

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church  
Gwinner, North Dakota

# OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



## G.A. KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL **\*GOD KNOWS US INSIDE OUT\***

**Begins  
October 6th!**

**REGISTER TODAY  
FOR 1 OF 3 WORKSHOPS!**

**Workshops:**

- \*Artistic Minds (k-6)**
- \*Legos (k-6)**
- \*Flag Football (5&6 grade)**



**\*Sundays at 10:30 am  
\*forms available at GA Church \*All Kids Invited\***



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### **Come and Join us for Sunday School**

Registration and more information about the program is available at

[www.galutheranchurch.org](http://www.galutheranchurch.org)

**We Begin October 6th!**

**Elementary Faith Formation (Sunday School):** This fall we are being church together, across the country, with Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Burke, Virginia. Together, our kids are exploring through APLC's program what it means that God knows us "Inside Out." We are going to explore what it means to be angry, scared, disgusted, sad, and joyful through a Biblical lens. God made us with big emotions and we are going to discover how they can all be used to worship and glorify God. Our program will follow a workshop model where kids choose which activity they want to participate in for the entire 7 sessions. Each session will include a Bible lesson, which is the same for all groups. Next, they move into their workshop activity where they engage in hands-on activities. Finally, each group will close with the same prayer. 10-12 grade High School students who have participated in our G.A. Fellows training program will be leading our program this fall, assisted by adult mentors.

# “God Pause”

## **Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." Verse<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Verse<sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. Verse<sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. Verse<sup>42</sup>If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. Verse<sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. Verse<sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. Verse<sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, Verse<sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. Verse<sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. Verse<sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

## **DEVOTION**

"We don't do it that way!" Have you ever heard those words in a church community? John's question to Jesus in this week's gospel reading sounds hauntingly similar to the conversation Moses had with Joshua about Edad and Medad in the Numbers 11:28 scripture reading from Monday. John and Joshua express their concern that the Lord's work of exorcism and prophecy was not being done properly or by the right people. Sometimes in our communities we lose opportunities to include people who differ from us because we are too set in our ways, or we miss opportunities for mission. Expect the unexpected in different places and different ways. God is at work in today's church, but it may not be what we are used to, But who are we to place limits on the character or reach of God's mission?

## **PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, help us to remember that if we are too set in our ways, there may not be an opportunity for more spiritual growth. Help us to see that outsiders can become part of our community. Amen.

Margaret Isaacson '99 M.Div.Retired, Luck, WI

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**Oct 02:** GASP 3:30-5pm

**Oct 02:** 6:30PM Affirmation of Baptism orientation meeting, for 7&8 graders, parents and mentors

**Oct 06:** 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime—Sunday School After Worship

**Oct 07:** Book Study 6:30pm

**Oct 09:** GASP 3:30-5pm

**Oct 10:** Ruth Circle 2:30pm

**Oct 12:** 8:30am-4:00pm—Affirmation of Baptism Retreat for 7&8 graders, parents and mentors

**Oct 13:** 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime—Sunday School After Worship

**Oct 13:** Sunday School Teacher Recognition, During worship service

**Oct 13:** Pastor Jaime at Conference in Eden Prairie, MN thru October 16th

**Oct 17:** Pastor Jaime on Vacation thru October 20th

**Oct 20:** 9:30am Worship No Communion—Leader Michelle Watne—No Sunday School

**Oct 21:** November Newsletter Deadline

**Oct 23:** GASP 3:30-5pm

**Oct 27:** 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime—Sunday School After Worship

**Oct 27:** Waloch Baptism during Worship

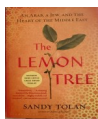
**Oct 27:** Altar Guild Meeting after Worship

**Oct 27:** Lutefisk Supper & Bake Sale 1:00-5:30PM

**Oct 30:** GASP 3:30-5pm

**Oct 31:** Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30PM

**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!



**Book Study:** "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan will begin October 7th at 6:30pm at GA Church. The first meeting will cover the Author's Note thru Chapter 2. Future meeting dates will be chosen by the group each week. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jaime.

**Live Stream:** October 6th, we will be returning to Indoor worship and will once again have Live stream services available for those who view online.

**Thank You:** A BIG Thank you to all who donated blood at the GA Blood drive on Sept 3rd, we were able to collect 18 units of blood, which has the potential to impact up to 54 lives! Thank you also to Becky Salberg for helping me out at the registration table. Thanks Again to everyone! ~Carrili L.~

**Welcome:** We welcome our newly Baptized Members: Jace Odegard, Baptized Sept 15th and Loudon Koepke, Baptized Sept 29th. May we help and guide you on your faith journey.

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop



**Our Sympathies :** Go out to the family and friends of: Rita Holmstrom.

May God's loving embrace help you through this difficult time, and may the many happy memories ease your pain.



**Food Pantry Blitz:** October 1 - November 3. The food pantry is inviting Sargent County residents to participate in a "Fill the Pantry Blitz". Please bring donations to any of the drop-off locations, starting October 1st. **Items needed:** 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). Thank you for your support.

**G.A.S.P. (Gwinner After School Program):** begins Wednesday October 2nd. We will be hosting this program on Wednesdays throughout the school year from 3:30-5pm for grades K-6. Kids will enjoy a snack, help with homework/reading, and a time for music. Register online at [galutheranchurch.org](http://galutheranchurch.org) or paper forms are in the narthex.

**Help Needed:** GA Church is looking to hire a new custodian. Trudy Peterson has stepped down from her position. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication in keeping GA looking great. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please have them contact Kris Beck. Spread the word!

**Lutefisk Supper:** Mark Your Calendars! The 86th Annual Lutefisk Supper and Bake-Sale will be held at GA on October 27th from 1:00-5:30PM. Spread the word and we will see you there!

**Thank You:** The GA Church Council would like to give a great Big Thank You to all who helped out with our clean-up/workday on September 22nd. Many of you also helped to get jobs done before and after that date. We truly appreciate the help in keeping our beautiful church building in repair. Thanks again!

**Teacher Recognition:** October 13th during worship we will recognize and thank our past Sunday School teachers: Denise Dahl, Julie Waswick, Michael Sorlie, Carrili Larson. We thank them for their dedication to our youth, please join us in honoring them at fellowship after worship.

## Church Finances:

For the Month of August 2024:

Beginning Balance: \$35570.58, Deposits: \$20476.30, Payments: \$13863.60

Ending Balance: \$42183.28

## 2024 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2024 Budget: \$210,770.00

Giving to Date: \$132,576.88

Giving Needed by 12-31-24: \$78,193.12



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

# Keeping You in the G.A. Loop

## 2024 Mowing Schedule

Sept 29 - October 5	Walter Wrage
October 6-12	Mike & Carrili Larson
October 13-19	Kent & Julie Johnson
October 20-26	Dennis Dahl
October 27-Nov 02	Kenwood Peterson
November 03-09	Shawn Beck
November 10-16	Martin Potts
November 17-23	Jerrod Sandness

**Trunk or Treat:** The 10th Annual Trunk-or-Treat will take place at the GA Parking lot on Thursday October 31st from 5:30-6:30pm. If you are interested in providing a "trunk" please contact Carrili. Thank you!



## Looking Ahead:

**Nov 03:** All Saints Sunday

**Embodied Baptism ~ Affirmation of Baptism at G.A. Church:** "Confirmation" is being reformed and renamed - "Embodied Baptism," a baptismal covenant model. This model, adopted from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa, focuses on Project Based Learning, Relational Ministry, and Discipleship Development to help our youth and adults live out their baptismal promises: *As you bring [your child] to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.* Students will learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects assisted by their parents/guardians and adult mentors. Embodied Baptism is open to students currently in 7th & 8th grade, with students affirming their baptism as 10th graders. **Student, parent/guardian, and mentor orientation meeting is Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm. Student, parent/guardian, and mentor Retreat is Saturday, October 12th from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.** Contact Pastor Jaime Decker for more information.

## September-October WELCA Action Group

**Co-Chairs: Barb Melroe**

**Becky Salberg**

Sharon Beckstrom

Mary Rotenberger

Michelle Goettle

Ginger Utecht

Traci Hanson

Ashlee Lien

Linda McFarland

Kris Nerison

Melinda Morlock

Crystal Taylor

Peggy Olson

Alison Booth

Sharon Peterson



# 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 Kaleb Brockman
- 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  
Hailey Peterson  
Harper Peterson
- 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 con-  
tact the church office at  
678-2552 or email us at***

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

***Thanks!***

# October Worship Assistants

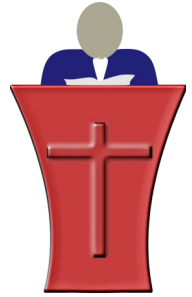
## Communion Assistants

- 06 Auston Creech
- 13 Sharon Beckstrom
- 20 Mike Larson
- 27 Dennis Dahl



## Readers

- 06 Val Bjork
- 13 Michelle Ciesynski
- 20 Barb Melroe
- 27 Becky Salberg

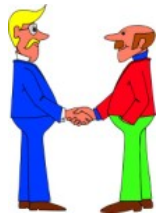


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## Greeters

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



## Ushers

**Captain: Duane & Betty Johnson**

Zac & Kyla Temple

Dean & Verna Anderson

Jeff & Donna Anderson



## Sound System

Sound System is now

A Paid Position.

Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.



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

September 15, 2024

President Kris Beck, called the regular meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Council members present Kris Beck, Martin Potts, Mike Larson, and Auston Creech. Also present, Pastor Jaime Decker.

**Devotion and prayer led by:** None

**Agenda.** Motion to accept the adopted agenda. Creech/Larson. All in favor, motion carried

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

**Church Work Group Reports:**

1. **Property and Grounds** – Workday Sept. 22, going to be painting and cleaning windows
2. **WELCA** –
3. **Men's Group** –
4. **YOGA** – 24 will be attending Castaways Sept. 20, 21, & 22
5. **Education** – Starting October 6 following worship service.
6. **Altar Guild** -
7. **Worship and Music** –

**Old Business and New Business:**

Motion to accept bid of \$4785.00 to replace the door in the fellowship hall. Creech/Larson. All in favor, motion carried. They will also be doing some repairs of the exterior door by the kitchen and the motion sensors on the front doors in narthex.

Need to set a meeting to discuss the after-school program.

Need to set a meeting to discuss the daycare details.

Changes to the wedding/church use policy including fees for usage of the building.

YOGA is meeting to discuss the new Sunday school format and curriculum.

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


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

**Lord's Prayer**

**Next Meeting: September 30, 2024, at 5:30 pm**



# OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		01	02 GASP 3:30-5PM 6:30PM Affirmation Baptism Meeting	03 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	04 Jaime's Sabbath	05 Jaime's Sabbath
06 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Sunday School After Worship	07 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Book Study 6:30PM	08	09 GASP 3:30-5PM	10 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30	11 Jaime's Sabbath	12 Jaime's Sabbath Affirmation Baptism Retreat 8am
13 9:30 Worship w/Communion Sunday School Teacher Recognition Pastor Jaime @ Conferences	14 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Pastor Jaime @ Conferences	15 Pastor Jaime @ Conferences	16 No GASP Pastor Jaime @ Conferences	17 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Pastor Jaime on Vacation	18 Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime on Vacation	19 Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime on Vacation
20 9:30 Worship No Communion No Sunday School Pastor Jaime on Vacation	21  November Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	22	23 GASP 3:30-5PM	24 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	25 Jaime's Sabbath	26 Jaime's Sabbath
27 9:30 Worship w/Communion Sunday School Baptism Lutefisk Supper & Bake Sale Altar Guild Meeting after Worship	28 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	29	30 GASP 3:30-5PM	31 Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30PM		

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON  
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE  
CUSTODIAN.....TRUDY PETERSON  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KRIS BECK  
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YOGA LEADERS..... AUSTON CREECH

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AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE