

*Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota*

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Coming Up In February

February 2nd:

Sunday School Workshops Resume

February 2nd:

Annual Reports Due

February 16th:

Annual Report Booklets will be printed and available to review

“God Pause”

Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. Verse¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. Verse¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, Verse¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: Verse¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, Verse¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Verse²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Verse²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

DEVOTION

When Jesus read the passage from Isaiah to his hometown folk in Nazareth, Jesus was stating his purpose. In other words, when Jesus concluded by saying, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing," he was announcing his mission statement: "Beginning today, in this moment, this is why I have come, this is my purpose and my ministry's focus. I have come to bring good news, proclaim release, heal the blind and free the oppressed."

In Greek, the tense of Jesus' declaration isn't the once and done of a singular past tense. Instead, it's the perfect tense of a completed or fulfilled event. The perfect tense is like Jesus saying, "Today this Scripture is now fulfilled, and its import will continue to be effective in your present and future lives."

How does that happen? As our purpose aligns with God's, we are privileged to be used as a part of

PRAYER

O God, work through us today and every day so that glimpses of your hopes for your world become known and visible through us. Amen.

Written by: Karen L. Leedahl '85 M.Div.Retired, Vero Beach, FL

Excerpt taken from: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>

Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



- Feb 02:** 9:30am Worship service with Communion - Pastor Jaime - Sunday School After Worship
- Feb 02:** Deadline for ALL Annual Meeting Reports
- Feb 03:** 6:30pm Book Study—"Klara And The Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Feb 05:** 3:30pm GASP
- Feb 09:** 9:30am Worship service with Communion - Pastor Jaime - Make-A-Change Sunday
Sunday School After Worship
- Feb 12:** 3:30pm GASP
- Feb 13:** 2:30pm Ruth Circle
- Feb 14:** Pastor Jaime on Vacation thru February 19th
- Feb 16:** 9:30am Worship no Communion - Leader Kirstin Kempel - Sunday School After Worship
- Feb 16:** Annual Reports will be Available for members to pickup and review
- Feb 17:** March Newsletter Deadline
- Feb 19:** 3:30pm GASP
- Feb 23:** 9:30am Worship service with Communion - Pastor Jaime - Sunday School After Worship
- Feb 23:** Altar Guild Meeting after Worship Service
- Feb 26:** 3:30pm GASP

Annual Meeting: Yes, it's everyone's favorite time of year, Annual Meeting! The deadline for **Leader/President reports are due by February 2nd**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Also Mark it down! The *Annual Meeting will be held **March 2nd*** after worship service. See you there!

Fellowship: The January/February workgroup will be experimenting with a fundraiser during fellowship. Beginning January 5th, cinnamon rolls will be available for \$3/roll. The rolls will replace baked goods and the money raised will go towards WELCA to help fund their ministries.

Book Study: UPDATED - We will reconvene on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm to discuss the book, "Klara And The Sun," by Kazuo Ishiguro. Grab a copy of the book and read Part One. Contact Pastor Jaime to sign up and/or if you have any questions.

Sunday School: Sunday School Workshops resume Sunday, February 2nd. **See page 4 of this newsletter** for more information. Sign up can be completed online at www.galutheranchurch.org or forms are available at the church. See you there!

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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: The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry Top Needs: Prepared meals (hamburger helper, stuffing mix, etc.), Pasta (preferably no spaghetti) & pasta sauce, Flour, sugar, cooking oil, Pancake mix & syrup, Baked beans & pork 'n beans, Shelf stable juice, Cake & cookie mixes, Soups (preferably cream soups), Coffee, Household items (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, laundry soap, dish soap), Personal items (shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste). Monetary donations: are also appreciated, they can be sent 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). 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.

Snow Removal: Just a reminder, snow removal is done at the church on a voluntary basis. If you have the time and equipment, it would be greatly appreciated if you helped to keep the church safely accessible this winter. Thank you in advance.

Sunday School: "Following Jesus Through Luke" is the theme for our next six-week session of Sunday Elementary Faith Formation held **February 2 - March 16**. The Gospel of Luke is filled with inspiring stories and parables that help us remember what it looks like to follow Jesus. For six weeks we are going to read stories of Jesus' life and ministry and learn to follow Jesus in our life today. From Jesus' visit to Nazareth to calling the disciples, we will discover what it looks like to be called by Jesus and how when we follow in his footsteps, we can change the world around us. At Gustaf Adolf, our Sunday morning faith formation follows a workshop model created by Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Burke, VA. Kids get to pick an age-appropriate workshop to engage in for the six week session. Please register your child(ren) for ONE of the following workshops that they will attend for the entire six weeks: Gospel Games/Flag Football – Legos - Beads, String, & Jesus - Abstract Art. Registration is free and helps us prepare material for each workshop. Register online at www.galutheranchurch.org or pick up registration forms available at GA Church. Sunday morning faith formation is available for kids 3 years old - 6th grade. Contact Kirstin Kemple or Pastor Jaime for more information.

Church Finances: For the Month of **November 2024:**

Beginning Balance: \$37485.17, Deposits: \$23,143.47, Payments: \$28784.79 Ending Balance: \$31843.85

2024 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2024 Budget: \$210,770.00 Giving to Date: \$195,475.80 Giving Needed: \$15,294.20

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!



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

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Looking Ahead:

Annual Meeting: March 2nd after worship

Ash Wednesday: March 5th

Midweek Lent Services: Begin March 12th



Bulletin Donation Sheet: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2025 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 give your payments to Carrili. Bulletin donations are \$15.00 per Sunday. Thank you for your support.

WELCA Booklets: The updated 2025 WELCA booklets are available on the table in the Narthex.

January-February WELCA Action Group

Co-Chairs: Rachel Nelson

Dawn Anderson

Carolyn Klemetson

Nicole Shockley

Tanya Walth

Karla Waloch

Kristy Mairs

Jessica Peterson

Paula Mae Hansen

Emma Waloch

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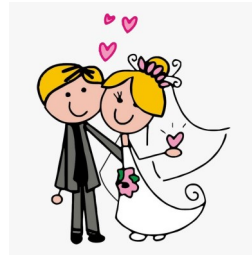


February Birthdays

- 2 Kelsey Beckstrom
Mike Larson
- 3 Janet Orn
Sam Gebeke
Marshall Weigelt
- 7 Clarmont Ulven
- 8 Kris Beck
Tayler Hansen
Sage Turchin
- 9 Chase McFarland
Emma Waloch
- 10 Jasmine Sherlock
- 11 Kirstin Kempel
- 12 Katelyn Decker
Dawson McKeever
Justin Rodine
- 13 Betty Melroe
Jennifer Kleingartner
- 14 Laura Thurston
- 16 Brian Tyler
Galen Metz
Kari Ulven
- 17 Lando Decker
- 18 Myrna Anderson
- 19 Michelle Ciesynski
- 20 Randy Holden
Kenwood Peterson
Jewel Jones-VanTassel
Trista Weigelt
- 21 Preston Odegard
- 22 Dennis Peterson
- 23 James D. Johnson
Lucas Lautt
- 24 Dennis Dahl
Sierra McKeever
Vanessa Beaver
- 25 Logan Peterson
Chad Vincent



- 26 Kristy Hohnadel
- 27 Terry Beckstrom
- 28 Aidan Anderson
- 29 Dawson Peterson



February 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 con-
tact the church office at
678-2552 or email us at***

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

Thanks!

February Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants

If you feel called to help offer God's gift of Holy Communion to God's people, please let Pastor Jaime or the ushers know before worship service or come forward when Pastor Jaime asks for communion assistants. All ages are welcome to assist with Holy Communion.



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Sound System

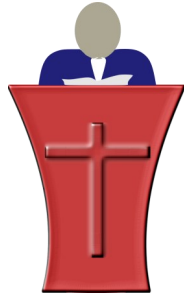
Sound System is now
A Paid Position.

Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.



Readers

- 02 Nancy Wrage
- 09 Carrili Larson
- 16 Kirstin Kempel
- 23 Julie Johnson



Greeters

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



Ushers

Captain: Becky & Darrel Salberg

Calli & Lucas Jacobson

Heather Swanson

Sean & Dawn Anderson

Dan & Stacy McKeever



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

**January council meeting minutes not available at time of publication.
Next Council Meeting to be held at a later date to be determined.**

FEBRUARY 2025

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						01 Jaime's Sabbath
02 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Annual Report Deadline	03 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Book Study 6:30pm	04	05 GASP 3:30-5PM	06 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	07 Jaime's Sabbath	08 Jaime's Sabbath
09 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Make-A-Change	10 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	11	12 GASP 3:30-5PM	13 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30pm	14 Jaime's Sabbath Jaime Vacation	15 Jaime's Sabbath Jaime Vacation
16 9:30 Worship no Communion Sunday School Jaime Vacation	17 March Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Vacation	18 Jaime Vacation	19 GASP 3:30-5PM Jaime Vacation	20 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	21 Jaime's Sabbath	22 Jaime's Sabbath
23 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Altar Guild Meeting after Worship	24 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	25	26 GASP 3:30-5PM	27 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	28 Jaime's Sabbath	

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....ADALEE HILL
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