

“God Pause”

Generosity Story

Dear G.A. Church family,

I grew up in a family that didn't talk much about money. I saw the envelope on the table each week to be taken with us to church, but for the life of me, I cannot tell you if it included \$1 or \$1000. We never talked about it.

So, I guess my family was generous. I learned to give each week, but I didn't learn what to give. Fortunately, people have mentored that for me.

When I was a child, I remember my grandma sending money to organizations, such as World Vision and Compassion International, that help support children across the country and the world. She would send \$50 once a year to each organization to help provide food, clothing, and medical supplies. My grandma would tell me, "Your grandpa and I want to help others." And so they did.

When I was a young mom, I struggled to feed my child and pay the bills while attending college fulltime. Once a year a family friend would send me \$200 to "help me with my studies." At the time, that was a huge amount and it taught me to think of others.

Last spring, a couple contacted me and said, "We were talking the other day about the church needs and realized we haven't donated money to the church in a long time. We are sending a donation and we want the church to use it where the money would make a difference." A week later, a check showed up in the mail. It was a check for \$2,000!

I'm surrounded by generous people who continue to teach me about generosity. As we think about our giving for next year, my husband and I have decided that for two months next year, February and August, we will double our giving in each of those months. We aren't sure how exactly that will go, but we heard about the idea from a friend and thought we would try it out.

I look forward to hearing more of your stories of generosity as we begin this generosity journey together.

In Peace,

Pastor Jaime +

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



- Oct 01:** 9:30AM Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime, **3rd grade & Pre-K Bibles**
Sunday School After worship service
- Oct 04:** 5:15pm Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA
- Oct 08:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime, Sunday School 10:30 am.
- Oct 11:** 5:15pm Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA
- Oct 12:** 2:30 pm Ruth Circle
- Oct 15:** 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime, Sunday School 10:30 am.
- Oct 18:** No Wednesday night education or meal
- Oct 22:** 9:30 AM Worship Service No Communion—LEADER NEEDED, Sunday School 10:30.
- Oct 23:** November Newsletter Deadline
- Oct 25:** 5:15pm Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA
5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting
- Oct 29:** 9:30 AM Worship Service No Communion—Barb Melroe, Sunday School 10:30am.
1:00-5:30pm Lutefisk Supper & Bake-Sale
- Oct 31:** 5:30pm Trunk or Treat!

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!



Sunday School: STARTS Sunday **October 1st:** Pre-K - 6th grade. Sunday School education is held after worship service. See You There!! Spread the word, open to any to attend!

Wednesday Night Education: Will begin **October 4th**, There will not be worship services held on Wednesday nights this year. The education schedule will be as follows: Confirmation: 5:15-6:15pm, Pre-K to 6th: 5:45-6:15pm, Supper: 6:15-6:45pm, YOGA: 6:45-7:30pm. Open to anyone to attend.



Bible Presentation: Pre-K and 3rd Grade children of GA will receive their Bibles on Sunday October 1st during worship. Please join us as we celebrate these children beginning their faith journey.

Leaders Needed: Leaders are needed for worship on the following Sundays. **October 22nd and November 26th.** If you are interested in leading any of these Sundays, please let Carrili know. Thank you in advance for your help.

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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.



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 1st. All donations will be picked up and delivered to the food pantry locations on November 5th, 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 and click on the Donate Now tab. As always your donations to GA are greatly appreciated! Thank you.



New Custodian: Please welcome our new custodian Trudy Peterson. She has taken on the position starting in September. Let's all wish her well and try our best to help her out by keeping GA clean.

Thank You: To Sam and Brandi French for donating the new dust mop and extra mop heads. Thanks, ~Trudy



Trunk or Treat: We invite you to the 9th Annual Trunk or Treat at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church in Gwinner on Tuesday, October 31st . Decorated Trunks must be parked at GA Church in Gwinner by 5:15 PM. The kids trick-or-treat from 5:30-6:30 PM. Thank You and we hope to see you there!

If you would like to bring a decorated trunk please contact Carrili at 701-680-1190. Thank you :)

If you want to donate Candy, donations can be dropped off at the church in the Secretary Office. Please make sure all candy is wrapped candies. Thank you.



Church Finances: For the Month of August 2023

Not Available at time of publication

Thank you for all you do to help support GA Church

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Lutfisk Supper & Bake Sale: The 85th Annual Lutfisk Supper and Bake Sale will be held Sunday, October 29th from 1:00-5:30pm. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more preparation information.

WELCA Ladies please remember to have your Bake Sale items to the church by Noon on the 29th. Thank you!



Watering Plants: The new landscaping plants and trees at GA look great, but they need to be watered regularly until winter. This is a BIG job for just 1 person, the council is asking us all to step up and help out. There is a Watering Record sheet on the bulletin board by the office. If you come and water plants/trees please mark down what day and what areas you watered, so that the next person coming in doesn't repeat. This is all VOLUNTEER work, so please, step up and help out. Even if you don't water them all, any little bit helps. The Plants Thank you for your help! 😊

Looking Ahead To November:

1. Sunday School Kids Will Sing
2. Sunday and Wednesday Education Continues
3. All Saints Sunday
- 4.



September/October Action Group

Co-Chairs: Barb Melroe

Sharon Beckstrom

Traci Hanson

Melinda Morlock

Sharon Peterson

Ginger Utecht

Kris Nerison

Alison Toepke Booth

Michelle Goettle

Linda McFarland

Peggy Olson

Mary Rotenberger

Ashlee Lien

Crystal Taylor



October Birthdays

- 2 Teagan Beck
Jaime Decker
Ellie Schroeder
- 3 Shane Johnson
Larry Swanson
- 4 Sasha Jensen
- 5 Courtney D. Koepke
Dewey Johnson
Chance Noonan
- 11 Izabelle Beck
- 12 Duane M. Johnson
- 13 Melinda Morlock
Raymond Stahl
- 14 Jeannette Beckstrom
- 15 Brea Frederick
- 16 Eric Johnson
Riddik Berg
- 17 Riley Christensen
Marie Odegard
- 18 Dillon Morlock
- 19 Drew Krause
Aleysha Sarith
- 20 Sara Anderson
Lee Falk
Brittney Hansen
Darrel Swanson
Gerad Nerison
- 22 Betty Johnson
- 24 Karissa Hanson
- 25 Pete Sherlock
- 26 Cole Turchin
- 27 Hailey Decker
Carolyn R. Jacobson
- 29 Zander Bauer
Ryan Enge
Cyprian Johnson
Steve Melroe
Kay Swanson
DeAnna Youle



- 30 Maggie Rasmussen
Chris Johnson
- 31 Avery McFarland

October Anniversaries



- 08 Courtney & Alex Koepke
- 18 Riley & Justan Taliafero
- 19 Paula & Derrick Hansen
- 21 Deb & Steve Johnson
- 22 Wendy & Darrel Swanson

***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!

October Worship Assistants

Acolytes

- 01 Emerson Beck
- Elijah Hanson
- 08 Aryanna Nerison
- Sofya Herman
- 15 Jaila LaTraille
- Cyprian Johnson
- 22 Tucker Larson
- Hunter Lien
- 29 Tyson Porter
- Skylar Peterson



Readers

- 01 Karla Waloch
- 08 Michelle Ciesynski
- 15 Barb Melroe
- 22 Becky Salberg
- 29 Kirstin Kempel



Communion Assistants

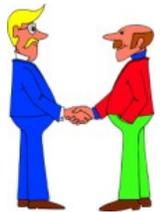
- 01 Auston Creech
- 08 Barb Melroe
- 15 Mike Larson
- 22 Kris Beck
- 29 Dennis Dahl



Captain:

Greeters

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



Ushers

Zac & Kyla Temple

- Duane & Betty Johnson
- Dean & Verna Anderson
- Jeff & Donna Anderson



Oct 1-7

Walter Wrage

Oct 8-14

Mike Larson

Oct 15-21

Kent Johnson

Oct 22-28

Dennis Dahl

Oct 29-Nov 04

Kenwood Peterson

Sound System

Sound System is now
A Paid Position.

Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.



2nd Sunday Ushers

- Teagan Beck
- Payten Herman
- Elliot Shockley
- Brooklyn Ponzer

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

September Council Minutes
Not Available at time of Publication

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
01 9:30 Worship W/Communion Pre-k & 3rd Bible Presentation Sunday School Starts	02	03	04 5:15 Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA	05 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	06 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	07 Hansen Wedding
08 9:30 Worship with Communion , Sunday School	09	10	11 5:15 Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA	12 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30PM	13 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	14
15 9:30 Worship With Communion , Sunday School	16	17	18 No Wed Night Programs	19 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	20 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	21
22 9:30 Worship No Communion Sunday School Pastor Jaime Off	23 November Newsletter Deadline 	24	25 5:15 Confirmation, 5:45pm Education, 6:15pm Supper, 6:45 YOGA 5:30 Altar Guild	26 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	27 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	28
29 9:30 Worship No Communion Sunday School 1-5:30 PM Lutefisk Supper and Bake Sale	30	31 5:30-6:30pm Trunk or Treat				

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