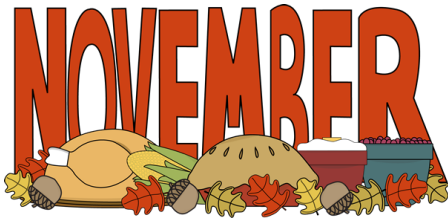


*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

NOVEMBER 2022

NEWSLETTER



2 Big Events coming up at G.A. in November

All Saints Day - We will be recognizing All Saints Day during our services on Wednesday, November 2 @ 6:45 pm and Sunday, November 6 @ 9:30 am. We invite you to please bring pictures of your loved ones who have died throughout the years. The pictures will be displayed on a table during BOTH services as we remember the saints that have gone before us. *Please drop off pictures at the church before the 6:45 pm service on Wednesday, November 2.

COUNTY WIDE!! Sargent County Food Drive. **Sunday, November 6th.** Help us fill the Gwinner and Forman locations of the Food Pantry for the holidays by donating non-perishable food items. Please have at church on or before November 6th. Cash donations are always welcome. **Items needed are:** Canned vegetables, fruits, meats, beans, soups. Prepared meals (hamburger helper, Mac n cheese, etc). Peanut butter, Condiments (ketchup, mustard, Mayo). Pasta, rice, pasta sauce. Flour, sugar, oil. Pancake mix and syrup. Cereal. Shelf stable juice. Non food items (laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex). Thank you for all of your support of the Sargent County Food Bank.

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“God Pause”

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



Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. Verse²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. Verse³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. Verse⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. Verse⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." Verse⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. Verse⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Verse⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Verse⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. Verse¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Devotion

"I must stay at your house today." Today, think of "house" as your congregation. Imagine that you got the word that Jesus was coming to visit your congregation next Sunday. Imagine all the preparations that you would go through—the building would be thoroughly cleaned; the musicians would put in extra time rehearsing; you'd serve a full brunch; you would put up displays to show Jesus all the ministries you're doing and those you plan to do. You'd do all that and more if you knew Jesus was going to come to your "house" next week and, I daresay, your offerings would be greater than usual, because, well, Jesus is coming. Friends, Jesus comes to our congregations every Sunday! "This is my body. This is my blood." "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Let us strive to bring Jesus our best of everything and do ministry in his name. Like Zacchaeus, we do this because we know "salvation has come to this house."

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I pray for my congregation today—our pastor(s), our staff, our members of all ages. Fill us and our ministries with the anticipation that you are coming to our house, for indeed you are! Amen.

Wayne Peterson '81 M.Div. Retired, Plymouth, MN

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

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- Nov 02:** 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Worship and Education
- Nov 06:** 9:15 AM Sunday School Kids Sing
- Nov 06:** 9:30 AM Worship With Communion - All Saints Sunday - Sunday School After Worship
- Nov 06:** Church Council Meeting After Worship
- Nov 09:** 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Worship and Education
- Nov 10:** 2:30 PM Ruth Circle
- Nov 13:** 9:30 AM Worship With Communion - Make-A-Change Day - Sunday School After Worship
- Nov 14:** 6:30 PM New Member Orientation
- Nov 16:** 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Worship and Education
- Nov 20:** 9:30 AM Worship With Communion Thanksgiving Service - Sunday School After Worship
- Nov 21:** December Newsletter Deadline
- Nov 22:** No Wednesday Night Worship
- Nov 27:** 9:30 AM Worship With Communion, No Sunday School
- Nov 30:** 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Worship and Education
- Nov 30:** 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting



Thank You: There isn't a big enough Thank You that could go out to **Becky Salberg** for her time and efforts. Becky has decided to retire from her position on the worship and music committee after 41 YEARS. She has been serving GA since 1981. Please join us in congratulating her and thanking her for all her time and talents over the years.

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!



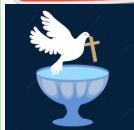
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Worship & Music Committee: The GA Worship and Music Committee is looking for a new member to join them. If interested or you have questions contact Julie Johnson, Barb Melroe or Pastor Jaime. Thank you.



New Member Orientation - Please contact Carrili or Pastor Jaime if you would like to become a new member at GA Church. New member orientation is tentatively set for Monday, November 14 at 6:30pm.



WELCOME to GA Family: We Welcome Our newly Baptized Members: Jack Hanson infant son of Ben & Karissa Hanson baptized 10-23-22 and Megan Enge daughter of Shawn & Kacia Enge baptized 10-30-22.



Congratulations: To our 3rd Graders at GA who received their New Bibles this year: Hudson Lien, Tucker Larson, Sofya Herman and to our Pre-K that received their 1st Bibles: Jaida Dux, Parker Peterson. May God Bless you on your Sunday School Journey.

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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 and click on the Donate Now tab. As always your donations to GA are greatly appreciated! Thank you. Any questions please feel free to call Carrili.

Church Services: If you would like to watch church service live from home you can do so on



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 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.

Any questions ask Carrili or Kris. Thank you and spread the word.

Wednesday Nights: We are offering weekly Wednesday night programming in addition to Sunday mornings. Our vision is to help create more opportunities and availability for people to engage in faith formation. Families and individuals are invited to attend Wednesday and/or Sunday programming, or Both! Wednesday evening programming (available to the public): 5:30 - 6:30pm - supper (free will), 6:15 - 6:45pm - education/faith formation (pre-k-6 grade, YOGA, adult), 6:45 - 7:30pm - Worship service 7:30 - 8:30pm-confirmation.

Amazon Smile: As you do your CHRISTMAS shopping don't forget GA Church is a selection you can donate to if you shop on Amazon. Just go to smile.amazon.com login as you normally do and choose GA Church as your donation choice and then just shop! Amazon.com will then donate 0.5% of any qualifying purchase to GA Church! There is no cost to sign up for this and it doesn't change how you shop, it's a very easy way to help support GA. GA Church has received **\$492.07** from Amazon smile purchases. Thank you!



Church Finances: For the month of September 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church! No Council Meeting was Held in October, so there are no Approved finances to be posted.

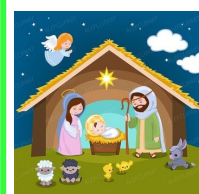
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This year for Sunday School music we are going to be singing **1 Sunday a month**. We will try and sing on the **2nd Sunday** of each month as that is the "youth" Sunday, as long as the schedule allows. There are a few Sundays that will not be on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **ALL CHILDREN** ages 4 years thru 6th Grade are welcome to join us! For the 2022-2023 school year they will sing on the following Sundays: **November 6th December 11th, January 15th, February 12th, March 12th, April 2nd, May 7th** Please try and have your child/children here as many Sundays as possible thru the year to practice, so that come the performance days we actually know the words. I understand that not every Sunday everyone can be here, but please try and come to as many as possible. **May 14th is the LAST DAY of Sunday School.** Also, the following Sundays there will not be Sunday school class for the 2022-2023 year: **October 23rd, November 27th, December 25th, January 1st, March 19th, April 9th.** Sincerely, Carrili Larson-Sunday School Music Instructor.



Sunday, December 4th from 1-3 pm: Family Sunday Funday - bring your family and join us for a fun afternoon making Christmas crafts/ornaments/gifts while enjoying Christmas treats. Open to the community.



Sunday, December 11: Multi-generational Live Nativity and YOGA Soup & Sandwich - The Live Nativity will be held at Barb and Steve Melroe's farm in the barn. Dress warm! Open to the community. More details to come. **If you are interested in participating in the Nativity please let Jaime know.** Thank you and please spread the word!

November Action Group

Co-Chairs:

Coleen Beaver

Katy Decker

Carolyn Jacobson

Roxanne Johnson

Lori Wiederholt

Carrili Larson

Megan Wrage

Trudi Christensen

Lynnae Decker

Julie Johnson

Trudy Peterson

Linde Zetocha

DiAnna Johnson

Joleen Hardy



November Birthdays

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- 1 Carrili Larson
Becky Salberg
- 2 Nicole Shockley
- 3 Stacy McKeever
Elliot Shockley
Katelyn Binfet
- 4 Andrea Johnson
- 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
- 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
- 23 Brendan Ciesynski



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



November Anniversaries

- 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

06 Brooklyn Ponzer
Athena Erickson
13 Teagan Beck
Payten Herman
20 Maddilyn Faber
Sawyer Toepke
27 Ethan Weigelt
Jaela Nerison



Readers

06 Alison Toepke
13 Michelle Ciesynski
20 Carrili Larson
27 Val Bjork



Communion Assistants

06 Barb Melroe
13 Michelle Ciesynski
20 Martin Potts
27 Kirstin Kempel



Greeters

06 Gene Hajek
13 Aidan Anderson
Halle Lien
20 Duane & Betty Johnson
27 Jeff & Donna Anderson



Ushers

Captain: Jeff & Roxanne Johnson
Randy & Karla Waloch
Casey & Jaime Decker
Brian & Kari Gilje
Brendan & Michelle Ciesynski



Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



2nd Sunday

Claire Anderson, Easton Johnson
Jakob Creech, Paetyn Hamann

Lawn Mowers

Oct 30-Nov05 Kenwood Peterson
Nov 06-12 Shawn Beck
Nov 13-19 Martin Potts
Nov 20-26 Jerrod Sandness


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

No Minutes

No October Council Meeting was held

Next Council Meeting is November 6th after worship service

NOVEMBER 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		01	02 Wednesday Night Worship 5:30 PM	03 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	04 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	05
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13 9:30 Worship W/ Communion MAC Sunday Sunday School	14 New Member Orientation 6:30 PM	15	16 Wednesday Night Worship 5:30 PM	17 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	18 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	19
20 9:30 Worship W/Communion Sunday School	21  December Newsletter Deadline	22	23 No Wed Night Worship	24 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	25 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	26
27 9:30 Worship w/ Communion NO S.S. Class	28	29	30 Wednesday Night Worship 5:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM	27 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	28 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	29

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
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YOGA LEADERS.....

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PAUL WHITE, MIKE LARSON, AUSTON CREECH
AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE