

*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Congregational Meeting

Members of GA Lutheran Church, there will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on **Sunday, May 3rd, 2026** to vote on roof repair and replacing shingles on the church roof. After years of repeated leaking in numerous places around the church, we feel it is necessary to replace the shingles before more damage happens to the building's structure. Any roof damage will be repaired before new shingles are put on. If the congregation votes yes to re-shingling, we will also vote on the two bids we have received for building supplies and labor. We would like your input, so we hope to see you at the meeting on May 3rd.

GA Church Council

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“God Pause”



God Pause

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

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Devotion

This is one of the most beloved psalms and a portion of scripture recognized even by those who have little other connection with the Bible. It is frequently used in funerals because of verse four, but it is really a psalm for life's journey. God is described as a shepherd who supplies our deepest needs, who walks with us in times of peace and security but also at times when we fear the most frightening aspects of life. To have our inmost being restored and guided in ways of living that reflect the care of our Shepherd is surely a gift for every life. As we are pursued by God's goodness and mercy, we find ourselves returning regularly to houses of worship where we find strengthening in faith, comfort in our sorrows, peace in the midst of turmoil, and the assurance that this Shepherd is with us all the days of our lives.

Prayer

Good Shepherd, grant us the peace that you alone can give in the midst of conflict, worry, and doubt. Guide us with your Spirit along paths that are sure and safe. Grant us your blessing that we might be a blessing to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bill Boelter '87 M.Div.Pastor, Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo ND

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

Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



- May 03:** 9:30am Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker
May 03: Confirmation Project Presentations during worship Service
May 03: Congregational Meeting after Worship Service
May 10: 9:30am Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker, Make-A-Change
May 11-17: Pastor Jaime Non-Contracted Time
May 14: Ruth Circle 2:30pm
May 17: 9:30am Worship Service No Communion—Leader Joleen Hardy
May 17: Senior Graduate Sunday
May 20: 6:00pm Church Council Meeting
May 24: 9:30am Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker—Wear Red Sunday
May 25: June Newsletter Deadline
May 31: 9:30am Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

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 Graduate Sunday: Sunday May 17th, we celebrate the Graduating Seniors of GA Church. They will receive a quilt from the Bits N' Stitches quilters and a blessing as they move forward on to the next step of their lives. Please join us to celebrate as we wish them well on their new adventures.

Project Presentations: Sunday May 3rd, during the worship service Confirmation students will present their projects to the congregation. Please join us and learn how our youth have chosen to serve the community and the world.

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!

YOGA Thanks: The YOGA group would like to thank everyone who joined us for Easter Service and the Easter Breakfast this past Sunday. We had a huge turnout and filled up almost every seat in our Fellowship Hall which was an amazing site to see! Masyn and I are especially grateful to the youth and their parents who provided food, drinks, and desserts—your generosity and support made the morning possible. We also want to recognize those who arrived at the church bright and early at 6am to help with preparations. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we had a fantastic turnout of youth and were able to serve a delicious meal to all as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ together. He is Risen!

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Arlin Sandstrom. 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 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 Carili. Thank you!

Thank You: WELCA would like to thank all who helped with the Palm Sunday Dinner. We served 69 people and took in \$848.00. We provide support to those in need, we strengthen communities, it increases our personal happiness, and it is good for our health. Thank you!

Thank You: A BIG thank you to all who helped clear the church of snow this winter season. There have been some heavy snows this winter and your help is greatly appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks Again!

Thank You: A big thank you to everyone who helped take down and later set up so the floors could be waxed. A huge thank you to the crew who stripped and waxed the floors. They look awesome !! The GA Men's Group

Thrift Store Update: From Brenda Schreiner: Hello! Please thank your congregations and counsels from the Grace and Goods Thrift store - we were able to give \$517 to ARN in March!!

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.

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Looking Ahead!



Senior Meals: Gwinner will now host a Senior Meal at Noon at the Community Center on Main Street, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. Call 701-678-3815 to sign up. See flier in entry for more information.

Easter Lily Donations: A White Lily was donated by Shirley Waloch in Honor of all Great & Grandchildren, A White Lily was donated by Lynn Anderson in Memory of the Anderson's, A Lily was donated by Donna & David Hansen in Honor of Their Parents, Two White Lilies were donated by Nancy Wrage "Happy Easter", A White Lily was donated by Kirstin Kempel in Honor of Their Grandchildren, A White Lily was donated by Kirstin Kempel in Memory of Their Grandparents, Two White Lilies were donated by Martin Potts & Julie Waswick in Memory of Their Parents, Two White Lilies were donated by Lori Wiederholt "Happy Easter", A White Lily was donated by Judy Tyler "Happy Easter". Thank you to all who donated.

May-June WELCA Action Group

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

Kari Gilje

Jeanie Stahl

Betty Melroe

Deb Thorsness

Linda Johnson

Denise Dahl

Lynn Anderson

Peggy Erickson

Shirley Fuss

Connie Kracht

Kyla Temple

Jericho Brockman

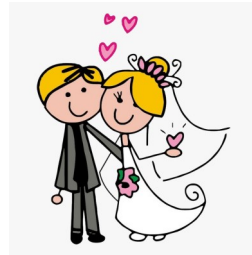
Vanessa Beaver

Joan Peterson



May Birthdays

- 1 Jeff Anderson
Graeme Jacobson
- 2 Doug Hanson
- 3 Tristen Peterson
- 4 Kallie Decker
- 5 Joan Peterson
- 6 Paula M. Hansen
Jaila LaTraille
- 7 Trudi Christensen
- 8 Dennis Decker
Jessica Griggs
- 9 Joel Asche
Nate Hansen
Nick Hansen
Jeanie Stahl
- 11 Riley Taliaferro
James Goettle
- 14 Carrie Herberg
Neairah Netterville
- 15 Peggy Olson
Karen Euscher
Justen Kleingartner
- 16 Jace Faber
- 18 Eric Beem
Lily Walth
- 19 Dale Johnson
Kendra Euscher
Nikki Sims
- 20 Hudson Lien
- 21 Macy Mairs
- 22 Linda Johnson
- 23 Carter Gilje
Jax Johnson



- 24 Mike Kleingartner
Gloria Smith
Karla Waloch
- 27 Nick Vincent
Corey Jacobson
- 28 Samuel Waloch
- 29 Tanaya Crellin
David McFarland
Lennon Swanson
- 30 Raegyn Brockman
- 31 Dan McKeever

***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!

May Anniversaries

- 1 Brendan & Michelle Ciesynski
- 3 Chance & Katelyn Diegel
- 4 Chuck & Barb Klemetson
Dan & Stacy McKeever
- 8 Mike & Jenny Kleingartner
- 9 Doug & Trudi Christensen
- 28 Tom & Robin Rehborg

May 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

April 26-May 02	Mike & Tucker Larson
May 3-09	Adam Wrage
May 10-16	Brian Gilje
May 17-23	Kent & Julie Johnson
May 24-30	Martin Potts
May 31- June 06	Walter Wrage



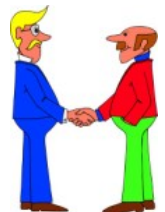
Readers

- 03 Becky Salberg
- 10 Julie Johnson
- 17 Carrili Larson
- 24 Karla Waloch
- 31 Joan Peterson



Greeters

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



Ushers

Captain: Brian & Val Bjork

Richard & Peggy Olson

David & Linda McFarland

Paul White

Heidi Gleason



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

Meeting Minutes 4/15/26

Written by Walter Wrage

Members present: Kirstin, Walter, Trudy, Lori, Keith, Sharon and Pastor Jaime.

Meeting called to order: Pres. Kirstin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Devotions and Prayer: Pastor Jaime led devotion and prayer to start the meeting. A reading from Luke.

Adopt the agenda: Any additions: None

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

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

Pastor Report:

April 2-5: Holy Week and Easter Sunday - each service had about 50-75 people attend. Next year possibly consider offering one service at 8am with breakfast to follow? Did this during Covid and worked well. Do we "need" two services? Something to be curious about.

April 6-13: non contracted time

Book Study will be holding its last meeting on April 27 to discuss remaining chapters of the book, "The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife," by Anna Johnston.

April 19: meeting with confirmation students

April 23: Wahpeton pastor conference meeting

April 26: youth serving meal at NDSU Crossroads Campus Ministry

Coming up:

May 3: confirmation students presenting projects to congregation

High School Senior Recognition Sunday - date to be determined

Work group reports

Property and grounds: There are some tiles that need to be replaced in the sanctuary. Kieth will look and see what is available, and Kirstin will ask Dennis. Walter will look at changing the thermostat temps and setting a schedule. Will set the temp to 69F. Molding on the inside of the window in the office is falling down, Keith will look into. Keith added the threshold to the library door. Keith looked into the drain smell, found no issue.

Welca: \$800 was made, 69 were served on the palm sunday dinner. Will adjust the amount of food for next year. Discussed future plans.

Men's Group: Walter ordered the supplies for the burger brat feed, Dennis is advertising with flyers, need 2 salads and desert. Kirsten and Lori will make the last two salads. Will be looking too the work group for the deserts. Floor waxing will start on the 19th of April after church. Hopefully finishing up by Wednesday the 22nd.

Yoga: Will possibly meet and draw the winner for the fundraiser. Will be serving a meal at the NDSU Crossroads Ministry. Usually serve 50-75 people, then they join them for worship after.

Education: No Sunday school this weekend due to prom. Last Sunday school on the 26th. Order for the good gifts magazine will be soon.

Alter Guild: Will be cleaning the room and silver soon.

Worship and Music: Music has been chosen through May, Nancy has stepped down from here position.

New Business: Talked about the plywood boards and bricks that are out by the shed, discussed moving/getting rid of them. Discussed molding on the window in the office. Discussed the next request for SAM communion. Kirsten will fill out and send in.


Old Business: The recycling bill still had two bins, Kirstin will be talking to Jess at the city for the second time. Kent took down the big quilt and replaced it with a new wall ornament. Pamphlet information will be sent out to Megan and she will make a pamphlet. It will then be checked over before being sent out. Update for the shingle quotes: The council recommends using Rodney at Hansons lumber for the roofing materials, using Barry Fernow at Northstar roofing for the labor, and Riverside Building center for the insulation portion of the project. We will need to have one meeting for a vote, and the announcement will be in two bulletins leading up to the meeting. The meeting will be on 3rd of May. Discussed fundraising and will decide at the meeting if we are moving forward.

Treasure's Report: Lori 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: May 20th at 6:00**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					01 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	02 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
03 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Pastor Jaime Confirmation Projects Presented Congregational Meeting after Worship	04 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	05	06	07 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	08 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	09 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
10 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Pastor Jaime Make-A-Change Sunday	11 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Pastor Jaime (Non-Contracted Time)	12 Pastor Jaime (Non-Contracted Time)	13 Pastor Jaime (Non-Contracted Time)	14 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30PM Pastor Jaime (Non-Contracted Time)	15 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime (Non-Contracted Time)	16 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime (Non-Contracted Time)
17 9:30 Worship no Communion Joleen Hardy Senior Quilt Sunday Pastor Jaime (Non-Contracted Time)	18 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	19	20 Church Council Meeting 6:00pm	21 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	22 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	23 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
24 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Pastor Jaime Wear Red Sunday	25 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline June Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Pastor Jaime						

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