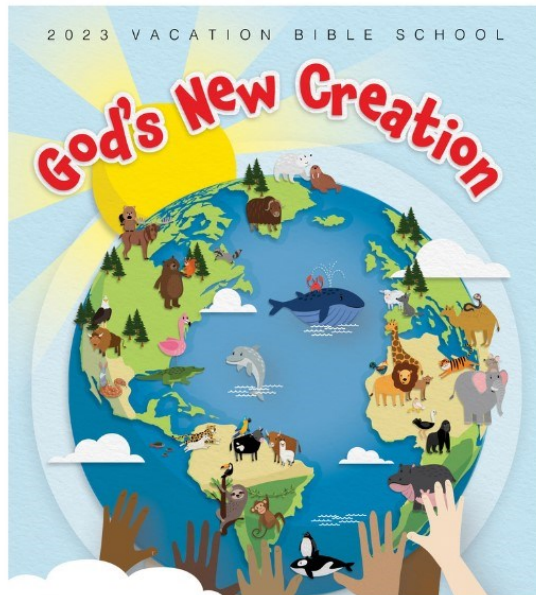
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**Volunteer Needed:** Church Council has 1 spot vacant that needs a volunteer to fill it. It will just be for 1 year to finish a term of a member that has stepped down. If interested please let Kris or Carrili know. Thank you!

## Vacation Bible School

A link will soon be available on the GA Church website for registration. Paper forms are also available for registration. Stay tuned for more details and updates on Facebook.



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\*\***

## GUSTAF ADOLF Lutheran Church

JOIN US FOR  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

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

*Register Today!*

**\$25 INDIVIDUAL**

**\$40 PER FAMILY**

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

Register by June 15th to receive  
\$10 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

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## May/June Action Group

Co-Chairs: Joan Peterson  
Donna Hansen

Jeannette Beckstrom

Kari Gilje

Betty Melroe

Deb Thorsness

Denise Dahl

Peggy Erickson

Connie Kracht

Shirley Christensen

Jeanie Stahl

Kay Swanson

Linda Johnson

Lynn Anderson

Shirley Fuss

Kyla Temple



# June Birthdays

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- 1 Phyllis Bauer
- 2 Trever Hansen  
Shayla Heger  
Kinzley Orth
- 3 Lucus Christensen
- 4 Kevin Anderson  
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 Zetocha
- 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



- 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
- 24 Lannae & Miles Johnson
- 28 Sharon & Dennis Peterson  
Robbin & David Witkowski

***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!***

# June Worship Assistants

## Acolytes

04 Athena Erickson  
Hudson Lien  
11 Emerson Beck  
Lucus Christensen  
18 Sawyer Toepke  
Kyle Potts  
25 Jace Faber  
Braylyn Nelson



## Readers

04 Alison Toepke  
11 Kari Gilje  
18 Michelle Goettle  
25 Nancy Wrage



## Communion Assistants

04 Kris Beck  
11 Steve Melroe  
18 Dennis Dahl  
25 Paul White



## Greeters

04 Walter & Megan Wrage  
11 Heidi Gleason & Family  
18 Raymond & Jeanie Stahl  
25 Darrel & Becky Salberg



## Sound System

Volunteers Needed  
To Learn  
The New System



## Ushers

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



## Mowing

May 28-June 3 Martin Potts  
June 4-10 Walter Wrage  
June 11-17 Jeff Anderson  
June 18-24 Shawn Beck  
June 25-July 1 Martin Potts


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

No Council Meeting was held for May 2023

Next Meeting: June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM



# JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				01 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	02 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	03
04 Indoor 9:30 Worship No Communion	05	06	07	08 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Ruth Circle 2:30PM</b>	09 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	10
11 Outdoor 9:30 Worship with Communion	12	13	14 <b>Council Meeting 5:30 PM</b>	15 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>VBS Early Registration Deadline</b>	16 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	17
18 Indoor 9:30 Worship No Communion	19 <b>July Newsletter Deadline</b> 	20	21	22 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	23 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	24
25 Outdoor 9:30 Worship with Communion	26	27	28 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM	29	30	

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