

SEPTEMBER 2022

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome September

New month, new chapter, new
page and new wishes.

May the month give you courage,
strength, Confidence, patience,
self-love & inner peace. May
everyday in September fill your
days with Hope, love, sunshine
and energy. Let there be Joy,
Fun and Laughter.

“God Pause”

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



Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV) On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Verse⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. Verse⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; Verse⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. Verse¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. Verse¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Verse¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. Verse¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Verse¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Devotion

Many of us would agree with the title of a Mac Davis song: "O Lord, It's Hard To Be Humble." When was the last time that a professional football player after scoring a touchdown, simply handed the ball back to the referee and went quietly to the bench? As human beings we have a drive and a desire to be seen, to receive credit, to be lifted up. Could it be that this drive and desire grow from the fear that we are not what we should be? Therefore, we feel compelled to strive to lift ourselves to a position where we think we are truly someone. In Jesus Christ, we are a child of God, a disciple. Is there any higher calling? Is there any higher crown of glory? Can we then forsake the quest to make ourselves to be somebody? Can we dare to simply live as what we have been made to be in Jesus Christ?

Prayer

Jesus, teach us to forsake our ways, to humble ourselves, to kneel at your feet, and to live out your way of compassion. Amen.

Wayne Kendrick '72 M.Div.Retired, Member of Trinity Lutheran, McKinley, WI

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

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



Sept 04: Outdoor Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM

Sept 08: Ruth Circle 2:30 PM

Sept 11: Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM

Sept 12-14: Pastor Jaime Off

Sept 14: Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM

Sept 17: Bridal Shower for Courtney Anderson 1:00 PM

Sept 18: Worship Service 9:30 AM –**LEADER NEEDED**

Sept 19: October Newsletter Deadline

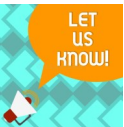
Sept 25: Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM

Sept 28: Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM



Leader Needed: A leader will be needed for Worship on **September 18th and October 16th**, as Pastor Jaime will be gone. If you are interested in leading please let Jaime or Carrili know.

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Do You Know: of any members that do not get our monthly newsletter, but would like to? If so, please contact Carrili at 701-678-2552 or galutheranchurch@outlook.com and let her know. Thank You.

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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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Pans & Bowls: There are quite a few Pans and Mixing/Serving bowls that have been left behind at the church after events. They have been collected and placed on the little counter by the window in the kitchen. If they are yours or you know who they belong to please take them home with you. Thank you.

2022-2023 Worship Assistants: The Lists are Available on the Table in the Narthex. They have also been emailed out. Please look them over and mark down the dates you are scheduled to help with services at GA. Reminder you are responsible for finding your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill your dates. Thank you in advance for all you do for GA to keep services rolling smoothly.

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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 **Givelify** 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.

Castaway Youth Retreat: September 16-18 at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes MN. Open to grades 6-9 to attend. Please contact Jaime if you are interested. Pastor Jaime will be going along so come and join her for a great time!

Bridal Shower: Bridal Shower for Courtney Anderson bride to be of Alex Koepke will be held Saturday September 17th at GA Church, from 1-3PM. The couple is registered at Amazon and Target. Open to anyone to attend.



Church Finances: For the month of July 2022: Thank you for all you do for Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church!
Starting: \$24,881.06 - Debts \$25,735.77 + Deposits \$22,310.43 = End \$21,455.72

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Dog Beds: The Bits N' Stitches Quilters have pillow dog beds for sale. \$5.00 Each. If interested contact Julie Johnson or Becky Salberg. The proceeds from the sale of the beds will go towards purchasing more supplies for Quilting. Thank you!

Confirmation: Classes will start up October 5th. Stay tuned for more details!



2022 WELCA Annual Meeting: September 24th, 2022 in Medina ND. Keynote Speaker Deb Wald: Singer, Song Writer, Poet & Spiritual Advisor, Member of Hope Lutheran of Fargo and Golden Oldies Musical Group. If you are interested in attending please contact Paula Hansen WELCA President and she will get you registered. If you want more information please see the sign on the Sanctuary Door. Thank you!



Bridal Shower: A Bridal Shower for Megan Christiansen bride-to-be of Walter Wrage will be held August 6th at GA Church from 10am-Noon. All are welcome to attend. The couple is registered at Target and Menards!



Sunday School Teachers!: As we head into the 2022-2023 Sunday School year if you are interested in being a teacher and or a sub please let Jaime know! Thank you in advance for helping our youth on their faith journey.

Sept/October Action Group

Co-Chairs: Barb Melroe
Becky Salberg

Sharon Beckstrom

Traci Hanson

Melinda Morlock

Sharon Peterson

Ginger Utecht

Kris Nerison

Crystal Taylor

Michelle Goettle

Linda McFarland

Peggy Olson

Mary Rotenberger

Ashlee Lien

Vicki Osier

Alison Toepke



September Birthdays

- 1 Troy Olson
- 3 Coleen Beaver
- 4 Dean Anderson
Zoey Bauer
Terry Euscher
- 6 Kristy Mairs
- 7 Courtney Steichen
Adam Wrage
Sofya Herman
- 10 Eugene Hajek
Elisha Otonichar
- 11 Donna Anderson
Bryer Crandall
Mara Edman
David Hansen
- 15 Kyle Potts
- 16 Randy Hanson
Shannon Wiederholt
Parker Melroe
- 17 Shirley Fuss
Barb Melroe
- 18 Dylan Frederick
- 19 Karlie Shockley
- 20 Susan Geidt
Kaylee Otonichar
- 21 Robin Rehborg
- 22 Alannah Beck
Jace Dux
- 23 April Johnson
Darren Benneweis
- 24 Taylor Goettle
- 25 Denise Dahl
Sharon Peterson
Janae Sherlock
Becky Sitz
- 27 Lynnae Decker
Brian Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Nick Witchey
Linde Zetocha



- 28 Carolyn J. Jacobson
Larry Johnson
Amy McGuire
Jack Mairs
- 29 Heidi Beck
- 30 Paetyn Hamann
Sarah Bleecker
Mason Nicholson
Robbin Witkowski
Timothy Peterson



September Anniversaries

- 4 Linda & David McFarland
- 5 Jackie & Michael Kleinsasser
- 6 Sara & Zachary Anderson
- 7 Ashley & Gage Hansen
- 8 Sharon & Kim Beckstrom
Karla & Randy Waloch
- 13 Gail & Bob Krause
- 14 Kari & Brian Gilje
Kandyce & Gene Sandstrom
- 20 Janelle & Robbie Mairs
- 26 Amanda & Jesse Anderson
- 29 Brandi & Sam French
- 30 Barb & Steve Melroe

***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!

September Worship Assistants

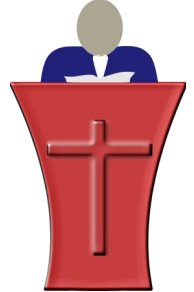
Acolytes

- 4 Teagan Beck/Ethan Weigelt
- 11 Cyprian Johnson/Skylar Peterson
- 18 Moxsyn Hamann/Jaylene Herman
- 25 Athena Erickson/Lando Decker



Readers

- 04 Val Bjork
- 11 Joan Peterson
- 18 Nancy Wrage
- 25 Joleen Hardy



Communion Assistants

- 04 Paul White
- 11 Michelle Goettle
- 18 Jessica Peterson
- 25 Dennis Dahl



Greeters

- 04 Rosi Odegard
- 11 Rayne Decker
- Aidan Anderson
- 18 Casey & Jaime Decker Family
- 25 Dennis & Denise Dahl



Sound System

Volunteers Needed
To Learn
The New System



Ushers

- Captain:** Jeremy & Jackie Meyer
- Jeannette Beckstrom
 - Rodney & Ginger Utecht
 - Chad Crandall
 - Ashlee Lien



Lawn Mowers

- Aug 28-Sept 03 Shawn Beck
- Sept 04-10 Martin Potts
- Sept 11-17 Mike Larson
- Sept 18-24 Adam Wrage
- Sept 25-Oct 01 Brian Gilje

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

Council Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2022

In Attendance: Kris Beck, Jessica Peterson, Auston Creech, Barb Melroe

Meeting called to order by President Beck

Opening prayer

Approve agenda Peterson/Creech

Secretary's Report – Melroe/Peterson. Motion carried to accept.

Pastor's Report – Officiated graveside service on July 30. Vacation August 1-7 and 11-14. Is looking ahead to back to school backpack blessing with service and meal on August 31. Last outdoor service on September 4, officiating wedding on September 10, Fair Hills Pastor conference September 11-14, and Castaways September 16-18 with 6th-10th graders.

Men's Group – No report

Property- Toilets will have automatic flushers replaced with handles. Have had plumber in several times to work on automatic flushers.

Altar Guild- No report

Sunday School – Pastor Jaime is checking with a couple people regarding Superintendent position. Wednesday evening education is still being discussed.

YOGA – No report

Music and Worship – Meeting soon to plan worship for the September.

WELCA- No report.

Old Business : Discussed if we need to send out reminders for worship assistants and who is responsible to do this. It is part of the secretary's duties. People have been stepping in to assist with worship if needed. Rental/event calendar is to stay in the office. Secretary will have a copy at home if needed.

New Business: Olson Accounting service is working well and we are up to date on reports.

Letter to congregation needs to be mailed ASAP.

A motion was made by Melroe and seconded by Creech to send \$150 to Calvary Church for the use of VBS materials. Motion carried.

Discussion on Wednesday night worship, education and supper. Pastor will have Carrili put announcement in bulletin that we are looking for committee members to head this up.

Finances continue to be a concern. Fund raising options discussed.

Discussed Pastor Jaime's contract. It is felt she is needed full time especially if we start new programs and she agrees with this. This will have to be constantly reassessed unless financial support increases. Also discussed synod guidelines for recommended annual increase in salary. General consensus at this time is we are unable to afford it.

Discussed possible fund raising ideas for the fall eg... Fall carnival, food trucks


Pastor Jaime presented a book she'd like council members to read " Growing Young"

Treasurers report- Ending balance \$21,455.72 Peterson/Creech

Lord's Prayer Adjournment Creech/Peterson

Next meeting: September 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				01 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	02 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	03
04 9:30 Outdoor Worship Communion	05	06	07	08 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30 PM	09 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	10
11 9:30 Worship W/ Communion MAC Sunday Jaime Off	12 Jaime Off	13 Jaime Off	14 Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM Jaime Off	15 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	16 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	17 Anderson Bridal Shower 1:00 PM
18 9:30 Worship No Communion LEADER NEEDED	19 October Newsletter Deadline 	20	21	22 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	23 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	24
25 9:30 Worship w/ Communion	26	27	28 Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM	29 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	30 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Off	

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....RICK GRIEGER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK
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YOGA LEADERS.....DAWN ANDERSON & RACHEL NELSON

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