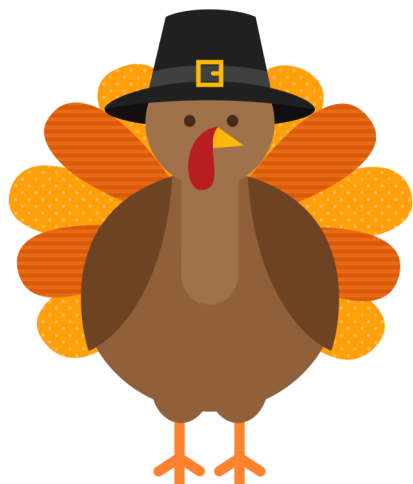


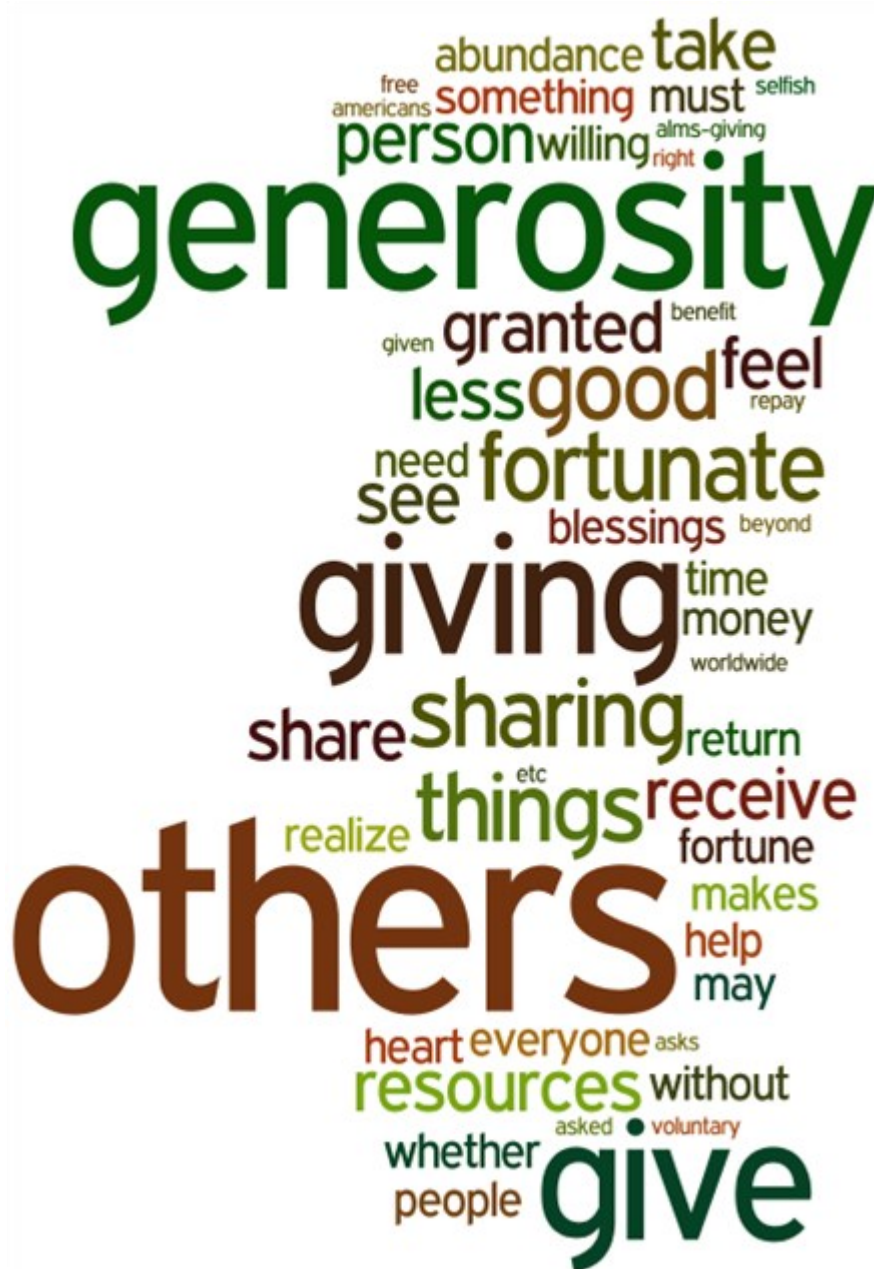
# NOVEMBER 2023

## NEWSLETTER



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**Building a Community  
of Generosity**

# “God Pause”

## Stewardship

Is G.A. important to you?

Over the course of a year, \$1 per day comes to a gift of \$365, which for about 35-40% of Americans would be significant growth in their giving to the church. The average Starbucks coffee costs \$2.75. This amounts to over \$1,000 if one is purchased every day of the year. The average Herbal Life tea costs \$6.

This amounts to over \$2,100 if one is purchased every day of the year, or \$312 if one is purchased every week for one year.

Regular, systematic giving can help all of us become more generous. We get overwhelmed when we think about larger numbers like \$1,000. However, most of us can find \$2.75 per day. As you think and pray about your generosity this year. Consider how systematic giving may help you become more generous.

### Story from a member:

How important is Gustaf Adolf to you?

I recently overheard a conversation between two men. They were discussing the purchase of a new, bigger and better piece of lawn equipment for the lawn business of the younger man. The older gentleman was trying to explain to the younger man that new equipment would be a good investment for him. The younger mans reply, “I can’t afford that! You know how much that costs?” Very patiently, the older gentleman went on to explain that by completing the job faster, then he would be able to finish more lawn jobs, thereby being able to make more money. “I get that,” said the young guy, but he just couldn’t get over the initial cost of the item. The discussion continued back and forth for a few minutes. Eventually the older gentleman ended the conversation with this phrase. **“You can always afford what is important to you.”**

I had never heard that phrase, but thinking about it, it’s very true. Whether it’s a fancy coffee at the drive-thru or eating out or whatever is important to you. You make it a priority you make it happen. So, this year, when completing your intent card ask yourself.

How important is GA to you?

November 12th we will be mailing out letters with an Intent of Donation Card inside. We ask you to fill these cards out and bring them directly to worship on November 19th Stewardship Sunday, or return them in the mail. If GA receives 40 returned cards, GA will receive a generous gift of \$3000 from one of our GA Families. We hope this gift invites you to join in our building a culture of generosity at GA.

So please consider, How Important is GA to you, and we hope to see you on November 19th.

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



**Nov 01:** 5:15 PM Wednesday Education

**Nov 05:** 9:30 AM All Saints Worship Service with Communion – Pastor Jaime, Sunday School Sings  
Sunday School after worship

**Nov 05:** Church Council Meeting After Worship

**Nov 08:** 5:15 PM Wednesday Education

**Nov 09:** 2:30 PM Ruth Circle

**Nov 12:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion – Pastor Jaime—Make A Change Sunday  
Sunday School after worship

**Nov 15:** 5:15 PM Wednesday Education

**Nov 19:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion – Pastor Jaime—**Stewardship Sunday**  
Sunday School after worship

**Nov 20:** December Newsletter Deadline

**Nov 22:** No Wednesday Education

**Nov 23:** Free Thanksgiving Dinner, 11am-1pm, Gwinner Community Center, Main Street

**Nov 26:** 9:30 AM Worship Service no Communion – Kirstin Kempel—No Sunday School

**Nov 29:** 5:15 PM Wednesday Education

**Nov 29:** 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting



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**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!

**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.



**Sound System:** A Motion was passed by Church Council to pay the sound/video tech \$67.00 per service. This motion was made in hopes it will encourage others to step up and learn the system. Spread the word! Thank You in Advance for helping out!

**Leaders Needed:** Leaders are needed for worship on the following Sunday. **January 14th.** If you are interested in leading, please let Carrili know. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Women's Christian Exchange:** Zion Lutheran will be hosting this year, Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00pm. The topic will be Talents, Smarts & Thankful Hearts. Kathy Marquette will be the speaker. See poster for more info.

**All Saints Sunday:** Sunday, November 5th we will be holding our All-Saints worship service. If you would like to bring in a photo of your loved ones who have passed on to display during the worship please feel free to do so.

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**Our Sympathies :** Go out to the family and friends of: Dale Asche and Jeannette Beckstrom. May God's loving embrace help you through this difficult time, and may the many happy memories ease your pain.



**Food Pantry Blitz:** The Sargent County Food Pantry needs your help!! Both of our food pantry locations (Forman & Gwinner) are always in need of donations, but we especially appreciate them as we head into the holiday season. We are inviting Sargent County residents to participate in a "Fill the Pantry Blitz". Please bring donations to any of the drop-off locations (GA is a drop-off site), starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. All donations will be picked up and delivered to the food pantry locations on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **Items needed:** Prepared meals (hamburger helper, stuffing mix, etc.), Pasta (preferably no spaghetti), Flour, sugar, cooking oil, Pancake mix & syrup, Baked beans & pork 'n beans, Shelf stable juice, Cake & cookie mixes, Household items (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, laundry soap, dish soap), Personal items (shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste).

**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.



**SNOW REMOVAL!!:** Yes, that nasty White Stuff is back! Reminder that snow removal is done on a voluntary basis at GA Church. Thank you in advance, to ALL who take their time and volunteer their equipment to keep GA safe this winter season.



**THANK YOU:** To all who helped water and maintain the new landscape plants and trees at GA. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The plants Thank you!



**Church Finances:** For the Month of September 2023

**Beginning:** \$23988.00 + **Deposits:** \$24814.67 - **Expenses:** \$18690.09 =  
**Ending Balance:** \$30112.58

Thank you for all you do to help support GA Church



# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## **Looking Ahead To December:**

1. December 3rd—Sunday School Sings and Family Fun Day!
2. December 6th—Multi-Community Cantata Concert
3. December 10th—Sunday School Christmas Program During Worship
4. December 10th—YOGA Soup, Sandwich & Auction
5. December 24th—NO Morning Worship, Just Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 pm



## **November Action Group**

**Co-Chairs: Juie Johnson**

Trudi Christensen

Lynnae Decker

Carolyn R Jacobson

Trudy Peterson

Lori Wiederholt

Linde Zetocha

Carrili Larson

DiAnna Johnson

Megan Wrage

Joleen Hardy

Amber Kempel



# November Birthdays

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- 1 Carrili Larson  
Becky Salberg
- 2 Nicole Shockley
- 3 Stacy McKeever  
Elliot Shockley  
Katelyn Binfet
- 5 Braylyn Nelson
- 6 Braxtyn Hamann  
Easten Scholz
- 7 Kirsten Daniels  
Dami Rasmussen
- 8 Hunter Lautt
- 9 Audrina Christensen  
Brodie Crandall
- 10 Katy Decker  
Derrick Hansen  
Jacob Hanson  
Isaac Swanson
- 11 Brayden Christensen  
Torey Kempel  
Emily Odegard
- 13 Gerad Nerison
- 16 Parker Peterson
- 17 Barb Klemetson
- 18 Darrin Teske
- 19 Brian Bjork  
Tim Christensen  
Kennedi Faber
- 21 Lori Flannery  
Donna Hansen  
Joey Jacobson  
Trudy Peterson  
Gene Sandstrom  
Holt Larson
- 22 Kassidy Opatz
- 23 Brendan Ciesynski



- 24 Doug Christensen  
Kevin Hansen  
Tracy Pierce
- 26 Kameryn Taliaferro
- 27 Sally Johnson
- 29 Auston Creech  
Dean Hanson

# November Anniversaries



- 5 Karah & Jake Weinand
- 8 Deb & Curt Tufty
- 14 Julie & Kent 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 contact the  
church office at  
678-2552 or***

***email us at [galutheran-  
church@outlook.com](mailto:galutheran-church@outlook.com)***

***Thanks!***

# November Worship Assistants

## Acolytes

Have been removed from the

05

12

19

26



## Readers

Joleen Hardy

Michelle Ciesynski

Carrili Larson

Val Bjork



## Communion Assistants

05 Barb Melroe

12 Michelle Ciesynski

19 Martin Potts

26 Kirstin Kempel



**Captain:**

## Greeters

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



## Ushers

**Brendan & Michelle Ciesynski**

Randy & Karla Waloch

Casey & Jaime Decker

Brian & Kari Gilje



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minder that snow removal is done on a  
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## Sound System

Sound System is now

A Paid Position.

Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.



**October 11, 2023**

President Kris Beck, called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Council members present Kris Beck, Martin Potts, Auston Creech, Jakob Creech, and Joleen Hardy. Also present, Pastor Jaime Decker.

**Devotion and prayer led by:** Pastor Jaime Decker

**Secretary's Report.** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Hardy/Larson. All in favor, motion carried.

**Church Work Group Reports:**

- 1. Property and Grounds** – Need to finish cleaning up in the parsonage yard. Mike is going to get the heat tape installed before winter and clean the gutters.
- 2. WELCA** – Bake sale starts after church until gone. Selling cookbooks also.
- 3. Men's Group** – Dennis is handing out lutefisk assignments. New this year presale and online sales. Julie Potts made 100 tickets to presell. Can take credit cards at the door too. Mike is going to check into seeing how much the men's group has committed to installing a new west door in fellowship hall.
- 4. YOGA** – 6:30/6:45 start on Wednesdays after pizza. Talking about next summer trip options. Need to start fundraising.
- 5. Education** – Doing Wednesday and Sunday School for the kids. Xmas program Dec 10 during church with soup, sandwich, & auction to follow.
- 6. Altar Guild** - Looking at purchasing a new baptismal font
- 7. Worship and Music** – Need to meet with advent season starting soon.

**Old Business and New Business:**

An insurance claim was made to Church Mutual for all the damage in the church for the ice dams. We need to have an estimate done by a contractor. Creech is going to meet with Chris Ferderer.

Building a community of generosity campaign has begun. Asking members and friends to share stories of generosity. Inserts are being placed in the bulletin and letters have been sent out and more to come before December.

Pastor Jaime is going to be creating a survey monkey for what things we can do to follow our mission.

October 29 council and stewardship committee will be leading service.

Hansen's Lumber will be delivering our new shed soon. Everything is out of the storage shed and temporarily stored in the church.

Meeting dates need to be discussed, what works best around Wednesday services.

Motion was made by A. Creech, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hardy to remove acolytes and youth Sundays from the bulletins and church service list. Motion carried.

Time and talent sheets need to be updated.

Motion was made by A. Creech, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson to have no Christmas Eve morning service just to have the 4:00 pm service since Christmas Eve is on Sunday and no Christmas Day service. Motion carried.

Trudy Peterson has been cleaning the church for the past month and ½ and it looks amazing so when you see her, please tell how much we appreciate what she has been doing and look our church looks.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept. Hardy/Creech. All in favor, motion carried.


**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn meeting. Creech/Hardy. All in favor, motion carried.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Next Meeting:** November 5, 2023, 10:45 am following worship service



# NOVEMBER 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			01 5:15 Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA	02 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	03 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	04
05 9:30 Worship with Communion , Sunday School <b>SS Sings</b> <b>Council Mtg</b>	06	07	08 5:15 Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA	09 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Ruth Circle</b> <b>2:30PM</b>	10 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	11
12 9:30 Worship With Communion , Sunday School <b>Make-A-Change</b> <b>Sunday</b>	13	14	15 5:15 Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA	16 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	17 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	18 <b>Bauer Wedding</b>
19 9:30 Worship With Communion , Sunday School <b>Stewardship</b> <b>Sunday</b>	20 <b>December</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b> 	21	22 No Education	23 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon <b>Free Thanksgiving</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>11am-1:00pm</b> <b>Gwinner Com-</b> <b>munity Center</b>	24 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	25
26 9:30 Worship No Communion No Sunday School <b>Jaime Off</b>	27	28	29 <b>5:30 Altar</b> <b>Guild</b> 5:15 Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA	30		

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PAUL WHITE, AUSTON CREECH  
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE