

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday: March 24th, 9:30 AM

Palm Sunday Dinner: After Worship

Maundy Thursday: March 28th, 6:30 PM

First Communion

Good Friday: March 29th, 6:30 PM

Easter Sunrise: March 31st, 7:00 AM

YOGA Breakfast: Served between services

Easter Traditional: March 31st, 9:30 AM

“God Pause”



Our 2024 Midweek Lenten Journey



Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in **love**, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to **equip** the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in **love**, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in **love**.



We are the body of Christ. We all use tools everyday of our lives. Tools can look like hammers, screwdrivers, and saws. They look like pencils to teachers, needles to quilters, paper to students, a computer to web designers, shoes to runners, Bibles to pastors, a pacifier to an infant. We are to share the love of Christ in our everyday lives, the tools we use represent where we bring the love of Christ on a daily basis.

Let's represent the body of Christ through our tools and remind ourselves that we give our entire lives to God. Please bring a tool – from the very young to the very old and place them on our EQUIPPED display in the Narthex. Thank you for participating!

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March 03: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, No Sunday School

March 03: GA Annual Meeting after Worship

March 06: 6:00 PM Wednesday Education

March 06: 6:30 PM Wednesday Nigh Lent Service—No Potluck

March 10: 9:30 Worship no Communion, Make-A-Change Sunday, Sunday School After Worship

March 13: No Wednesday Education

March 13: 6:30 PM Wednesday Nigh Lent Service—No Potluck

March 14: 2:30 PM Ruth Circle

March 17: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, No Sunday School

March 20: 6:00 PM Wednesday Education

March 20: 6:30 PM Wednesday Nigh Lent Service—No Potluck

March 24: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion, Sunday School Sings, Last Day of Sunday School

March 24: Easter Egg Hunt After Worship and WELCA Palm Sunday Ham Dinner

March 25: April Newsletter Deadline

March 27: 6:00 PM Wednesday Education—Last Day

March 27: 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting

March 28: 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service, First Communion

March 29: 6:30 PM Good Friday Service

March 31: 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service, 9:30 AM Traditional Easter Sunday Worship

March 31: YOGA Easter Breakfast between services

Annual Meeting: Yes, it's everyone's favorite time of year! See you at the Meeting **March 3rd** after worship! Please plan to attend as we need enough members present to vote on the future of GA Church.

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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Bulletin Donation Sheet: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2024 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.

Leaders Needed: Leaders are needed for worship on the following Sunday. **March 10th.** If you are interested in leading, please let Carrili know. Thank you in advance for your help.

Thank You: Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! We are so grateful for all the calls, texts, cards, food, visits and especially the prayers we received during Steve's recent triple bypass surgery and recovery. Thank you Pastor Jaime for spending the morning of surgery with us. We feel blessed with our faith family and friends. God Bless you all! ~Steve & Barb~

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 memories ease your pain.



The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry **Top Needs: Canned fruits/veggies, Beans, Soups, Cereal, Paper Products, Hygiene Items, Juice, Condiments, Flour, Sugar, Oil, Pasta.** 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 for non-perishables are GA Lutheran Church, or Teals Market. You can also 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.

Easter lilies: YOGA will be selling them in the early part of March. Be on the lookout for more information. Thank you for supporting our youth.

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.

WELCOME: To the newest member of GA Church, Raegyn Brockman, she was baptized into the GA Church Family on February 11th. Congratulations and may God Bless your faith journey.

First Communion: First Communion Class will be held the week of March 18th and First Communion will be given on Maundy Thursday during worship. If you are interested in having your child take first communion, please contact pastor Jaime.

Easter Breakfast: YOGA will once again be serving their annual Easter Breakfast. It will be served between the Sunrise service and the 9:30am Easter Service. Open to all to attend, spread the word. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Church Finances:

For the Month of February 2024: (Not Available at time of publication)

Beginning Balance:\$ + Deposits:\$ - Expenses:\$ =

Ending Balance: \$

2024 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2024 Budget: \$195,310.00

Giving to Date: \$14,335.00

Giving Needed by 12-31-24: \$180,975.00



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

Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

Book Study: Book study, "The Deepest Belonging" by Kara K. Root, happening in March. Purchase a copy through your preferred website/store. Contact Pastor Jaime to sign up and/or for questions. Dates and times yet to be determined.

Easter Lily Donations: If you donate an Easter Lily/Plant to help decorate our worship service this Easter Season please write your name on the Lily Donation sheet in the Narthex and include who the plant is in Memory/Honor of. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt: Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 24th, after worship. All kiddos are welcome to hunt for eggs!

Last Day: The Last Day of Sunday School Education will be March 24th, and the Last Day for Wednesday Education will be March 27th. Thank you to all the teachers and youth for a great year!

Palm Sunday Dinner: March 24th WELCA will be serving a Ham Dinner after worship, meal is Free-Will, and includes: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn and a Bun. They also will have salads and dessert. See you there!

Looking Ahead! :

April 14: Make-A-Change Sunday

April 27: Council Retreat

May 05: Confirmation Sunday

May 19: Senior Graduate Sunday



March-April Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kris Beck

Jackie Meyer

Michelle Ciesynski

Nicki Erickson

Betty Johnson

Barb Klemetson

Janae Sherlock

Della Teske

Judy Tyler

Kari Ulven

Karla Ulven

Patty Ulven

Shirley Waloch

Rhonda Weigelt

Kirstin Kempel

Kalea Johnson



March Birthdays

- 1 Nicki Erickson
- 2 Jolene Lauth
Brad Zetocha
- 3 Corey Odegard
MacKenna Sherman
- 4 Peggy Erickson
- 6 Dylan Goettle
- 7 Carter Anderson
- 9 Morgan Heger
- 10 Tyler Vincent
Blayke Jacobson
- 12 Bobby Beckstrom
Aaron Flannery
Richard Olson
- 13 Patricia Creech
- 14 Jonathon McFarland
Martin Potts
- 15 Ashlee Lien
- 17 John Crandall
Samuel Crandall
Casey Flannery
Lucas Jacobson
- 18 Jeremy Berreth
Tracy Nicholson
Wendy Swanson
- 19 Arlin Sandstrom
- 20 Darby Swanson
Rodney Utecht
Janelle Mairs
- 21 Hope Ciesynski
Allen Johnson
- 22 Daro Crandall
- 23 Emerson Beck
Addyson Hardy
Mike Richter
Hans Swanson
Vicki Osier



- 24 Shelly Beckstrom
- 25 Bridger Crandall
Diane Odegard
- 26 Charlene Smith
- 27 Samantha Kranzler
Scott Melroe
Lee Schwagel
Rhonda Weigelt
Natalie Otonichar
Beckett Hansen
- 28 Zasha Johnson
- 29 Bruce Holden
Kandyce Sandstrom
- 30 Keith Beaver
Michael Witkowski
Warren Seykora
- 31 Ryan Johnson



*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!

March Anniversaries

- 1 Ginger & Rodney Utecht
Anna & Bruce Holden
- 9 Kirstin & Torey Kempel
- 17 Timothy & Jessica Peterson
- 21 Becky & Darrel Salberg

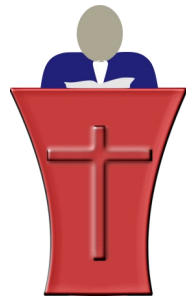
March Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants

- 03 Shirley Waloch
- 10 Auston Creech
- 17 Dennis Dahl
- 24 Becky Salberg
- 31 Early: Youth
- Late: Joleen Hardy

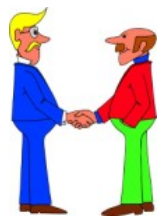


- 03 Joleen Hardy
- 10 Michelle Goettle
- 17 Becky Salberg
- 24 Michelle Ciesynski
- 31 Early—Youth
- Late—Val Bjork



Greeters

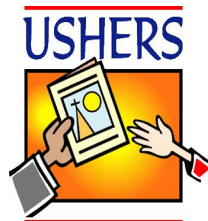
All Members of GA Are Invited To Welcome our Visitors and Each Other.



Ushers

Captain: Miles & Lannae Johnson

- Torey & Kirstin Kempel
- David & Donna Hansen
- Terry & Karen Euscher



Mowing

With the hope that Spring will soon be here the mowing list will be out shortly. If you would like to be added, and or removed from the list please let Carrili know.

Thank you in advance!

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 Minutes
February 14th, 2024

A February council meeting was not held, a quorum was not met.

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					01 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	02
03 9:30 Worship with Comm No Sunday School Annual Meeting After Worship	04	05	06 Wed Education 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Lent Worship—No Potluck	07 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	08 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	09
10 9:30 Worship No Communion Sunday School Make-A-Change Sunday Pastor Jaime Off	11	12	13 No Wed Education 6:30 PM Lent Worship—No Potluck	14 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30PM	15 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	16
17 9:30 Worship with Comm No Sunday School	18	19	20 Wed Education 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Lent Worship—No Potluck	21 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	22 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	23
24 9:30 Worship with Comm Sunday School Sunday School Sings WELCA Ham Dinner Easter Egg Hunt	25 April Newsletter Deadline 	26	27 Last Day Wed Education 6:00PM 5:30 Altar Guild	28 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service and First Com- munion	29 6:30 PM Good Friday Service	30
31 Easter 7:00AM Sunrise Easter Breakfast 9:30AM Tradi- tional Worship						

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
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PAUL WHITE, AUSTON CREECH
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE