

*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Sunday Events

May 5th: Confirmation Sunday

May 19th: Senior Graduate/Quilt Blessing

Please join us at worship, as we celebrate with our Youth their exciting life accomplishments.

“God Pause”

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. Verse¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Verse¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. Verse¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him Verse²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Verse²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; Verse²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. Verse²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Verse²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

DEVOTION

The writer of First John says we know God’s love because Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. Abiding in that love, means that we also ought to be helping those in need around us. After retirement, I began delivering groceries twice a month to five or ten people who could not get to the food shelf. The week before Christmas, I was delivering the groceries to a wonderful woman out in a very rural area. When I got there, she had prepared a homemade snack and a card for me. I thanked her and felt so blessed. In her “wealth, or lack of,” she shared her love for me. The snack, a twenty-dollar bill, and a Christmas card combined to be the best gift I got during Christmas. Indeed, let us love, not in word or speech, but in action.

PRAYER

Dear God, may each of our acts of love we give to our neighbor be a sign of your great love for us. Make us bold to see you in all we meet. Help us not to just talk about good deeds, but to do them. Amen.

Brenda Wicklund '07 M.Div.Retired, Hinckley MN

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



May 01: 3:45pm Confirmation, Last day of confirmation class for 2023-2024

May 05: 8:45am Confirmands please arrive at church to get ready

May 05: 9:30am Worship service with communion & Affirmation of Baptism for 8th graders - Pastor Jaime Decker

May 09: 2:30pm Ruth Circle

May 11: Peterson Baptism

May 12: 9:30am Worship service with communion, Make-A-Change Sunday- Pastor Jaime Decker

May 19: 9:30am Worship service with communion, Senior Graduate recognition & Quilt Blessing, Pastor Jaime Decker

May 20: June Newsletter Deadline

May 26: 9:30am Worship service with communion - Pastor Jaime Decker

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!



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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.



WELCOME: GA would like to welcome the newest baptized member of GA Church, Amelia Rose Hejtmanek, baptized April 14th in to the GA Family. May God bless you as you travel your faith journey.



Thank You: YOGA would like to thank everyone for their help, donation of food and monetary donations for the EARLY breakfast Easter morning. We raised \$698! Thank you! Thank you!



Mowing List: The Mowing list is Out! Members who are on it received an emailed copy. There is also a printed copy hanging on the bulletin board. Thank you to all who volunteer their time and equipment to keep GA Church looking GREAT!

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Shirley Christensen & Darin Beck
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 and soups, paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels), pasta, sugar, cooking oil. 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 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.

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.



Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, May 5th, 8th grade confirmation students will be affirming their faith. Please join us as we congratulate them on this milestone of their faith journey. Confirmands, please arrive by 8:45am to get ready.



Senior Graduate Sunday: Sunday, May 19th, the Senior Graduates from GA church will be recognized and given a quilt from Bits N' Stitches, along with a blessing from the congregation. Please join us as we wish them well on their future endeavors.

Church Finances:

For the Month of March 2024:

Beginning Balance: \$44976.03, Deposits: \$17967.40, Payments: \$13841.44

Ending Balance: \$49101.99

2024 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2024 Budget: \$210,770.00

Giving to Date: \$38,357.00

Giving Needed by 12-31-24: \$172,413.00



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

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2024 Mowing Schedule

April 28-May 04	Adam Wrage
May 5-11	Mike & Carrili Larson
May 12-18	Brian Gilje
May 19-25	Kent & Julie Johnson
May 26-June 01	Martin Potts
June 02-08	Walter Wrage
June 09-15	Kenwood Peterson
June 16-22	Shawn Beck
June 23-29	Martin Potts
June 30-July 06	Jerrod Sandness
July 07-13	Adam Wrage
July 14-20	Brian Gilje
July 21-27	Walter Wrage
July 28- August 03	Kenwood Peterson
August 04-10	Jeff Anderson
August 11-17	Dennis Dahl
August 18-24	Kent & Julie Johnson
Aug 25 - 31	Shawn Beck

September 01-07	Martin Potts
September 08-14	Mike & Carrili Larson
September 15-21	Adam Wrage
September 22-28	Brian Gilje
Sept 29 - October 5	Walter Wrage
October 6-12	Mike & Carrili Larson
October 13-19	Kent & Julie Johnson
October 20-26	Dennis Dahl
October 27-Nov 02	Kenwood Peterson
November 03-09	Shawn Beck
November 10-16	Martin Potts
November 17-23	Jerrod Sandness



Looking Ahead! :

June 1-2: Synod Assembly

July 15-17: VBS



May-June Action Group

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

Kari Gilje

Jeanie Stahl

Betty Melroe

Kay Swanson

Deborah Thorsness

Linda Johnson

Denise Dahl

Lynn Anderson

Peggy Erickson

Shirley Fuss

Connie Kracht

Kyla Temple



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



May 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

Thanks!

- 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

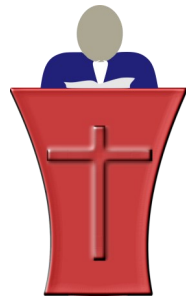
May Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants

- 05 Julie Johnson
- 12 Barb Melroe
- 19 Mike Larson
- 26 Shirley Waloch



- ## Readers
- 05 Joan Peterson
 - 12 Kirstin Kempel
 - 19 Carrili Larson
 - 26 Karla Waloch

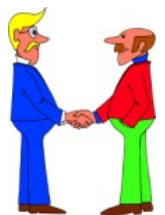


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Greeters

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



Ushers

Captain: David & Linda McFarland

- Richard & Peggy Olson
- Paul White
- Brian & Val Bjork
- Heidi Gleason



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!

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church Council Minutes

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April 10, 2024

President Kris Beck, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members present: Kris Beck, Paul White, Austin Creech, Martin Potts, Mike Larson, and Kirstin Kempel. Also present: Pastor Jaime Decker.

Devotion and prayer led by: Pastor Jaime Decker

Election of Officers: President-Kris Beck, V.P-Martin Potts, Secretary-Kirstin Kempel

Motion to approve officers. Paul/Austin

Approve agenda: Paul/Mike. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Kirstin/Paul. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Discussion of Pastor Jaime's March/April: events, services, meetings, book study, Wedding, Baptism, and funeral.

Church Work Group Reports:

Property and Grounds- (Martin) Trees need to be cut down on west side. Storage container will go.

WELCA- (Sharon) No report

Men's Group- (Mike) Brat/Burger feed postponed. Men's group needs more participation. Lutefisk supper planning needs to start soon.

YOGA- (Austin) Trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky in June and canoe trip in July. Successful Easter breakfast was served.

Education- (Kris) SS is done for the year. Possible Easter themed SS event before summer. VBS in July.

Altar Guild- (Kirstin) Next meeting the silver is polished. Dennis Dahl is making a new baptismal font.

Worship and Music-(Paul) Next meeting will discuss Earth Day service. Affirmation of Baptism is May 5th. Senior Recognition Sunday is May 19th.

Old and New Business:

Sump Pump lowered in fall.

Heat tape- is it working?

Replace west door to the outside in fellowship hall.

Stewardship postponed skit until May 12th. Quarterly financial statements to go out soon.

Baptisms will be scheduled only on Sundays after this May.

Staff evaluations for paid staff. Austin/Kris will do this in May.

Sohn's food truck-she requested to possibly park truck on church property during lunch hours while doing her food business. Need to check into electrical cost/insurance. Needs a vote prior to it happening.

After school program coming this fall. Waste Management will donate \$2800 which will cover the cost of music program.

Wedding policy update: Switch wording from \$100 refundable deposit to \$100 fee. Also, the pastor fee will be determined by the pastor.

Council retreat on April 27th.

Training for livestream will pay \$25/service. Payment for operating the livestream will be \$50/service.


Constitutional updates will be tabled until the April 27th meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept. Martin/Mike. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting. Paul/Mike. Motion carried.

Lord's Prayer **Next Meeting: April 27th during council retreat.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 3:45pm Confirmation	2 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	3 Jaime's Sabbath	4 Jaime's Sabbath
5 9:30 Worship with Comm Confirmation Sunday	6 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	7	8	9 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30	10 Jaime's Sabbath	11 Peterson Baptism Jaime's Sabbath
12 9:30 Worship with Comm Make-A-Change Sunday	13 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	14	15	16 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	17 Jaime's Sabbath	18 Jaime's Sabbath
19 9:30 Worship with Comm Senior Grad Sunday	20 June Newsletter Deadline  12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	21	22	23 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	24 Jaime's Sabbath	25 Jaime's Sabbath
26 9:30 Worship with Comm	27 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	28	29	30 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	31 Jaime's Sabbath	01 Jaime's Sabbath

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....TRUDY PETERSON
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
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